

HISTORY  
OF  
NEW LONDON COUNTY,  
CONNECTICUT,  
WITH  
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES  
OF MANY OF ITS  
PIONEERS AND PROMINENT MEN.

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## P R E F A C E.

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THE province of the historian is to gather the threads of the past, ere they elude forever his grasp, and weave them into a harmonious web, to which the art preservative may give immortality. Therefore he who would rescue from fast-gathering oblivion the deeds of a community, and send them on to futurity in an imperishable record, should deliver "a plain, unvarnished tale,"

"Nothing extenuate,  
Nor set down aught in malice."

In such a spirit have the compilers of the following pages approached the work of detailing the history of the territory embodied herein, and trust they have been fairly faithful to the task imposed.

It has been their honest endeavor to trace the history of the development of this section from that period when it was in the undisputed possession of the red man to the present, and to place before the reader an authentic narrative of its rise and progress to the prominent position it now occupies among the counties of New England.

That such an undertaking is attended with no little difficulty and vexation none will deny. The aged pioneer relates events of the early settlements, while his neighbor sketches the same events with totally different outlines. Man's memory is ever at fault, while time paints a different picture upon every mind. With these the historian has to contend; and while it has been our aim to compile an accurate history, were it devoid of all inaccuracies, that perfection would have been attained which the writer had not the faintest conception of, and which Lord Macaulay once said never could be reached.

From colonial and other documents in the State archives, from county, town, and village records, family manuscripts, printed publications, and innumerable private sources of information, we have endeavored to produce a history which should prove accurate, instructive, and in every respect worthy of the county represented. How well we have succeeded in our task a generous public, jealous of its reputation and honor, of its traditions and memories, of its defeats and triumphs, must now be the judge.

We desire to acknowledge our sincere thanks to the editorial fraternity generally for much valuable information, which has greatly lessened our labor in the preparation of this work, to each and every one who has assisted us in the compilation, and would cheerfully make personal mention of each, but it is impracticable, as the number reaches nearly a thousand.

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# HISTORY

## OF

### NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONNECTICUT.

#### CHAPTER I.

##### OUTLINE HISTORY.<sup>1</sup>

NEW LONDON COUNTY lies in the southeastern part of Connecticut, and is bounded as follows: On the north by Hartford, Tolland, and Windham Counties; on the east by the State of Rhode Island; on the south by Long Island Sound; and on the west by Middlesex and Tolland Counties.

The county is watered by the Connecticut, Thames, Shetucket, Quinnebaug, Yantic, Pawcatuck, Mystic, Poquonock, and Niantic Rivers and their tributaries, all of which mingle their waters with Long Island Sound. The southern part of the county is deeply indented by the waters of the Sound, which form some of the best harbors on the Connecticut seaboard. Oysters of excellent quality are found in abundance along the coast. The soil is generally strong and fertile, and well adapted to grazing. Many of the streams in the county afford an excellent water-power, and manufacturing—principally of cotton and woolen goods—forms an important industry.

The face of the county is diversified by hill and dale, and is well supplied with streams of water. The soil is well adapted to grazing, and to grain and fruit culture. Its navigable waters are extensive, and unsurpassed by those of any section of equal extent upon the coast.

Notwithstanding all these natural advantages, which rendered it one of the most inviting fields or localities for the early English settlers to improve, more than one-fourth of a century elapsed after the arrival of the "Mayflower" before any attempt was made to plant a colony, or even for individual settlement.

As a principal reason for this inaction, the territory was preoccupied by the Pequots,<sup>2</sup> a powerful tribe of

Indians belonging to the wide-spread Algonquin or Delaware race. This powerful tribe had by their cruelty become the dread of the whites far and near. Rendered bold by numbers, and jealous of every encroachment, they had resolved upon nothing less than the utter extermination of the whites, and shrank from no means, however appalling, which might conduce to the accomplishment of their bloody purpose. Massachusetts had in 1634, with much effort, induced them to allow the peaceable settlement of certain portions of their domain, and to offer satisfaction for former outrages. But the natives were slow to fulfill the conditions of this treaty, and Capt. Endicott was sent out by the Massachusetts colony, at the head of ninety men, to enforce the treaty and to chastise them for their past offenses.

This ill-advised expedition failed utterly of its objects, and only tended to exasperate the Pequots, who during the succeeding fall and winter were untiring in their attempts to league the other Indians with them in a war of extermination against the whites, and redoubled their own efforts to rid themselves of the noxious strangers. Savages lurked in every covert, and there was no safety for life or property. The colonists could not travel abroad, or even cultivate their fields, but at the peril of their lives. Their cattle were driven off, their houses burned, the navigation of the river was seriously impeded, and even the fort at Saybrook was in a state of constant siege. By spring the situation had become critical in the extreme. Nearly thirty murders had been committed, and utter ruin threatened the colony unless decisive measures should at once be taken. In this emergency a General Court was convened at Hartford on the 11th of May, 1637, at which it was decided to proceed at once to an offensive war against the Pequots, and for the first campaign to send out a force of ninety men under Capt. John Mason, then in command of the fort at Saybrook.

About this time Mason and the warrior Uncas met and formed a temporary alliance, which was, however, destined to continue without serious interruption

<sup>1</sup> By Ashbel Woodward, M.D.

<sup>2</sup> The Pequots originally dwelt upon the banks of the Hudson, but had at a period anterior to the arrival of the English migrated by successive stages towards the south, and finally settled in this county, upon territory chiefly occupied by the Niantic Indians, whom they crowded out.

for a long series of years, and prove of great and lasting benefit to the settlements. Uncas was related, both by birth and marriage, to the Pequot royal family, but soon after his marriage he became involved in difficulties, the nature of which is not exactly known, which resulted in his banishment to the Narragansett country. He was afterwards permitted to return, but a recurrence of the same troubles led to his banishment for a second and even third time. He thus at length became permanently exiled from his own people, and we find him upon the Connecticut River, near the infant settlements of Hartford and Windsor, in the spring of 1637, at the head of about seventy warriors. Both Mason and Uncas were eminently fitted to be military leaders, each of his own race. Mason possessed marked military tastes, which had been developed and trained in the wars of the Netherlands under Lord Fairfax; while Uncas, by nature brave and shrewd, had, as a member of the royal family of a strong and warlike nation, abundant opportunity to acquire a thorough knowledge of the methods of Indian warfare. An alliance of two such representative men of the two races then competing upon American soil could not fail to make an impress upon their peculiar surroundings. Uncas agreed to join the expedition with his warriors, and the united forces embarked at Hartford on the 20th of May of the same year and proceeded to drop down the river. In the course of the voyage the Indians had opportunity to demonstrate their fidelity, which had been unjustly suspected by some. As the water in the river was low and the passage tedious, the Indians were at their own request allowed to disembark and proceed along the bank. When near Saybrook they met and defeated a party of Pequots, killing seven and taking one prisoner. After their arrival at Saybrook, the commandant of the fort, still distrustful of Uncas, addressed the sachem as follows: "You say you will help Capt. Mason, but I will first see it; therefore send twenty men to Bass River, for there went last night six Indians there in a canoe; fetch them, dead or alive, and you shall go with Mason, or you shall not." Uncas did as he was required. His warriors found the enemy, killed four of them, and took another prisoner. This exploit of the sachem was regarded by Lieut. Gardiner as a sure pledge of his fidelity.

Capt. Mason had received instructions to land at Pequot Harbor, but his military judgment led him to sail direct to the Narragansett country and make his attack upon the enemy from a point whence they would least expect it. He accordingly proceeded thither, and on Saturday, May 30th, towards evening, dropped anchor off the shores of the Narragansett. As there was a strong northwest wind they remained on shipboard until Tuesday, when Mason landed and marched directly to the residence of Canonicus, the Narragansett chief, and informed him of his design of attacking the Pequots in their strongholds, and

demanding a free passage through the Narragansett country. The request was readily granted, and Miantonomoh, nephew of Canonicus, suggested that the numbers of the English and Mohegans were too small for an invasion of the Pequot country, and volunteered to send two hundred of his braves with the expedition, though he did not himself offer to accompany them.

On the following morning the vessels were manned with a small force, as a larger could not be spared, and were ordered to sail for the mouth of Pequot River. The land force, consisting of seventy Englishmen and sixty Mohegan warriors, under Uncas, with the addition of two hundred Narragansett volunteers, commenced its march westward. After proceeding about twenty miles through a rough country, with only a narrow Indian foot-path for their passageway, they arrived at a place called Nehantic, where they remained overnight. When the English resumed their march on the following morning they were overtaken by others of the Narragansett people, so that they were followed, as they supposed, by near five hundred warriors. As the day was warm and the way rough several of the men fainted from exposure and want of food. After a march of about twelve miles they reached a ford in the Pawcatuck River, where a halt was made for rest and refreshment. It had been ascertained that the majority of the Pequot warriors were in two forts or inclosures of palisades, one of which was commanded by Sassacus in person, and both regarded by the Indians as within and without impregnable. Mason had originally designed to divide his forces and attack both places simultaneously, but from information received during the halt upon the Pawcatuck he learned that the forts were situated at too great a distance apart to allow of a division of his force, and he decided to advance at once upon the fort on Pequot Hill. The Narragansetts, on learning of his design to attack Sassacus in his stronghold, were smitten with deadly fear. "Sassacus," they said, "was all one god, and could not be killed." So great was their trepidation that a hundred of their number beat a precipitate retreat, and reported in the Providence plantation that the English had all fallen.

At this time Mason called Uncas to him, and asked him what he thought the Indians would do. "The Narragansetts," replied this brave sachem, "will all leave us, but as for himself he would never leave us; and so it proved, for which expression I shall never forget him. Indeed, he was a great friend, and did great service." The Pawcatuck was the last boundary before the country of the Pequots, and as the Narragansetts found themselves nearing the strongholds of their dreaded rivals their timidity increased, and all but a handful turned back. The Mohegans, however, encouraged by their chief, mustered the courage to proceed. The small army advanced cautiously till towards evening, when they came to a little swamp between two hills, near what are now called Porter's

Rocks, where they halted for the night. Rising at an early hour on the following morning, they reached the fortress a little before daybreak. The plan of attack had been so arranged that Mason was to approach the enemy through the main entrance on the northeast side with one division, while Underhill was to make an attack on the southwestern entrance with his division. Uncas, with his force, was to form an outer line to act as circumstances might indicate. When within a rod or two of the fort a dog barked, and the alarm was given. The troops rushed on, discharged their muskets through the palisades, and then forced an entrance. Mason, with his party, drove the Indians along the main avenue of their fortress towards the west till they were met by Underhill and his division, who had effected an entrance upon that side, when, finding themselves between two fires, they were forced to retreat to their wigwams, where a desperate resistance was made. For a few moments the conflict seemed doubtful, when Mason, realizing the gravity of the situation, hit upon the expedient of burning out the foe, and snatching a brand from the fire applied it to the dry matting of a wigwam. The fire spread with great rapidity, and the whole seventy wigwams were soon in flames. The English retired without the wigwams, and Uncas and his followers formed a circular line close in the rear of the English. The consternation of the Pequots was so great that but few attempted to escape. About six or seven hundred perished in the flames. Seven were made prisoners by the English, eighteen were captured by the Mohegans, and seven only made their escape. It so happened that one hundred and fifty warriors from the other fortress were this night in the fort upon Pequot Hill, which made the victory still more complete.

This famous encounter occurred on Friday, June 5th. The same day, at an early hour, the small fleet entered Pequot Harbor. As Mason's force was about to move in the direction of the vessels, a party of Indian warriors approached them from the other fort, but one or two volleys from their trusty weapons served to keep them at a safe distance. The few Narragansetts that hung upon the rear of the little column as it moved steadily up the hill were not slow in making their appearance when the contest was decided, evincing all the courage of tried veterans. They finally accompanied Capt. Mason to the harbor, and afforded some assistance to those who conveyed the wounded. The total loss on the part of the English was two killed and twenty wounded.

Sassacus at this critical period was in the fortress on Fort Hill, where he was loudly denounced by his warriors as the procuring cause of their late disaster at the other fort. The Pequots at this fort were also greatly exasperated at the course of Uncas and his followers, and caused all of their near relatives to be slain, except seven who made their escape.

On the day after the battle a council of the Pequot

nation was held to decide upon their future course of action, and after a hasty deliberation they resolved to leave their country, but not till they had destroyed their fortress and wigwams and such remaining property as could not be carried away. The principal band, headed by Sassacus in person, fled westward, and did not make any considerable halt till they had reached a large swamp in Saco, the present township of Fairfield. Thither they were pursued by Capt. Mason and his faithful ally Uncas. Capt. Stoughton also accompanied the expedition in command of a company from Massachusetts. The fugitives were discovered in their new quarters, and were without difficulty routed and utterly dispersed. Sassacus did not risk a halt at the swamp, but with a few of his followers fled directly to the Mohawk country for a safe retreat, but was there slain by the nation, and his scalp was sent to Connecticut as a trophy. As a result of the swamp fight and the death of their late chieftain, the Pequot nation became nearly extinct. Although powerless for harm, the few remaining fugitives were pursued with unrelenting malignity by the English. Even the surrounding tribes were not permitted to harbor them with impunity, but were required by treaty and otherwise to effect, if possible, their utter annihilation. The Pequots were not allowed to dwell in their old homes, to visit the graves of their fathers, or to be called Pequots any more. Lastly, the conquered territory was not to be claimed by the sachems, but to be considered as the property of the English of Connecticut, as their own by right of conquest.

The expedition against the Pequots is the most remarkable recorded in American history, and one which for boldness of plan and brilliancy of execution may well claim a place among the most daring exploits of universal history. The Pequots outnumbered Mason's forces ten to one, and the day might have been lost had it not been for the faithful service of Uncas and his followers.

Uncas, as lineal descendant of the royal family, laid claim to the sovereignty of the conquered territory, and while by the terms of the treaty the portion upon the Sound was given up, his claim to the remainder of the Pequot country was admitted by the English, and he was acknowledged as the lawful sachem of a territory embracing the northern half of New London and the southern half of Windham and Tolland Counties. Some of the surviving Pequots had been assigned him by the terms of the treaty, and many former tributaries of the vanquished tribe yielded their allegiance to him, and added to his power, but his greatest source of strength lay in the favor of the English, which he had fairly won.

His rapid rise and growing favor greatly excited the envy of surrounding chieftains, especially of those of the Narragansetts and their allies, the Connecticut River Indians, and they were untiring in their efforts to effect his overthrow. At first they endeavored to

cause a rupture between Uncas and the English, but failing in this scheme they next attempted to take his life by assassination. Several fruitless endeavors of this kind were made. But in these diabolical attempts upon his life he was more than a match for them. Their calumnies and their murderous designs were made to recoil upon their own heads. Failing in their secret plotting, their enmity ripened into open warfare. In the summer of 1643, only six years after the rout at Mystic Fort, Miantonomoh, at the head of six or seven hundred warriors, suddenly appeared in the very heart of the Mohegan country by a succession of rapid marches. He moved proudly to the contest, doubtless with the assurance that his numerical superiority and the suddenness of his irruption would secure for him an easy victory over his foe and rival. But Uncas was not to be overcome by a surprise. He hastily collected a band of about three hundred warriors and met the invaders upon his own territory, on the Great Plain, probably in the vicinity of the present Fair Grounds in Norwich. He felt the necessity, however, of resorting to strategy in his present emergency, and hence proposed a parley, which was accepted, and the two chieftains met on the plain between their respective armies. Uncas then proposed that the fortunes of the day should be decided by themselves in a single combat, and the lives of their warriors spared, saying, "If you kill me my men shall be yours, but if I kill you your men shall be mine."

Miantonomoh disdainfully replied, "My men came to fight, and they shall fight." Uncas on this immediately gave a preconcerted signal to his followers by falling flat upon the ground. At that instant a shower of arrows were discharged upon the enemy, and raising the war-cry, the Mohegans rushed forward with Uncas at their head, dashing so unexpectedly upon the invading column of warriors that a widespread panic ensued, resulting in their precipitous and headlong flight without even a show of resistance. The retreating force was pursued in its flight to Sachem's Plain, in the direction of the fords of the Shetucket, at which place Miantonomoh became the prisoner of Uncas. About thirty of the Narragansetts were slain, and among the prisoners were a brother of Miantonomoh and two sons of Canonicus. Uncas kindly treated his royal prisoner, and without any unnecessary delay took him to Hartford, and surrendered him into the hands of the English. His case was laid before commissioners of the United Colonies at their meeting in Boston in September, and the question was there debated whether it was right and proper to put the prisoner to death. As the commissioners were unable to agree, the question was by them referred to an ecclesiastical council, which gave its verdict in favor of his execution. It was further decided that the sentence should be carried into effect by Uncas, but without torture. After furnishing a sufficient force to prevent the recapture of

the prisoner, Miantonomoh was surrendered into the hands of Uncas, who took him to the place of capture, where he was stricken down by Waweequa, a brother of Uncas. It is said that the victorious chief cut a piece of flesh from the shoulder of the fallen sachem and ate it, saying it was the sweetest meat he ever tasted, that it made his heart strong. A monument<sup>1</sup> now marks the site of this tragical event. The Narragansetts at several different times invaded the Mohegan country, impatient to avenge the death of their late chief, but Uncas and his followers were uninjured on account of the aid of the English, which was always extended.

A general Indian war, commonly known as King Philip's war, broke out in June, 1675. Although the rest of Southern New England was desolated, Connecticut was happily exempt from the ravages of the war.

New London County has been the arena of military events scarcely less exciting during our Revolutionary period. On the 6th of September, 1781, at about three o'clock in the morning, a fleet of about thirty-two sail was descried by a sentinel from Fort Griswold. Word was immediately sent to Col. William Ledyard, who had command of the forts and harbor at New London. He ordered the alarm to be given, and at once crossed the river at New London to Fort Griswold, which he intended to hold. As he took leave of his friends he said, "If I must lose to-day honor or life, you, who know me, will know which it will be."

At ten o'clock of the same morning, Thursday, Sept. 6, 1781, the British troops, in two divisions of about eight hundred each, landed on either side of the river. About one-half of the force, headed by the leader of the expedition, "that infamous traitor" Benedict Arnold, landed on the west side of the harbor, a little below the light-house, and made their way towards New London. The other division, under Lieut.-Col. Eyre, landed on the east or Groton side.

Fort Trumbull, on the New London side, was open to the west or land side, and was therefore wholly indefensible to an attack from that quarter. The commanding officer, Capt. Shapley, had been ordered to abandon the fort at the approach of the enemy, and to cross the river with his men and join the garrison at Groton. As the British came up he fired a few charges of shot into them, then spiked his guns, took to his boats and crossed the river. The enemy's vessels were so near that they were subject to their fire during the flight, and seven of his men were wounded and one boat captured. Shapley, with the remaining sixteen men, found shelter in Fort Griswold, where they were warmly welcomed, as they were experienced artillerymen.

Arnold at eleven o'clock sent Col. Eyre all the information he had received respecting Fort Griswold, to the effect that there were but twenty or thirty men

<sup>1</sup> In Norwich.

in the fort, as the inhabitants were chiefly concerned in saving their property, and bidding him to hasten to the attack on the fort.

Col. Eyre was landing his troops at Eastern Point when this message reached him, and with the Fortieth and Fifty-fourth Regiments, which were the first to land, he started for the scene of action. With a lame boy for a guide, they went over the rocks and through the swamps until they reached a place called Dark Hollow, just in the rear of Packer's Rocks. From this place Col. Eyre sent Capt. Beckwith to demand the immediate surrender of the fort, with a threat that if the demand was not complied with it would be stormed five minutes after the return of the flag. The answer was "that the fort would not be given up to the British." Eyre immediately sent a second message, declaring "that if he was obliged to take the fort by storm he should put martial law in full force,—that is, what we do not kill by ball shall be put to death by sword and bayonet." Ledyard's reply was, "We shall not give up the fort, let the consequences be what they may."

Arnold by this time had gained the heights back of New London. His men were subjected to a galling fire by the gunners from Fort Griswold, and he saw, as he stood on the tomb of the Winthrops in the old burial-ground, that Fort Griswold was a much more formidable defense than he had supposed. He saw that the men from Fort Trumbull had crossed the river and gained Fort Griswold, and in his report of the battle he says that he at once dispatched an aide to Col. Eyre countermanding the order of assault, but if so the messenger arrived too late. Capt. Beckwith had returned with his flag and the attack had commenced.

Eyre divided his troops into two divisions, taking charge of the first himself, and giving the second to Maj. Montgomery, of the Fortieth Regiment. Eyre formed his column behind the ledge of rocks which bounds the Ledyard Cemetery on the east, and Montgomery's column was formed in the rear of a hillock a short distance from this point. It was now noon. At the word of command the battalions swept up the hill, Eyre leading his column towards the southwest bastion, where, from the falling away of the ground, there was no ditch; while Montgomery advanced farther towards the north, where was the redoubt with its main entrance to the fort.

The first fire from the fort killed twenty of the British, and the solid mass, broken by this loss of men and officers, wavered for a moment, then broke up into squads and dashed up under the very walls of the fort. Montgomery's men at the same time reached the northeast bastion, and thus the fort was invested on all four sides at once.

Fort Griswold contained only thirty-five guns and a force of one hundred and fifty men. The British numbered eight hundred men, well armed and thoroughly disciplined. Yet in spite of these tremendous

odds the defense was gallant in the extreme. Col. Eyre and Maj. Montgomery both fell in the assault outside the works. When these their leaders fell the enemy seemed to have been discouraged. They had attacked twice, and twice had been repulsed, when a shot cut the halyards of the flag and it fell to the ground. This accident proved fatal, for the enemy supposed the flag had been struck by its defenders, and rallying again they carried the southwest bastion by storm. Col. Ledyard ordered his men to cease firing, and stood in his place by the gate. Capt. Beckwith, the flag-bearer, was one of the first to enter. He called out, "Who commands this fort?" Col. Ledyard responded, "I did, sir, but you do now," at the same time presenting his sword, with the point towards himself. The officer received it, and instantly plunged the weapon into his body. He fell without a groan.

The scene which followed beggars description. Ledyard's murder was the signal for indiscriminate slaughter. With the bayonet they killed thrice over those who were already dead. An eye-witness says, "I think no scene ever equaled this for continuous and barbarous massacre after surrender." The British fired into the magazine where the killed and wounded were lying, and came very near setting fire to the powder. The same eye-witness says they would have done so "had not the ground and everything been wet with human blood. We trod in blood." The British repeatedly told them that every one should die before the sun set, and in truth, out of one hundred and fifty able-bodied men they left scarce twenty able to stand upon their feet. These were ordered up at the point of the sword, and were marched down to the river to be ready to embark on British vessels. The wounded were gathered up into the large ammunition-wagon belonging to the fort, and twenty men drew it to the brow of the hill leading down to the river. The declivity was steep, and the wagon could not be held back by the men, so they left it to roll down the hill by itself, gathering speed each moment, and jolting and jarring the wounded in a frightful manner. Its course was finally arrested by an old apple-tree, against which it struck. Some of the wounded fell out and fainted away. Then the men brought the wounded and wagon along. Those who were taken prisoners suffered agonies from neglect, hunger, thirst, and cruelty for four days, but at the expiration of that time were put on board a ship commanded by Capt. Scott, who treated them very kindly.

The loss of the enemy, it is believed, was between two and three hundred men, though Arnold's report made it somewhat less. He reported forty-eight killed and one hundred and forty-five wounded, the first and second in command being among the number of the slain. The dead were buried on the hill where they fell, and the wounded were carefully conveyed to the shore, and from there to the ships.

The Tory papers of the day boasted over the suc-

cess of the expedition, but could not conceal their chagrin and sense of loss. Sir Henry Clinton, in his "General Orders" regarding it, made no attempt to conceal his feelings. Whilst he draws the greatest satisfaction from the ardor of the troops which enabled them to carry by assault a work of such magnitude as Fort Griswold is reputed to be, he "cannot but lament with the deepest concern the heavy loss in officers and men sustained by the Fortieth and Fifty-fourth Regiments, who had the honor of the attack."

Arnold's troops, at the time that the engagement was in progress at Fort Griswold, laid part of the town of New London in ashes. The point first occupied by them was then called the Beach, now known as Water Street. It was the business portion of the town, and contained, besides stores and offices, vast warehouses full of goods, cargoes of captured vessels, and provisions and munitions of war stored by Governor Trumbull. The torch was applied in a dozen places at once, so that in a few moments the whole vast accumulation of property was a mass of flames. Many houses were also fired, though two houses were bought off for ten pounds each after an officer had ordered them fired, on condition, however, that he should not be made known. Where the houses were not burned they were plundered of all that could be carried off. The fishermen's cottages at the mouth of the harbor were stripped of all their furniture of every kind, the people having nothing but the clothes they wore.

Arnold having captured the forts, massacred the garrison, and burned and plundered the town of New London, embarked his forces at sunset and crossed the Sound, and anchored his fleet on the lee of Plum Island, on the Long Island shore, and next morning proceeded on his way to New York. Deplorable and costly as this affair was to the enemy, as a strategic movement it was an utter failure. They could only take the fort at a fearful price, and were powerless to hold it at any price. Their design, in this inroad, was to effect a diversion in Washington's march, but they were powerless to change his plans. Not in the least disconcerted in his movements by the feint, he drew his troops into Virginia, and settled the question of the whole campaign at Yorktown.

A noble granite obelisk rises one hundred and twenty-seven feet into the air by the side of the fortification where so many lives were lost. It was erected by the State of Connecticut in 1830 in memory of the brave patriots who fell in the massacre.

The one hundredth anniversary of the taking of Fort Griswold and the burning of New London have, at the time of writing, been celebrated with appropriate ceremonies in Groton and New London. Many noted men were present to aid in the commemoration, and the varied exercises of two days were conducted with marked success.

During the war of 1812 the southern portion of the county was again menaced by the enemy. At

this time the attack was made on Stonington. On the 9th of August, 1814, Sir Thomas Hardy, in command of the British squadron, appeared off Stonington Point. An officer came on shore with a note, informing them that one hour's time would be afforded them for the removal of unoffending inhabitants and their effects. This news threw the village into the utmost consternation. The most valuable goods were concealed, and non-combatants fled to the neighboring farm-houses. A number of volunteers hastened to the battery on the Point, which consisted of two eighteen- and one four-pounder, mounted on carriages, and defended by a slight breastwork.

An express was immediately dispatched to Gen. Cushing at New London, with a request for immediate assistance. The general considered this attack as a feint, intended to mask a real attack on Fort Griswold, and his opinion was confirmed in consequence of the squadron having been lately reinforced, and a number of ships taking stations near Mystic. He therefore made correspondent arrangements with Maj.-Gen. Williams, commander of the division of militia in that district, and one regiment was immediately sent to Stonington, while infantry and artillery were so disposed as to protect Forts Griswold and Trumbull and the towns of Norwich and New London.

The attack upon Stonington commenced at eight o'clock in the evening, and lasted until midnight. No building was consumed or person injured. On the 10th the fire from the ships began at daybreak, but one of the eighteen-pounders having been drawn to the extreme end of the Point, its fire soon compelled the barges to draw off. This battery was manned by twenty men until its ammunition was exhausted, when they spiked the guns and retired. Shot and shells continued to pour into the town from the ships for upwards of an hour without a shot being returned. Ammunition, however, for the eighteen-pounder soon arrived, and so vigorous and well directed a fire was returned that one of the ships was disabled and was hauled out of the reach of the battery. In this contest two Americans were slightly wounded, the flag nailed to the battery was pierced with seven shot, and six or eight dwelling-houses were burned. Considerable bodies of militia had arrived, and the inhabitants had so far recovered from their consternation that things took on a more regular and orderly aspect. Every one capable of bearing arms was at the post of danger, and the others were employed in removing their effects.

Two of the ships now moved to within two miles of the town, threatening it with instant destruction. A deputation was sent on board, with a note addressed to Commodore Hardy, wishing to know the fate of the place. The deputation gave assurance that no torpedoes had been fitted out from that place, and engaged that none should be in future, or receive any aid from the town, and returned with the promise

that further hostilities should cease, provided that Mrs. Stewart, the wife of the late British consul at New London, and her family should be sent aboard the ship by eight o'clock on the morning of the 11th. This request caused considerable embarrassment, as the borough of Stonington had no authority on the subject, and possessed no powers to comply with the required condition, and the magistrates sent a flag on board the ship with this representation. The commodore replied that he would wait until twelve o'clock, when, if the lady were not on board, hostilities would recommence. The town was well secured against a landing, but as the bomb-ship took up a position out of reach of the battery, the citizens were obliged to witness the scene without the power of resistance. The troops withdrew from the Point, except a guard of fifty men to patrol the streets and extinguish fires. The battery was held in readiness for an attack, but none of the men who manned it, though exposed the whole time to the enemy's fire, were injured. The houses were several times set on fire by bombs and shells, but were soon extinguished by the patrol. The designs of the British upon other points, which had been apprehended by Gen. Cushing, were frustrated by his judicious arrangements and the spirit and alacrity of the militia. The firing stopped about four in the afternoon, and the ships hauled away to their former anchorage, and they made no further attempts on the coast of Connecticut.

During our different wars many vessels have been fitted out in New London to cruise against the enemy. The Thames River and New London Harbor have afforded safe refuge for vessels of war, and at one time during the Revolution the American fleet lay in safety for many months. The harbor is large, safe, and commodious, with five fathoms of water. It is three miles long and rarely obstructed with ice, and is in all respects one of the best in the world.

Since foreign troubles have ceased and peace has been declared the people of New London County have generally been greatly prospered. The fishing business is more extensively carried on in this county than in any other section of the State, and is an important branch of industry. The county possesses excellent railroad facilities, and the agricultural and manufacturing interests have greatly prospered. The population increased from 35,943 in 1820 to 66,570 in 1870, and to 75,323 in 1880.

New London County contains two cities and twenty-one corporate townships, of each of which a history will be given in succeeding pages.

## CHAPTER II.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY.

Organization of the County—Original Towns—Present Towns—First County Court, 1666—Early Officials—Extracts from Court Records—The First Prerogative Court—The First Superior Court—Contest between New London and Norwich—Norwich constituted a Shire Town—The First Court-House—County Buildings—Contest between Norwich Town and Chelsea for Location of Court-House—Civil List—Governors of Connecticut—Residents of New London County—Chief Justices of Supreme Court of Connecticut—Residents of New London County—Members of the Continental Congress—United States Senators—Members of Congress.

**Organization of the County.**—New London County was organized in May, 1666, and extended from Pawcatuck River "to the western bounds of Hammonasset plantation," embracing the four towns of Saybrook, New London, Norwich, and Stonington. It included in what is now Middlesex County the present towns of Old Saybrook, Saybrook, Westbrook, Essex, Chester, Killingworth, and Clinton. The county at present consists of twenty-one civil subdivisions, as follows: New London, Norwich, Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Montville, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, Voluntown, and Waterford.

The first County Court was held June 6, 1666, Maj. Mason presiding, assisted by John Allyn, assistant, and Thomas Stanton and Obadiah Bruen, commissioners.

A court was also held Sept. 20, 1666. Maj. Mason, Thomas Stanton, and Lieut. Pratt, of Saybrook, occupied the bench; Obadiah Bruen, clerk. In June, 1667, Daniel Wetherell was appointed clerk and treasurer. After this period Maj. Mason's health began to decline, and he was seldom able to attend on the court. As there was no other magistrate in the county,<sup>1</sup> the General Court, after 1670, nominated assistants to hold the court in New London annually. In 1676, Capt. John Mason, oldest son of Maj. Mason, was chosen assistant, but the same year, in December, received his death-wound. Capt. James Fitch was the next assistant from New London County. He came in about 1680, and Samuel Mason, of Stonington, soon afterwards.

**County Marshals.**—Thomas Marritt (or Merritt), appointed in December, 1668; resigned 1674.

Samuel Starr, appointed 1674; resigned 1682.

Stephen Merrick, appointed 1682.

John Plumbe, appointed 1690.

#### MINUTES OF CASES, CHIEFLY BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT.

"1667.—Alexander Pygan complained of by Widow Rebecca Redfin [Redfield] for enticing away her daughter's affections contrary to the laws of this corporation.

"Goodwife Wiley presented for not attending public worship, and bringing her children thither; fined 5s.

"Matthew Waller for the same offense, do.

<sup>1</sup> In May, 1674, Maj. Palmes was invested with the authority of a magistrate for New London County, but was never chosen an assistant, though often nominated.



"George Tongue and wife were solemnly reprimanded for their many offenses against God and man and each other. On their submission and promises of reformation, and engaging to keep up the solemn duty of prayer and the service of God in the family, they were released by paying a fine of £3.

"Hugh Mould, Joseph Colt, and John Stephens, all three being ship-carpenters, are at their liberty and freed from common training.

"Walt Winthrop, as attorney to Governor Winthrop, vs. James Rogers. Both parties claimed a certain pair of stillyards; Rogers had recovered judgment; it was now ordered that the stillyards should be kept by Daniel Wetherell till Richard Arey should see them.

"1670.—Unchas brought under a bond of £100 for appearance of his son, Foxen, and two Indians, Jumpe and Towtukhag, and eight Indians more for breaking open a warehouse. He was fined fifty bushels of Indian corn for his son, five pounds in wampum to Mr. Samuel Clarke and twenty pounds in wampum to the country treasury.

"Maj. Mason vs. Amos Richardson, for defamation, calling him a traitor, and saying that he had damned the colony £1000. Defendant fined £100 and costs of court.

"John Lewis presented by the grand jury for absenting himself at unreasonable hours of the night, to the great grief of his parents.

"John Lewis and Sarah Chapman presented for sitting together on the Lord's day, under an apple-tree, in Goodman Chapman's orchard.

"William Billings and Philip Bill fined for neglect of training.

"1672.—Edward Palmes, clerk of the court.

"Richard Ely, in right of his wife, Elizabeth [Setler], vs. John Cullick, as adm'r on estate of George Fenwick. This was an action for recovery of a legacy left said Elizabeth by the will of Fenwick. Recovered £915 and costs.

"John Pease complained of by the townsmen of Norwich, for living alone, for idleness, and not attending public worship; this court orders that the said townsmen do provide that Pease be entertained into some suitable family, he paying for his board and accommodation, and that he employ himself in some lawful calling.

"A negro servant of Charles Hill presented for shooting at and wounding a child of Charles Haynes.

"1673.—John Birchwood, of Norwich, appointed clerk.

"Widow Bradley presented for a second offense, in having a child born out of wedlock, the father of both being Christopher Christophers, a married man; sentenced to pay the usual fine of £5, and also to wear on her cap a paper whereon her offense is written, as a warning to others, or else to pay £15. Samuel Starr became her bondsman for £15.

"Ann Latimer brought suit against Alexander Pygan for shooting her horse; damages laid at 30s. Defendant fined and bound over to good behavior for presumptuous and illegal carriage in shooting Mistress Latimer's horse.

"James Rogers, Jr., for sailing in a vessel on the Lord's day, fined 20s.

"Edward Stallion for sailing his vessel from New London to Norwich on the Sabbath, 40s.

"Steven Chalker, for driving cattle on the Sabbath-day, 20s.

"Sept. 1674.—Complaint entered against Stonington for want of convenient highways to the meeting-house. The court ordered that there shall be four principal highways according as they shall agree among themselves to the four angles, and one also to the landing-place, to be stated by James Avery and James Morgan within two months.

"Sept. 1676.—James Rogers, Sr., John, James, and Jonathan, his sons, presented for profanation of the Sabbath, which is the first day of the week, and said persons boldly in the presence of this court asserting that they have not, and for the future will not refrain attending to any servile occasions on said day, they are fined 10s. each, and put under a bond of £10 each, or to continue in prison.

"Matthew Griswold and his dr. Elizabeth vs. John Rogers (husband of said Elizabeth), for breach of covenant and neglect of duty; referred to the Court of Assistants.

"John Rogers ordered to appear at Hartford Court, and released from prison a few days to prepare himself to go.

"1677.—Thomas Dunke for neglecting to teach his servant to read is fined 10s.

"Major John Winthrop vs. Major Edward Palmes, for detaining a certain copper furnace and the cover to it; damages laid at £5.

"William Gibson owned working on the first day of the week; fined 5s.

"1680.—Capt. John Nash, presiding judge.

"Thomas Dymond vs. barque 'Providence,' stranded on Fisher's Island, for salvage of goods.

"1681.—Unchas complains of much damage in his corn by English horses this year.

"1682.—New London presented for not having a grammar school,

fined £10; also, for not having an English school for reading and writing, £5.

"William Gibson and William Chapell fined for fishing on the Sabbath.

"Elizabeth Way presented for not living with her husband. The court orders her to go to her husband or to be imprisoned."

Her husband resided in Saybrook, and she persisted in remaining with her mother at New London. She was the only daughter of John and Joanna Smith. A remonstrance of her husband against her desertion of him is on record at Saybrook. The order of court was disregarded.

"Capt. George Denison and John Wheeler fined 15s. for not attending public worship.

"1686.—Chr. Christophers vs. Thomas Lee, for trespass on his land at Black Point. The jury find that a north line from Reynold Marvin's N. E. corner to come to the Gyan's land, takes in a part of the land plowed by Thomas Lee, by which they find said Lee a trespasser, and that he surrender to C. C. all west of said north line.

"1687.—Mr. Joseph Hadley, of Youngers, in the government of New York, enters complaint against William Willoughby and Mary Wedge, formerly so called, yt the said woman and Willoughby are run from Yorke, and she is a runaway from her husband, Ak<sup>r</sup> Peeterson, and is now at Mr. Ely's.

"This court grants liberty unto Mr. Charles Bulkley to practise physick in this county, and grants him license according to what power is in them so to do.

"Oliver Manwaring licensed to keep a house of publique entertainment and retail drink, 40s. per year.

"Mr. Plumbe for his license to pay £3 pr. year.

"Complaint being made to this court by John Prentice against William Beebe for keeping company with his daughter Mercy, and endeavoring to gain her affections in order to a marriage, without acquainting her parents, which is contrary to law, the said Wm. Beebe is ordered to pay a fine to the County Treasury of £5.

"At a County Court held at New London, June 4, 1689. Whereas the Governor and Company in this colony of Connecticut have reassumed the government, May the 9th last past, and an order of the General Assembly that all laws of this Colony formerly made according to Charter, and Courts constituted in this colony for administration of justice, as before the late interruption, shall be of full force and virtue for the future, until further orders, &c.

"Sept. 1689.—By reason of the afflicting hand of God upon us with sore and general sickness, that we are incapacitated to serve the King and Country at this time, we see cause to adjourn this Court until the first Tuesday in November next.

"1690, June.—John Prentice, Jr., master of the ship [vessel] 'New London,' action of debt against said ship for wages in navigating said ship to Europe and back.

"Nicholas Hallam brings a similar action, being assistant [mate] on board said ship.

"The court adjourned to first Tuesday in August, on account of the contagious distemper in town.

"July 3, 1690.—Special Court called by petition of Mrs. Alice Living, to settle the estate of her husband. Major Palmes refusing to produce the will, administration was granted to Mrs. Living.

"Jonathan Hall, of Saybrook, for settling sail on the Sabbath, July 27th, fined 40s.

"1693, June.—George Denison, grandson of Capt. G. Denison, a student of Harvard College, prosecuted for an assault on the constable while in the execution of his duty.

"Sept.—John Chapell, Israel Richards, John Crocker, and Thomas Atwell, presented for nightwalking on the Sabbath night, Sept. 17th, and committing various misdemeanors, as pulling up bridges and fences, cutting the manes and tails of horses, and setting up logs against people's doors; sentenced to pay 10s. each and sit two hours in the stocks."

The first Prerogative Court in the county was held at Lyme, April 13, 1699; the next at New London, August 28th. Daniel Wetherell, Esq., judge. This court henceforward relieved the County Court from the onerous burden of probate of wills and settlement of estates.

The justices of peace in New London in 1700 were Richard Christophers and Nehemiah Smith. The former was judge of probate in 1716.

In 1700 Lebanon was included in New London County, and in 1702, Plainfield. The other towns were New London, Norwich, Stonington, Preston, Lyme, Saybrook, and Killingworth.

**"COMPLAINTS OF THE GRAND JURY TO THE COURT  
HOLDEN AT NEW LONDON, JUNE 4, 1700.**

"New London for want of a Grammar School; also want of a Pound, and deficiency of Stocks.

"Stonington for having no Stocks according to law; also no sworn brander of horses.

"Norwich for want of a School to instruct children.

"Preston for want of Stocks, and not having a Guard on the Sabbath and other public days."

"June 4, 1701.—New London County was presented by the Grand Jury as deficient in her county prison, and for not providing a county standard of weights and measures; also for great neglect in the perambulating of bounds betwixt town and town.

"New London and Lebanon presented for a deficiency in their town stock of ammunition."

While Maj. Mason lived there was no other magistrate in New London County, and he generally held his courts at home; but during several of the last years of his life he was subjects to attacks of a painful disease that often disabled him from attending to public affairs. This caused some inconvenience, and led to murmurings and complaints, particularly at New London, where there was more trade and bustle, more of a populace, and a louder call for courts and pleas than in any other place in the colony. It was onerous and irritating to this stirring community to be dependent upon Norwich, the staid and somewhat frowning younger sister, for justice and arbitrament. In October, 1669, Mr. Wetherell, of New London, clerk of the County Court, in behalf of the commissioners, petitioned the General Court for relief in this particular, and obtained an order for an assistant or magistrate to hold a court at stated times in New London.

After the death of Maj. Mason New London County had no chief magistrate or presiding judge resident within its bounds till May, 1674, when the following appointment is recorded:

"Major Edward Palmes is invested with magisterial power throughout New London County and the Narragansett country."

Maj. Palmes was of New London County, and Norwich, in her turn, found it irksome to go to her neighbor for award and decree. Between these sister-townships there seems to have been little similarity of taste, and no fusion of purpose and action.

The Superior Court was held in New London for the first time in September, 1711. No court-house having then been erected, the session was held in the meeting-house. Before this period the Superior Court had only sat in New Haven and Hartford. It was now made a Circuit Court, each county to have two sessions annually. Richard Christophers was one of the assistant judges, and Capt. John Prentiss county sheriff.

In 1720 a petition was presented to the General Assembly by the people of Norwich praying that a share of the County Court sessions might be held in the latter place, but the petition was refused.

Another strenuous effort was made in 1734, the inhabitants petitioning the General Assembly that the Supreme Court in March, and the Superior Court in November, for New London County, might be held in Norwich. The agents for the town in this business were Capt. John Williams, Capt. Joseph Tracy, and Mr. Hezekiah Huntington. The effort proved successful; the petition was granted, and Norwich became a half-shire town.

The contest had been long and determined, marked in some instances with bitterness and exasperation; but Norwich, having grown rapidly in numbers and influence, at length had her claim to a share of the courts sanctioned by equity and the public convenience.

In connection with this privilege the town of Norwich came under the obligation of furnishing convenient accommodations for the courts and county prisoners. A new jail or prison-house was soon afterwards built at Norwich Town and ceded to the county, and a town-house erected under the oversight of the selectmen, the expense being defrayed by a penny tax on polls and ratable estate.

The jail stood under the shelter of the hill, upon the parsonage-lot. The town-house was at the southwest corner of the green, with a whipping-post and pillory near.

The act constituting Norwich a half-shire town the inhabitants of New London declared to be injurious to them "and of ill example." They remonstrated, and petitioned again and again to have it repealed, but without success. In the spring of 1739 the agents of the town were instructed to pledge the reimbursements to Norwich of what had been laid out by them in building a court-house and prison since the passage of the act, in case it should be rescinded. The Assembly, however, refused once more to remove the courts from Norwich.

The first court-house in the county was located on the southeast corner of Meeting-House Square, in New London, fronting to the westward. It was raised April 20, 1724, was forty-eight feet in length, twenty-four feet wide, twenty feet between joists, and cost £48. The builder of this ancient structure was John Hough. The town arms and ammunition were stored in the garret, and "Solomon Coit was chosen to keep the town magazine gratis." This building was occupied until 1767.

After the burning of New London in 1781 the erection of a court-house was one of the first subjects that engaged the attention of the city authorities. The old one burnt by the British had stood on the parade, but objections were made to the site, and the position of the new house was finally settled by the following vote:

"April 6th, 1784, voted, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the place where the town school-house now stands, at the west end of the Broad Street [now State Street], is the fittest place of any in the city, both for use and ornament, and will best accommodate the city and the public, for the court-house to be erected on."

The County Court concurred in this opinion, and the present edifice, known as the city court-house, was immediately after erected, the position being fixed in the middle of the street, on the platform of rock at the head of State Street, with an open space on all sides. It has since been removed farther back, so as to leave the highway clear. The house was originally furnished with a gallery around the second story, which gave it a gay and dashing appearance, but the lower story was left for more than thirty years in a rough, unfinished state. Grotesquely antique in its appearance, now in its ninetieth year, it stands "the stately relic of a former age, still doing good service in this," and destined, in all probability, still to remain for many years to come, as a reminder of the days of old, antedating every other public edifice in the city.

For some time previous to 1809 an acrimonious contest was carried on between Norwich Town and what was then known as Chelsea (now Norwich City) for the possession of the court-house and the court sessions.

Early in the year 1809 a vote was carried to cede the court-house to the county for the use of the county courts, provided it should be removed to Chelsea Plain at individual expense. The defeated party claimed that this result had been gained by surprise and from partisan motives. Fresh meetings were summoned, the vote was reconsidered, rescinded, and finally passed a second time. The county accepted the cession, but before the deed of conveyance had been legally confirmed the storm of opposition grew so intense that it was not executed. December 18th, a second vote of cession was carried, and a new committee appointed to assign the property; but on the 30th of the same month another town-meeting revoked all former proceedings whatever relating to the removal of the courts and the conveyance of the house to the county.

The contention was renewed at times, with alternate periods of brooding quiet, for a series of years. It came up again in 1826, with increased heat and determination, and at this time a strong desire was manifested in the old part of the town for a division into two communities. A petition to that effect was sent to the Legislature, praying that Norwich might be restricted to the First Society and relieved from its association with Chelsea, but it produced no result.

Jan. 22, 1827, a meeting was held in the Congregational church at Chelsea, at which the two propositions for dividing the town and fixing upon the site for a new town and court-house were discussed with fiery vehemence. The vote for a separation was lost by a small majority, after which a conciliatory motion

was made and passed that the new court-house should be seated on or near the Central Plain. This vote was, however, so displeasing to a large party that a clamorous call for an immediate adjournment was made and carried.

The next day the freeholders reassembled at nine o'clock in the morning. It was good sleighing, and every horse and runner from the farms and villages were put in requisition, the streets were lined with vehicles, and the church was thronged to its utmost capacity.<sup>1</sup> The vote respecting the site of the town and court-house was reconsidered and annulled, and a new resolution carried that the said house should be erected within the bounds of Chelsea. The vote stood 227 to 219, by far the largest number of voters that had been present at one meeting since the division into four towns in 1786.

The question with respect to the location of the courts was three times brought before the General Assembly and fully discussed, and twice tried in the Superior Courts, the decision being each time in favor of their remaining where they were. But in the session of 1833 the Assembly voted to refer the whole subject to the representatives of the county of New London. These met in the town-hall at Chelsea, September 19th, and carried the question of removal, 15 to 8. All opposition on the other side ceased from this time, and the transfer was made in peace. The struggle had continued about twenty-seven years.

The town-house was erected in 1829, at an expense of \$9000. The upper story was fitted for a court-room, with offices attached, and in 1833 was ceded to the county for the use of the courts. The first court in this new building was in March, 1834, since which time the court sessions have been held exclusively at the Landing.

The court-house was destroyed by fire April 11, 1865. The books and records were saved.

In the early period of the town's history the jail stood upon the east side of the green, in the town-plot. In the time of the Revolutionary war it was on the west side, under the brow of the hill. Two buildings were worn out in this place, each having served about thirty years. The prison was then transferred to the southeast border of the green, near the present post-office, where it continued till the courts were removed to Chelsea.

A new prison, with an adjoining house for the keeper, was erected at Chelsea, upon the high ground overlooking the city. These were ceded to the county, but consumed by fire, after a few years' occupation, June 9, 1738.

The buildings were subsequently reconstructed on an enlarged plan. The present court-house and town hall was erected at an expense of \$350,000.

<sup>1</sup> Before the year 1830, at which time the town-house was completed, the town-meetings at the Landing were held in the Second Congregational church.

## Civil List.

## GOVERNORS OF CONNECTICUT FROM NEW LONDON COUNTY.

John Winthrop, New London, 1637-58 and 1659-76.  
 Fitz-John Winthrop, New London, 1696-1707.  
 Gurdon Saltonstall, " " 1707-24.  
 Jonathan Trumbull, Lebanon, 1769-84.  
 Matthew Griswold, Lyme, 1784-85.  
 Samuel Huntington, Norwich, 1785-96.  
 Jonathan Trumbull, Lebanon, 1798-1809.  
 Roger Griswold, Lyme, 1811-13.  
 William A. Buckingham, Norwich, 1858-66.

## JUDICIARY.

## CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM NEW LONDON COUNTY.

Gurdon Saltonstall, New London, 1711-12.  
 Jonathan Trumbull, Lebanon, 1766-69.  
 Matthew Griswold, Lyme, 1769-84.  
 Samuel Huntington, Norwich, 1784-85.  
 Richard Law,<sup>1</sup> New London, 1785-89.  
 Henry M. Walte, Lyme, 1854-57.  
 John D. Park, Norwich, 1874.

## MEMBERS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FROM NEW LONDON COUNTY.

Silas Deane, Groton, 1774-76.  
 Joseph Trumbull, Lebanon, 1774-75.  
 Samuel Huntington,<sup>2</sup> Norwich, 1776-84.  
 William Williams,<sup>3</sup> Lebanon, 1776-78 and 1783-84.  
 Richard Law, New London, 1777-78 and 1781-84.  
 Benjamin Huntington, Norwich, 1780-84 and 1787-88.  
 William Hillhouse, New London, 1783-86.

## UNITED STATES SENATORS.

Jonathan Trumbull, Lebanon, 1795-96.  
 James Lanman, Norwich, 1819-25.  
 Jabez W. Huntington, " " 1840-47.  
 Lafayette S. Foster,<sup>4</sup> " " 1855-67.  
 Wm. A. Buckingham, " " 1867-76.

## MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Jonathan Trumbull,<sup>4</sup> Lebanon, 1789-96.  
 Benjamin Huntington, Norwich, 1789-91.  
 Amasa Learned, New London, 1791-95.  
 Joshua Colt, " " 1793-98.  
 Roger Griswold, Lyme, 1795-1805.  
 Elias Perkins, New London, 1803-5.  
 Ebenezer Huntington, Norwich, 1810-11 and 1817-19.  
 Lyman Law, New London, 1811-17.  
 Noyes Barber, Groton, 1821-35.  
 Eliza Hale, " " 1835-39.  
 Thomas W. Williams, New London, 1839-43.  
 John A. Rockwell, Norwich, 1845-49.  
 Nathan Belcher, New London, 1853-55.  
 Augustus Brandegee, " " 1863-67.  
 Henry H. Starkweather, Norwich, 1867-76.  
 John T. Walt, " " 1876 to present time.

CHAPTER III.<sup>5</sup>

## THE PEQUOT INDIANS.

THE origin of the Pequot tribe of Indians must forever remain a mystery. Some writers have supposed that not long before this country was settled by

Europeans they were an inland tribe, who by their superior numbers and prowess fought their way to the seaside, and established their fortresses in what is now the town of Groton. Others have supposed that they belonged to the Mohegan tribe of Indians, who, under the leadership of Pequoate, the father of Sassacus, seceded from the Mohegans and established an independent tribe, taking the name of their sachem, and in time overwhelmed the Mohegans and held them as tributaries.

Not satisfied with their success, they sought to establish their dominion over the surrounding tribes, and had so far succeeded as to extend their power and authority eastward to Wecapaug, in Westerly, R. I., where they were met and held in check by the powerful tribe of Narragansett Indians; southward they extended their sway to, and in some places beyond, the Connecticut River, and as far north as the town of Windsor. When these events transpired cannot now be determined, or whether they ever happened as here narrated is not certainly known; but this we do know, that when Adrian Block, a Dutch navigator, explored our sea-coast in 1614, the Pequot and Mohegan Indians were located in the same places that they occupied in 1633, when our State was first settled by the English.

The Pequots were governed by a powerful sachem, whom they idolized and regarded "as all one god." Under his leadership they had become a terror to the neighboring tribes, with whom they had frequently been engaged in deadly hostilities.

The various tribes and clans tributary to the Pequots hailed the coming of the white man as an omen that foreshadowed their release from the tyranny of Sassacus. The Connecticut River Indians made the first effort to secure an alliance with the Massachusetts and Plymouth colonies.

In the year 1631 an Indian sachem by the name of Wah-qui-ma-cut visited the Governors of the Plymouth and Massachusetts colonies, and offered them strong inducements to come and settle in the beautiful valley of the Connecticut, and proposed that two men should be delegated to view the country and report to the Governors. Governor Winthrop declined the offer; but Governor Winslow, of Plymouth, held the matter under consideration, and soon after visited the place, and on his return home gave a glowing description of its fertility, which tempted many a Puritan to leave his sterile home at Plymouth and explore this Indian paradise from the mouth of the river far back towards its sources.

Meantime the shrewd and active Pequots were watching with sleepless vigilance the movements of the Plymouth people, doubtless foreseeing the danger that would result to them from a settlement of the English upon the Connecticut River, and sought to counteract and prevent it by an alliance with the Dutch; for as early as 1632 they sold lands at Saybrook to the Dutch Governor at New Amsterdam,

<sup>1</sup> Afterwards U. S. district judge for District of Connecticut.

<sup>2</sup> Of the above, Samuel Huntington and William Williams were signers of the Declaration of Independence, and from 1779 to 1781 Samuel Huntington was president of Congress.

<sup>3</sup> President of the Senate from 1863 to 1867.

<sup>4</sup> Speaker of the House from 1791 to 1793.

<sup>5</sup> By Richard A. Wheeler.

and in June, 1633, Wa-py-quart, a Pequot sachem, sold to the West India Company, through their agent, Van Culer, a tract of meadow-land now covered by the city of Hartford, on which he immediately proceeded to erect a fort, which he called the "House of Good Hope."

During the month of September, 1633, John Oldham, with several others of the Dorchester plantation, visited Connecticut, and were kindly received by the native chiefs, who gave them some valuable presents of Indian hemp and beaver-skins. During this year the Plymouth people formed a trading company, and sent William Holmes in October to erect a trading-house at a place previously selected on the west side of the Connecticut River, just below the mouth of the Farmington, or Tunxis River, in the present town of Windsor. Capt. Holmes reached the Connecticut River in safety, and sailed up the same, and passed the Dutch fort at Hartford in proud defiance, and erected the house at the place designated, and with the utmost haste surrounded it with palisades. He carried back to their native place Attawanott and several other Indian sachems, who had been driven away by the warlike Pequots, and of whom the Plymouth people purchased the land. The Dutch fort at Hartford was a harmless affair, and soon ceased to exist as such.

The Dutch arms at Saybrook were torn down by the English in 1634 and replaced with a fool's head. Thus ended practically the power of the Dutch in Connecticut, and the hopes of the haughty Pequots in that direction were blasted forever. But they were so incensed at Holmes for bringing back Attawanott and his sachems to Windsor that they kept him and the friendly Indians continually on the defensive, and at every opportunity attacked the English settlers, and murdered such as they could lay their hands on.

In 1633, as two English traders, viz., Capt. Stone and Capt. Norton, were ascending Connecticut River in a vessel, being unacquainted with the channel, they hired Indian pilots to direct them; but faithless and treacherous guides they proved to be, for they murdered both officers and crew, consisting of nine men.

Soon after the murder of Capt. Stone the old feud between the Narragansetts and Pequots began to exhibit itself, which alarmed Sassacus and his sachems, so that they sought an alliance, offensive and defensive, with the English in Massachusetts, and sent a messenger to Boston to propose a treaty. But the Governor, distrusting the position of the ambassador, ordered him to return and say to the Pequots that they must send men of more consequence or he would not treat with them.

Soon after two Pequots of royal blood appeared with an acceptable present. Negotiations were entered into, which resulted in a treaty by which the Indians were to give the English all their title to the

lands on the Connecticut River if they would send men to live there and trade with them; they would also give them four hundred fathoms of wampum, forty beaver-skins, and thirty other skins.

Soon after the conclusion of this treaty, and during the year 1635, four English plantations were commenced upon the Connecticut River, three of them by congregations that came with their ministers from the Massachusetts settlements, and the other was effected by John Winthrop, Jr., at Saybrook, under a commission from Lords Say and Seal, Lord Brook, and others.

Notwithstanding this treaty, the government of Massachusetts distrusted the friendship of the Pequots, and inasmuch as Sassacus did not use his influence to procure the murderers of Capts. Stone and Norton and deliver them to the English, as was promised by the Pequots preliminary to said treaty, they sent instructions to Mr. Winthrop, then at Saybrook, to demand of the Pequots "a solemn meeting of conference," and lay before them certain charges, which, if they could not refute or render suitable reparation therefor, then all the presents made by the Pequots to the Massachusetts government were to be returned to them with a protest, equivalent to a declaration of war.

Their instructions were dated at Boston, July 4, 1636, and were brought to Saybrook by Mr. Fenwick, Hugh Peters, and Capt. Oldham, with whom came Thomas Stanton, to act as interpreter.

The Pequot sachem was sent for, who appeared; the conference was held, but no satisfaction could be obtained from him; whereupon the presents were returned, but war was not declared, though they separated with unfriendly feelings towards each other.

About the time that Mr. Fenwick left Boston for Saybrook to treat with the Indians, Capt. Oldham, while on a trading expedition, was murdered by the Indians near Block Island, and all on board his vessel perished with him. Another trader, Capt. John Gallup, of Boston, speedily avenged his death, and sent his murderers to the bottom of the deep.

The brutal murder of Capt. Oldham was traced to some of the Narragansett sachems, who had contrived the plan to murder him. It is not probable that the Pequots had anything to do with it. It is more probable that he was murdered by the Narragansetts because he was supposed to favor peace with the Pequots, having visited them a short time before with Mr. Fenwick for that purpose.

The Governor, acting under the advice of the magistrates and ministers of Massachusetts, resolved that the Block Island Indians should be chastised. John Endicott, with ninety men, was ordered to sail for Block Island, and put to death all the men, and take the women and children prisoners, after which he was directed to sail for Pequot Harbor, and demand of the Pequots the murderers of Capt. Stone and his crew; if the Pequots failed to comply, to use force.

Endicott repaired to Block Island, killed fourteen Indians, destroyed their corn, and burned their wigwams; then sailed for Pequot Harbor *via* Saybrook, and reported to Lyon Gardener, who commanded the fort there, what he had done at Block Island. Gardener, who believed the Narragansetts, and not the Block Island Indians, guilty of the murder of Oldham, complained bitterly of this rash act.

Endicott lost no time in reaching Pequot Harbor, and took the Indians by surprise. He landed on the east side, and ascended the hill, where he found Indian corn-fields, dotted here and there with wigwams, and demanded the heads of the Pequots who had killed Capt. Stone or he would fight. He demanded an interview with Sassacus, and was told that the chief was at Long Island and could not be seen. After a fruitless attempt to find a responsible sachem with whom to confer, he advanced and burned all the wigwams that he could find, and at night re-embarked his men.

The next day they landed on the west side of said harbor, probably where the city of New London now stands, and burned and desolated the country. Gardener, while disapproving Endicott's expedition, furnished him with twenty men, and instructed them to bring back corn, if not Indians. In undertaking to get the corn, after Endicott and his men had left, they were attacked with such force by the Indians that it was with the greatest difficulty that they reached their vessel with their plunder. Endicott and his men returned to Boston, and thus ended an unwise expedition, fruitful of unhappy events.

The Pequots lost but one man, which, with the destruction of their wigwams and corn, made them all the more troublesome and dangerous. They first attacked Saybrook Fort, whither some of their corn had been transported, and in October took one Butterfield prisoner, and roasted him alive with horrible tortures. Soon after they captured a man by the name of Tilly, who commanded a vessel. They killed his attendant outright, then cut off Tilly's hands, amputated his feet, and then by the most infernal ingenuity that devils could invent tortured him to death. They invested the Saybrook fort so closely that Gardener lost a number of his men, who were ambushed and slain by the Indians. So closely was he pressed that during the winter of 1636 and '37, Capt. Mason and twenty men were sent down to reinforce the garrison at Saybrook.

In March the Indians took a shallop as she was sailing down the river with three men. One was killed in the fight, and the other two were murdered, cut to pieces, and hung upon the branches of the trees, to taunt and defy the power of the English.

In April following the Pequots went up to Wethersfield and waylaid the planters. They killed six men and took two girls captive, whom they finally allowed the Dutch to ransom, when they returned home.

About this time Massachusetts sent John Underhill to reinforce the garrison at Saybrook. When he reached the fort Mason and his men returned to Hartford.

On the first day of May, 1637, the General Court of Connecticut assembled at Hartford. These horrible Indian massacres had aroused the English, and caused them to make a desperate effort to save themselves from a like fate. The four English plantations on the river consisted of less than three hundred souls, surrounded by more than ten thousand savages resident within the present limits of our State. The frequent secessions that had occurred among the Indians had torn them into a large number of tribes and clans, antagonistic to each other.

For a long time previous to the coming of the English, Uncas and the Mohegans had been subject to the Pequots. They had made four attempts to secede and establish an independent tribe, but failed; but as soon as the English had commenced their settlement on the Connecticut River, Uncas with his adherents seceded and joined the Connecticut River Indians, in the vicinity of Hartford and Windsor, who had previously invited the planters to come and settle among them.

The failure of the Pequots to make a satisfactory treaty with the English, who had restored the Connecticut River Indians to their rightful territory and ousted the Dutch from the land sold them by the Pequots, and finally had sided with and sheltered Uncas, the arch rebel, who had so often defied them, was too much for the proud, warlike Pequots to endure; so they resolved to extirpate the English, not by a bold, manly effort, but by cutting them up piecemeal, with fire and torture the most diabolical and inhuman.

So when the General Court assembled they declared war, offensive war, against the Pequots, and raised an army of ninety men to invade the territory of the most warlike and cruel of all the New England tribes, and appointed Capt. John Mason commander-in-chief of the expedition. The soldiers were enlisted, equipped, and provisioned in ten days, and sailed from Hartford May 10, 1637, accompanied by Uncas and seventy friendly Indians. The fleet consisted of three vessels, and the English, being unacquainted with the navigation of the river, ran their vessels aground several times, but after five days they reached Saybrook Fort.

Uncas and his men were so impatient of delay that they begged to be set ashore, promising to meet the English at Saybrook, to which Mason consented. Uncas kept his word, and on his way down fell in with a clan of Pequots, killed some of them, and took one prisoner, who happened to be a spy, whom he executed in true Pequot style.

Capt. Underhill tendered to Mason his services, with nineteen men, for the expedition, on condition that Capt. Gardener, the commander of the fort,

would consent, which was cheerfully granted. Mason then sent back twenty of his own men to guard the wellnigh defenseless settlement during his absence.

His little fleet lay wind-bound near the mouth of the river until the 18th, during which time Mason summoned and held a council of war, which, after protracted discussions and advice of their chaplain, decided to change the order of the General Court, and set sail for Narragansett Bay. They left Friday morning, and reached there Saturday evening, but were not able to land on account of the weather before the next Tuesday evening, May 23d, when they set out for the residence of Miantonomoh.

During the night an Indian runner brought news to Mason that Capt. Patrick, with forty men from the Massachusetts colony, had reached Providence, on their way to join the expedition against the Pequots. But Mason decided not to wait, but marched the next morning, May 24th, for the Pequot fort. As he proceeded he was joined by a large party of Narragansetts sent on by Miantonomoh.

He reached the Niantic fort the next evening, which he surrounded until morning, when, after a fatiguing march of twelve miles, he reached the fording-place on Pawcatuck River, when Mason and his army halted and rested. After dinner they marched on to Taugwonk, in Stonington, where they found a field just planted with Indian corn; here they halted and held another council of war. Mason now learned for the first time that the Pequots had two forts, both of which were very strong. At first it was decided to attack both, but after learning that the one where Sassacus commanded was too remote to be reached in time, they resolved to go ahead and attack the fort at Mystic.

Their line of march all the way from Narragansett had been along the old Indian path, traveled from time immemorial by the natives, until they crossed Pawcatuck River and reached Taugwonk. But from Taugwonk onward they deployed to the north, to avoid being discovered by the Pequots at Mystic fort, and at early evening they reached a place now known as Porter's Rocks, in Groton, where between two high ledges "they pitched their little camp." The night was clear, with a shining moon, and after Mason had set his guards he and his men lay down and slept. About two hours before day the men were called and ordered to get ready, and after commending themselves to the keeping of the all-wise Disposer of events they set out for the fort, which was about two miles off.

There were two entrances to the fort, and it was decided that Mason should enter on the northeast side and Underhill on the southwest side. Mason went forward, and when within a rod of the fort was discovered by a Pequot, who cried out, "Owanux! Owanux!"

Mason and his men entered the fort through the northeast passage, while Underhill and his men passed

in at the southwest. A hand-to-hand contest ensued on both sides of the fort. Mason soon saw that his only hope of complete success lay in burning their fort and wigwams, and immediately set fire to them, which spread with wonderful rapidity. The scene which followed was awful beyond all human description, the result of which was the complete overthrow of the Pequots as a tribe, and the consequent salvation of the English settlement on the Connecticut River. It was the most fearful chastisement that any tribe of Indians ever received; but they were the Modocs of their day, and when we consider the terrible cruelties perpetrated by them, the awful tortures that they inflicted upon their English captives, who shall say that justice did not overtake them?

After the close of the battle, and while Mason and his men were consulting what course to take, they discovered their vessels sailing before a fair wind for Pequot Harbor, and immediately resolved to reach them by a march across the present town of Groton. But before they were ready to move they were attacked by about three hundred Pequots from the other fort at Weinsawks. Capt. Mason, with a file or two of his men, repelled the attack, and then began his march towards his vessels.

As soon as he had left the scene of the battle the Pequots visited the site of the fort, and after beholding what had been done by the English stamped their feet and tore their hair from their heads, and then pursued them down the hill with all the power that their thirst for vengeance could inspire.

As soon as Mason discovered their approach he ordered his rear-guard to face about and engage them, when, after a few volleys, they retired, giving the little army time to rest and refresh themselves by a brook at the foot of the hill on the top of which the fort stood. Then after a little while they again commenced to march, and on their way fell in with and burned several wigwams. The Pequots followed but kept at a distance, trying in vain to reach and kill some of Mason's men with their arrows, receiving in return severe punishment, for every Pequot that fell by their deadly aim was scalped by the friendly Indians.

Getting tired of their pursuit and of its fatal consequences to them, they abandoned it when Mason was within about two miles of the harbor, after which he was unmolested until he reached the Pequot River.

Capt. Patrick, with his men, who reached Narragansett soon after Mason left, and before the fleet set sail on their return, embarked his men on board the shallop, and came in her to Pequot Harbor.

Some difficulty arose between Capt. Underhill and Capt. Patrick about re-embarking Underhill's men, which, after high words, was arranged so that Underhill, with all the Connecticut men but about twenty, set sail for Saybrook, while Mason and twenty of his soldiers, joined by Capt. Patrick and his men, with the friendly Indians, marched overland to the Connecticut River.

About midway they fell in with the Niantic Indians, who fled on their approach, and being exhausted with their long march they did not pursue them, but passed on to the river, reaching it about sunset, where they encamped for the night. The next morning they crossed over to Saybrook, and were welcomed back by Capt. Gardener.

After providing for the safe return of the Narragansett Indians, Mason and his men returned to Hartford, where they were received with great rejoicing and praising God.

After the Pequots abandoned the pursuit of Mason they immediately returned to Sassacus' fort, and charged him with being the sole cause of all the troubles that had befallen them, and would have slain him on the spot but for the entreaty of their sachems and counselors. After a long consultation they concluded to destroy their fort and flee from their homes into various parts of the country. The largest portion fled to the westward, crossing Connecticut River some ways above Saybrook, where they took and slew three Englishmen that they captured in a shallop.

The Governor and Council of Massachusetts decided to follow up Mason's success. They raised and sent forward one hundred and twenty men, under the command of Mr. Stoughton, with instructions to prosecute the war to the bitter end. They reached Pequot Harbor in June, 1637, and landed on the west side, where they encamped, and from which they pursued the remaining Pequots with unrelenting vengeance.

Capt. Stoughton was joined by Miantonomoh and one of his sachems, called Yotash, with a band of Narragansett warriors, who proved a most efficient aid in hunting out the concealed Pequots. They drove a large number of them into a swamp in Groton, and took about one hundred prisoners. One sachem was spared on condition that he would conduct the English to Sassacus. The women and children were reserved for bondage, and the men, thirty in number, were walked overboard on a plank from a vessel at the mouth of the Thames River.

The General Court of Connecticut met at Hartford in June, and ordered that forty men should be raised and put under the command of Mason to prosecute the war. They soon joined the Massachusetts men under Stoughton at Pequot. A council of war was held, which decided to pursue Sassacus in his flight towards the Hudson River. They soon found traces of the Pequots, who were evidently moving at a slow pace, doubtless encumbered with their women and children. But it was difficult to tell, from the number of trails they were pursuing, which was the trail of Sassacus' band. So they called up the sachem that Stoughton had spared on condition that he would point out the trail of the great chief, but he refused to give any information, and was put to death.

They still pursued the flying Pequots, and drove

them into a swamp in the town of Fairfield, where they surrounded them, and after a severe conflict they captured about one hundred and eighty prisoners; twenty lay dead upon the field, and about sixty warriors escaped. Most of the property that the Pequots were endeavoring to take with them fell into the hands of the English.

Sassacus was not in the swamp, for he had previously fled to the Mohawks for protection, but in vain. He had defied them in his prosperity, and now in his evil days they avenged themselves. They beheaded him, and sent his scalp as a trophy to Connecticut.

On the 21st of September, Uncas and Miantonomoh, with the remaining Pequots, met the magistrates of Connecticut at Hartford. A treaty was then entered into between Connecticut, the Mohegans, and Narragansetts, and by its terms there was to be a perpetual peace between those two tribes and the English. Then, with imposing ceremonies, the magistrates divided the remainder of the Pequots among the Narragansetts and Mohegans; to Uncas they gave eighty, to Miantonomoh eighty, and to Ninigret they gave twenty.

They were to be called Pequots no more, but Mohegans and Narragansetts; nor were they ever to dwell again in their old haunts, or occupy their planting or hunting-grounds. Nearly all of those that were assigned to Miantonomoh left him almost immediately after they went with him to Rhode Island, and sought a home in the old territory of the Pequots, in what is now the town of Westerly. The most of the Pequots given to Ninigret remained with him until 1654, when, upon the demand of the English, they were given up. They located themselves on both sides of Massatuxet Creek, where they built a large number of wigwams, and when the spring returned again they planted their Indian corn and lived quietly, disturbing no one.

But the General Court of Connecticut in 1639 sent Capt. Mason, with forty men, and Uncas, with one hundred friendly Indians, to break up this new settlement of the Pequots, burn their wigwams, and carry off or destroy their corn, claiming that it was in violation of the treaty between the English, Narragansetts, and Mohegans for the Pequots to occupy any of the old Pequot lands.

Mason and Uncas set sail from the Connecticut River for Pawcatuck River, and first landed their forces on the Connecticut side of the same, then marched up to Pawcatuck Rock (so called), where they drew up their Indian canoes, and in them crossed the river, and marched immediately up to the wigwams and corn-fields of the Pequots, which, after a parley with them, they burned and destroyed, carrying off all the corn they could and twenty of the Pequot canoes.

The destruction of their wigwams did not cause them to abandon their new home, but as soon as Ma-



son and Uncas left they commenced rebuilding their wigwams, and from the corn that they had stored and the fish and game at hand they managed to subsist until another harvest gave them food in abundance.

Notwithstanding the displeasure of the Connecticut authorities, they continued to reside at Westerly until some time after that town was settled by the English, in 1661-62. They cultivated at different times over a hundred lots. Their principal village was located near Massatuxet Creek.

It is not known that any sachem was chosen by or placed over these Indians by the English for several years. Wequash, who guided Mason to the Pequot fort, was an Eastern Niantic sachem, who had a younger brother, known by the name of Harmon Garret. They were the sons of Momojoshuck, a Niantic sachem, who had a younger brother, Ninigret, or Ninicraft.

After the death of Wequash, Harmon assumed the name of Wequash Cook, and claimed to succeed his father as the sachemdo of the Niantics, but his uncle Ninigret, having married Wequash's sister, outranked him, and became the recognized sagamore of the Niantics.

Wequash Cook then mingled with the Pequots, and soon became their recognized chief. Subsequently he was appointed by the commissioners of the United Colonies and the General Court of Connecticut Governor of the Pequots at Pawcatuck.

That portion of the Pequot Indians assigned to Uncas by the Hartford treaty of 1638 refused to live with the Mohegans. They sought a home where they had formerly lived, on a portion of the territory now embraced within the limits of the towns of New London and Waterford. They were known by the name of the place they then occupied, viz., Nameaug, or Namearks. Another portion of the tribe, containing some that were given to Uncas, with others who escaped from the fort under cover of the smoke, and quite a number who were not there at the time of its destruction, located themselves at Noank. They refused to amalgamate with the Mohegans, for they could not bear the tyranny of Uncas, who lorded it over them with a high hand.

In 1643 the Massachusetts, Plymouth, Connecticut, and New Haven plantations entered into a combination or confederation under the name of the United Colonies of New England, for purposes offensive and defensive, mutual advice, protection, and support, with power to regulate and adjust all matters concerning the welfare of the Indians.

In 1649 a missionary society was formed in England, under the influence of Governor Winslow, of Plymouth, and was incorporated by an act of the Long Parliament, passed July 27th of that year, under the name of "The President and Society for Propagating the Gospel in New England."

In March, 1650, this society appointed the commissioners of the United Colonies agents to assist them

in disseminating the gospel among the Indians of New England.

When Governor Winthrop began the settlement of New London, in 1645, he found a small portion of the Nameaug still occupying their old haunts, with a nominal chief by the name of Cassasinamon, whom the English called Robbin. They were not only held tributary to Uncas, but subject to every indignity that his savage ingenuity could invent.

Notwithstanding the Nameaug Pequots had so recently been at war with the English, they now received them with open arms, and extended to them every accommodation in their power. Cassasinamon became the servant of Governor Winthrop, and many of his subjects rendered the English all the assistance they could.

The English planters took the part of the Nameaug against Uncas, and labored to soften the severity of his treatment of them. In consequence thereof he became jealous of Governor Winthrop, and sought in various ways to terrify and intimidate the inhabitants of the new settlement.

The first display of Uncas' displeasure towards the planters, on account of their partiality to the Nameaug, took place in 1646. The Rev. Thomas Peters, then residing at New London, had been seriously indisposed, and with returning health his appetite craved some venison, which he requested the Nameaug to procure for him.

Fearing that Uncas might interfere, they hesitated at first, for he claimed the sole privilege of making a hunt in his dominions; but being encouraged, and wishing to gain the friendship of the planters, they concluded to make the attempt. But before engaging in the sport they sought an alliance with the Pequots and Eastern Niantics under Harmon Garret; so Robbin, with twenty of his men, accompanied by a number of the whites, crossed the river, and joined their friends under Wequash Cook, and sallied forth with high hopes of catching a fine deer for Mr. Peters.

But Uncas, who had obtained notice of their design, waylaid them with about three hundred of his warriors. Watching a favorable opportunity, they sprang forth from their hiding-place, completely surprising the sportsmen, whom they drove in every direction, pursuing the Nameaug back to the new plantation, wounding several of them severely, and plundering some of their habitations, and threatening to pillage the whites, who became alarmed at such hostile demonstrations.

During the month of September, 1646, the commissioners of the United Colonies met at New Haven, and Mr. Peters complained of Uncas for interfering with his huntsmen, who were peaceably engaged in hunting on the old Pequot territory, only a part of which belonged to him, whereupon he was summoned to appear and answer for himself.

He went to New Haven, and asserted his right to control the Nameaug, under the tripartite treaty of

1638; and further, that a large number of his subjects had been lured from him under the plea of submitting to the English. He managed his case with so much shrewdness and address before the commissioners that he obtained their favor, and Mr. Peters with his coadjutors were unceremoniously dismissed; so Uncas came off victorious.

At the next meeting of the commissioners, which took place in July, 1647, Governor Winthrop put in an appearance, with a petition signed by sixty-two Pequots residing at or near Noank, entreating to be released from the tyranny of Uncas, and to be allowed to settle together in one place, under the protection of the English. After a full hearing, Uncas was fitly rebuked for his sinful miscarriages, and fined one hundred fathoms of wampum; but the Pequots were ordered to return to his control, and to amalgamate with the Mohegans, an order which was never carried into effect.

By this time a large portion of the Indians under Robbin had taken up their residence at or near Noank, where they had a good opportunity to fish and raise corn for a living.

In 1648 the commissioners again re-enacted their decree, and ordered all the Nameaugus to remain under the sway of Uncas. The commissioners continued to favor his claims to the control of the Nameaugus, and disapproved of their withdrawing from him; but in 1649 consented that they might go and settle by themselves in some place that would not prejudice the town of New London, and also on condition that they would own Uncas as their chief sachem.

About this time, and for several years after, the haughty Mohegan had his hands full to keep clear of the grasp of his Indian foes. From the time he executed Miantonomoh until 1660, and in fact until Norwich was settled by the English, Uncas was repeatedly driven from Mohegan, and compelled to seek shelter among the western Niantics; nor does it appear that he ever lorded it over the Nameaugus after they were located in the vicinity of Noank under the immediate control of Robbin, where for a few years only they were permitted to live in peace, and not again to be disturbed by Uncas, but by the English.

It was during the year 1649 that Chesebrough began the settlement of Stonington, which was soon followed by grants of land by New London to Winthrop, Mason, Stanton, Denison, Miner, Burrows, Gallup, and others, between the Thames and Pawcatuck Rivers, covering the most eligible locations along the seashore, some of which included lands planted by the Nameaugus. The Indians did not confine their planting to their villages, but broke up land wherever they could hold control from planting to harvest-time.

The English claimed all the Pequot territory as belonging to them by conquest; not only the jurisdiction, but the fee thereof. They regarded these Indian settlements as only by sufferance and for temporary purposes. It was the object of the English, after the

Pequot war of 1637, to merge the remnant of that tribe with the Mohegans and Narragansetts, so as to uncover and open up all their lands to the English for settlement.

It will be remembered that by the treaties between the English and Indians at Hartford in 1638 and at Boston in 1645 the Pequots were required to pay tribute to the English, which for some reason was not carried into full effect until 1650, when the commissioners appointed Thomas Stanton to demand and receive it, and make a return yearly of the amount collected.

In 1651, Mr. Stanton reported to the commissioners at New Haven that he had collected three hundred and twelve fathoms of wampum from all the clans of the Pequots. When this tribute was laid down before the commissioners, Uncas and others, who claimed that the Pequots were tributary to them, demanded to know why this tribute was required, and how long it would continue, and whether it would be visited upon their children. The commissioner, by Thomas Stanton, said that this tribute was by agreement due yearly since 1638; that it was required of them for sundry murders, without provocation, committed by them upon several of the English at different times, as they had opportunity,—refusing to deliver up the murderers or to do justice upon them; hence the tribute, which had not been paid, and twelve years' tribute was then due. But on further consideration it was declared by the commissioners "that upon the payment of the same for ten years thereafter they should be free therefrom (unless they drew trouble upon themselves)."

During the years 1653 and 1654, Ninigret became involved in war with the Long Island Indians, very much against the policy and wishes of the commissioners. He had neglected to collect and pay the wampum tribute due the English from the Pequots living with his tribe, and had also employed them in his expeditions against the Long Island Indians. Upon his being called to account by the commissioners for the course he was pursuing, he answered them defiantly; whereupon they ordered a large number of men to assemble and rendezvous at Thomas Stanton's, in Stonington, and with him to go and take the Pequots from Ninigret. The men were mustered in as ordered, and marched to Ninigret's fort, and demanded an interview with him, but he was not there. After manœuvring awhile they learned his whereabouts, and finally succeeded in making a treaty with him, by which he gave up the Pequots and they consented to the control of the English.

About eighteen years had now elapsed since the Pequot war, during which time the English had made every possible effort to merge and amalgamate the Pequots with the Mohegan, Niantic, and Narragansett tribes, but in vain. So in 1655 the commissioners decided to take a new departure and adopt a different policy, by which the Pequots should remain in

two distinct tribes or bands, one at Misquamicut (Westerly) and the other at Noank (Groton). The commissioners adopted certain orders and instructions for their government, and then appointed Cassasinamon governor of the Groton tribe, and Wequash Cook of the Westerly tribe, commanding them to obey their governors at their peril. The wampum tribute was to be paid to Thomas Stanton, and by him reported to the commissioners.

In 1656, Cassasinamon and Wequash Cook were re-appointed governors of the Pequots, and at their request, for certain reasons, Mr. Winthrop, Maj. Mason, and Capt. Denison were appointed to assist them in compelling the obedience of the Pequots.

In 1657, when Cassasinamon and Wequash Cook made their annual report to the commissioners, they made application for more land for the use of their respective tribes, and after due consideration it was agreed and ordered by the commissioners that Wequash Cook and his company should have a meet proportion of land at Squamicut. This was really an enlargement of the land then occupied by them. It was also ordered that Cassasinamon and his company should have a fit proportion of land allowed them at Warehouke, near the path that leads from Mystic River to Moheag, about five or six miles from the mouth of Mystic River, and advised the General Court of Connecticut to appoint proper persons to bound out the same for them.

Connecticut did not at first, nor until 1666, respond to the order of the commissioners to lay out land for the Pequots.

After the Pequot war Connecticut claimed the entire conquered Pequot territory. Massachusetts, which furnished men and means for the war, also claimed a share thereof. The matter was referred to the commissioners of the United Colonies, who in 1658 decided that all of that territory lying west of Mystic River should belong to Connecticut, and all east of that river should belong to Massachusetts. Prior to this, and as early as 1649, Connecticut had asserted jurisdiction as far east as Wecapaug Brook, and had made liberal grants of land to the early planters there.

After the decision by the commissioners in 1658, Massachusetts granted land to Harvard College (including Watch Hill), and made liberal grants to other parties, covering the entire lands occupied and planted by the Pawcatuck Pequots, and nearly half of the present town of Stonington.

In 1660, Sosoia, who claimed to be a valorous Naragansett chieftain, but by some believed to be a renegade Pequot captain, sold Misquamicut, or all the land between Pawcatuck River on the west and Wecapaug Brook on the east, to William Vaughn, Robert Stanton, and others, who took possession the next year, under the authority of the colony of Rhode Island, ousting the Massachusetts claimants as well as the Pequots. A long and bitter controversy en-

sued between the colonies, as well as among the planters and Indians.

It will be remembered that the commissioners in 1658 had assigned Misquamicut lands to Harmon Garret's company of the Pequots, and at their session in 1660 advised said Indians to keep their possessions, and urged the Connecticut colony to lay out lands for Cassasinamon at Warramouke.

In 1661, the commissioners, recognizing the Massachusetts and Connecticut grants, suggested an arrangement which was agreed to all around, which was that the Indians should occupy their grounds for five years and then go to new land, which was to be assigned them by the Massachusetts General Court, reserving the right of travel to the river and sea.

At the same time the Connecticut people were stirred up to lay out lands for Cassasinamon. Complaint was also made against the Rhode Island planters, who were then occupying some of the lands in question, whereupon the commissioners wrote a letter to the Governor of Rhode Island protesting against their doings. A message was also sent to Harmon Garret forbidding him to sell any lands near Wecapaug.

Soon after the Rhode Island men took possession of Misquamicut (Westerly) they drove the Pequots from their planting-grounds at Massatuxet over Pawcatuck River into the town of Southertown (now Stonington), where they broke up and planted lands belonging to the English planters, by whom they were not disturbed.

It was in view of this condition of affairs that the Massachusetts General Court, instead of following the advice of the commissioners, that the Pawcatuck Indians should retain possession of their lands at Misquamicut until 1665, granted them eight thousand acres of land, the same to be located on the Pequot territory in Stonington.

The next year the commissioners ordered that this land should be laid out at Cosattuck, now North Stonington, or in some other place satisfactory to the Indians. They also wrote a letter to Southertown, saying that three thousand acres would be as little as could well satisfy them, also reminding the town that one thousand acres had been promised the Indians at Cawsut Neck before any English grants were made. This land was finally laid out at Cosattuck, in such a manner as to include some English grants already occupied by the planters.

As soon as the town ascertained the boundaries of the Indian lands at Cosattuck a meeting was called, in 1664, which refused to assent to the settlement proposed by the commissioners, and appointed a committee to go and warn the Indians off of the town lands.

By the charter of King Charles II., of 1662, Southertown had again become a part of the Connecticut colony; so the town in 1665 appealed to the General Court of Connecticut for redress, who appointed a

committee to consider the matter and report back to the court.

This committee decided against the town, who remonstrated, and the court ordered the committee to revise their work, which was done, and after mature deliberation an agreement was reached in October, 1666, and another committee was appointed to lay out lands for the Pequots at Pachog, outside of the bounds of Stonington.

But no lands were laid out for them at Pachog, nor in any other place, mainly because there was not at that time an unoccupied tract large enough for their wants; and wherever a portion was designated for them it would be found intrrenching upon some English grants.

Pending all these proceedings, the Indians were dispossessed of their land at Misquamicut; but not so in Stonington, for they occupied and planted land wherever they could find it uninclosed by the English. When they first crossed the river in 1661 a majority of them located themselves at Pawcatuck and Cawsut Neck, near the salt water. Thomas Stanton and the heirs of Walter Palmer held grants of these lands from the colony of Connecticut, and they labored to have the Pequots removed to Cosattuck, which was an inland place.

Catapset, a son of Harmon Garret, with a considerable company of the Pequots, located themselves on Taugwonk, on lands belonging at the time to Ephraim Miner. There they remained for a long time, cultivating some of the best land in Stonington, and there they had a village, and there to-day is their burial-place.

Stanton and the Palmers did not succeed in getting rid of the Indians for a number of years, though under their influence a large part of them went up to Cosattuck to live, while a large part of their young men lived with and worked for the English. Pawcatuck River was their favorite fishing-place, and after their removal, for years and years, they would with every returning spring repair to their old haunts, and remain during the fishing season, and carry back to their inland wigwams an innumerable host of smoked buckies.

For several years after their failure to secure eight thousand acres of land at Cosattuck they were none of the best of neighbors. They were so much dissatisfied that in 1669-70 they lent a listening ear to the wily messengers of King Philip, and their chief men attended a big dance at Robbinstown, where were congregated a large number of Indians hitherto hostile to each other. But through the influence of Mason, Stanton, Denison, and others they were persuaded to remain friendly to the English, and finally took up arms in their defense.

At the swamp fight in Rhode Island, in 1675, Capt. John Gallup, of Stonington, commanded the warriors of Harmon's company, and Capt. James Avery, of New London, commanded the warriors of Cassasina-

mon's company, where they distinguished themselves for their bravery and fidelity to the English.

They also joined the expeditions under Capt. George Denison against the Narragansett Indians and the remnant of King Philip's men, and performed good service.

Harmon and Cassasinamon were present and assisted in capturing Quonochut in Rhode Island, and aided at his execution at Anguilla Lands, in Stonington, in 1676, for all of which they received valuable presents from the English, and were afterwards treated with more lenity by them.

In October, 1676, Harmon and his son Catapset gave to the English a quit-claim deed of all their lands in Stonington bounds, on condition that the General Court of Connecticut would restore to them their old grounds at Misquamicut, which the court undertook to do, and granted them more than one-half of the present town of Westerly. It is difficult to tell what sort of a title, if any, either party had to the lands conveyed. The Indians did not undertake to get possession of Misquamicut again, nor abandon their Stonington lands.

The year previous the General Court enacted a code of laws for the Pequot Indians under Cassasinamon and Harmon Garret, and authorized the appointment of an Indian constable to execute their laws. The General Court continued these sachems in power as governors of their respective tribes as long as they lived, and after their death selected and appointed trustworthy Pequots to fill their places, with English assistants to aid them in the discharge of their duties, until 1699, after which the Indian governors were dispensed with, and guardians and overseers were substituted in their places.

Harmon Garret did not live to see his tribe settled on land they could call their own, nor did he get even a glimpse of his promised land. He died in 1678, leaving a will, by which he bequeathed land to Maj. John Talcott and John Allen, one hundred acres each.

After his death, Momoho, a noted Pequot, was appointed governor in place of Harmon Garret, whose first exploit was to lure Cassasinamon's company away from him. He so far succeeded as to cause a portion of them to ask the General Court for liberty to join Momoho, but before the matter came up for a hearing they withdrew their application and abandoned the project.

Notwithstanding the promises made to the Indians, no lands had as yet been assigned to the Pequots in Stonington as a permanent home for them to occupy, either by the General Court or the town of Stonington.

Most of the Indians hired lands of the English to plant with corn, paying the rent in labor for the owners. But this paying rent for lands once their own, and being compelled almost every year to change their habitations and break up new lands, was not at all agreeable to the Indians, and they made repeated efforts to secure for themselves a permanent home.

In May, 1678, they petitioned the General Court for lands for that purpose. The court appointed Capt. James Avery and Capt. George Denison a committee to consider where may be found a suitable tract of land for Momoho and the Pequots with him, and to be as near the sea as convenient.

What was done by this committee does not appear, but the General Court, in May, 1679, advised the town of Stonington to lay out a sufficient tract of land for the Indians to plant, on or as near the sea as may be, —five hundred acres at least.

The town declined to act upon the court's advice, and in October following the General Court appointed another committee, consisting of Mr. Willis, Maj. John Talcott, and Capt. John Allen, to treat with Mr. John Pyncheon, of Springfield, for lands for Momoho and his company.

In 1680 the court notes the fact that said committee had been treating with Maj. Pyncheon for lands for Momoho near the sea, and that Mr. Pyncheon had taken the same into consideration; but if that failed, then other lands as convenient as can be should be procured and laid out for them.

In May, 1681, another committee was appointed by the General Court to procure a commodious tract of land for Momoho and his company, either by exchange or moderate purchase.

The town of Stonington had been from the outset opposed to the location of these Indians within their boundaries, and in 1681 they made an effort to purchase lands of Catapeset, situated in the town of Westerly, R. I., and the General Court granted liberty to Nehemiah Palmer, of Stonington, to purchase said land on certain conditions, and Catapeset agreed to sell a part of said tract to the town of Stonington for twenty pounds; but Westerly men disputed Catapeset's title, and the town abandoned the purchase.

The next year, in May, the General Court appointed another committee to buy lands for these Pequots and to sell lands hitherto reserved for them, and to apply the avails in payment thereof.

In May, 1683, the General Court appointed another committee to move the people of Stonington to lay out a suitable tract of land for them; but if they neglected to do it, the committee were to use their best endeavors to suit the Indians with a commodious tract of land, which they were to procure by exchange of colony land, or by settling them on some unimproved or colony land, intimating that the law required every town to provide for their own Indians.

But the town refused to make any provision for the Pequots that looked to their permanent location in Stonington. So this committee purchased a tract of land of Mr. Isaac Wheeler, containing about two hundred and eighty acres, situated in said town, a little way south of Lantern Hill. The deed was dated May 24, 1683, and conveyed the land to said committee in trust for the benefit of said Indians, reserving the herbage for Mr. Wheeler, who received in

payment for said tract five hundred acres of colony land.

This purchase was confirmed by the General Court at its October session in 1683, and so to remain during the court's pleasure. Momoho and his tribe reluctantly abandoned their claim to lands by the seaside, and at last found an abiding-place bordering upon the sources of the Mystic River.

There they found a permanent home, and there, among those grand old hills, they and their descendants have resided ever since, and the land is now held by the State in trust for their benefit. The reservation of the herbage in Mr. Wheeler's deed led to a good deal of trouble for the Indians, because it compelled them to fence every patch they planted to protect it from his cattle, and prevented the Indians from owning or keeping cattle for themselves.

Mr. Wheeler, in 1685, took up three hundred acres of his said colony land within the present town of Plainfield, and another tract of three hundred acres at Pachog. Owaneco claimed the Pachog land, which claim Mr. Wheeler purchased for three pounds.

Mr. Wheeler's youngest daughter, Experience, married the Rev. Joseph Coit, of Plainfield, who in 1713 petitioned the General Assembly to lay out to him the three hundred acres of land granted to Mr. Wheeler in Plainfield, which Assembly directed the surveyor of New London County to lay out said land to Mr. Coit, who was the grantee of said Wheeler's right, and to lay it out at the choice of Mr. Coit and the people of his charge.

Isaac Wheeler, by his last will and testament, dated 1712, gave, with lands adjoining, his said right of herbage to his son, William Wheeler, who, by his last will, dated 1747, gave the same to two of his sons-in-law, viz., William Williams and Nathan Crary.

Some time before 1716, Samuel Miner, of Stonington, and his brother-in-law, Josiah Grant, formerly of the town of Windsor, purchased four grants of land made by the General Court of Connecticut in 1671 and 1672 to certain Pequot soldiers, containing in the whole just two hundred and eighty acres.

In 1716, Mr. Miner (having previously purchased Mr. Grant's interest in said land grants) laid out and located the same upon the land sold by Mr. Isaac Wheeler to the colony for the benefit of the Pequots, and laid claim on the same; which claim was not only resisted by the Indians, but by Mr. Wheeler, because if allowed it would extinguish his right of herbage on said lands.

After the death of Mr. Miner, his brother, James Miner, as his executor, brought in 1723 a petition to the General Assembly, praying that his late brother's grants laid out upon said tract of land might be confirmed to him, saving to the Indians what might be needful for them; whereupon the Assembly appointed a committee to investigate the matter, first giving notice to all parties interested.

Mr. Wheeler also appeared and claimed the lands,

or his right of herbage in them. The committee were not called upon to fix the rights of the parties, because Mr. Miner and Mr. Wheeler compromised the matter in 1723, Wheeler giving Miner sixty pounds for his interest therein. Soon after, Mr. William Wheeler fenced in the entire tract, and improved it for the herbage, thereby compelling the Indians to fence in their gardens and such lands as they wished to plant, and in this manner the land was occupied by the Indians during the life of Mr. Wheeler, he taking all the hay and grass that the land produced.

After his death, in 1748, his sons-in-law, Williams and Cray, and their wives divided the land between them, and Cray and his wife sold a part of their share to Simeon Miner. These lands were now claimed by Williams and Cray in fee, subject only to the right of the Indians to plant corn, build wigwams, and live there.

The result was that the Indians received but little benefit from the lands, and became dissatisfied, and appealed to the General Assembly in May, 1750, for redress; whereupon a committee was appointed to inquire into the matter, who upon due consideration reported to the October session that another committee, with full power to act in the premises, should be appointed to visit Stonington and investigate the matter.

This committee proceeded to the discharge of their duty, and finally agreed upon a compromise which was satisfactory to the Indians, as well as to Williams and Cray, which compromise was approved by the Assembly, and was as follows: The Governor and Council agreed to release to William and Cray two strips of land, one of thirty-five acres, on the south side of the original tract, and the other of twenty acres, on the east side thereof, and permit them to locate their ancient Pequot grants of two hundred and eighty acres on any ungranted lands in the colony, on condition that the said Williams and Cray would release the balance of the entire tract to the Governor and Council for the benefit of the Indians, to which they agreed, and subsequently conveyed all their interest in the main tract to the colony, receiving in turn an absolute deed to the two gore strips, with the assurance that their ancient Pequot soldier grants should be laid out to them by Roger Sherman, who subsequently located them in the town of Plainfield.

Cassasinamon and his company had lands laid out for them, under the authority of the General Court, at Mashantuxet, in the present town of Ledyard, in 1665. Though this grant was made at the request of Cassasinamon, it was not satisfactory to him nor his company. They wanted their lands laid out at the head of the Mystic River, nearer to their fishing-places; but the committee appointed to locate it thought otherwise, and established their lands at Mashantuxet, and the court ratified their doings in 1666.

So great was the dissatisfaction of Cassasinamon

with this grant that he never occupied it. He continued his home at Noank until he died in 1692.

Some portion of his company occupied and planted lands at Mashantuxet soon after it was granted to them; but others, with Cassasinamon, lived at Noank, and even after his death continued to reside there until 1712, when the town of Groton claimed the Noank land, and contended that the Pequots had no title to the same, and that the colony had given them a sufficient quantity of land at Mashantuxet; consequently the Indians were ousted from their possessions at Noank, and reluctantly went to their inland home.

They brought a petition to the October session of the General Assembly in 1713, complaining of the town of Groton for taking their lands at Noank, in answer to which the General Assembly ordered that a survey of both tracts of land should be made and returned to the Assembly the May following, and further ordered that no one should interfere with their hunting, fishing, and fowling at Noank.

When the Assembly met in 1714 a full hearing in the premises was had, which resulted in an order that the Indians must not occupy Noank any longer, but should have full liberty to improve the Mashantuxet grant of two thousand acres, with the right to come to the salt water upon Noank Neck, for clamming, fishing, and fowling purposes, as theretofore.

These early grants by the colony to the Indians were not considered as conveying to them the fee simple thereof, which of course remained in the colony, and which by the several patents subsequently issued by the colony passed to the towns or proprietors thereof.

So the town of Groton in 1719 voted to divide their commons, reserving to the Indians lands at Mashantuxet to live on, and appointed a committee to carry said vote into effect, who in 1720 gave them a deed of seventeen hundred and thirty-seven acres at Mashantuxet, reserving the herbage for the said proprietors, who brought a petition to the General Assembly in 1732 for a final determination of all matters in controversy between them and the Indians.

Whereupon a committee was appointed, which came to Groton, and after hearing all parties concerned reported that the Indians at Mashantuxet consisted of sixty-six males, from fourteen years and upwards, a large part of which lived with their English neighbors, and that the Indians do not require all the lands previously granted them, and that the west half of the reservation or common should be laid out in fifty-acre lots, and the proprietors allowed to fence them, so as to secure their herbage and the Indians their corn and apple-trees, and the proprietors be allowed to clear the said lots, leaving ten acres of forest on each lot of fifty acres for fire-wood for the Indians, with liberty for them to remove their planting to other lots once in three years if they desire, leaving the other half of the lands unsurveyed and unfenced as formerly.

The report was accepted and allowed, with this condition, "that the liberty granted to the proprietors to fence said lands shall continue no longer than this Assembly shall think proper."

This act of the Assembly did not satisfy the expectations of the Indians, who repeatedly complained of encroachments on their lots by the English, who really secured the lion's share of their products.

To such an extent were the Indians defrauded that the General Assembly in 1752 interposed in their behalf, and summoned the proprietors of Groton to show reasons why the grant of 1732 should not be annulled, who appeared, and after a full hearing the Assembly repealed said act.

The Indians remained in possession of the west part of their lands until 1761, when the Assembly granted them the use of the east part also. This grant was made in consideration of their services in the then late war with France.

A large proportion of the Pequots of both reservations entered the Connecticut forces that were raised to join the expeditions against Ticonderoga, Louisburg, and Crown Point, and suffered severely in those campaigns.

So many of them were killed in battle and died of disease that the women and children at home were wellnigh reduced to starvation. Their condition was made known to the General Assembly in 1766 by the Rev. Jacob Johnson, then preaching in Groton, whereupon a committee was appointed by the Assembly to visit them, who repaired to Mashantuxet, and after a patient examination reported back to the Assembly, at the same session, that there were one hundred and fifty persons of all ages, a large part under the age of sixteen years, and widows whose husbands were killed in the late war, and they were too poor to provide decent clothing for themselves, in view of which the Assembly granted them twenty pounds.

In 1773 they again complained of encroachments without redress.

In 1785 they again asked the Assembly for protection against the encroachments of the English, which resulted in the appointment of a committee to fix the bounds of their lands, which were subsequently established by the committee.

After they recovered from the destitution occasioned by the loss of so many of their warriors in the French war they managed to subsist by their own labor, either on their lands or for their English neighbors, and the colony was not further burdened with their support.

It will be remembered that the commissioners of the United Colonies were in 1650 appointed agents of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians in New England; in pursuance of which, in 1657, they proposed to Rev. Richard Blinman to become the missionary of the Pequots and Mohegans, offering him a salary of twenty pounds per annum, which he declined.

The same year they employed the Rev. William Thompson, son of the Rev. William Thompson, of Braintree, Mass., to preach to the Pequots at a salary of twenty pounds per annum.

He came to Southertown in 1658, and began his labors with Harmon Garret's company, and was assisted by Thomas Stanton as interpreter. He continued to preach to the English and Indians for about three years, and then went to Virginia.

After this the commissioners, in 1662, invited the Rev. Abraham Pierson, of Bradford, Conn., to remove his habitation to Southertown, and to apply himself in a more special way to the work of preaching the gospel to the Pequots, but he declined.

Previous to this, and in the year 1654, the commissioners of the United Colonies, at the request of the Connecticut members thereof, provided for the education of Mr. John Miner with the Rev. Mr. Stone, who was to fit him as a teacher and missionary to the Pequot Indians.

Soon after Mr. Thompson left the commissioners, in 1664, instructed the Connecticut members to employ this Mr. John Miner to teach the Pequots to read; but whether he was so employed or not does not appear. The commissioners also, in 1654, offered, at the expense of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to educate Thomas and John Stanton, sons of Thomas Stanton, the interpreter-general at Cambridge, Mass. The object was to fit them as teachers for such Indian children as should be taken into college to be educated. They accepted the commissioners' offer and entered college, but did not remain long enough to graduate, nor does it appear that either of them was ever engaged in teaching the Indians.

The efforts of the English to civilize and Christianize the Pequots were not very successful, the reasons for which may be more easily imagined than described. The agents of the London Missionary Society did not wholly neglect them, for as late as 1766 they employed Mr. Hugh Sweatingham to teach the Pequots, at their school-house at Mashantuxet, at twelve pounds per annum. They also employed Mr. Jacob Johnson to preach to them at five shillings eightpence per sermon.

The Assembly in 1766 granted Mr. Johnson five pounds for his labors, and Mr. Sweatingham four pounds for his services. During the great awakening of the eighteenth century, and for a long time before and after, the more peaceable attended the religious services of the English, and some were baptized and united with their churches. But they were mostly females who worked for and lived in the families of the whites. Now and then some stern old Pequot captain would own the Christian covenant and try to live up to the half-way communion.

It will also be remembered that the commissioners at first attempted to carry out the policy of merging the Pequots with the Mohegans and Narragansetts.

They at first refused to permit the remaining Pequots to be relieved of the tyranny of Uncas, but after their connection with the London Missionary Society they adopted a different policy, and gradually favored the Pequots.

They exerted themselves to secure permanent homes for them, with ample lands, and then labored to furnish them with religious instruction. But the colonies preferred to hold and treat the Indians as wards, subject at any time to their control, keeping the fee of their lands in the colony, and giving them only the use thereof; which policy has been pursued by our State ever since, except with the Mohegan Indians, who, by law enacted in 1872 and 1873, had the rights of citizenship bestowed upon them, and their lands set out to them in severalty as an absolute estate in fee simple.

So it appears that the descendants of Uncas and the Mohegans have been more kindly treated in these later days than the descendants of the Pequots. The services of the Mohegans in our early Indian wars have been recognized by the Congress of the United States, which appropriated for their benefit a large sum of money.

These Pequot reservations, located in the ancient towns of Groton and Stonington, were less than a mile apart, with two small lakes or ponds between them; each reservation had its village, called "Indian town," which consisted at first of a cluster of wigwams built in the Indian fashion.

By and by framed houses came into vogue, and the old wigwams passed away. The reservation at Mashantuxet was by far the largest, and the Indians more numerous than the tribe at Lantern Hill. It was proposed at first to give Cassasinamon's company two thousand acres at Mashantuxet, but when surveyed by the town it amounted to only seventeen hundred and thirty-seven acres.

The subsequent controversies with the English had the effect of reducing the area of this reservation. After the English ejected the Indians from the Noank lands, the town of Groton divided the same between the inhabitants thereof equally.

They were subsequently surveyed and divided into lots, and assigned by lottery to the proprietors. Notwithstanding that the bounds of these lands were established in 1785, no accurate survey of them was made until 1793, which was preserved, and when the Legislature of 1855 ordered a survey and sale of a part thereof by a committee to be appointed by the County Court of New London County, all that was found remaining of the original two thousand acres by said committee was a trifle less than nine hundred acres.

Under this authority seven hundred and thirteen acres were sold at public auction, bringing about seven thousand dollars, which is now held by the

overseer of that tribe for their benefit, or such as may need support.

The reservation at Lantern Hill has not been reduced since Williams and Crary were assigned, in compromise settlement of their claims, two small strips on the south and east sides.

The Legislature in 1873 ordered the overseer to survey and sell all of this reservation but one hundred acres, and invest the avails thereof for the benefit of the Indians. But owing to the great depression in real estate, nothing has been done in the premises.

It is wellnigh impossible to ascertain at the present time how many Pequots belong to or have an interest in these reservations. The Indian towns of the olden time have run down to two small houses on each reservation, which are now occupied by four families. How many are living elsewhere cannot be determined.

So, after two hundred and thirty-nine years since the conquest of Mason, only a small remnant remains of the once powerful and haughty Pequots. No one can defend the horrible tortures that they inflicted upon the English who fell into their hands as prisoners. Their overthrow by Mason humbled their pride, and so far subdued them that ever afterwards they were the friends of the English. They joined our forces in King Philip's war, and in the great swamp fight in 1675 performed prodigies of valor under Gallop and Avery. During the French war they voluntarily joined the expeditions that were raised to repel the invasions of the French and northern Indians.

But who can successfully defend all of the acts of the English towards the Pequots, especially after they had yielded to their authority and became subservient to their power? It is not to be wondered at that the English failed in their efforts to Christianize the Pequots.

The commissioners of the United Colonies and nearly all of the clergymen of New England made praiseworthy efforts to afford the Indians religious instruction. But, after all, the treatment that the Pequots received from the authorities acting under the colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island in the assignment of lands for their benefit and in other matters was so unjust and oppressive that it wellnigh outweighed every consideration that was urged upon them by Elliott and his co-workers to effect their conversion and make them believe in the white man's God.

Most of the Pequot warriors preferred the favor of their Good Spirit Kritchian, and died believing that in the beautiful southwest land were hunting-grounds of boundless extent and game of endless variety, where no Hobomoke could charm the arrow from its fatal plunge nor mar their happiness in the Indian's summerland.



## CHAPTER IV.

## BENCH AND BAR.

AMONG the prominent agencies which give shape and order in the early development of the civil and social condition of society, the pulpit, press, and bar are perhaps the most potential in moulding the institutions of a new community; and where these are early planted the school, academy, and college are not long in assuming their legitimate position, and the maintenance of these institutions secures at the start a social and moral foundation upon which we may safely rest the superstructure of the county, the State, and the nation.

The establishment of court and judicial tribunals, where society is protected in all its civil rights under the sanction of law, and wrong finds a ready redress in an enlightened and prompt administration of justice, is the first necessity of every civilized community, and without which the forces of society in their changeable developments, even under the teachings of the pulpit, the direction of the press, and the culture of the schools, are exposed to peril and disaster from the turbulence of passion and conflicts of interest; and hence the best and surest security that even the press, the school, or the pulpit can find for the peaceful performance of its highest functions is when protected by and intrenched behind the bulwarks of the law, administered by a pure, independent, and uncorrupted judiciary.

The New London County bar has from its beginning numbered among its members able jurists, talented advocates, and safe counselors. Here many have lived, flourished, and died, while others still are upon the stage of action who have been prominent in the advancement of the interests of the county and figured conspicuously in the councils of the State and nation.

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.**—A considerable lustre in the early days was thrown upon the town plot (Norwich Town) by its being the residence of the Hon. Samuel Huntington, Governor of the State. He was not a native of the town, but had early settled in the place as an attorney. His wife was a daughter of the Rev. Ebenezer Devotion, of Windham, a lady without any pretensions to style or fashion, but amiable and discreet. It was long remembered that—in a white short gown, stuff petticoat, a clean muslin apron, and nicely-starched cap—she would take her knitting and go out by two o'clock in the afternoon to take tea unceremoniously with some respectable neighbor, perhaps the butcher's or blacksmith's wife. But this was early in her married life, before Mr. Huntington was president of Congress or Governor of Connecticut. These offices made a higher style of housekeeping appropriate, and in later days the movements of Mrs. Huntington in leaving town or returning home became matters of public notoriety,

and she was saluted, whenever she appeared in public, with ceremonious courtesy. After the Revolution the Governor built a new house, elegant and spacious, and lived in quiet dignity.

This worthy couple had no children of their own, but children always gathered around them. Though he was wise and sedate, and she quiet and thrifty, yet lurking beneath a grave exterior both had large hearts and that sunny benevolence of disposition that attracts the young and delights in the interchange of favors with them, giving care and counsel for cheer and fervid feeling.

Before the Revolutionary war Mr. Huntington had generally some two or three young law students with him; his nephew, Nathaniel Huntington, and the beautiful Betsey Devotion, the belle of Windham, also spent much of their time in his family; the house, therefore, naturally became the centre of attraction to the young and happy of that joyous neighborhood.

Governor Huntington was born at Windham, July 3, 1731. His father, Nathaniel Huntington, was by trade both a farmer and a clothier. He gave a liberal education to three of his sons, who devoted themselves to the Christian ministry; but Samuel, being designed for a mechanic, was apprenticed to a cooper, and fully served out his time.

Mr. Huntington's mind was naturally acute and investigating, and his thirst for mental improvement so great as to surmount all obstacles. From observation, from men, and from books he was always collecting information, and he soon abandoned manual labor for study. He was self-educated,—went to no college, attended no distinguished school, sat at the feet of no great master, but yet acquired a competent knowledge of law, borrowing the necessary books of Col. Jedediah Elderkin, and was readily admitted to the bar. He settled in Norwich in 1760, and soon became useful and eminent in his profession. He frequently represented the town in the Colonial Assembly, was active in many ways as a citizen, agent for the town in several cases, and forward in promoting public improvements. He was appointed king's attorney, and afterwards assistant judge of the Superior Court. In 1775 he was elected a delegate to the Continental Congress, and served as president of that honorable body during the sessions of 1779 and 1780. While in Congress his seat on the bench was kept vacant for him, and he resumed it in 1781. He held various other important offices, such as chief justice of the State and Lieutenant-Governor, and in 1786 was elected Governor, and annually re-elected by the freemen, with singular unanimity, until his death, which took place at Norwich, Jan. 5, 1796.

He was honored with the degree of LL.D. both by Yale and Dartmouth.

Governor Huntington preserved to the last those habits of simplicity with which he began life. In the published journal of the Marquis de Chastellux

he speaks of Mr. Huntington, who was then president of Congress, with marked respect. The marquis was a major-general in the French army that came to our assistance. While at Philadelphia, in December, 1780, he called upon Mr. Huntington, in company with the French ambassador, and observes, "We found him in his cabinet, lighted by a single candle. This simplicity reminded me of Fabricius and the Philopemens." At another time he dined with him, in company with several other French gentlemen of distinction, and adds, "Mrs. Huntington, a good-looking, lusty woman, but not young, did the honors of the table—that is to say, helped everybody—without saying a word." This silence must surely be attributed to ignorance of the language of the gay cavaliers, and not to any deficiency of good manners or conversational power.

Mr. Huntington was of the middle size, dignified in his manners, even to formality; reserved in popular intercourse, but in the domestic circle pleasing and communicative; his complexion swarthy, his eye vivid and penetrating. One who was long an inmate of his family said, "I never heard a frivolous observation from him; his conversation ever turned to something of a practical nature; he was moderate and circumspect in all his movements, and delivered his sentiments in few but weighty words."

He was eminently a religious man: as ready to officiate at a Conference meeting, or to make a prayer and read the Scriptures when called upon in a public assembly, or to breathe counsel and consolation by the bedside of the dying, as to plead before a judge or to preside in Congress.

This sketch cannot be better concluded than with the earnest wish breathed by a contemporary panegyrist, "May Connecticut never want a man of equal worth to preside in her councils, guard her interests, and diffuse prosperity through her towns!"

ASA SPALDING was born in Canterbury in 1757, graduated at Yale in 1779, studied law with Judge Adams, of Litchfield, and settled in Norwich as an attorney in 1782. He was without patrimony or any special patronage, but by the force of native ability, sound judgment, and integrity he acquired an extensive law practice, sustained various offices of trust and honor, and by diligence, accompanied with strict economy in his domestic affairs, amassed a handsome property. At the time of his death, in 1811, he was reckoned one of the richest men in the eastern part of Connecticut. Yet it was then no easy matter to grow rich in the practice of the law. The price for managing a case before the Common Pleas varied only from six to thirty shillings, and before the Supreme Court from six to fifty-four shillings.

His brother, the late JUDGE LUTHER SPALDING, about ten years the junior of Asa, settled at Norwich in the practice of the law in 1797. A third brother, Dr. Rufus Spalding, a physician, who had been for many years in practice at Nantucket, also

removed to Norwich in 1812, and the three brothers repose in the same burial-ground.

ELISHA HYDE was a lawyer of good repute, universally popular in his native town for his urbanity, genial temperament, and overflowing benevolence of heart. His wife, who was a daughter of Amos Hallam, of New London, long survived her husband, and died at Black Rock, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1841, aged eighty-seven. They had two daughters; the youngest, Ann Maria, died soon after her father, at the age of twenty-four. Of this young person, lovely and beloved, a memoir, written by the companion of her youth, Miss Huntley, afterwards Mrs. Sigourney, was published. The eldest daughter, Sarah, born in 1776, married Capt. Z. P. Burnham. Mr. Hyde was elected mayor of Norwich in June, 1798, and held the office fifteen years. He died Dec. 16, 1813, aged sixty-two.

JOSHUA COIT was born in New London, Conn., Oct. 7, 1758. He graduated at Harvard University in 1776, subsequently studied law, and settled in New London in 1779. He served a number of years in the Legislature of Connecticut, and was a member of Congress from 1793 to 1798. He died in New London, Sept. 5, 1798, of yellow fever.

ELVIN PERKINS was born in Norwich, April 5, 1767. He graduated at Yale in 1786, studied law, and after practicing a few years relinquished the profession; was Presidential elector, member of Congress, judge of County Court, mayor of New London, etc. He died in New London, Sept. 27, 1845.

GEORGE PERKINS was a native of Plainfield, graduated at Yale College in 1803, studied law with his father-in-law, Judge Marsh, of Vermont, and with Asa Bacon, of Litchfield, and was admitted to the bar in 1806, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in Norwich. He practiced his profession until about the year 1823, when he abandoned the law for the ministry. He was pastor of a church at Ashburnham, Mass., and also at Jarrett City. He was amiable, kind-hearted, and possessed of the most unbending integrity of character. He died in Norwich, Sept. 20, 1852.

GEN. ELISHA STERLING was a native of Lyme, and a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1787. He studied law with the Hon. John Canfield, of Sharon, who was his father-in-law, and settled in Salisbury in 1791. He was a man of a high order of talent.

CYRUS SWAN, of Stonington, became a member of the Litchfield County bar in 1798. He settled in Sharon, and continued in full practice for twenty years.

MAJ. NATHAN PETERS, an old Revolutionary hero, died in Norwich in February, 1824, after a long illness. He was distinguished for his courage, presence of mind, and intrepidity of conduct at the Groton fort. He was the first man who dared to enter that fortress after the disgraceful and unprecedented assassination of Col. Ledyard. At that critical juncture he rode into the fort, and with his own hands

extinguished the fire which had been set to a train by the British previous to their leaving, which, as has often been said by those who were present, would in less than five minutes have communicated with the magazine and blown him and all those who immediately followed him into eternity. Maj. Peters, after the close of the war, entered immediately upon the business of his profession, and soon became and was for years one of the most learned lawyers and able advocates in practice at the New London County bar.

JONATHAN G. W. TRUMBULL was born at Lebanon, Oct. 31, 1787, and was a son of David Trumbull, and grandson of Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of Connecticut in the war of the Revolution, and known as "Brother Jonathan." He graduated at Yale College in 1807. He studied law with William T. Williams, then a practicing lawyer at Lebanon; was admitted to the bar of this county in 1809, and at once commenced practice at Norwich. He continued in practice some eight years, when he quit the profession and embarked in mercantile pursuits with John Breed, in Norwich, and subsequently with him in the manufacture of woollen cloths at Jewett City. The last years of his life he retired from active business. He died Sept. 5, 1853.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL was born in Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 7, 1782, and was educated at Yale College, where he graduated in 1801. He read law with William T. Williams, of Lebanon, was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1803, and in the same year in Windham County, Conn. He commenced practice in Hartford, where he remained.

JEREMIAH GATES BRAINARD, of New London, the father of the poet Brainard, was judge of the County Court. He had been a member of the old court from 1807. He was a man of no showy pretensions, very plain and simple in his manners, and very familiar in his intercourse with the bar. He affected very little dignity on the bench, and yet he was regarded as an excellent judge. He dispatched business with great facility, and implicit confidence was placed in his sound judgment and integrity. He resigned his place on the bench in 1829, his health not being equal to the duties of the office, having served as judge for twenty-two years.

WILLIAM F. BRAINARD, son of Judge J. G. Brainard, was for a long time a leading lawyer in New London.

JACOB B. GURLEY was also a prominent lawyer, and for several years was State's attorney, and also member of the Legislature.

RICHARD LAW was born in Medford County, March 17, 1733, and graduated at Yale College in 1751. He studied law, and practiced in New London, attaining the highest eminence in his profession. He was prosecuting judge of the County Court, and judge of the Supreme Court. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1777 to 1778, and also from 1781 to 1784. After the adoption of the Federal Constitu-

tion he was appointed United States district judge, and held the office until his death, Jan. 26, 1806. He was a personal friend of Washington, was long mayor of New London, and with Roger Sherman revised the code of Connecticut. He was the son of Jonathan Law, one of the colonial Governors.

LYMAN LAW was born in New London, Aug. 19, 1770, and graduated at Yale College in 1791. He studied law with his father, Richard Law, and practiced in New London. He was a member of the Legislature, and Speaker of the House; was a member of Congress from 1811 to 1817. He died in New London, Feb. 3, 1842.

JAMES STEDMAN, a native of Hampton, graduated at Yale in 1801, and remained as tutor for two years; studied law with Theodore Dwight, and commenced practice at Norwich in 1806. He was for many years clerk of the County Court. In private life he was social and hospitable, in his profession a wise and safe counselor, and in the church a revered and beloved officer. He died May 18, 1856, aged seventy-six.

LUTHER SPALDING was a younger brother of Asa. He did not receive a liberal education, but studied law with his brother, and settled in Norwich. He held the office of associate judge of the old County Court.

JONATHAN FRISBIE graduated at Yale College; opened an office at Norwich and entered upon practice; was several times a member of the Legislature; was at one time the only practitioner in that part of Norwich known now as the city, then as Chelsea Landing.

CHARLES T. HARRINGTON studied law with Jonathan Frisbie.

CHARLES PERKINS was born in Norwich, and graduated at Yale. He pursued his profession in Norwich for some time, when he removed to Litchfield, where he died.

GEORGE PERKINS was born in Plainfield, Windham Co.; graduated at Yale; studied law with Judge Marsh, of Vermont; came to Norwich and commenced practice, which he pursued several years. He then studied for the ministry, and preached at first in the State of Massachusetts, then at Jewett City, in this county. He returned to Norwich Town the last years of his life. He was twice married, first to one and then to another daughter of Dr. John Turner. His nephew, George Perkins Marsh, is the distinguished diplomat, now minister at the Italian court. His father was the famous physician, Dr. Benjamin Perkins, who invented the metallic tractors, about which Fessenden wrote the poem, "Terrible Tractoration."

GEORGE PERKINS was born at Ashford, Windham Co.; graduated at Yale College, 1828; came to Norwich a teacher; studied law with Hon. Calvin Goddard; admitted to the bar in August, 1831; commenced practice in Norwich, and continued so till he died;

was for several years judge of probate and clerk of City Court, and did a large business as an insurance agent.

JOHN A. ROCKWELL was for many years a successful practitioner in the Court of Claims at Washington, and in connection with this branch of public business digested and published a work on Spanish and Mexican law. In political life he was more of a national man than a partisan, a true lover of his country, warmly interested in its past history, honoring its founders, and firmly believing in its high mission to expand the boundaries of knowledge and free government. He died at Washington, Feb. 10, 1861, aged fifty-nine. His remains were interred in Norwich.

GEORGE BURBANK RIPLEY was born in Norwich, March 13, 1801; graduated at Yale College in the class of 1822. Among his classmates were William H. Law and John A. Rockwell, of Norwich, both subsequently members of the bar of this county, and William Lathrop, of Norwich, who died before entering the profession, and whose sister, Hannah G. Lathrop, Mr. Ripley married Oct. 19, 1825.

Mr. Ripley studied law with Judge Swift, at Windham, until the death of that distinguished jurist in 1823, and completed his law studies in the office of Judge Staples, of New Haven, entering the bar in 1824. Mr. Ripley practiced law actively but a short time, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, for which he had a great natural fondness.

He filled a number of municipal offices, and was judge of probate for a number of years between 1850 and the date of his death, which occurred July 9, 1858. Mr. Ripley was a man of high literary and scientific attainments, of elevated and religious character, and of unusual urbanity of manner and warmth of heart. No man in the county was better known or more beloved.

CALVIN GODDARD was a native of Shrewsbury, Mass., and a graduate of Dartmouth College. He settled in Plainfield in the practice of the law in 1791, and served as a member of Congress for two sessions, from 1801 to 1805. He removed to Norwich in 1807, where he purchased for his residence the Dunham house, which included in its grounds the burial-place of the Mohegan sachems. In 1815 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court. He was a man of honorable character and high attainments. His wife was a daughter of Rev. Levi Hart, of Preston, and a granddaughter of Dr. Bellamy. Charles, oldest son of Calvin Goddard, removed to Zanesville, Ohio, in 1817. He was elected mayor of Norwich in 1814, and was in office seventeen years. He died May 2, 1842, aged nearly seventy-four years.

JAMES LANMAN was born in Norwich, June 14, 1769; graduated at Yale College in 1788, and chose the law for his profession, in which he soon acquired distinguished rank, and successively filled various important public offices. He was senator in Congress from 1819 to 1825, and for three years judge of the

Supreme Court of Connecticut. He died Aug. 7, 1841, aged seventy-two. He was the oldest son of the first Peter Lanman, of Norwich. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Samuel Coit, of Preston. He was elected mayor of Norwich in 1831, and held the office three years.

BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON, LL.D., was the first mayor of Norwich; elected July, 1784; in office twelve years; resigned in 1796. He was one of the most honored and honorable men of that period, a statesman of incorruptible integrity, conspicuous for his patriotic service in the town, State, and general government. He was a State counselor during the Revolutionary war, member of the Continental Congress in 1784, and of the Constitutional Congress in 1789, and in 1793 was appointed judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. In every station he was popular and faithful. His family was an attractive social centre, but the members all removed to other scenes, several of his children gathering families around them at Rome, N. Y. Judge Huntington himself removed thither in 1796, and there died Oct. 16, 1800. His remains were brought to Norwich and laid by those of his wife, who was a daughter of Col. Jabez Huntington, of Windham. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Yale College, where he graduated in 1761.

JOHN McLARAN BREED was a distinguished lawyer, noted for enterprise, benevolence, and public spirit. In improvements of the city, made in the way of bridges, streets, wharves, and buildings, he took a leading part. His death, in the prime of usefulness and activity, was lamented as a public loss. He was elected mayor of Norwich in April, 1796. He died May 31, 1798, aged fifty years.

BENJAMIN POMEROY, native of Tolland County; studied law there, and when admitted to the bar came to North Stonington, where he practiced several years, and held the office of postmaster, and was once a representative from the town in the Legislature. He was subsequently collector of customs at the port of Stonington, to which place he removed and continued in the practice of his profession. He was judge of the County Court in 1842-43.

GEORGE HUBBARD was for a long time a practicing lawyer at Stonington.

WILLIAM H. LAW graduated, as J. A. Rockwell did, at Yale in 1822; born in New London; studied law with Hon. Lyman Law; came to Norwich and practiced several years, when he retired from business; was member of the Legislature in 1828; removed to New Haven, where he died in 1881.

JARED F. CROCKER began practice in Colchester; and subsequently removed to Norwich; went to England on business, and was lost on board the "Hungarian."

ASA CHILD.—Born at Woodstock, Windham Co.; graduated at Yale, 1820 or 1821; soon after admission to bar came to Norwich and entered in large practice;

was United States district attorney; left here in 1842 or '43, and practiced in Baltimore, then in New York City; came back here about twenty years ago and entered on practice again; died May 11, 1858.

JABEZ W. HUNTINGTON, a native of Norwich, graduated at Yale College in 1806; went to Litchfield as a teacher in the Litchfield Law-School and student-at-law in 1807, and continued to reside there until October, 1834, when he returned to Norwich, and died there in 1847, in his sixtieth year. While a resident of Litchfield he was elected a representative, member of Congress, and judge of the Superior Court. From 1840 until his death he was a member of the United States Senate.

LEVI HART GODDARD, son of Hon. Calvin Goddard, was a native of Norwich, and admitted to the bar in 1830. With the exception of a few years in which he resided in Marietta, Ohio, his business was almost entirely in Norwich. He was a man of amiable qualities, and at the time of his death was the oldest practicing member of the bar in Norwich. He died May 9, 1862.

ROGER GRISWOLD settled in Norwich when first admitted to the bar in 1783, and soon acquired distinction as an able advocate and vigilant public officer, quick and efficient in carrying out the laws, and rigid in exacting obedience. After his marriage he purchased the dwelling-house on the green vacated by Dudley Woodbridge upon his removal to the West, and made it his residence until he left Norwich and returned to his native town, Lyme, which was in 1798.

It is an interesting fact that he came back to Norwich to die. He was elected Governor of Connecticut in May, 1811, and re-elected the succeeding year. For several years he had been afflicted with a disease of the heart, which at intervals caused him great suffering. It increased so rapidly that in the summer of 1812 he was removed to Norwich, that he might try the effect of a change of air, and at the same time have the benefit of advice from Dr. Tracy, in whose skill as a physician he had great confidence. But neither air nor medicine could do more for him than alleviate the paroxysms of his distress, and he died Oct. 25, 1812, aged fifty.

He was a member of Congress from 1795 to 1805, and in 1801 declined the appointment of Secretary of War. He was subsequently a judge of the Supreme Court, Lieutenant-Governor and Governor of Connecticut, and Presidential elector. He received from Harvard College the degree of LL.D.

JOSHUA COIT was born in New London, Conn., Oct. 7, 1758. He graduated at Harvard College in 1776, studied law, and settled in New London in 1779. He was a member of the Legislature of Connecticut, and also a member of Congress. He died in New London of yellow fever, Sept. 5, 1798.

NOYES BARBER was born in Groton, April 28, 1781. He was in early life a merchant, but a lawyer by pro-

fession. He was member of Congress from 1821 to 1835. He died in Groton, Jan. 3, 1845.

ROSWELL MORGAN was a native of the town of Norwich, and in early life learned the trade of a hatter. He studied law with Elisha Hyde, and came to the bar late in life. He was a very industrious worker in the profession, devoting himself almost entirely to the collection of claims.

EDWARD PERKINS was a native of Norwich; studied law in the office of Hon. John A. Rockwell. He was a man of very much more than ordinary ability, and soon won a high position as a clear-headed and well-trained lawyer and an eloquent and popular advocate. He for a time enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, and held the same till impaired health compelled him to measurably retire from practice. He represented Norwich in the State House of Representatives, and was also a senator. He was for several years judge of probate.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS.—The branch of the Williams family of which the honored subject of this memoir was a member dates its ancestry to John Williams, who was born in England in 1680. He emigrated to this country in 1720, and located in what is now Poquetanuck, then Norwich, where he purchased large tracts of land for a mill-seat, homestead, and farm. He married in 1707, and died in 1741, aged sixty-one years. The farm and homestead remained in the family until 1855. Joseph Williams (son of John) was born in 1723, and died in 1776, aged fifty-three years, at Brattleborough, Vt., where he removed during the Revolutionary war. He had three sons and a son-in-law in the army. Joseph Williams (father of the subject of this sketch) was born in 1753, and died in Norwich, Oct. 23, 1800, aged forty-seven years.

For ten years he was a member of the Legislature, and very active in securing the grant of what is known as the Western Reserve lands in Ohio.

On the maternal side Mr. Williams dates his ancestry to Rev. Joseph Coit, the first minister of Plainfield, who was a graduate of Harvard University, and took his second degree at the first commencement at Yale, in 1702. The first ancestors of Rev. Joseph Coit came to this country from Great Britain about 1630.

Joseph Williams, son of Gen. Joseph Williams and Abigail Coit, was born in the city of Norwich, March 29, 1779. In 1792 he was sent by his parents to the celebrated academy of Dr. Dwight, at Greenfield Hill, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he remained until January, 1795, when he entered Yale College, then under the presidency of Ezra Stiles, who in the May following was succeeded by Dr. Dwight. In 1798, Mr. Williams graduated, and having decided upon the legal profession as a life-work, he entered the office of the late Judge Simeon Baldwin, in New Haven. Here he remained until the year 1800, when, in consequence of the death of his father, he was called home. He did not return to New Haven, but entered the



Joseph Williams

office of the late Judge James Lammon, in this city, where he continued his studies with diligence and attention, and at the February term of the court in 1801 he was admitted to the bar. He immediately opened an office in his native town, and at once entered upon the active practice of his profession. He continued in practice about thirty-three years, until 1833, when he was chosen partner of the Merchants' Bank, a new corporation, in which capacity he served seven years with but one clerk. Upon leaving the bank he resumed the office practice of law, and was also secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Fire Insurance Company, which was, by petition presented by himself to the Legislature, changed from a marine to a fire insurance company. He remained with the company, managing its affairs with eminent ability, from 1819 to 1855. He was also president of the Norwich Savings Society the last years of his life.

Mr. Williams ever manifested a decided interest in all matters tending to advance the welfare of his native city, and filled various positions of trust and responsibility with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He was treasurer of New London County for twenty-five successive years; a justice of the peace thirty-nine years in succession, was an alderman of the city of Norwich twenty-two years, and was a member of the Legislature four sessions during the war of 1812. He was a director of the Norwich Bank over thirty-five years; trustee, director, and afterwards president of the Norwich Savings Society from its incorporation in 1824.

Mr. Williams was also deeply interested in the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and for seven successive years was the overseer and trustee of the tribe. During his administration as overseer he started a subscription to raise money for the erection of a house of worship for the Indians, and with the assistance and perseverance of a few Norwich ladies enough was raised to build a convenient chapel, which was soon after erected and occupied.

Mr. Williams not only labored to advance the material interests of his native city, but all measures for the advancement of its religious and educational interests found in him an earnest advocate. He united with the Congregational Church in 1831, and during the remainder of his life was one of the most active and prominent members of the Second Church, in this city. He was very patriotic, and with deep interest closely watched all the events occurring during the civil war, and lived to rejoice in its glorious termination.

In February, 1815, he united in marriage with Mrs. Rebecca Coit,<sup>1</sup> daughter of John Coit, Esq., of Griswold, and of their family only two daughters survive, both residents of Norwich, and occupying the old homestead on Broadway.

<sup>1</sup> She was the mother of the late Daniel T. Coit, for forty years a practicing physician in Boston, Mass. He died in Norwich, July 2, 1880.

Joseph Williams inspired all with whom he came in contact with unbounded confidence in his common sense and uncompromising integrity. Possessing great energy and marked business ability, he was frequently selected to act as arbitrator, trustee, and adviser. He was a man of fine presence, and commanded universal respect.

Death at last laid his hand upon the strong man, and Nov. 28, 1865, aged eighty-six, he passed to that higher life which he had endeavored to exemplify in his walk and conversation. He passed peacefully away,—

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

At the time of his death he was the oldest native male citizen.

SAMUEL COIT MORGAN was born in Lisbon, Conn., in 1789. He graduated at Yale College in 1812, and read law in the office of Thomas Day, in Hartford, and Timothy Pilkin, of Farmington, and was admitted to the bar in 1815. He commenced practice at Jewett City, where he remained until 1842, when he removed to Norwich, having been elected president of the Edinburgh Bank. He was a sound and accurate lawyer, a trusted and valued counselor, and faithful in the discharge of every duty in life. He died Sept. 11, 1876.

JEREMIAH HALSEY was born at Stonington, Conn., in 1743. He was the youngest child of William Halsey and Sarah Stanton, who were married at Stonington, June 19, 1738. The Halseys were an English family who settled on Long Island. From there William Halsey came to Stonington, and subsequently to the town of Preston. The subject of this sketch received such education as the public schools afforded. Early manifesting the energy and genius which characterized his subsequent life, he sought eagerly for such books as he could command, and directed his attention to the study of the law. He was admitted to the bar by the County Court at New London, June term, 1770. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Preston. He was married to Esther Park, of Preston.

Immediately after the battle of Lexington, at the commencement of the war of the Revolution, he repaired to Roxbury, Mass., and joined those there assembled for the defense of the rights of his country, and continued in such defense with scarcely any intermission until the close of the war. He entered with zeal and energy into the expedition for the capture of Ticonderoga and Crown Point before it should be there known that hostilities had commenced, and was present and engaged in the capture of those important posts. He was appointed by Col. Ethan Allen to take charge of the prisoners there captured, whom he conducted to Hartford.

While absent on this expedition he was appointed and commissioned by Governor Trumbull, May 1, 1775, a lieutenant in the force raised for the defense

of the colony. With Ticonderoga and Crown Point were also captured a large number of naval craft and guns on Lakes George and Champlain. These being without a commander, Col. Benjamin Hinman, colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Foot raised by the colony of Connecticut, and commander-in-chief at Ticonderoga, appointed Mr. Halsey captain of the armed sloop "Enterprise," of twenty-one guns, and commander of all the vessels on the lakes. This commission is dated at Ticonderoga, June 21, 1775. He was at the siege of St. John's under Gen. Montgomery, and continued in this service until December, 1775.

In December, 1776, he was appointed and commissioned a captain in a corps of troops raised for service in the Continental army, and served in that army under Gen. Spencer in Rhode Island until the month of April, 1777. In September, 1777, he was appointed by Governor Trumbull and the Council of Safety, under a resolution of Congress, a recruiting-officer, and with authority to apprehend deserters, and continued in such duty until the close of the war. Feb. 29, 1780, he was appointed and commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-seventh Regiment of Foot of the State militia, from which he derived the title of "colonel," by which he was familiarly known.

During this time he was looking forward to the practice of his profession, as appears by an invoice of English law-books which he purchased in 1778, embracing most of the books then in use. At the close of the war he soon entered upon a large and varied practice in the State and United States courts.

His residence was upon a farm a little south of Preston City, then a place of considerable trade, where he built a spacious brick mansion. His house, according to the custom of the times, was the abode of a generous hospitality. Among other law students he had Calvin Goddard, of Massachusetts, who was also a tutor to the children of the family. He was quick to observe the rare talents of his student, who afterwards became one of the foremost among the lawyers of the State, and between whom a warm friendship existed through life. He was an early advocate of emancipation, and purchased the freedom of several negro slaves.

Among other enterprises outside of his profession, he built at Poquetanuck a plank brig, the materials for which came mostly from his farm. It was regarded as a great novelty at the time, but proved to be a serviceable vessel.

In 1792 the Legislature authorized the building of a new State-House in Hartford. After its partial completion, the funds appropriated having been expended, Andrew Ward and Jeremiah Halsey proposed to complete it for the title of a tract of land called the "Gore," claimed by the State, and lying between New York and Pennsylvania. The proposition was accepted, and the State-House was completed by them and occupied by the Legislature in 1796.

Governor Samuel Huntington conveyed to them the title of the State to said tract, July 25, 1795. The State-House was then completed. A picture of it as it then appeared is in the background of a portrait of Col. Halsey, in the rooms of the Connecticut Historical Society, at Hartford.

Col. Halsey purchased the interest of Mr. Ward in the tract, Aug. 4, 1795. Col. Halsey had great faith in the future value of this tract of land, and of the title of the State to it. In its value his judgment was correct. It would have proved a princely estate, but the title unfortunately proved defective. Sept. 17, 1795, there was organized at Hartford "The Connecticut Gore Land Company," of which Col. Halsey was the president. The object was to survey and lay out the tract into townships, settle boundaries, remove encroachments, etc. It was finally decided that Connecticut had no title to convey, and the whole enterprise proved a failure. Subsequently the General Assembly made some compensation for the failure of title.

Col. Halsey is recollected as a man of tall and commanding figure, of sanguine temperament, persuasive address, combined with great force and energy of character. He had ten children; the eldest was Jeremiah Shipley Halsey, father of Jeremiah Halsey, lawyer of Norwich, and the youngest, Silas Plowden Halsey, who was lost in a torpedo off New London, in August, 1814, in an attempt to blow up the British ship "Ramilies," 74, then blockading the harbor of New London.

Col. Halsey died Aug. 25, 1829, and is buried in the parish burying-ground at Preston City.

MARVIN WAIT.—Among the members of the bar of this county who were admitted to the same prior to the Revolution and were in full practice through the latter part of the last and the early part of the present century was Marvin Wait. He was born at Lyme, Dec. 16, 1746. He was educated in the common schools of that town, and at the proper age read law with the elder Matthew Griswold and SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS, residents of Lyme, and was admitted to practice in 1769. He at once formed a partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Parsons, who sent him into New London with his law library to open an office, he intending to remove there himself, with his family, the following year. Mr. Parsons was at that time king's attorney for this county, and was a leading man in public affairs, and a prominent practitioner at the bar of the State. But the Revolution began to loom up; Parsons became involved in the movements of the Whigs of that day; he kept deferring his removal from Lyme to New London till war broke out, when he abandoned practice, entered the army, and before he retired from the same reached the rank of major-general.

The subject of this sketch rose rapidly at the bar of this county, and obtained a large practice during the Revolution, and so into the opening of the present





*Jirah Isham*



*Henry Henry*

century. He had a clear and vigorous intellect, thoroughly disciplined by early education, general reading, and professional training. He was an easy and effective speaker, and stood high in his profession as an advocate. It was said of him that he studied men as carefully as books, and that his thorough knowledge of human nature gave him great advantage in the trial of cases to a jury. With agreeable manners and pleasant address, he was popular among his political friends. He began his public career early in life; was nineteen times elected a representative from New London to the General Assembly; was several years a judge of the old County Court for New London County; and was a Presidential elector in 1793, and cast his vote for Washington. When political parties formed, at the close of Gen. Washington's administration, he united with the supporters of Mr. Jefferson; was one of the leaders of the old Republican party in this State, and several times one of the congressional candidates of that party. He was also one of the commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to sell the Western lands, the property of the State, and establish the present school fund. Soon after the close of the present century he retired from practice, and died June 21, 1815, at his residence, on Main Street, in New London. Throughout his professional and public career he enjoyed the reputation of being an honorable and incorruptible man, and left an unsullied name as a rich legacy to his children.

JIRAH ISHAM was born in the town of Colchester, Conn., in May, 1778. He was educated at Yale College, where he graduated in 1797. He commenced the study of the law in the office of Hon. David Daggett, at New Haven, where he remained about one year. He then removed to New London, and continued his studies with the late Judge Brainard, and was admitted to the bar in 1800. He commenced practice in New London, where he remained until his death.

Mr. Isham was highly respected as a man and a lawyer. With engaging manners and a warm heart, he entered into the feelings and views of his numerous clients with such entire devotedness that they regarded him not merely as a safe adviser and able advocate, but as a personal friend. His disposition was eminently social, but this never interfered with the severer duties of his profession. His habits were at once active and studious. While he mingled freely and with much zest in general society, he devoted most of the hours of every day to laborious application to business. As an orator he was fluent, graceful, and ardent, and at times truly eloquent.

During the war of 1812 he was major-general of the State militia, and for a time commanded the troops stationed at New London and its vicinity for the defense of that part of the State, and those who served under him felt that they were serving under a commander whose talent and courage they never doubted.

Gen. Isham, as he was familiarly known, was for several years State's attorney for New London County, was also mayor of the city of New London, and judge of probate for the New London district.

He continued in the active practice of his profession until his death, which occurred at New London, Oct. 6, 1842.

The military ardor of Gen. Isham seems to have descended to his grandson, William Dickinson, of New London, Conn., who at the breaking out of the Rebellion was a lieutenant in the United States army, was soon promoted to be captain, and while in command of his company at the battle of Bull Run was severely wounded, taken prisoner, and carried to Richmond, where he was confined many months, suffering greatly from his wound and his tedious imprisonment. For his gallant conduct in the battle, however, he received the brevet of major.

HENRY STRONG.—Prominent in the galaxy of members of the legal profession who have adorned the bar of this commonwealth stands the name of Henry Strong, for many years previous to his death the acknowledged leader of the bar of Eastern Connecticut, and without a superior in the State.

The youngest son of Rev. Dr. Joseph Strong and Mary Huntington, he was born in Norwich, Conn., Aug. 23, 1788. He was prepared for college by his father, and at the age of fourteen entered Yale. Governor Bissall and Senator Jabez W. Huntington were in the same class, and among his college contemporaries were also John C. Calhoun, Rev. Joshua Huntington, Rev. John Pierpont, Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet, and Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D. Notwithstanding his youth, his scholarship was of a high order, and he graduated with the honors of the institution in 1806.

The two years after his graduation he devoted to the teaching of a select school in his native town, pursuing at the same time the study of the law in the office of James Steadman, Esq. During the next two years he held the position of tutor in Yale College, continuing his legal studies with Judge Chauncey, of New Haven.

He was admitted to the bar in New Haven in 1810, and immediately returned to Norwich and entered zealously upon the practice of his chosen profession. To this his mind was well adapted, being quick, logical, comprehensive, and able to elicit truth from the most complicated and seemingly contradictory evidence. He was wont to seize upon the strong points of a case, and present them in the most convincing light. He was ever ready and able to make the best of a client's cause which the testimony would warrant, but he scorned all trickery and deception. As a public speaker he was earnest and at times even impetuous. His eloquence was like the mountain torrent, which either surmounts or demolishes whatever obstacles it meets. He possessed a wonderful power of language, which he well knew how to employ at the bar or else-

where, to rebuke whatever was dishonorable or mean, as well as to vindicate the claims of justice.

As a lawyer, the members of the bar of which he had been an ornament for more than forty years described him as "one who by the ability, integrity, fidelity, and diligence with which he discharged his various duties imparted dignity and respectability to the profession, and caused his own name and memory to be held in honored remembrance."

Mr. Strong was free from all taint of personal ambition, and though often solicited to allow himself to be put in nomination for some of the highest offices in the gift of the State, he uniformly and resolutely declined all such overtures, except in two or three instances when he reluctantly accepted a seat in the State Senate. He was invited to accept the professorship of law in Yale College, but he declined. In the year 1848, however, the corporation, without consulting Mr. Strong, conferred upon him the degree of LL.D., an honor which was richly deserved.

Every enterprise which promised to benefit the public found in him an advocate and patron. He was a firm friend of education, and was one of the founders and supporters of the Norwich High School.

He was a consistent Christian, and a constant attendant upon public worship, and a liberal contributor to all charitable objects.

Henry Strong had an integrity and uprightness of character against which envy dared not breathe a whisper. He had a love of truth and goodness which shaped all his intercourse with his fellow-men, and an unobtrusive benevolence which cheered many a desponding heart. He died in Norwich, Nov. 12, 1852.

He married July 7, 1825, Eunice Edgerton Huntington, of Norwich, daughter of Joseph Huntington and Eunice Carew, and their family consisted of three children, only one of whom is living, Mary Eunice, wife of Dr. Daniel F. Gulliver.

HENRY MATSON WAITE, late chief justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, was born at Lyme, in this State, on the 9th day of February, 1787, and died at that place on the 14th day of December, 1869.

On his father's side he was descended from an old and highly respectable family, originally English. An ancestor moved from Sudbury, Mass., to Lyme about the commencement of the eighteenth century. Among the descendants of this ancestor who have distinguished themselves in this State may be mentioned Marvin Waite, a prominent lawyer in his day, and John Turner Waite, his son, one of the foremost lawyers in Eastern Connecticut, and now the representative in Congress from the Third District of the State. The mother of Judge Waite was a Matson, of an equally honorable race. She was a sister of the late Governor Buckingham's mother, and was in many respects a remarkable woman.

Judge Waite prepared for college at Bacon Academy, Colchester, then the most flourishing institution

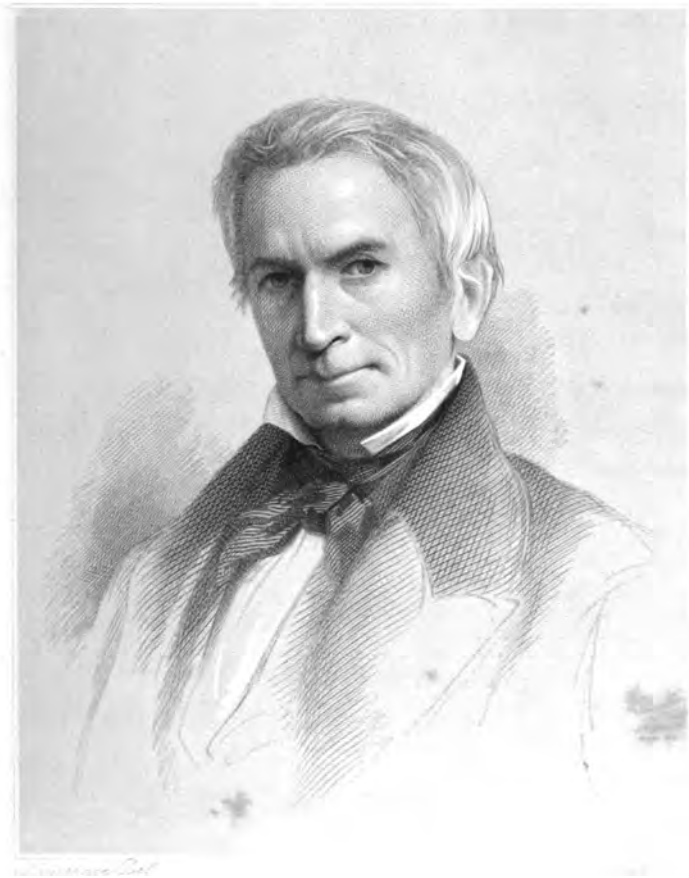
of the kind in the State, and had for his schoolmates the late Governor Ellsworth, his brother, Henry L. Ellsworth, Henry R. Storrs, and others who have since been men of mark in the country. In 1806 he entered the sophomore class at Yale College, and was graduated in 1809 with high honors. Soon after this he taught school in Fairfield County, and began the study of the law with Joseph Wood, Esq., of Stamford. For about a year he was assistant preceptor of Bacon Academy, and then recommenced his legal studies with the Hon. Matthew Griswold, at Lyme. occasionally reciting to and receiving instruction from Governor Roger Griswold, one of the ablest men the State has ever produced.

After being admitted to practice in New London County in 1812, Judge Waite opened an office for a short time in Middletown, and then returned and devoted himself to his profession in his native town. In January, 1816, he married Maria Selden, a daughter of Col. Richard Selden, of Lyme, and granddaughter of Col. Samuel Selden, a distinguished officer of the Revolution. This family has given many eminent men to the country, among whom the most conspicuous at the present day are Judges Samuel Lee Selden and Henry R. Selden, of the State of New York.

In the years 1815 and 1826 Judge Waite represented the town of Lyme in the General Assembly, and in 1830 and 1831 he was a member of the Senate for the Ninth District. In both bodies his good sense, his rectitude of purpose and conceded ability gave him, even when in a minority, a full share of personal influence. In politics he belonged to the old Federal party, and when that had ceased to exist and had become with many a theme of derision he adhered to its principles and defended its character.

In consequence of the pecuniary embarrassments and changes in the condition of property which followed the war of 1812 there was a large amount of litigation, and he went immediately into a full and profitable practice. This his character for integrity, industry, promptness, and sagacity, and especially his prestige of success, enabled him to retain and increase during the whole of his professional career. It was his habit to be thoroughly prepared in season, both on questions of law and fact, so as to be able to seize the earliest moment to pass his cases to trial, and he thereby avoided as far as lay in his power "the law's delay," which has tended so much to sully the fame of an honest and honorable profession and to bring reproach upon the administration of justice.

He never affected what is usually understood as the art of oratory, depending mainly upon voice, gesticulation, posture, and expression of countenance,—what the great Athenian pleader denominated "action." But his judgment in selecting the prominent points of a case and skill in applying the evidence, his perspicuity of language and earnestness of manner, and, perhaps as much as any one quality, his subtle



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knowledge of character, rendered him a successful advocate with the jury.

It was, however, rather in questions of law that his strength especially lay; and his legal erudition, patient research, power of discrimination, and terseness of argument were fully appreciated by an able and learned court.

On the retirement of Judge Daggett, in 1834, Judge Waite was elected a judge of the Superior and Supreme Courts. In 1854 he was advanced to the position of chief justice, and this high office he held until the 9th of February, 1857, when he arrived at the age of seventy, the constitutional limit of his official term. During this period of more than twenty-two years he enjoyed the perfect confidence, respect, and esteem of the bar and the entire community. To the younger members of the bar he was particularly kind, and many who now occupy the front rank in the profession remember gratefully the aid and encouragement which they received from him in their earlier efforts.

He was careful in forming, and modest in expressing his legal opinions, but was firm, even to boldness, in adhering to them when he conscientiously believed them to be right. Hence it will be observed in examining the reports that he was not unfrequently in a minority, and sometimes stood alone among his brethren; yet it is safe to say that not very often have his decisions been reversed by the ultimate judgment of the bar. In the language of another, "he contributed his full share to the character of a court whose decisions are quoted and opinions respected in all the courts of the United States and the highest courts of England." The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Yale College in 1855.

Soon after Judge Waite left the bench he became subject to a painful malady, from which he suffered greatly, but with entire patience and cheerfulness, with an unclouded mind and undiminished fondness for intellectual and social enjoyment to the close of his life. Mrs. Waite, who was in every respect worthy of him, and contributed much to his success and incalculably to his happiness, died a short time subsequently to the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. This occasion had been celebrated with great satisfaction by a large circle of relatives and friends. His eldest son, Morrison R. Waite, is the present chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a younger son, Richard Waite, is now an eminent lawyer in the State of Ohio. Another son, George C. Waite, had attained a leading position at the bar of the State of New York, when he fell a victim to consumption.

LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER's career was long and distinguished. He traced his lineage from Miles Standish and other Puritans, and was the son of a Revolutionary patriot who shared in the glory of the victory at Saratoga in 1777. Mr. Foster was born in the little

country town of Franklin, a few miles from Norwich, Nov. 22, 1806. He began life as a penniless, friendless lad, but by his own energy and aptitude secured a good education. Graduating from Brown University, and entering upon the practice of law at Norwich, he soon forced himself to a conspicuous place at the bar and to prominence in local affairs. He represented Norwich in the State Assembly six times between 1839 and 1854, being thrice elected Speaker. For two years he served the city as its mayor. From the 4th of March, 1855, to the 4th of March, 1867, he occupied a seat in the United States Senate, this period of his service extending over the exciting and critical interval immediately preceding the war and extending past it to the days of reconstruction. Originally a Whig, and later a Republican, Mr. Foster's sympathies were naturally with the negro and with the Union cause.

He was among the first, amid the confusion and doubt that prevailed in the winter of 1860-61, to prophesy a civil war. It is narrated on good authority that on the 1st of January, 1861, Mr. Seward, of whom Mr. Foster was a great friend, gave a dinner-party, from which the latter was necessarily absent, but which was attended by his wife. At dinner Mrs. Foster sat next to Preston King, of New York, and the conversation having turned upon the existing political complication, she ventured the opinion that the country was drifting into a civil war. Mr. King having piqued Mrs. Foster by a slighting reply, she went on to say that Mr. Foster thought so too. Thereupon Mr. King turned to her more attentively and inquired if Senator Foster really entertained such an idea. She having reiterated her statement, he leaned back in his chair and laughed long and heartily, if not with rudeness. The incident served to illustrate both the strange cloud which veiled the future from the eyes of many sagacious public men at that time and the characteristic foresight and penetration of the senator from Connecticut. Mr. Foster was among those who would have made large sacrifices at that time for the sake of averting an open rupture, but the hand of treason having once been raised in violence against the nation, he was for prosecuting the war with the utmost vigor to the bitter end, lending no sanction to the peace movement of 1864, or the Greeley conference at Niagara Falls. When the war was ended, however, Mr. Foster favored the speedy restoration of the Southern States to their constitutional relations with the Federal government, and to the largest degree of self-government consistent with the Constitution. He was out of sympathy with the more radical leaders of the Republican party, to which fact, doubtless, is attributable his not being elected to a third term. It follows, as a matter of course, that he did not approve of the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, which, however, was not undertaken until after he left the Senate. During the last two years of his service in that body he occupied the

Vice-President's chair, being chosen thereto when Andrew Johnson succeeded Lincoln, and yielding it to Ben Wade, of Ohio, in 1867.

In 1870, without previous service on the Superior Court bench, Mr. Foster was elected to the Supreme Court bench of Connecticut, where he remained until the fall of 1876, when, the constitutional limit of age having been reached, he withdrew. Mr. Foster's judicial service was noticeable for his aversion to technicalities or verbosity, his keen way of getting at the merits of a question, and his strong instinct of justice. This was more apparent in his performance of Superior Court duty (which devolves on Superior Court judges in Connecticut), and strongly reminds one of the famous old caliph of Bagdad, Haroun al Raschid, who went about among his people in disguise the more readily to detect evils which might not otherwise come to his knowledge.

Since his retirement from the Senate, in 1867, Mr. Foster has not taken an active part in politics. His dissatisfaction with what he felt to be the abuses of President Grant's administration led him into the Liberal movement of 1872, although Greeley was not his choice for the Presidency. In the spring of 1875 the Democrats and Liberals tendered him a congressional nomination in the Third Connecticut District, which he accepted with great reluctance, but in the same spirit in which he joined the Liberal movement. In the nomination of Hayes, in 1876, he saw a promise of pure administration and a milder policy towards the South, and freshly avowed his allegiance to the Republican party. This loyalty was recognized in 1877 by the tender of a legislative nomination by the local Republicans, which, if he had accepted, would doubtless have resulted in his election as Speaker, and perhaps as United States senator. The honor was, however, declined.

After his retirement from the bench he devoted himself to the practice of his profession, and his services were in constant demand in difficult cases. His interest in the project for an international code was strong, and he was invited to participate in the meeting in Belgium in 1877 to mature the same. He was always a close student of foreign affairs, his knowledge of which was supplemented by travel in Europe, and he was also singularly conversant with the diplomatic history of Europe. He was honored some years ago with an election to membership with the Cobden Club, the famous free-trade organization of England, with whose doctrines he sympathized to some extent, though not a zealous propagandist.

In 1879, Mr. Foster was prominently mentioned in connection with the vacant ambassadorship to Great Britain, but did not receive the appointment. Aside from general scholarship, his eminence in jurisprudence, and his long practical experience in public affairs, he had the additional and important qualification for the post of polished manners, thorough familiarity with the requirements of its social code, and

delightful conversational powers. Well read, apt at quotation, quick at repartee, brimful of genial humor, kindly in spirit, and possessed of a rare wife, he understood the art of hospitality to perfection. He acquired during the long years of his honest industry a handsome competence.

He was a prominent member of Park Congregational Church. Mr. Foster died Sept. 19, 1880.

CHARLES JOHNSON McCURDY was born at Lyme, Conn., Dec. 7, 1797. His grandfather was a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian from the county of Antrim, in the north of Ireland. He was a successful and wealthy merchant, an ardent patriot, and one of the earliest and boldest in urging on the American Revolution. His father was a graduate of Yale and a lawyer by profession, but devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and the care of his estate. His mother was Ursula Wolcott Griswold, granddaughter on her father's side of the first Governor Griswold, and of that Ursula Wolcott whose husband, father, brother, uncle, nephew, and still greater son, Roger Griswold, were all Governors of Connecticut. On her mother's side she was a granddaughter of Rev. Stephen Johnson (called by Bancroft "the incomparable Stephen Johnson"), whose powerful essays roused into existence the Sons of Liberty and were among the most efficient causes of the Revolution. The maternal grandmother of Judge McCurdy's mother was Elizabeth Diodate, descended from Dr. Theodore Diodate, a distinguished court-physician of London in the time of James I., brother of Rev. John Diodate, the eminent theologian of Geneva.

Judge McCurdy was graduated at Yale College with high honors in 1817, studied law with Chief Justice Swift, was admitted to the bar in 1819, and soon went into extensive practice at Lyme, and so continued (except when he was abroad) until he was called to the bench. In May, 1822, he married Sarah Ann, daughter of Richard Lord, of Lyme, who died in July, 1835, leaving an only child, now the wife of Prof. Edward E. Salisbury of New Haven. In the years 1827, 1828, 1829, 1833, 1834, 1838, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1844 he was a member of the House of Representatives of his native State, and in three of those years he was Speaker. In 1832 he was a State-senator, and in the years 1847 and 1848 he was Lieutenant-Governor and president of the Senate. During these years he was influential in shaping the legislation, and one most important act may be especially attributed to him: he effected that great change in the common law by which parties and others interested in the event of suits are allowed to be witnesses,—a change in some sense revolutionizing the administration of justice, which has since been adopted throughout this country and in England.

In 1851 he represented this country at the Court of Austria. The situation was then one of delicacy, as the Austrians were much irritated against our nation on account of the reception of Kossuth, and the American





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Legation at Vienna was supposed to be a place of refuge and protection not only for our citizens, but also for the subjects of other countries, including Great Britain, when endangered or annoyed by the Austrian authorities, exasperated by the recent Hungarian revolution. His course in liberating from imprisonment Rev. Mr. Brace will be remembered, and his assistance to the Scotch missionaries who were driven out of Hungary was the subject of commendation in the English Parliament.

In 1856 he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court, and in 1863 was raised to the Supreme Bench. He was a member of the Peace-Congress at Washington in February, 1861, and was one of the foremost in resisting the attempted aggressions of the slave-power. He was retired from the bench in December, 1867, by the constitutional limitation as to age. Since then he for some years delivered courses of lectures before the Law-School of Yale College, from which institution he has received the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Judge McCurdy owns the extensive farm and occupies the house which has been the family residence for a period extending back more than a quarter of a century before the Revolutionary war. Washington lodged there in April, 1776, and it was the headquarters of Gen. Lafayette in July, 1778, when he rested his detachment of troops at Lyme on their march between Boston and New York, and it again gave him a welcome on his visit to this country in 1824. Here the judge—still in vigorous and active old age, beautified by a noble presence, sparkling wit, keen intelligence, and the gentle Christian graces, with a lively interest in agriculture, literature, art, science, and politics, courteous and social—is now passing the evening of his days, after a life honorable to himself and to the State.

MORRISON REMICK WAITE was born in Lyme, Conn., Nov. 29, 1816. He is the eldest of the eight children of the late Chief Justice Henry Matson Waite, of Connecticut. His ancestors settled in Lyme, Conn., nearly a hundred years before the Revolution. One of the earliest ancestors whose name has been preserved was Thomas Waite, whose son, Marvin Waite, was on the first electoral ticket in Connecticut after the war, and cast his vote for Washington. He had nineteen elections to the General Assembly; was judge of the County Court for several years, and one of the commissioners to sell the State land in the "Northwestern Territory" and to fund the proceeds. This was the origin of the noble School Fund of Connecticut.

The present chief justice entered Yale College at the age of sixteen years, and graduated with honor in 1837, in a class which included William M. Evarts, Edwards Pierrepont, Prof. Benjamin Silliman, Jr., and others who have become influential and distinguished men. He stood high as a scholar, and was eminently genial, courteous, and unobtrusive. He

was distinguished for his evenly-developed and well-balanced mind. After graduating he began the study of law in his father's office in Lyme, but finished his studies preparatory to admission to the bar in the office of Samuel M. Young, Esq., then a prominent attorney in Maumee City, Ohio. On his admission in 1839 he formed a partnership with Mr. Young. The firm having determined to remove to Toledo in 1850, Mr. Waite proceeded to that place, where he opened an office and established a successful business. Two years later Mr. Young followed, and the firm of Young & Waite continued until Mr. Waite's youngest brother, Richard, came to the bar, when the brothers formed a partnership, which continued until the elevation of the senior partner to the chief justiceship. From his advent in practice Mr. Waite's course was stamped with success. He quietly and unostentatiously pursued his professional labors, constantly growing in influence and power, both as a lawyer and a citizen. He was soon acknowledged as a leading counselor and advocate in Northwestern Ohio. His distinguished ability, his studious habits, and his conciliatory manners all contributed to his popularity and success. From the first his mind was firmly set upon his profession, from which no attraction could lure him. As a lawyer he was without ambition, save for such distinction as might come of faithful and honorable pursuit of his profession. His studious habits and unflagging industry secured to him familiarity with the law in all its branches.

He proved himself capable of grasping all the minute details affecting in any way a legal question. He manifested a reverence for law which is not a mere slavish worship of forms and technicalities, but an intelligent appreciation of great principles of truth and right underlying the whole fabric of civilized legislation.

Politically, Mr. Waite was a Whig until the disbandment of that party, and since that time has been a Republican. He was always too deeply engaged in his profession to become much of a partisan, and consequently never came to be recognized as a party leader. This conservative turn of mind tended to lead him in opposition to radical political measures. This was shown during the war in his support of the policy of Mr. Lincoln rather than the more summary measures advocated by some of the anti-slavery leaders. But to all the war measures of the government he gave earnest and effective support, making himself especially useful in aiding the recruiting service of the army.

In 1849, Mr. Waite was elected to the Ohio Legislature as a Whig, and served with credit and usefulness, although acting with the minority. In 1850 he was a candidate for the State Constitutional Convention, but was defeated on strict party grounds, there being a large Democratic majority in the district.

In 1862 he very reluctantly became a candidate for Congress after repeated and persistent importunities

from prominent citizens of both parties. Leading Republicans in the State had advised the people of the various districts to disregard strict party lines and unite on the simple basis of the support of the government and the suppression of the Rebellion. In the Toledo congressional district a convention was held which urged more radical measures than those which the Administration had adopted, demanding the confiscation of the property of leading rebels, and proposing virtually to make the abolition of slavery an end rather than an incident of the war. About the same time appeared a call, signed by Republicans and Democrats, for a convention of those "who were for the maintenance of the government and the determined prosecution of the war, to the putting down of the rebellion and the restoration of the Union."

The first of the conventions nominated Mr. J. M. Ashley, and adopted a radical anti-slavery platform, while the other nominated Mr. Waite and indorsed the war policy of the Administration, pledging itself in all ways and at all times to give its full and undivided support to such measures as the government should deem necessary to crush out the rebellion in the shortest time. Not long after this Edwin Phelps was brought out as the Democratic candidate.

Through the superior organization and management of Mr. Ashley's friends and the lack of organization on the part of the supporters of Mr. Waite, the former succeeded by a plurality vote of seven thousand and thirteen to five thousand eight hundred and fifty for Waite, and five thousand two hundred and thirty-four for Phelps. The high esteem in which Mr. Waite was held at home is shown in the fact that he received within five hundred of all votes cast in Toledo, having a majority of twelve hundred, the most emphatic indorsement ever given to any man by the people of that city. The position of Mr. Waite was substantially the one on which the war was conducted to the end.

Mr. Lincoln's preliminary proclamation of emancipation appeared during that campaign, and it was heartily sustained by Mr. Waite and his friends, not only as just towards the rebel slaveholders and the slaves, but as sound war policy, inasmuch as it was calculated to promote the "paramount object, to save the Union." Although not a jealous partisan, he has always been decided and positive in his expression of opinions in strictest accord with the principles and policy of the Republican party. The friends of Mr. Waite repeatedly urged him to become a candidate for judicial positions, but he invariably refused. When Judge Hocking H. Hunter, having been elected to the Supreme Bench of Ohio, declined to serve, Governor Brough offered the position to Mr. Waite, who declined the honor. The first position occupied by Mr. Waite in which he attracted the attention of the whole country was that of counsel for the United States in the arbitration at Geneva, under the Treaty of Washington, associated with Hon. Caleb Cushing and

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts. He was not an applicant for the appointment, and was not even aware that such a position was to be filled. The appointment was made at the suggestion of Mr. Columbus Delano, then Secretary of the Interior. In November, 1872, Mr. Waite being in New York, closing up an important case which had been pending for a year and a half, received a dispatch, forwarded to him from Toledo, appointing him one of the counsel for the government at Geneva.

He accepted, and in December departed for his post of duty.

He performed the required service to the entire satisfaction of the government and the country. He took a laboring oar in the preparation of the case. He submitted an argument on the question of the liability of Great Britain for permitting the Anglo-Confederate steamer to take supplies of coal in her ports. In that he displayed high logical power and comprehensive grasp of international questions. Having successfully closed his labors at Geneva, Mr. Waite returned to his home and resumed the practice of his profession. In April, 1873, he was nominated by both political parties and unanimously elected one of the delegates from Lucas County to the convention called to form a new constitution for the State of Ohio. Upon the assembling of that convention in May, 1873, Mr. Waite was chosen its president. The death of Chief Justice Chase having created a vacancy in the highest judicial office in the United States, there was intense interest throughout the country to know who would receive the nomination, Hon. George H. Williams and Hon. Caleb Cushing having been successively nominated and withdrawn. On the 20th of January, 1874, the President sent to the Senate the name of Mr. Waite. Just one year before, Mr. Waite, on the motion of Caleb Cushing, had been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court. The nomination was the more honorable because of the fact that Mr. Waite not only made no effort to influence the President's choice, but advised against such efforts when offered by his friends. Not only was the appointment made without any solicitation on the part of Mr. Waite, but it is believed that no pressure was brought to bear on the President to bring about the result. Never was an appointment made to this high office in a manner that better befitted it.

When the news of the nomination reached the Ohio Constitutional Convention it found that body in session, with Mr. Waite presiding.

A gentleman stepped up to congratulate him, and found him ignorant of the fact of his nomination. The news was received in the most enthusiastic manner by the members, to all of whom Mr. Waite had become personally endeared. Unusual excitement pervaded the convention during all the remainder of the day, but the calm, unruffled dignity of the presiding officer would not have revealed the fact that anything unusual had occurred. The Cincinnati Cham-



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ber of Commerce gave a public reception to the new chief justice, the convention over which he presided having previously adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this chamber has heard with lively satisfaction of the confirmation of Hon. Morrison R. Waite as chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and rejoice that a citizen of our State of such well-known integrity of character and talent has been chosen for the second position in our government."

Mr. Waite was confirmed as chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by a vote which was never equaled in its favorable character within the memory of the oldest senator. The nomination was discussed for about an hour, during which speeches were made by Mr. Sumner, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Edmunds, and Mr. Thurman. The speech of Mr. Sumner was one of the best and most impressive which he ever delivered in the Senate. Mr. Sherman also paid him a high tribute. Mr. Waite received every vote cast. He took the oath of office March 4, 1874, and immediately entered upon the duties of his high office.

Sept. 21, 1840, he united in marriage with Miss Amelia C. Warner, of Lyme, Conn., and they have had five children, three of whom are living, two sons and a daughter.

In the prime of intellectual vigor, of prepossessing presence and dignified manners, Chief Justice Waite not only ably fills but really adorns the high position to which he has attained. He has the logical skill, the judicial temper, and the just mind which combine to make the jurist. Added to these high professional qualities, he is distinguished for purity of character, a love for humanity, a generous nature, and a loyalty to his convictions which make him beloved and respected as a man.

HON. JOHN TURNER WAIT, of Norwich, the present member of Congress in the Third District, was born at New London, Aug. 27, 1811. He received a mercantile training in early life, but giving up that pursuit, prepared for college at Bacon Academy, Colchester, and entered Trinity College in the fall of 1832, where he remained for two years, prosecuting that course of studies which he deemed best adapted to qualify him for the profession of law. He studied law at first with Hon. L. F. S. Foster, of Norwich, and subsequently with Hon. Jabez W. Huntington, and was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1836. He at once commenced practice in Norwich, and has since resided there. Mr. Wait is connected by blood with many of the oldest and leading families in Eastern Connecticut. On his father's side he is associated with the Griswolds and Marvins, of Lyme, while on his mother's side he is a lineal descendant of William Hyde and Thomas Tracy, two of the thirty-five colonists who settled at Norwich in 1659. His family have given many prominent members to the legal profession. His father was long one of the leading

lawyers at the bar of New London County, and for several years a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a Presidential elector in 1793, and cast his vote for Washington. He was also one of the commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to dispose of the Western lands and establish the present school fund. Mr. Wait's father represented the town of New London for nineteen sessions in the General Assembly, and was several times one of the candidates for Congress of the old Republican party during the administration of Mr. Jefferson. Henry M. Waite, the father of the present chief justice of the United States, and cousin of the subject of this sketch, was also a leading lawyer of New London County, and for a number of years held the position of chief justice of the Supreme Court of the State. Mr. Wait's maternal grandfather was Dr. Philip Turner, in his day a celebrated surgeon. At the early age of nineteen he was appointed assistant surgeon of a provincial regiment under Gen. Amherst, and served through the French war. In 1777, Congress elected him surgeon-general of the Eastern Department, which station he filled with great ability till near the close of the war of the Revolution. In 1800 he removed to New York, where he continued in the practice of his profession till he was placed as physician in charge of the troops stationed at the fortifications in the harbor of that city. This office he held until his death in 1815.

Mr. Wait was State's attorney for New London County in 1842-44, and also from 1846 till 1854. Since the organization of the Bar Association in that county in 1874, he has been its president, and for a large number of years has been closely identified with most matters of legal interest in that section of the State. His law practice has been extensive and profitable, his commanding influence at the bar insuring him all the business that can possibly be attended to. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in nearly all the important cases, civil and criminal, that have come before the New London County courts. He has not in this respect been confined to his immediate locality, for his marked ability has been recognized throughout the State, and his services sought in important causes in other counties and also before the Federal courts. He was counsel for Mrs. Cobb in the celebrated murder case which attracted such wide attention two years ago, and it was no doubt his remarkable plea, occupying seven hours in delivery, that saved her life. Mr. Wait is an eminent jurist, and unquestionably is one of the ablest advocates in Connecticut.

Before the war Mr. Wait was a Democrat in politics, and was nominated by his party for Lieutenant-Governor for four consecutive years from 1854, receiving each year the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket. In 1860 he advocated the election of Stephen A. Douglas as President. At the outbreak of the war in 1861 he became a strong Union man. His son,

Lieut. Marvin Wait, of the Eighth Connecticut Regiment, served with distinguished courage on the field. In the gallant charge of that command at Antietam he fell mortally wounded. In 1864, Mr. Wait was one of the electors at large for Connecticut on the Lincoln-Johnson Presidential ticket. He was a member of the State Senate from the Eighth District during the years 1865 and 1866, the last year serving as president *pro tempore* of that body. In 1867 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Norwich, and was nominated for Speaker by acclamation. Probably no gentleman, as presiding officer of the House, was ever more thoroughly esteemed for "the ability, urbanity, and impartiality with which he discharged the duties of the chair." He was again elected to that body in 1871 and in 1873. In the session of 1871 he won unqualified praise for the eloquent and effective speech which he delivered in support of the joint resolution declaring Marshall Jewell elected Governor of Connecticut.

In 1874 he was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, receiving the highest vote on that ticket. Subsequently he was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. H. H. Starkweather, and was re-elected to the Forty-fifth, the Forty-sixth, and the Forty-seventh Congress.

As a member of Congress Mr. Wait has cared for the interests of his constituents with untiring vigilance and zeal. The extensive industries which give employment to thousands of citizens in the two eastern counties of the State have had in him an intelligent and watchful guardian. As the advocate and friend of home industries he has steadily opposed in Congress every attempt to impair or weaken the laws under which Connecticut manufacturing and mechanical interests have sprung up and prospered, and has given his support to every measure calculated to advance the commercial and agricultural prospects of the State. His course on the currency question has been sound and creditable in every respect, and has entitled him to the fullest confidence and esteem of New England business men.

Having lost his only son, Lieut. Marvin Wait, in the great struggle to save the nation's life, he has ever warmly sympathized with the soldiers of the Union; and feeling that justice to those broken down by wounds received and diseases contracted while in military service demanded that their applications should be heard at the earliest possible moment, he has twice introduced resolutions calling for additions to the clerical force in the pension-office and the offices of the Surgeon-General and Adjutant-General, and each time, in response to these resolutions, Congress, by express legislation, has added to the force of these bureaus, and the delays which had existed have in a measure been removed. He also introduced the bill extending the provisions of the act granting pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812 to all persons who

volunteered and performed military duty, though not mustered into public service.

Mr. Wait has also introduced other important bills of public interest, notably for the unloading of foreign vessels at ports of delivery in the United States, the object being to relieve parties engaged in the West India and guano trade; for the propagation of salt-water fish in connection with the menhaden fisheries that exist along the New England coast; the improvement of rivers and harbors in Connecticut; the erection of buildings at the New London navy-yard for the accommodation of the school-ships of the navy; the appropriation of money toward the expense to be incurred in the centennial celebration of the battle at Groton Heights and the repair of the monument; and for the establishment of a free dispensary for the benefit of the poor of the city of Washington. He occupies a prominent place in the deliberations of the national Congress. His speech in the Forty-fourth Congress against the abolition of the naval station at New London, and his elaborate arguments in the Belford and Pacheco election cases in the Forty-fifth Congress, won for him the reputation of an able and eloquent debater. He is also an efficient committee worker, and is popular with his associates in the House. During his four years of service at Washington he has been invariably attentive to the demands made upon his time and consideration by his constituents in matters affecting their private interests. Courteous and frank towards all who have approached him, he has allied men to him by the strongest personal ties, and is universally popular throughout his district and the State. In November, 1880, he was re-elected to the Forty-seventh Congress by a largely-increased majority.

JEREMIAH HALSEY deservedly stands in the front rank of the Connecticut bar. It is a professional eminence generally and generously accorded to him, —the high reward of native worth and talent, of patient industry and indomitable perseverance against drawbacks of a most serious and protracted nature. He came to it, not by any tidal wave of extraneous influence, but by dint of personal energy, brooking neither the difficulties in the way of preparation for his profession nor continued feebleness of health in its long practice, by unstained purity of character, by recognized legal abilities successfully matched with alike eminent members of the bar, by wisdom and safety in counsel, by stores of knowledge ready at hand as occasion requires.

By inheritance, and as well by this well-earned reputation, the title Honorable justly belongs to him. Inheriting an honored name, he has lived to reflect upon it all the more honor. The son of Jeremiah S. and Sally Brewster Halsey, he was born in the town of Preston, New London County, on the 8th day of February, 1822. His father was the eldest son of Col. Jeremiah Halsey, of Preston, an active officer in the Continental army; his mother a descendant



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of Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower" company, of the sixth generation in the direct line of descent from that Plymouth band of Pilgrims.

His early education was pursued under serious difficulties in the public and private schools of the day, for a short time being a pupil in the old Norwich Academy. Here, however, delicate health and acute disease of the eyes—inflammation and ulceration—compelled his absence from school for days and weeks at a time, preventing everything like a regular classical course, and defeating the noble purpose of entering Yale College. Instead of being an insuperable bar, these obstacles only seemed to stimulate his eagerness to learn. We are told of François Huber, the Swiss naturalist, who, notwithstanding the entire loss of eyesight at an early age, pursued his study of the habits of bees, and by his important observations laid the foundation of all our scientific knowledge of the subject; of William Hickling Prescott, the American historian, whose sight failing, gave nevertheless volume after volume of his careful and charming works—a classic in English literature. The story has come to us of this delicate youth of impaired vision, withal so eager to pursue his studies, learning his Latin grammar, with eyes bandaged and suffering intolerable pain, by repeating *Musa* and *Dominus, amo* and *lego* after his father, and keeping up with all his classes by having the lessons read and explained. It is a perfect marvel how he accomplished so much under circumstances so serious and painful. All this, of course, wellnigh forbade the thought of his ever being admitted to the bar, the profession of his own eager desire, and far more of ever attaining to prominence in it, so deservedly named a *learned* profession, where studious habits and close application are absolute prerequisites.

Compelled at length by ill health to seek a change of climate, he went South, making a temporary home at Hawkinsville, Ga. Here he entered the law-office of Messrs. Polhill & Whitfield,—the first named a family of distinction in that State,—and was admitted to the bar by the Superior Court for the Southern Circuit at Hawkinsville on the 23d day of April, 1845, and subsequently admitted to the bar in this State, in Windham County, on the 11th day of December, 1845. Delicate health was still a serious obstacle in his way, preventing his entering upon the full and active practice of his profession. Yet his active mind could not be quiet. The time was occupied in legal studies and travel until September, 1849, when he opened an office in Norwich, in company with the late Samuel C. Morgan, Esq. Since then he has been actively and almost exclusively devoted to professional pursuits. He came to the bar when such men as the Hon. Henry Strong, the Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, the Hon. John T. Wait, at Norwich; Lippett and Crump, at New London; McCurdy, at Lyme; Thomas C. Perkins, Charles Chapman, and Isaac Toucey, at Hartford, were in full practice,

and it was not long ere he showed himself *princeps inter pares*.

In April, 1863, he was admitted to the bar of the United States Circuit Court, and to the Supreme Court of the United States on the 24th day of February, 1870. In the courts of the State and of the United States his practice has been varied and extensive. The reports of many important cases determined by the Supreme Court of the State, in which Mr. Halsey made elaborate and effective arguments, will ever be monuments of his great ability and learning as a lawyer. One of the most marked cases—Wright *vs.* the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, reported 13 Wallace, p. 104, argued before the Supreme Court of the United States—settled the construction of the act of Congress limiting the liability of ship-owners on the basis of the maritime law of Europe, giving full protection to the vast inland ship interests of the country.

Professional, not political, distinction has been Mr. Halsey's high ambition. He was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, with which he has ever since acted, but never as a mere partisan, nor a politician, using politics for personal ends. Outspoken in his political views, yet has the law been his sole profession, and eminence here his masterly aim and attainment. He never sought a public office, and yet not seldom has he been rewarded with the fullest trust and confidence of the people. He was elected to the Legislature from Norwich in 1852 and 1853, and then again in 1859 and 1860, that critical period in the country's history when the war-clouds began to darken the horizon. He has served the State in other capacities.

In 1873 he was appointed by Governor Ingersoll one of the commissioners for building the new State-House at Hartford, serving on the commission until the completion of the building in 1880. The building is itself an ornament to the capital, and the pride of the State. There is this remarkable thing about this commission: the commissioners *kept within* the sum named and appropriated by the Legislature,—a marvel in this day of extravagant and wasteful use of public funds. To the credit of the Assembly be it spoken this service is thus honorably mentioned in this preamble to a joint resolution: "*Whereas*, the Board of Capitol Commissioners have served the State for about six years with great industry and with rare fidelity to a public trust of the highest importance, and have turned over to the State its elegant capitol, and have thus far received no compensation, therefore," and then follows the generous action of the Assembly.

Besides this, his service in the city government has been long and faithful. Appointed in 1853 to the office of city attorney, he held it for eighteen years, when it was resigned.

About his style of speaking there is nothing like splendid action nor boisterous demonstration, but, what is of far more account, clear, sober, potent thought,

carrying conviction to the mind that can or cares to think. There comes with what he says the feeling always of an earnest, candid man, saying nothing for mere effect, saying only what the case justly warrants. By reason of this general confidence, inspired by manner and method, he is always a powerful antagonist. He is still in full practice, with more vigorous health than he has enjoyed for years, the result of a year's recreation and extensive travel abroad with his wife in 1878-79, returning with a new lease on life.

On June 1, 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Fairchild, of Ridgefield, Conn., the centre of what has ever since been a charming, cultured, and hospitable home.

During all his residence in Norwich, Mr. Halsey has been an active, faithful, and liberal member of Christ Church, and has acted for the greater part of the time in the capacity of warden and vestryman. Although the blood of the old Puritans flows in his veins, he is not a bit Puritanical. A Churchman by birth and conviction, his religion sits on his genial spirits like the glory of a June morning on the lovely face of nature.

"A man, not perfect, but of heart  
So high, of such heroic rage,  
That even his hopes become a part  
And parcel of earth's heritage."

HENRY HOWARD STARKWEATHER,<sup>1</sup> who died at Washington during the session of Congress of which he was a member, was born in Preston, in the county of New London, and State of Connecticut, on the 29th of April, 1826. He was of respectable parentage, and received counsels well fitted to the susceptibilities of early life. He was impressed from his boyhood with the conviction that if he accomplished anything commendable in life it must be the fruit of his personal endeavors. Although his early years were devoted to labor on his father's farm in his native town, he employed his leisure hours in reading, in the observation of men, and in the study of the causes that lie at the foundation of the triumphs and defeats by which the history of the world is marked. He thus laid down in the beginning of life the great law which guided him to its close.

At the age of twenty-two he went to Norwich, and entered the law-office of the Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, under whose guidance and tutelage he studied until he was admitted to practice in 1850. Shortly after his admittance to the bar he formed a partnership with the Hon. Edmund Perkins, of Norwich, then a leading lawyer in Eastern Connecticut, with whom he was associated for several years. He was an assiduous worker, and soon acquired an enviable position among his professional associates, of whom were numbered some of the ablest and most distinguished in the State. He labored in his profession but a little more than a

decade, when his tastes and inclinations led him into political life. He was appointed postmaster in Norwich in 1861, and thereafter gave but little attention to his profession. In politics he was originally a Whig, but was active in the formation of the Republican party, by which organization he was elected a member of the Lower House in the State Legislature in 1856. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1860 and 1868. The places of responsibility in which he moved were filled to general acceptance and with marked ability.

As a private citizen, as a member of a Christian Church, as a lawyer, as a politician, as representative in Congress for a longer period than any of his predecessors, he was respected, honored, and successful. He entered Congress in 1867 without the prestige of a great name. His approach was heralded by no marked achievements, by no appendage that would lift him up to high eminence at the outset. In the absence of these, accompanied with an unpretending, unobtrusive demeanor, it would not have been deemed strange had he ranked among the least distinguished of the representatives of the nation. But he had influence from the beginning, and his influence had rapid and consistent growth, till it culminated in placing him among the wisest, the safest, the ablest members of the body to which he belonged at the time of his death. It has been said of him, and we believe justly, that none of the Republican members of the House had won more or better friends, and, with a single exception, had gained greater influence or a more thorough understanding of the principles which lie at the foundation of our national prosperity. There were none among them whose wisdom was more sought in emergencies, none whose judgment was more respected, none whose keen penetration and foresight did better service in seasonably detecting threatened evils, and in devising the best means for the general good.

Mr. Starkweather was remarkable for power of intuition. What the masses of men learn by protracted examination and study, by reasoning and deduction, he comprehended at a glance,—a power that contributed greatly to his influence and success. He was distinguished for strong common sense. He did things at the right time and in the right place. He never violated the laws of propriety in his business transactions, or in any of the relations of life. He knew well how to avoid, in language and in practice, whatever would subject him to the envy or censure of his associates or awaken anywhere aversion. He had a kind regard for the feelings and interests of others, and a way of showing it that commended him readily to the confidence of all. He had a classic face, full of tenderness and power, which well expressed the features of his mind. The law of kindness was written all over it and on all its movements so prominently that none feared betrayal in unbosoming to him their burdens or in seeking his counsel. Another

<sup>1</sup> By Col. Allen Tenny, a member of the New London County bar, and for several years Mr. Starkweather's law partner.



*J. D. Park.*

marked trait in his character was inflexible honesty. In his counsels, in his measures, in his life, everywhere, its principles governed him. He never sacrificed it to secure personal gain, or to please, or to carry out any purpose however seemingly important. He was a philanthropist and patriot in the best sense, and, above all, a Christian gentleman; without affectation of sanctity, without any ostentatious observance of the ritual of Christianity, entirely exempt from all taint of sectarian bigotry, he was a cordial believer in the principles of the Christian religion. A religion of kindness, of integrity, and of benevolence in its largest breadth was his religion. The virtues of which humanity is capable had in him evidently more than ordinarily consistent and vigorous development. The remembrance of them is fragrant. It is pleasant to call to mind an example of such excellence when many are proving faithless to their trusts and utterances of the degeneracy of the race are being heard from so many tongues. It is pleasant to trace in such a life so much that is ennobling and pure, now left as a legacy to his family, to the church, and to the nation. We rise to a higher appreciation of man's dignity and glory in the contemplation of these virtues. But we mourn that his light went out in the pride of his manhood, "before even the frosts of age had silvered his locks, or the hand of time furrowed his brow," and we shall ever retain the remembrance of his person and character with mingled feelings of reverence and love.

HON. JOHN DUANE PARK, LL.D., chief justice of the Supreme Court of Errors of the State of Connecticut, was born in the town of Preston, in the county of New London, on the 26th day of April, 1819. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Park, a farmer and merchant of said town, who was the son of Elisha Park, who was the son of Rev. Paul Park, a minister of the gospel in said town, who was the son of Hezekiah Park, who was the son of Robert Park, who was the son of Thomas Park, who was the son of Sir Robert Park, who, with his wife and three sons, came from England in 1630 and settled at Boston, Mass. He was the first of the name that emigrated to this country. The genealogy of the Park family has been traced many generations in England to the Earl of Wensleydale. Those English ancestors since the Conquest resided in Lancashire, England. The late Baron Parke, of England, descended from the same line. The ancestral family name of the chief justice was always written with an e—Parke—until within a few generations. The early life of Judge Park was spent upon his father's farm. He worked upon the farm during the summer and attended the district schools during the winter, and when sixteen years of age commenced teaching school in the winter season, and taught during several such seasons. At the age of eighteen he commenced a systematic course of study, and secured a thorough academical education. In 1845 he entered the law-office of the late Hon. La-

fayette S. Foster, who subsequently became United States senator, acting Vice-President of the United States, and a judge of the Supreme Court of Errors of the State. Judge Foster at this time was the leading member of the bar in the county and State, and Judge Park had the best opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the general principles of the common law and the practice of the same.

In February, 1847, he was admitted to the bar in New London County, and immediately commenced the practice of law. He opened an office in the city of Norwich, where he continued to practice so long as he remained at the bar. In 1853 he received the nomination of senator to the General Assembly. In 1854 he was elected judge of the County Court of New London County.

In 1855 he represented the town of Norwich in the Legislature. During this session of the General Assembly there was a very exciting controversy before the Legislature, between two rival gas companies in the city of Norwich. One company was called the Old Company, and the other the New Company. The Old Company had laid down their pipes in all the principal streets of the city, and they sought to deprive the New Company of the use of the streets for the laying down of their pipes by obtaining from the Legislature an exclusive right to the streets of the city. Judge Park engaged in the cause of the New Company; and Edmund Perkins, the other representative from the town of Norwich, was the champion of the Old Company.

The speech of Judge Park in opposition to granting the proposed right was regarded as very able. He took the ground that the proposed grant was obnoxious to the constitution of the State. The measure was carried by a small majority, but the Supreme Court of Errors soon after nullified the grant on the ground that it was unconstitutional, as Judge Park had claimed before the Legislature.

At this session of the Legislature there was a radical change made in the courts of the State. The County Courts were abolished, and all the business of those courts was transferred to the Superior Courts. Four new judges of the Superior Court were elected, of whom Judge Park was one.

In 1861, Judge Park received the degree of A.M. from Yale College.

In 1863, Judge Park was re-elected a judge of the Superior Court.

In 1864 he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Errors.

In 1872 he was re-elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Errors.

In 1873 he was elected chief justice of the State, which position he now holds.

In 1878 he received the degree of LL.D. from Yale College.

JAMES ALBERT HOVEY, of Norwich, one of the judges of the Superior Court of Connecticut, was

born in Hampton, in the county of Windham, April 29, 1815. His father, Jonathan Hovey, was a native of the same town, and was descended from ancestors who emigrated to this country from the Hague, the capital of the Netherlands. His mother, Patience Fuller Stedman, was also a native of Hampton, and identified by ancestry with the sturdy Puritans, who illustrated in Europe and America, as the Dutch Calvinists did in Holland, the virtues of invincible love of liberty and incorruptible patriotism. In 1830 young Hovey was elected a non-commissioned officer of a company of infantry connected with the Fifth Regiment of Connecticut militia, and after serving in that capacity two years was promoted to the office of lieutenant, and two years later to the office of captain of the same company. In 1836 he was elected major of the regiment to which his company belonged, and performed the duties of that office two years. He was chosen colonel of the same regiment, and held the position three years. While holding these positions he made himself thoroughly familiar with military law.

The education of young Hovey was acquired mainly in the common and select schools of the neighborhood in which he was reared, and under the supervision of a private tutor. On the 4th of July, 1836, he commenced the study of law in the office of the Hon. Chauncey F. Cleveland, in his native town, and was admitted to the bar of Windham County in December, 1838. While pursuing his legal studies he also performed the duties of clerk of the Court of Probate for the district of Hampton. In the spring of 1839 he opened an office in the town of Windham, and practiced law in that and the neighboring towns and in the courts of Windham and Tolland Counties two years. He then came to Norwich, where he has ever since resided. From the spring of 1841 till the fall of 1849 he was associated in business with Gen. Cleveland, under the firm-title of Cleveland & Hovey, and practiced in the county of Windham as well as the county of New London. When the bankrupt act of 1841 went into operation he was appointed by the District Court of the United States for the district of Connecticut general assignee in bankruptcy for New London County, and performed the duties of that appointment until the act was repealed, during which time he settled about one hundred and sixty bankrupt estates. In 1842 and 1843 he was executive secretary under Governor Cleveland. At the municipal election of the city of Norwich in June, 1849, and at three successive annual elections thereafter, he was chosen, without opposition, to the office of senior alderman of the city, and served in that capacity and, *ex officio*, as one of the judges of the City Court from the date of his first election until June, 1853. The Uncas Bank was organized at Norwich in 1852, and upon its organization and while it remained a State institution he was its president. When it became a national institution he was also elected to the same

office, and annually thereafter was re-elected until 1873, when he declined another election. In 1850, and annually thereafter till 1854, he received from the General Assembly the appointment of judge of the County Court for New London County, and discharged the duties of the office to the acceptance of the bar and the public during that period.

In 1851-52 he also discharged the duties of judge of the County Court for Windham County about six months, owing to the sickness and death of the Hon. George S. Catlin, the regularly appointed judge for that county. While holding that office he disposed of a large amount of business and heard and decided a great number of important cases; and although many of his rulings and judgments were removed to the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Errors and reviewed by those tribunals, but one of them was adjudged to be erroneous. After leaving the County Court bench he resumed the practice of his profession, and pursued it actively until Nov. 13, 1876, the last four years as a partner of John M. Thayer, Esq., a young gentleman who studied law in his office and was admitted to the bar in September, 1871. In 1859 he represented the town of Norwich in the General Assembly of the State, receiving a majority of all the votes cast at the election, although the political party which nominated him and of which he was a member was largely in the minority in the town. In 1870 he was chosen by a large majority mayor of the city of Norwich for the term of one year, and while serving in that office prepared a revision of the city charter, with numerous important amendments, which received the approval of the court, of Common Council, and the electors of the city, as well as the favorable consideration of the General Assembly. In 1876 he was elevated to a seat on the bench of the Superior Court, and still retains its incumbency. As judge of that court he has been called upon by the chief justice to sit upon the Supreme Court of Errors on several occasions, and in some important cases heard upon those occasions he prepared and delivered the opinions of the court. Those opinions appear in the 44th, 45th, 46th, and 47th Volumes of Connecticut Reports. Besides the official positions already mentioned, Judge Hovey has been a trustee of the Norwich Saving Society for about thirty years, and of the Chelsea Savings-Bank of Norwich ever since its organization in 1858. He has also been a director of the latter institution for many years, and was its attorney until he took the oath of office as judge of the Superior Court.

On the 24th of December, 1844, he was united in marriage with Lavinia J. Barber, of Simsbury. One son, Albert Cleveland Hovey, was born of that union, but died at the age of twenty-eight years, on the 16th of October, 1873.

JOHN TURVILL ADAMS was born Sept. 29, 1805, in Demerara, South America. In 1810 his parents came to Norwich, Conn., bringing him with them, and there has passed the greater part of his life. Very soon after



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*Wm Goddard*

graduating he engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of New York, but they not proving to his taste, he soon abandoned them and studied law. He remained in the profession till 1850, when he ceased the practice and has never resumed it. His life has been somewhat of a roving one, he having resided not only in Connecticut, but in Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania, beside visiting South America, the West India Islands, England, Ireland, and the Continent, remaining in one instance nearly a year abroad.

He has been twice married, viz.: in 1826, to Miss Hannah Phelps Huntington, who died in 1838, leaving a son and daughter; and in 1839, to Mrs. Elizabeth Dwight, who died in 1865. By her he had no children.

He has lost his children. His son died unmarried. His daughter married Mr. James E. Learned, and left three sons and a daughter. They are living.

The events of his public life are:

He was elected judge of probate in 1835, but held the office only a short time, resigning it to remove to Michigan. He was a representative of Norwich in the Legislature, either in the Senate or House, during the whole of the civil war,—i.e., from 1860 to 1865.

His health has been almost uniformly good. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is not very orthodox.

S. T. HOLBROOK was born in Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 7, 1822. He removed to Hartford in 1838, and studied music with William R. Babcock, and in 1844 commenced playing the organ at the Second Congregational Church in New London. In 1846 removed to Norwich, and pursued the profession of a music-teacher for a number of years. In 1854 he entered the law-office of Jeremiah Halsey, of Norwich, and after a due course of study was admitted to the bar. In 1856 he was elected judge of the Norwich Probate District, and held the office twelve years. In 1869 he declined to accept a renomination, vacated the office at the end of his twelfth year, and turned his attention solely to the practice of the law. In 1873, as a colleague of the Hon. John T. Wait, he represented the town of Norwich in the Legislature, and was elected by that body judge of the Court of Common Pleas for New London County for one year. In 1876 he again was a member of the Legislature from Norwich. In 1878 the Norwich Probate District again elected him judge of the Probate Court, which office he still holds.

GEORGE PRATT was born in East Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 12, 1832. He received such early education as the public schools of his native town afforded, with such as was derived from diligent and continuous reading. He prepared for college at the Providence Conference Seminary, R. I., and in 1851 entered Wesleyan University at Middletown. He left that institution in his freshman year, and entered Yale College in 1853, and subsequently graduated. He studied law with Hon. John T. Wait, and was admitted to the bar in 1859, and in the following year opened an

office in Norwich. He rose rapidly in the profession, and at the time of his death was engaged in most of the causes of importance in Eastern Connecticut. He was devoted to his profession. To a disciplined mind and a comprehensive legal knowledge he added sound judgment, practical tact, and clear discrimination. As an advocate he was earnest, direct, and forcible, and his arguments were always listened to with great attention by the court. He was a public-spirited citizen, and was several times elected to the Legislature,—once from Salem, where he resided a few years previous to his settling in Norwich, and three times from Norwich. He married Sarah V., daughter of the Hon. Daniel Whittlesey, of Salem. Mr. Pratt died June 4, 1875.

HON. GEORGE WILLARD GODDARD is a son of Maj. Hezekiah Goddard,—paymaster-general of the troops summoned for the defense of New London in the war of 1812 with Great Britain,—and Eunice Rathbone. Hezekiah Goddard was the son of Daniel Goddard, of Shrewsbury, Mass., and Mary Willard, of Grafton, Mass. Daniel Goddard was a lineal descendant of William Goddard, who was a son of Sir Edward, of Wiltshire, England, the genealogy of whose family dates back to the time of William the Conqueror. The said William was originally a member of the Royal Company of Grocers in London, and came to this country in 1665. Mary Willard was a lineal descendant of Maj. Simon Willard, who came from England in 1634, and died in Charlestown, Mass., 1676. John Rathbone, of Stonington, was the father of Eunice Rathbone; he removed to New York City the latter part of the eighteenth century and became a merchant. When in 1812 the government called for subscriptions for its aid in the war with Great Britain, he and his son, John Rathbone, Jr., headed the list of the wealthy and eminent merchants of New York. The mother of Eunice Rathbone was Eunice, daughter of Thomas Wells and Sarah Thompson, of Hopkinton City, R. I. The children of Hezekiah Goddard and Eunice Rathbone were Eunice Rathbone, John Calvin, James Edward, Juliette Rathbone, George Willard, and Sarah Wells, of whom James Edward and George Willard are the only survivors, the latter of whom is the subject of this sketch. He was born in New London, Conn., on the 3d day of July, 1824; attended the schools of New London and Norwich; was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1845; studied law with Walker & Bristol in New London, then at the Law-School of Yale College, and finished his studies with Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, of Norwich, Conn.; commenced practice of law in 1848, at New London, as partner with Louis Bristol, son of Judge Bristol, of New Haven; was for several years one of the examining committee of the bar of New London County. In 1848 he was chosen town agent. In 1855 he was appointed clerk of the Court of Probate for district of New London. In 1856 he was elected



a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut, and was appointed chairman of the Committee on New Towns and Probate Districts. In 1859, his eyesight failing, he substantially retired from practice; was judge of probate from July 4, 1864, to July 4, 1867; was annually chosen judge of Police and City Court from 1862 to 1865. In 1871 was elected alderman of the city of New London, and was appointed chairman of the Committee on Streets. He was married on the 22d of January, 1880, to Mary A. Thomas, daughter of the late Jesse B. Thomas, of Chicago, judge of the Superior Court of Illinois. He now resides on the Vauxhall farm, in the town of Waterford, near New London, his post-office address still being New London, Conn.

WILLIAM H. POTTER<sup>1</sup> was born at Potter Hill, R. I., Aug. 26, 1816. He was the seventh in descent from Vincent Potter, one of the judges who condemned Charles I. of England to death, and the family history has always been full of incidents connected with or consequent upon that event. Large estates on the banks of the Tyne were forfeited, long and perhaps still in litigation, but completely lost to the family.

George Potter was the first to settle on the banks of the Pawcatuck, where is now the village of Potter Hill.

Joseph, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, succeeded to the business as merchant and mill-owner, building the first cotton-mill in that region, and engaging also in some commercial adventures in vessels he helped to build and fit for sea.

Col. Henry Potter, the father of William H., was adjutant of the Third Rhode Island Regiment during the war, and held a battalion in readiness to aid the men who fought the battle of Stonington in 1814. He afterwards became colonel of the regiment, and was so skilled in military tactics as to be selected to teach a military school at his home during the latter period of the war, using an unoccupied story of his father's factory for the evolutions of his men. He removed to Waterford, Conn., in 1820, and died at Mystic River, in his son's home, in the autumn of 1864, aged seventy-four. He had enjoyed many of the offices of the town of Waterford,—selectman, justice of the peace, school visitor, and representative in the Legislature. He was a man of abilities, and proved competent for every trust committed to him; was honest and prompt in his business relations, conscientious and religious in his life, and has left the legacy of a good name to his posterity.

William H. Potter, his only son, was educated in the common schools of Waterford, and at Dr. Ulysses Dow's grammar school in New London, going thence to Bacon Academy, Colchester, in 1833, graduating as valedictorian of the academy, and from it entering Yale College in 1836. His health and eyesight failing, he was obliged to give up close study, which pre-

vented his graduation in regular course, but he received the then rare gift from his Alma Mater of the honorary A.M.

He became a teacher soon after leaving college, first teaching in a district school in Waterford, then a select school at Newbury Vale, and in 1840 he became principal of the Mystic River graded school, and there married his wife, the daughter of Deacon Elisha Rathbun, a most estimable lady, loved by all who knew her, a faithful wife and mother, and a charming companion, one of six sisters, all of whom married and have raised up families and still reside in that beautiful village in the immediate neighborhood of each other, and of a brother. By her he has two daughters, both married, one the wife of S. S. Thresher, Esq., of Norwich, and the other of Horace W. Fish, of the firm of C. Potter, Jr., & Co., of New York, manufacturers of the celebrated Potter Printing Press.

Mr. Potter spent four years teaching in Mississippi, in 1851-55, as principal of the Brandon Academy, where he was regarded as highly successful in his calling. Returning to Connecticut at the end of his four years South, he resumed teaching as principal of the graded school at Mystic River. In 1865, just before the death of President Lincoln, he was appointed by him United States assistant assessor of internal revenue, which office he continued to hold until 1869, when he resigned it to become a member of the lower branch of the Legislature. In 1872 he was senator from the Seventh Senatorial District, and in that year, as chairman of the Committee on Education, he had a large share in moulding the entire educational code of the State, revising every law pertaining to colleges, academies, common and normal schools. He was said also to be one of the few legislators that was generally at his post, and who kept his own time, refusing any pay for all the time he was absent, in accordance with the intent of the law, as his father, Col. Potter, had scrupulously done before him while a member of the Lower House. The officers who made out the debenture bill of the Legislature were not pleased to have one member so particular, making them, as they said, more trouble than all the others, for he would not take nor receipt for his pay till the deduction was made and the bill exactly corresponded with the time he was actually present. It is a small matter, no doubt, but it serves as an illustration of his exactness in all his business relations, and he took great pride in it. In 1872 he was elected by the Legislature a member of the State Board of Education and trustee of the State Normal School, and in 1876 he was re-elected to the same offices, although a large majority of both Houses of the Legislature of that year were of opposite politics. His election to these important and responsible positions was not regarded by him as merely complimentary, nor were their duties light, for he made it a point to be present at all the meetings of the board, and bore a part in the discussions and in solv-

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by S. S. Thresher, Esq.



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ing practical questions which were constantly coming before it, and he was uniformly present at the Normal School commencements. A practical teacher was needed among the eminent men constituting the board, and his long experience in that position and as school visitor qualified him in an eminent degree to supply that need, and made his suggestions of great value to his associates. Dr. Northrop, the excellent secretary of the board, also bore witness to Mr. Potter's faithfulness and usefulness during the eight years of his service as a member. He was elected judge of probate for the district of Groton in 1876, in which office he still continues by repeated re-elections, being also notary public and justice of the peace. He has also held the office of first selectman of the town of Groton.

In politics he was originally a Whig, casting his first vote for Governor W. W. Ellsworth, and at the same time voting for Maj. Thomas W. Williams, of New London, for member of Congress, both of whom were triumphantly elected. At that time in order to be made a freeman it was necessary to be the owner of real estate. He continued to be a member of the Whig party until its final dissolution. He has been a member of the Republican party ever since its organization, and has supported its tickets even when he did not approve of the nominations; but it ought in fairness to be said of him that he has never been so blindly partisan that he could see no good in any one of opposite politics, and the writer, who differs with him politically, freely pays this tribute to his manliness in this regard. So much for secular matters.

Judge Potter professed Christ in 1831, and has been a consistent member of the church since that time, and for more than a third of a century has been deacon in the Union Baptist Church of Mystic River and a teacher in its Sunday-school. He was for twenty years clerk of the Stonington Union Association, and is now its corresponding secretary. For many years he was statistical secretary of the Baptist State Convention and one of the board of managers, and he is still in the latter office, though unable always to be present. He was also for several years a trustee of the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, and at one time one of the examining board. He took an active part in the centennial celebration of the massacre on Groton Heights, Sept. 6, 1781.

Judge Potter is still an active business man, being an insurance agent, real estate agent, etc., as well as attending to the business of the Probate Court.

It is perhaps too soon to speak of the character of a man before he has passed away, but certainly the friends of the subject of this sketch have no reason to blush for the character and conduct of the judge in any capacity in which he has been called to act. He takes a generous view of his contemporaries, and hence his favorite motto, "*Aut bonum aut nil*," which he has framed and conspicuously hung in his office as a

hint to all having occasion to call upon business or socially. In the cause of temperance, of religion, of education and general benevolence he has maintained a position which is certainly marked, and of which his friends may well be proud, and both he and his wife have long been noted for their generous hospitality. He has written several historical sketches of churches and communities, some acceptable biographical notes, and some respectable verses that have been printed, and he has been a reporter or correspondent for various papers during the whole period of his life since he attained the age of manhood. Another qualification he possesses in a high degree, and that is that of a peace-maker. Many disputes have been brought to a happy settlement and disaffection among brethren removed by his counsel, and being well informed in the principles of the common law, with a mind quick to discern the equities of a case, his opinions have been sought and often prevailed to prevent litigation, and perhaps in this character he is best known.

THOMAS M. WALLER.—There are few, even of the intimate friends of Thomas M. Waller, who know of the eventful boyhood which paved the way to one of the most successful and brilliant careers in the later annals of New London County. Mr. Waller is of Irish extraction. Born in New York nearly forty-three years ago, the death of his mother, Mary Armstrong, of his only and younger brother William, and of his father, Thomas Christopher Armstrong, events which followed each other in the order named, left him, before he had scarcely reached nine years of age, alone in the great city. After this he drifted out into the world, as so many boys had done before him. The faculty of making and retaining friends, which has been his to such a marked extent in later life, had begun to develop even then; and when he was thrown upon his own resources he found some one willing to advance him the moderate capital necessary to start him as a newsboy. For some months he cried papers in the lower parts of the city, finding his best customers in the Tammany Hall of those days, and more than one night, while he was following this life, he pillowed his head on the steps of the old *Tribune* building. Then he took to sea-life for a time, serving on several fishing-vessels as cabin-boy and cook's mate, among them the "Mount Vernon," of New London, on which he was about to ship to California during the excitement of '49, when the late Robert K. Waller, of that city, became interested in and adopted him. The name which he now bears was then assumed. The elder Mr. Waller and his wife treated the boy as their own, gave him a good home, the best of care, and the educational advantages that were afforded by the public schools of New London. The kindness they bestowed upon him was always appreciated, and in their declining years he was able in some degree to return it. Before his mother's death he had attended a public school in New York for several years, so that he was well grounded in the

three r's, and his progress in the New London schools was rapid. He graduated at the Bartlett High School in the same class with the late Edgar A. Hewitt, who afterwards became known as a most brilliant writer on insurance topics, and Samuel H. Davis, with whom, after his admission to the bar, he formed a partnership. He even then gave promise of the oratorical powers he has since developed, carrying off the first prize for declamation when his class graduated.

Mr. Waller was admitted to the bar in April, 1861, and soon after enlisted as a private in Company E, Second Regiment Connecticut Volunteers. He was elected fourth sergeant of the company, and went with it to the front, but was honorably discharged from the service before the expiration of his term of enlistment on account of a painful difficulty of the eyes, from which he has suffered to some extent ever since. Returning to New London, he entered upon the practice of his profession, and from the very beginning met with gratifying success. During the past ten years he has occupied a leading position at the bar of this county, and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. As an advocate he has had few equals in this State, and his reputation in this respect has frequently led to his employment in important jury cases in other counties. Since 1875 he has held, by appointment of the judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, the position of attorney for the State for New London County. He has proved a most successful public prosecutor, and his administration has been popular alike with his associates at the bar and with the public. He has been called upon to conduct one of the most important criminal cases that ever occupied the attention of a Connecticut court,—that of the State *vs.* Kate Cobb, who was accused of the murder of her husband,—and to assist in another equally important, and even more notorious,—that of the State *vs.* Rev. Herbert H. Hayden, charged with the murder of Mary Stannard. The Cobb case was managed with marked ability, and resulted in the conviction of the accused of murder in the second degree. Mr. Waller was assigned by the judges of the Supreme Court to assist in the conduct of the Hayden case, the attorney for the State for New Haven County being disqualified. The assignment of itself was a proof of the confidence reposed by the judges of the highest court in his ability and good judgment as a public prosecutor. During this trial Mr. Waller added to the esteem in which he was already held by many of his professional associates, especially by the readiness and ability which he displayed in arguing the numerous interlocutory questions which arose as to the admission of evidence, some of which were of the greatest importance.

Mr. Waller has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has been one of its acknowledged leaders in this State since he first entered upon public life. He was elected a representative to the General Assembly from New London in 1867, 1868,

1872, and 1876, and was Speaker of the House in the centennial year. In no field did his abilities show to better advantage than on the floor of the House. As a leader of his party he was always self-possessed, sometimes bold to the point of daring, full of resource; as a debater he was most forcible and vigorous, eloquent whenever the subject admitted, quick at repartee. His speech in favor of the bridge across the Connecticut River at Saybrook was the feature of the session of 1868, and fairly captivated the House, but it was only one of many brilliant oratorical efforts that marked his career as a legislator. The duties of the Speakership he discharged with the dignity and impartiality that became the position, uniting to a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law the readiness and natural aptitude which are so indispensable in a presiding officer of a deliberative body. He was a worthy successor of Lafayette S. Foster and Augustus Brandegee, two of the most accomplished parliamentarians in the country. In 1870 he was elected Secretary of State. In 1873 he was chosen mayor of New London, and in that position displayed executive ability of a high order. He held the office six years, and at the end of that time declined a renomination. He was the Democratic candidate for representative in Congress from the Third Connecticut District in 1876. He made a vigorous canvass, speaking in many towns in his own county as well as in Windham. He was defeated by a large majority, but polled a heavier vote than the candidates of his party for Presidential electors. Since that time he has not held nor has he been a candidate for public office, but has devoted himself more closely than at any previous period to the practice of his profession. At an age when many men have but just entered upon public life he has held some of the most important and honorable positions in the gift of his fellow-citizens, and in the natural course of events still higher honors are yet in store for him.

AUGUSTUS BRANDEGEE was born in New London, Conn., July 15, 1828. He graduated at Yale College in 1849, and at the Yale Law-School in 1851. He adopted the profession of law and resides in New London. Politically he is a Republican, and has been active in the councils of the party in the State and nation. He was elected a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1854, 1858, 1859, and 1861, having been chosen Speaker of the House in the latter year. In 1861 he was a Presidential elector, and was elected a representative from Connecticut to the Thirty-eighth Congress, serving as a member of the Committees on Naval Affairs and Expenditures, on Public Buildings, and also as chairman of a special committee on the Air-Line Railroad from Washington to New York. He was re-elected to the Thirty-ninth Congress, serving on the Committees on Naval Affairs, Revolutionary Pensions, and the Postal Railroad to New York. He was a delegate to the Baltimore Convention in 1864, to the Philadelphia "Loyalists' Convention" in 1866, and to

the Chicago Convention in 1880 which nominated the lamented Garfield for President of the United States. Mr. Brandegee has also been mayor of his native city.

WM. C. CRUMP, A. C. LIPPITT, and JOHN P. C. MATHER are also old attorneys, residents of New London.

DANIEL CHADWICK was born at Lyme, Jan. 5, 1825; graduated at Yale College in 1845; studied law with Chief Justice H. M. Waite and Hon. L. F. S. Foster, also in Ohio with Chief Justice Morrison B. Waite. Admitted to the bar of New London County, June, 1847; has practiced law at Lyme ever since, with the exception of the years 1854, '55, and '56, when he was practicing at Baltimore, Md. He was a member of the Connecticut Senate in 1858 and 1864, and of the House in 1859; state's attorney for New London County for fourteen years, and United States attorney for Connecticut since November, 1880; government director of the Union Pacific Railway Company for four years from April, 1877.

GEORGE COIT RIPLEY, youngest son of George Burbank Ripley, was born in Norwich, Aug. 24, 1839. Graduated at Yale College in the class of 1862, when he entered the Tenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, and served till the close of the war. Studied law with Jeremiah Halsey, Esq. Entered the bar October, 1867, and has been actively engaged in practicing ever since. Has been member of the City Council, city clerk, recorder of the city, and city attorney. Is a member of the General Assembly for 1882.

The present members of the bar are as follows:

*New London.*—William Belcher, Augustus Brandegee, Chas. W. Butler, N. A. Chapman, Robt. Coit, Wm. C. Crump, John G. Crump, A. S. Darrow, Andrew C. Lippitt, A. C. Lippitt, Jr., John P. C. Mather, Samuel Park, G. F. Raymond, Wm. M. Stark, John A. Tibbetts, Thomas M. Waller, Ralph Wheeler, B. F. Mahan.

*Norwich.*—John T. Adams, John C. Averill, Wm. L. Brewer, Lucius Brown, Frank T. Brown, Franklin H. Brown, Amos A. Browning, Henry H. Burnham, E. S. Bottom, Willis A. Briscoe, Richard E. Cash, Elbridge C. Cooke, S. A. Crandall, J. B. Coit, Wm. S. Congden, J. J. Desmond, George W. Foot, Herbert G. Fowler, Gardiner Greene, Jr., Jeremiah Halsey, Edward Harland, S. T. Holbrook, Wm. H. Jennings, Jr., John C. Kellogg, Solomon Lucas, Ebenezer Learned, Albert F. Park, Webster Park, Donald G. Perkins, Calvin L. Rawson, Louis Rivard, Frank A. Robinson, George C. Ripley, Wm. H. Shields, S. H. Thresher, Seneca S. Thresher, Chas. F. Thayer, E. H. Thomas, Allen Tenny, J. M. Thayer, John T. Wait, O. P. Watters, and David Young.

*Colchester.*—Erastus S. Day, Joel H. Reed.

*Groton.*—John J. Copp, Lemuel Clift, A. P. Tanner.

*Montville.*—Charles W. Comstock.

*Old Lyme.*—Daniel Chadwick, James Griswold, and J. G. Perkins.

*Stonington.*—H. A. Hull, Charles Sabin, John B. Grinnell, and Albert Denison.

*Waterford.*—A. S. Darrow and N. A. Chapman.

The senior members of the bar of this county have, many of them, made up their records; those still left are soon to follow, and the juniors are to assume their places at the bar and on the bench; to them will soon be committed these great responsible trusts. The perpetuity of our free institutions is committed to the guardianship and keeping of the bar and judiciary of our free country, for the history of the world teaches, and all free government illustrates, this truth,—that to the profession of the law civil government is indebted for all the safeguards and intrenchments with which the liberties of the people are protected; that legislation is shaped, constitutions enlarged, amended, and adopted by the enlightened administration of the statesmen, both of England and the United States, who have been in both, and are in all free governments, educated for the bar, and, ascending by the inherent force of their disciplined, professional life, they become the directors of the destinies of states and nations.

Military chieftains may spring into power, tyrants may dazzle with the glamour of military parade and the pomp of war an oppressed and frenzied people, but they turn as the cannonade dies away to the statesmanship of the country, and call to the parliaments and congressional halls for final debate the arbitrations of the liberties of the people.

From the days of King John to the present hour the bench and bar have furnished the statesmen who have erected the bulwarks of constitutional law, and extorted from tyrants the Magna Charta which have secured to the oppressed the guarantees of free institutions.

Imbued with the historical traditions of their predecessors, and tracing the paths they have trod, emulating their good example, it should become more and more the resolute purpose of the New London County bar to so walk in the light of their professional teachings that when they are called to follow them to that upper court, and file their judgment-roll of the great trial of life with that Supreme Judge from whose bar they can take no appeal,—

"Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

## CHAPTER V.

### MEDICAL HISTORY.\*

It is a matter of general interest, as well as of local pride, that the first physicians in the colonies to take the initial step towards the organization of a medical

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society for mutual improvement and good fellowship were those of New London County. Their petition to associate for mutual improvement was preferred to the Colonial Legislature in 1763, but it was a movement in advance of the age, and was negatived in the Lower House. Still it indicated one of the most important crises in the history of the profession. The presentation of that unpretending memorial from the physicians of New London County was the initiative proceeding in a series of efforts which have resulted in the permanent establishment of many flourishing State societies, and within a few years of the National Association, which has contributed in a high degree to purify the ranks, elevate the aims, and make a real unit and fraternity of the profession in America.

In the attempts alluded to it was not the object of the petitioners to secure any immunities or exclusive privileges for themselves, but to protect the health of the community by additional securities. At that time there was no authority in the State legally qualified to confer degrees in a way to discriminate the man of solid acquirements from the ignorant pretender. They wished to establish a standard of education by making a respectable amount of attainments an indispensable prerequisite, and they asked for the appointment of a committee legally authorized to examine and approve candidates if found qualified.

Thus the physicians of New London County, though unsuccessful in their first attempt, were the pioneers in the cause of American medical education and organization.

The society was organized on the voluntary principle, in the month of September, 1775. At the first meeting Dr. John Barker was chosen president, and annually re-elected to this office to the time of his death in 1791.

Of the transactions of this society subsequent to its organization we know but little. The medical libraries in the hands of our predecessors of that period were meagre, and confined to a few elementary works. There being neither schools nor hospitals, beginners were compelled to depend to a great extent upon the oral instruction of men who had acquired skill by experience.

During the early days of the colonies their circumstances were not favorable to the prosperity and elevation of the profession. To become a well-qualified physician required a course of study and a variety of observation which were not to be obtained in any of the colonies, while the great expense attending a foreign education rendered it quite impracticable for any except a very few to avail themselves of the only means of becoming regularly instructed.

The advantages likewise attendant upon an emigration hither were too remote and too uncertain to draw the educated physicians of Europe to our shores. Thus it was that in the almost entire absence

of populous towns, and in the entire absence of medical institutions, which constitute so powerful an attraction to the educated and to the ambitious, no one already established in practice on the other side of the Atlantic would think of exchanging it for the hardships and privations which he was almost sure to experience in the American wilderness. It was, perhaps, too often the case that those, and those only, who failed in the Old World were induced to remove to the New.

We have shown that the medical students of Connecticut, prior to the organization of the State Medical Society, had no other than private medical instruction. There were, it is true, some competent and highly popular medical teachers scattered through the State, by whom large numbers of our young men were successfully educated. Among the most eminent were Dr. Jared Elliot, of Killingworth, who has justly been regarded as the father of regular practice in Connecticut; also Dr. Jared Porter, of Wallingford, himself a student of Dr. Elliot, who for many years kept a medical school, in which several of the most distinguished physicians in the State were educated, Dr. Lemuel Hopkins, of Hartford, being among the number. Another, scarcely less eminent, was Dr. John Barker, of Franklin, who was the president of the New London County Medical Society from its organization until his death in 1791. But able teachers at that day were not always accessible, and when accessible were not always duly appreciated. All who chose to practice medicine were legal physicians, however indifferent had been their advantages. No examination was had, nor was any license given or required. In some cases a certificate was proffered by the instructor to the student at the expiration of his apprenticeship, as it was called, but even this was often dispensed with.

Towards the middle of the eighteenth century wars broke out between England and France, and the theatre of military operations was mostly in the colonies. For twenty years wars were almost constant. The British forces were accompanied by a medical staff composed of well-selected and well-educated physicians. Their military operations led to the establishment of many hospitals in our territories. As the colonies were required to furnish their full proportion of troops, it followed also that they were to supply their share of the medical corps. This brought many of our young men into contact with the educated and experienced surgeons of Europe. The effect was most salutary. The discipline of the camp supplied in some measure the defect of early medical education. In this way a new order of medical men was raised up and diffused through the community.

When the people of this country emerged from the war of independence they saw that their success had depended upon union of effort. The physicians of Connecticut realized the necessity of a thorough professional reform, and felt that the consummation

of this reform required not only concert of action among themselves, but legislative sanction also. They petitioned for an act of incorporation in May, 1786, and in 1792 their petition was granted. From that day onward to the present, if its course has not been marked by uniform prosperity, its existence, at least, has been continuous. And it would be difficult to name any association, at home or abroad, that has more undeviatingly aimed to promote the public good, and at the same time to secure to its members that true dignity of character which should distinguish all belonging to an honorable profession.

At a meeting of the physicians and surgeons of New London County, on the fourth Tuesday of September, 1792, agreeably to the act of the General Assembly passed in May last, incorporating a medical society in the State of Connecticut, *Voted*, By a majority present, that the following gentlemen be members of the society for this county :

Drs. Theophilus Rogers, Norwich; Thomas Colt, New London; Charles Phelps, Stonington; Philip Turner, Norwich; John Watson, Colchester; Simon Wolcott, New London; Philemon Tracy, Norwich; Joshua Downer, Preston; John Turner, Norwich; Samuel Mather, Lyme; Elihu Marvin, Norwich; John Noyes, Lyme; Samuel Bussell, Norwich; Jonathan Marsh, Norwich; Jedediah Burnham, Lisbon; David H. Jewett, Montville; Phineas Hide, Groton; David Lord, Stonington; Luther Manning, Lisbon; Avery Downer, Preston; Benjamin Ellis, Franklin; Thomas Colt, Jr., New London; James Lee, Lyme; Elijah Hartsborn, Franklin; Wm. Robertson, Stonington; Benjamin Butler, New London; Bishop Tyler, Preston; Thos. Skinner, Colchester; John R. Watrous, Colchester; John Scott, Boziah; Benjamin Moore, Norwich; Wm. Lord, Stonington; John O. Miner, Groton; Asahel Huntington, Stonington; Prosper Rose, Groton; Samuel Seabury, Jr., New London; Jeremiah Rogers, Montville; Jonathan Gray, Stonington; James Noyes, Stonington; Amos Prentiss, Groton; Amos Prentiss, Jr., Groton; David Boels, New London; Nathan Hide, Franklin; Asa Spalding, Stonington.

1792.—Chairman, Dr. Theophilus Rogers; Clerk, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Delegates, Drs. Theophilus Rogers, Samuel Mather, Thomas Colt, Joshua Downer, Philip Turner.

In 1793, Drs. Joseph W. Lee, Samuel G. P. Lee, Wm. Graham, and Gurdon Lathrop were chosen members of the society. Chairman, Dr. Theophilus Rogers; Clerk, Simon Wolcott; Delegates, Drs. Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, John Watrous, Philemon Tracy.

1794.—Chairman, Dr. Philip Turner; Clerk, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Delegates, Drs. Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, Thomas Skinner, John R. Watrous, Theophilus Rogers.

1795.—Chairman, Dr. Philip Turner; Clerk, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Delegates, Drs. Philip Turner, Theophilus Rogers, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy.

1799.—Chairman, Dr. Philip Turner; Clerk, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Delegates, Drs. John R. Watrous, John Turner, Simon Wolcott, Philip Turner, Samuel Mather. Dr. Elijah Butts was made a member of the society.

1800.—Chairman, Dr. Philip Turner; Clerk, Dr. John R. Watrous; Delegates, Drs. Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, John Noyes, Avery Downer.

1801.—Chairman, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Clerk, Dr. John R. Watrous; Delegates, Drs. Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, Avery Downer, James Lee.

1802.—Chairman, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Clerk, Dr. James Lee; Delegates, Drs. Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Philemon Tracy. Dr. Daniel Clark was made a member of this society.

1803.—Chairman, Dr. John Noyes; Clerk, Dr. James Lee; Delegates, Drs. John R. Watrous, John Noyes, James Lee, Thomas Colt, Jr., Avery Downer. Dr. Noah B. Foot was made a member of the society.

1804.—Chairman, Dr. Samuel Mather; Clerk, Dr. John O. Miner; Delegates, Drs. Samuel Mather, John R. Watrous, Avery Downer, John O.

Miner, Thomas Colt, Jr. Dr. Aaron C. Willey was made a member of the society.

1805.—Chairman, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Clerk, Dr. John O. Miner; Delegates, Drs. Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Thomas Colt, Jr. Dr. William Hyde was made a member of this society.

1806.—Chairman, Dr. Simon Wolcott; Clerk, Dr. Thomas Colt, Jr.; Delegates, Drs. Simon Wolcott, Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Samuel H. P. Lee, Thomas Colt, Jr.

1807.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. Thomas Colt, Jr.; Delegates, Drs. John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Samuel H. P. Lee, Thomas Colt, Jr. Drs. Baruck Beckwith and Vine Utley were made members of the society.

1808.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Thomas Colt, Jr.; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Thomas Colt, Jr., Samuel Mather, Samuel H. P. Lee. Drs. Benjamin Harris and Joseph Comstock were made members of the society.

1809.—Chairman, Dr. Samuel Mather; Clerk, Dr. Thomas Colt, Jr.; Delegates, Drs. Samuel Mather, Avery Downer, Thomas Colt, Jr., Samuel H. P. Lee, John O. Miner. Dr. George Tisdale was made a member of the society.

1810.—Chairman, Dr. Samuel Mather; Clerk, Dr. Thomas Colt, Jr.; Delegates, Drs. Samuel Mather, John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Thomas Colt, Jr., Samuel H. P. Lee. Dr. William Graham was readmitted to the society, he having been for a number of years practicing out of the State. Dr. Thomas Miner was made a member of the society.

1811.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Samuel H. P. Lee, John O. Miner, Thomas Colt, Jr., Thomas Miner. Drs. John C. M. Brockway, John Noyes, and John Smith were made members of the society.

1812.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Thomas Colt, Samuel H. P. Lee, Thomas Miner. Drs. Elisha North, Asa M. Holt, Samuel Hunting, Archibald Mercer, and John Billings were made members of the society.

1813.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Thomas Colt, Thomas Miner, Samuel H. P. Lee. Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, John L. Smith, and George Downer were made members of the society.

1814.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Elisha North; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Elisha North, John O. Miner, Samuel H. P. Lee, George Tisdale. Dr. Eleazer B. Downing was made a member of the society.

1815.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. E. North; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Thomas Colt, E. North, John O. Miner, George Tisdale. Drs. Nathan S. Perkins, Sylvester Wooster, and Marvin Smith were made members of the society.

1816.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. Dyer T. Brainard; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Elisha North, Samuel H. P. Lee, Vine Utley.

1817.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. D. T. Brainard; Delegates, Drs. Elisha North, George Tisdale, John O. Miner, D. T. Brainard, Sylvester Wooster. Dr. Nathaniel Allen was made a member of the society.

1818.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. N. T. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. John Smith, George Downer, Sylvester Wooster, Nathaniel T. Perkins, Benjamin F. Stoddard. Drs. Lucius Tyler and Andrew T. Warner were made members of the society.

1819.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. N. T. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Elisha North, Samuel H. P. Lee, George Downer, Sylvester Wooster.

1821.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. Archibald Mercer; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Elisha North, W. P. Eaton, Avery Downer, Lucius Tyler.

1822.—Chairman, Dr. John R. Watrous; Clerk, Dr. W. P. Eaton; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Avery Downer, George Tisdale, Frederick Morgan, Dyer T. Brainard. Drs. Thomas J. Willis and Reuben Burgess were made members of the society.

1823.—Chairman, Dr. Elisha North; Clerk, Dr. W. P. Eaton; Delegates, Drs. Archibald Mercer, William P. Eaton, Dyer T. Brainard, Sylvester Wooster, John L. Smith.

1824.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Richard P. Tracy; Delegates, Drs. Lucius Tyler, Thomas T. Wells, Richard P. Tracy, Dyer T. Brainard, William P. Eaton. Dr. John Tibbetta was made a member of this society.

1825.—Chairman, Dr. John C. Miner; Clerk, Dr. Richard P. Tracy; Delegates, Drs. Nathaniel S. Perkins, John O. Miner, William P.



- Katon, Sylvester Wooster, Archibald Mercer. Dr. Henry R. Berdick was made a member of the society.
- 1826.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin F. Stoddard; Delegates, Drs. Thomas Wells, Lucius Tyler, John C. Tibbetts, Reuben Burgess, Dyer T. Brainard.
- 1827.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin F. Stoddard; Delegates, Drs. Nathaniel S. Perkins, Dyer T. Brainard, William P. Miner, Thomas T. Wells, Benjamin F. Stoddard. Dr. William Robinson was made a member of this society.
- 1828.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. John C. Tibbetts; Delegates, Drs. Mason F. Manning, Joseph Comstock, Eleazer B. Downing, Lucius Tyler, Benjamin F. Stoddard.
- 1829.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. John C. Tibbetts; Delegates, Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, John C. Tibbetts, Nathan Tisdale, John O. Miner, Nathaniel S. Perkins. Drs. George E. Palmer and James Morgan were made members of this society.
- 1830.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Worthington Hooker; Delegates, Drs. William Robinson, George E. Palmer, Avery Downer, Mason Manning, Joseph Peabody.
- 1831.—Chairman, Dr. Elisha North; Clerk, Dr. Worthington Hooker; Delegates, Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, James Morgan, Worthington Hooker, George E. Palmer, Nathaniel S. Perkins. Dr. Ephraim Fellows was made a member of the society.
- 1832.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Thomas P. Wattles; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, E. B. Downing, Lucius Tyler, T. P. Wattles, M. Manning.
- 1833.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. T. P. Wattles; Delegates, Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, George E. Palmer, Nathaniel S. Perkins, R. Manwaring, B. F. Stoddard.
- 1834.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Thomas P. Wattles; Delegates, Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, E. B. Downing, John C. Tibbetts, Lucius Tyler, William W. Miner.
- 1835.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Delegates, Drs. William Hyde, James Morgan, Ephraim Fellows, Dyer T. Brainard, William W. Miner.
- 1836.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Delegates, Drs. Lucius Tyler, Joseph Comstock, Eleazer B. Downing, Worthington Hooker, Dyer T. Brainard.
- 1837.—Chairman, Dr. John O. Miner; Clerk, Dr. A. F. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. John O. Miner, Avery Downer, James Rogers, William Hyde, Dyer T. Brainard.
- 1838.—Chairman, Dr. Joseph Comstock; Clerk, Dr. A. F. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. Ralph Farnsworth, Wm. W. Miner, Joseph Duffey, Eleazer B. Downing, A. F. Perkins. Dr. Thomas W. Gay was made a member of the society.
- 1839.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. A. F. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. Nathaniel S. Perkins, D. T. Brainard, Henry C. Beardsley, John C. Tibbetts, J. W. Brooks.
- 1840.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Rufus Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Joseph Comstock, Lucius Tyler, Nathaniel Perkins, Joseph Duffey, Avery Downer.
- 1841.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Rufus Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Dyer T. Brainard, James Morgan, William Hyde, Joseph Duffey, Benjamin F. Stoddard.
- 1842.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Rufus Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Elijah Dyer, Louis Phinney, Lucius Tyler, Ashbel Woodward, Eleazer B. Downing. Drs. B. Fordyce Barker, Ashbel B. Halle, Gurdon R. Parkhurst, and Alonzo Fuller were in 1842 admitted members of the society.
- 1843.—Chairman, Dr. Joseph Comstock; Clerk, Dr. Rufus Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Ralph Farnsworth, Thomas P. Wattles, Worthington Hooker, Dana Holmes.
- 1844.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Rufus W. Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Joseph Duffey, Worthington Hooker, Ashbel Woodward, Elijah Dyer, William Hyde.
- 1845.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Rufus W. Matthewson; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Worthington Hooker, Wm. W. I. Warren, Mason Manning, Isaac G. Porter.
- 1846.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. John C. Bolles; Delegates, Drs. Avery Downer, Chauncey Burgess, John P. Fuller, Lucius Tyler, Benjamin T. Roath.
- 1847.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Jeremiah King; Delegates, Drs. Chauncey Burgess, Ashbel Woodward, Rufus W. Matthewson, John D. Ford, Eleazer B. Downing. Drs. Jeremiah King and Cyrus Miner were admitted members of the society.
- 1848.—Chairman, Dr. Avery Downer; Clerk, Dr. Jeremiah King; Delegates, Drs. Nathaniel Perkins, B. Fordyce Barker, W. W. Miner, Dyer T. Brainard, C. E. Palmer. Drs. Charles Cose, Benjamin Bradford, Samuel Maynard, Francis, and Comstock were admitted members of this society.
- 1849.—Chairman, Dr. Joseph Comstock; Clerk, Dr. Jeremiah King; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Halle, Ashbel Woodward, John C. Bolles, Avery Downer, Joseph Comstock. Dr. Benjamin L. Dean was admitted a member of the society.
- 1850.—Chairman, Dr. Nathaniel L. Perkins; Clerk, Dr. Seth Smith; Delegates, Drs. Eleazer B. Downing, William Hyde, Chauncey Burgess, Dyer T. Brainard, Mason Manning. Drs. Albert Hobron, Archibald T. Douglass, Albert Uter, and Elisha A. Hewett were made members of the society.
- 1851.—Chairman, Dr. Dyer T. Brainard; Clerk, Dr. Seth Smith; Delegates, Drs. Elijah Dyer, Jr., Ashbel Woodward, A. W. Coats, Jeremiah King, Samuel E. Maynard. Dr. Horace Thurston was admitted to membership.
- 1852.—Chairman, Dr. Worthington Hooker; Clerk, Dr. Seth Smith; Delegates, Drs. Worthington Hooker, John D. Ford, Albert Hobron, Joseph Duffey, Seth Smith. Drs. Frank D. Brandegee and Henry W. Leach were admitted members of the society.
- 1853.—Chairman, Dr. Joseph Duffey; Clerk, Dr. Albert Hobron; Delegates, Drs. A. T. Douglass, George E. Palmer, Horace Thurston, Elijah Dyer, I. G. Porter. Dr. Henry C. Randall was admitted a member of the society.
- 1854.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, Dr. Albert Hobron; Delegates, Drs. I. D. Ford, D. P. Francis, Seth Smith, Edwin Bentley, E. F. Coats. Drs. P. E. Baker, Daniel G. Gulliver, Nathaniel Foote, and Franklin Burgess were admitted members of the society.
- 1855.—Chairman, Dr. John D. Ford; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin D. Dean; Delegates, Drs. John D. Ford, Horace Thurston, Alonzo Fuller, John C. Bolles, Isaac G. Porter.
- 1856.—Chairman, Dr. George E. Palmer; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin D. Dean; Delegates, Drs. A. F. Perkins, A. T. Douglass, Benjamin D. Dean, Ashbel Woodward, John C. Bolles. Drs. Melancthon Storrs and William Soule were admitted members of the society.
- 1857.—Chairman, Dr. Joseph Comstock; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin D. Dean; Delegates, Drs. Isaac G. Porter, George E. Palmer, Benjamin D. Dean, Alonzo Fuller, Melancthon Storrs. Dr. Lewis S. Paddock was admitted a member of the society.
- 1858.—Chairman, Dr. Mason Manning; Clerk, Dr. Benjamin D. Dean; Delegates, Drs. Lewis S. Paddock, Isaac G. Porter, John C. Bolles, Benjamin D. Dean, George E. Palmer. Dr. Robert McCurdy Lord was admitted a member of the society.
- 1859.—Chairman, Dr. E. Dyer; Clerk, Dr. L. S. Paddock; Delegates, Drs. E. Bentley, A. W. Coates, A. T. Douglass, Wm. Hyde, Jr., E. Phinney. Dr. D. W. C. Lathrop was admitted a member of the society.
- 1860.—Chairman, Dr. Mason Manning; Clerk, Dr. L. S. Paddock; Delegates, Drs. D. W. C. Lathrop, Mason Manning, Robert McC. Lord, A. B. Halle, O. E. Miner. Drs. Orrin E. Miner and M. N. Tribou were elected members of the society.
- 1861.—Chairman, Dr. Porter; Clerk, Dr. L. S. Paddock; Delegates, Drs. Mason Manning, Eleazer B. Downing, Isaac G. Porter, A. W. Coates, L. S. Paddock.
- 1862.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. N. M. Tribou; Delegates, Drs. Mason Manning, N. M. Tribou, Ashbel Woodward, Robert McC. Lord, Elijah Dyer.
- 1863.—Chairman, Dr. Elijah Dyer; Clerk, Dr. N. M. Tribou; Delegates, Drs. George E. Palmer, N. M. Tribou, D. P. Francis, John Gray, A. B. Halle. Dr. John Gray was admitted a member of the society.
- 1864.—Chairman, Dr. Elijah Dyer; Clerk, Dr. O. E. Miner; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, George E. Palmer, N. M. Tribou, Ashbel B. Halle, Orrin E. Miner.
- 1865.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. O. E. Miner; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, N. M. Tribou, I. G. Porter, C. M. Carleton, John Gray. Drs. Albert T. Chapman, Charles W. Carleton, L. P. Weaver, and A. W. Nelson were elected members of the society.
- 1866.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, Dr. O. E. Miner; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, C. M. Carleton, L. S. Paddock, M. Manning, A. W. Nelson. Dr. F. S. Abbott was admitted a member of the society.
- 1867.—Chairman, Dr. George E. Palmer; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. L. S. Paddock, Mason Manning, F. S. Abbott, Orrin E. Miner, George E. Palmer. Drs. William Wister and J. R. Fairbanks were elected members of the society.
- 1868.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. Isaac G. Porter, George E. Palmer, F. S. Abbott, Ashbel

- Woodward, Orrin E. Miner. Dr. F. N. Braman was elected a member of the society.
- 1869.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, Albert T. Chapman, John Gray, A. W. Nelson, A. B. Halle.
- 1870.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. Abiel W. Nelson, A. Woodward, A. B. Halle, C. M. Carleton, A. T. Chapman. Drs. William Porter, William S. C. Perkins, and George W. Hams were elected members of the society.
- 1871.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. Lewis S. Paddock, Ashbel Woodward, Isaac G. Porter, Frederick Morgan, Levi Wanner. Drs. Patrick Cassada, Thomas T. Graves, and Levi Wanner were elected members of the society.
- 1872.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. A. W. Nelson, C. M. Carleton, A. Woodward, Patrick Cassada, A. T. Chapman. Drs. E. C. Kinney and H. N. Crandall were admitted members of the society.
- 1873.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. E. C. Kinney, A. T. Chapman, S. C. Perkins, F. N. Braman, Ashbel Woodward.
- 1874.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel B. Halle; Clerk, Dr. A. T. Chapman; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, A. T. Chapman, Isaac G. Porter, A. B. Halle, F. N. Braman. Drs. Charles E. Brayton and George D. Stanton were elected members of the society.
- 1875.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, Dr. W. S. C. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. Isaac G. Porter, Lewis S. Paddock, W. S. C. Perkins, F. N. Braman, Patrick Cassidy. Drs. S. L. Sprague and J. Walter Mason were elected members of the society.
- 1876.—Chairman, Dr. Isaac G. Porter; Clerk, Dr. W. S. C. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, George W. Harris, L. S. Paddock, A. T. Nelson, W. S. C. Perkins. Drs. W. Thornton Parker, Willet P. Barber, George A. Jennings, and Frank A. Coates were admitted members of the society.
- 1877.—Chairman, Dr. Seth Smith; Clerk, Dr. W. S. C. Perkins; Delegates, Drs. Samuel Johnson, C. M. Carleton, S. L. Sprague, Ashbel Woodward, F. A. Braman. Drs. Wm. M. Burchard and Elisha Munger were admitted members of the society.
- 1878.—Chairman, Dr. Ashbel Woodward; Clerk, F. N. Braman; Delegates, Drs. Ashbel Woodward, Seth Smith, C. E. Brayton, F. N. Braman, L. S. Paddock. Drs. J. De Witt Nelson, John G. Stanton, I. B. Almy, and Anthony Peck were admitted members of the society.
- 1879.—Chairman, Dr. E. C. Kinney; Clerk, Dr. Anthony Peck; Delegates, Drs. E. C. Kinney, J. G. Stanton, L. B. Almy, W. M. Burchard, J. D. Nelson. Drs. E. D. Griffin, Wm. H. Mason, and Benjamin Booth were elected members of the society.
- 1880.—Chairman, Dr. A. Woodward; Clerk, Dr. A. Peck; Delegates, Drs. C. N. Brayton, A. W. Nelson, C. N. Carleton, F. A. Coats, G. W. Harris.
- 1881.—Chairman, Dr. Kinney; Clerk, Dr. Peck; Delegates, Drs. Paddock, Braman, Burchard, Woodward, Peck.

Some of these physicians deserve more than a passing notice. Prominent among them is Dr. JOHN BARKER, who was born in Lebanon, Conn., in 1729. He studied medicine with Dr. Joseph Perkins, and his close application, keen insight into the mysteries of disease, and his quick and accurate interpretation of equivocal symptoms gave certain promise of future success. He commenced business in 1750, and labored in the same field for more than forty years, until stricken down by death. As a physician Dr. Barker enjoyed an enviable popularity both with the public and with the profession. He was extensively employed in consultation throughout Eastern Connecticut, and great deference was yielded to his opinions.

He was one of the original memorialists who petitioned the Legislature for a medical society. Not discouraged by the failure of that attempt, he and his compeers persevered till, ten or twelve years later, their efforts resulted in the organization of a volun-

tary association, with Dr. Barker for its first president. To this position he was annually re-elected so long as he lived. He died June 18, 1791, of cholera morbus.

PHILIP TURNER, M.D.—Among the leading physicians and surgeons who were residents of and practitioners in this county during the last century no one stood as prominent as Dr. Philip Turner. He was a lineal descendant of Humphrey Turner, who came from Essex, England, in 1630, and settled at Scituate, Mass. His father, Philip Turner, removed from Scituate to Norwich in the early part of the last century, where the subject of this sketch was born on the 25th of February, 1740. His parents dying while he was yet young, and being left without means, he was taken into the family and under the patronage of Dr. Elisha Tracy, of that town, who deservedly stood high in the public estimation for his scholarly and professional attainments. Here young Turner was treated with parental kindness, and at a suitable age commenced his medical studies under the direction of his patron. In the year 1759 he was appointed assistant surgeon to a provincial regiment under Gen. Amherst, at Ticonderoga. His fine personal appearance, pleasing address, and superior talents attracted the attention of the English surgeons, who treated him with great courtesy, and invited him to witness many of their capital operations. It was from the information and practice he obtained in this school that he laid the foundation of his future eminence. He continued with the army till after the peace of 1763, when he returned to the house of his benefactor, whose eldest daughter he soon after married. He at once established himself in Norwich in the practice of his profession, devoting his attention especially to surgery.

Possessed of a vigorous constitution, and stimulated by an honorable ambition, Dr. Turner was indefatigable in his exertions to excel in his profession. His unwavering pursuit to attain this end, in connection with the peculiar abilities which he possessed, soon won success. At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution he stood unrivaled as a surgeon in the eastern section of the country. His fame was not confined to the limits of his native State, for he was repeatedly called beyond the borders of the same to perform operations that demanded more than ordinary professional skill. He was the first surgeon of the Connecticut troops in the campaign before Boston. He accompanied the army to New York in 1776, and the commission then issued to him by Governor Trumbull is now in the possession of one of his descendants. The battles of Long Island and White Plains afforded him favorable opportunities to display his rare ability as an operator, and his unvarying success won him the highest reputation with the troops. In 1777 Congress appointed Dr. Turner director-general to superintend the general hospital, but subsequently transferred him from that position to that of

surgeon-general of the Eastern Department, which station he filled with great ability till near the close of the war. On retiring from the army he resumed his private practice, and continued in the same with undiminished reputation until 1800, when he removed from Norwich to the city of New York. Advanced in years, he felt that a metropolitan practice would be easier for him to pursue. He at once took a high rank among the physicians and surgeons of that city. Shortly after his removal he was appointed a surgeon to the staff of the United States army, and given the medical and surgical care of the troops at the fortifications in the harbor of New York. This very honorable and responsible position he held until his death, which occurred on the 20th of April, 1815, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was buried with military honors in the yard connected with St. Paul's church in the city of New York. The record shows that he served his country with marked distinction in the war with France, the Revolutionary war, and the war of 1812.

Although Dr. Turner did not receive a liberal education, he had naturally a keen and inquiring mind and scholarly tastes, so that by his own efforts he early in life possessed himself of acquirements that were valuable to him in his profession. He had an intuitive capacity that adapted him for the practice of surgery, and won him his great reputation as an operator. The accuracy of his judgment and the remarkable dexterity of his hand enabled him to perform the most difficult operations with almost unequalled success. Dr. Shippen, who stood in the front rank of his profession in Philadelphia, and who was associated with Dr. Turner in the army, did him the honor to say that neither in Europe nor in America had he ever seen an operator that excelled him.

DR. THEOPHILUS ROGERS was born at Lynn, Mass., Oct. 4, 1699, the sixth in descent from John Rogers, the proto-martyr who was burned at Smithfield, Feb. 4, 1555. Dr. Rogers studied his profession and practiced for a while in Boston. Afterwards removing to Norwich West Farms, he entered upon a wide sphere of usefulness. Dr. Rogers died at Norwich, Sept. 29, 1753.

DR. SOLOMON TRACY was one of the earliest, if not the very first, physician in Norwich. He was born in 1651, and moved to Norwich at the age of nine years. He was among the "solid men" of the town, and chosen for many offices of public trust. He died July 9, 1732.

DR. DAVID HARTSHORN was born in Reading, Mass., in 1656. He first located in business in his native town, where he continued until about 1700, when he removed to Norwich West Farms. In this new field of labor he was highly esteemed as a physician, and was a leading man both in civil and ecclesiastical affairs. He died Nov. 30, 1738.

DR. JOSEPH PERKINS was born in 1704, and graduated at Yale College when twenty-three years old.

Having enjoyed the best medical advantages attainable, he opened an office in the present Lisbon. He soon became distinguished as a daring surgeon, and most of the capital operations of the circumjacent country were performed by his hand. Dr. Perkins was also a man of piety, patriotism, and benevolence. He died July 7, 1794.

DR. ELISHA PERKINS, the fourth child of Dr. Joseph Perkins, acquired a world-wide notoriety as inventor of the "medical tractors," from the use of which many supposed cures were reported in Europe as well as in America.

DR. THEOPHILUS ROGERS, JR., was the son of Dr. Theophilus Rogers, of whom mention has been made. He was located in business at Bean Hill, and died Sept. 29, 1801.

DR. CHRISTOPHER HUNTINGTON was the sole physician of Bozrah during its early history. He also held the offices of deacon and clerk of the church. He died in 1800.

DR. ELISHA TRACY was born at West Farms in 1712, and graduated at Yale College in 1738. He studied under the direction of Dr. Theophilus Rogers, Sr. He earnestly advocated inoculation for smallpox, but encountered a storm of prejudice and persecution. He lived, however, to see his own views very generally adopted by the community. He died in 1783, widely beloved and lamented.

DR. PHILEMON TRACY, son of the above, was born May 30, 1757. Having enjoyed the professional teachings of his father and Dr. Philip Turner, he practiced medicine in his native town for more than fifty-five years.

**Army Surgeons.**—DR. RICHARD TOZER was a student of Dr. Benj. Wheat, and afterwards served as surgeon's mate in the corps attached to the forces under Gen. Wolcott in the Louisburg expedition in 1745. He died at Louisburg.

DR. JONATHAN MARSH was appointed surgeon to the force sent against Crown Point in August, 1755. He was chiefly distinguished for his success in bone-setting. He died in 1766.

DR. JONATHAN MARSH, JR., was twelve years old when his father died. He also became distinguished for his success in bone-setting. His death, April 18, 1798, was esteemed a public calamity.

DR. JOHN TURNER, son of Dr. Philip Turner, was born in 1764. He died in 1837.

DR. WILLIAM WHITING was born in Bozrah in 1730. He was appointed in May, 1758, assistant surgeon of the Second Regiment of American forces. He settled in Hartford, but afterwards removed to Great Barrington, Mass.

DR. PHINEAS HYDE was born at West Farms in 1749. During the war he was a surgeon in the United States service, both in the army and the navy. He died in 1820.

DR. LUTHER WATERMAN was born at West Farms in 1750. He was surgeon to the forces under Col.

Knowlton during the campaign of 1776. After the war he removed to the West.

DR. ELIPHAZ PERKINS was born at Lisbon in 1758, and graduated at Yale College, 1776. He studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Joseph Perkins, and settled in Vermont. He died in 1828.

DR. ABIJAH PERKINS, younger brother of the above, entered the Revolutionary army as a surgeon, and was taken prisoner by the British.

DR. JONATHAN KNIGHT was born in Lisbon in 1758, and studied with Dr. Cheney. In 1777 he entered the army as a surgeon, and was at Valley Forge during the most disheartening period of the war. He died in 1829.

DR. ABEL HUNTINGTON was born in Franklin in 1777. He located at East Hampton, L. I., and died in 1758.

DR. JOHN R. WATROUS was born in 1752. He was a surgeon in the army of the Revolution, the companion of Dr. Hall, of East Hartford, and was president of the Connecticut Medical Society for three years. He died at Colchester, Conn., in 1843, aged ninety-one.

DR. AVERY DOWNER was born in 1763, and died in 1854, aged ninety-one. He was the last survivor of the battle of Fort Griswold. His father, Dr. Joshua D. Downer, was also present, and assisted in dressing the wounded. Both father and son were of the number of memorialists who unsuccessfully petitioned the Legislature for a medical society. Dr. Avery Downer was president of the Connecticut Medical Society from 1807 to 1812.

## CHAPTER VI.

### MILITARY HISTORY.

The Second Regiment—The Third Regiment—The Seventh Regiment—The Eighth Regiment—The Ninth Regiment—The Tenth Regiment—The Twelfth Regiment—The Thirteenth Regiment—First Regiment Heavy Artillery—The First Cavalry—The Fourteenth Regiment—The Eighteenth Regiment—The Twenty-first Regiment—The Twenty-sixth Regiment.

THE lightning had scarcely flashed the intelligence to the expectant North that Maj. Anderson and his gallant band had surrendered as prisoners of war to the Southern Confederacy ere the patriotic sons of New London were rallying to the support of their imperiled country. Men and money were promptly raised, and the record of the county during the whole struggle is one in which her citizens may justly feel a patriotic pride.

**Second Regiment Infantry.**—The Second Regiment of Infantry was enlisted for three months and recruited from the volunteer militia. It was mustered into the service May 7, 1861, under the command of Alfred H. Terry, of New Haven, an efficient and accomplished officer. David Young, of Norwich, was lieutenant-colonel. The regiment left for Washington May 7, 1861, numbering seven hundred and eighty.

There were three companies from New London County in this regiment,—Company A, Frank S. Chester, captain; Company B, Henry Peale, captain; and Company C, Edwin C. Chapman, captain. The regiment was present at the battle of Bull Run, where both officers and men acquitted themselves with honor. It was mustered out of the service Aug. 7, 1861.

#### RIFLE COMPANY A.

Mustered into the United States service May 7, 1861.

Frank S. Chester, capt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Thomas Scott, first lieut., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 William A. Berry, second lieut., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Francis McKeag, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 James L. Cobb, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Anthony Staubly, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Austin G. Monroe, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; taken prisoner June 19, 1861.  
 John B. Jennings, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; taken prisoner July 21, 1861.  
 Chester W. Converse, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Gorham Dennis, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Thomas C. Lawler, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 William W. Duntun, musician, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Joseph Tunstall, musician, Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Adams, James, Glastenbury, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Arnold, William N., Putnam, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Barber, Ezra N., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Barrett, Stephen L., Woodstock, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Blivan, James L., Windham, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Brogan, John, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Brown, William H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Capwell, John W., Providence, B. I., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Carrull, William P., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cavanagh, Patrick, Boston, Mass., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Case, John P., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Colt, James B., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; pro. to sergt. for gallantry at Bull Run; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Crandall, Darius H., Killingly, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Daniels, John L., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Dickinson, Wm. G., Bozrah, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Donnan, John, Middlefield, Mass., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Dugan, Thomas, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Ellis, Richard B., enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Flannigan, Edward, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Foster, Lyman, Greenville, Mass., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Fulton, William H., Franklin, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Gilchrist, John W., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Grinnell, John W., Putnam, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Harvey, James, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Hughes, Asa L., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Jepsen, Charles E., Pomfret, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Kelley, John, Clinton, Mass., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Kinney, Van Buren, Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Ladd, Amos R., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Lathrop, Erastus D., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Leach, Arnold, Putnam, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 McKee, James, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

McLane, Archibald, Paterson, N. J., enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Miller, Henry C., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Minard, Euse G., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Morrison, John H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Morse, George, Killingly, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Mitchell, Joseph T., Bozrah, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 O'Donnell, George, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Pellett, Francis E., Canterbury, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Phillips, John T., Pomfret, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Phillips, William E., Woodstock, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Rogers, Ebenezer H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Rosenblatt, David, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; missing at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.  
 Russell, Isaac D., Franklin, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Smiley, John S., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Street, Christian, enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Snow, Henry L., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Smith, Edward, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Stearns, Charles J., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Stearns, Vane, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Stokes, Joseph, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; died July 25, 1861.  
 Tift, William H., Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tiffany, Martin V. B., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tillinghast, George F., Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tingley, John H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Toomey, Thomas, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tourtellotte, Jerome, Putnam, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tracy, William C., Lebanon, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Wernick, Frank, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 West, George W., Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Warner, Addison G., Woodstock, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Wheatley, Charles, Plainfield, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Wilkinson, James F., Newbury, Mass., enl. May 7, 1861; missing at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.  
 Williams, George F., Pomfret, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Wood, James G., Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Warner, George, enl. May 24, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

## RIFLE COMPANY B.

Mustered into the United States service May 7, 1861.

Henry Peale, capt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 George W. Rogers, first lieut., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 James J. McCord, second lieut., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 John Lilley, sergt., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Duty G. Chapman, sergt., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Edwin S. Francis, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Charles Young, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 James D. Higgins, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Henry W. Lester, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Arthur F. Ryder, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, July 3, 1861.  
 George W. Swain, corp., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 John N. Cutler, musician, Lisbon, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 John H. Wilcox, musician, Lisbon, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Barlow, James C., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Barlow, Otis W., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Bartlett, John, Stafford, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Beebe, Daniel E., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

Beers, Lewis, Lebanon, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Beckwith, Charles H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.  
 Benson, Albert, Thompson, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Bidwell, Jasper H., Canton, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Branch, Eugene, Lisbon, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Brown, George, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Butler, John, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Carkins, Amos B., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Carpenter, Eben, Jr., Colchester, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Carey, Patrick, Montville, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cook, Charles F., Griswold, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cook, George A., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cragg, George G., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Dextrimer, William, enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Denison, John J., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Fanning, William D., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Fletcher, Joseph E., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Fox, John M., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Gould, Augustus, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Hempstead, Henry, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Jacques, Benjamin F., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Jewitt, Joseph F., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Johnson, John, Jr., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Johnson, Robert, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Kerr, Robert, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Kingston, Elias, Jr., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Lillibridge, Clark, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Loomis, Charles A., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Loomis, John W., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Mansfield, Thomas T., Norwich, enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 McEwen, Peter, Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 McGarry, Andrew, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Maples, James, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Miller, William E., Thompson, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.  
 Murray, Charles A., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; taken prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.  
 Nash, Eugene S., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Parker, Joseph M., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Potter, James, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Reynolds, John T., Sprague, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Rogers, Edward P., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Roath, Warrington D., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.  
 Sherman, William M., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Smith, George E., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Smith, Thomas H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Smith, William R., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Spencer, Ezra, Thompson, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Stanton, Frederick, Montville, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Spencer, Robert R., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Stark, Henry, Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Story, Nathan K., Sprague, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, July 3, 1861.  
 Sullivan, Daniel, Sprague, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Summers, F. B., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Tift, Francis, Sprague, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Town, George S., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Walden, Wm. H., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Warden, Alex., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Warren, Walter P., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Whitmore, Horace W., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Wilber, Calvin D., Sprague, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Williams, Ransford P., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Williams, George E., Norwich, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.  
 Wetherell, Benj. S., Preston, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

## RIFLE COMPANY C.

Mustered into the United States service May 7, 1861.

Edwin C. Chapman, capt., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.  
 William Spittle, first lieut., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

- Hiram F. Chappell, second Lieut., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- John Bishop, Jr., sergt., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Robert Leggett, sergt., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Joseph Strickland, sergt., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Thomas M. Waller, sergt., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 27, 1861.
- Robert M. Bosa, corp., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Henry Lee, corp., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.
- James E. Metcalf, corp., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- George C. Waldo, corp., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Orlando H. Hempstead, musician, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Charles F. Stearns, musician, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Appleman, Hiram, Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.
- Beebe, Gilbert J., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Babcock, Albert C., enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Beebe, Marvin, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; never joined for duty.
- Bailey, Thomas, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, '61.
- Briggs, Charles H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Brown, George H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Brown, Sherman, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Bulkey, Anthony, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Bennell, Charles A., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Barrows, Joseph A., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Chapman, Edwin O., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Chipman, Elisha P., Lyme, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Carroll, James W., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Chadwick, Samuel B., Lyme, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Chitty, Henry E., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Collum, George S., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Crocker, Daniel F., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Dexter, Sebastian M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Douglas, William, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 30, 1861.
- Dyer, George M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Elkington, John, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Emendorf, George, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Gannon, John, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Gibby, George, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Haskell, Edward P., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Harvey, Martin, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.
- Havens, George, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Jeffrey, Frank C., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Kelley, John, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Lake, Daniel, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Leishap, Charles, New London, enl. June 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Latham, James H., Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Latham, William W., Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Lamb, Giles W., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; never joined for duty.
- Lepard, Andrew J., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Lee, D. M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Lowenstein, George F., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 27, 1861.
- Martin, George A., Cuba, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Maxon, Herbert E., Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- McKeon, Michael, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Morris, John E., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Miner, Wm. W., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Noland, John S., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Pimer, William H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Page, Wm. Thomas, Jr., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Perkins, William W., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Penhallow, Daniel, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Payne, Charles W., Jr., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.
- Peckham, George H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Quinn, Horace F., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Russell, Benjamin, Westerly, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Rathbun, John A., Westerly, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Shaffer, Leonard, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Scannell, Peter, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. May 7, 1861.
- Sizer, Wm. H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Shaffer, Emery, New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Sterry, Abner N., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, Theodore C., Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, Jabez S., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, Heskiah B., Jr., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Turner, Frederick M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Tracy, George H., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; pro. Lieut. U.S.A. June 19, 1861.
- Webb, William M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Williams, George M., New London, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Wilbur, Robert P., Stonington, enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

**The Third Connecticut Regiment Infantry** (three months), the numerical strength of which was seven hundred and eighty men, left Hartford for Washington May 25, 1861. They were armed with United States smooth-bore muskets. Col. John Arnold, long a prominent officer in the State militia, and instructor in a number of military schools, was placed in command. He tendered his resignation, on account of ill health, May 29, 1861, and was honorably discharged. Col. John L. Chatfield, his successor, acquired his military education in the State militia. He was a strict disciplinarian, and much beloved by the officers and men composing his command. This regiment was at the battle of Bull Run, and behaved with the steadiness and gallantry of veterans. The regiment was mustered out of service at Hartford on the 12th day of August, 1861.

Rifle Company D was from this county, Edward Harland, captain.

#### RIFLE COMPANY D.

Mustered into the United States service May 11, 1861.

Edward Harland, capt., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Charles W. Spalding, first Lieut., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; res. May 20, 1861.

William W. Barnes, second Lieut., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

James R. Moore, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

John E. Ward, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; pro. first Lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Jasper A. H. Shaw, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Joab B. Rogers, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Paris B. Nickerson, corp., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Charles H. Carpenter, corp., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

John T. Fanning, corp., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Willard R. Moulton, corp., Mansfield, enl. May 11, 1861; taken prisoner at battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861; hon. disch. July 6, 1862.

Michael Driscoll, musician, Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

George E. Wightman, musician, Bozrah, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Allen, James A., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Armstrong, Harvey S., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Arnold, Ludwig, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Bloxham, Joseph H., Bozrah, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Bradley, William E., Sprague, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Brahman, Henry T., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Branch, Joseph W., Sprague, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Breed, John, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Breed, Charles A., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Brown, Leander, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Burke, Charles F., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Burke, Horace E., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Calhoun, Martin, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Carruthers, William, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Case, David C., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; killed at battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861.

Chapman, William G., Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Corey, Joseph R., Lebanon, enl. May 11, 1861; disch. for disability, July, 1861.

Durfee, Hosea P., Lebanon, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

DeGroot, Abraham B., enl. May 25, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Edwards, Charles J., Stonington, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Faulkner, Francis W., New Haven, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Foster, Joel M., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Francis, Charles, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Frazier, George W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Gates, Horace P., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Gavitt, Edwin, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Griffin, Thomas, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Guyle, John W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Hiscox, Albert, Griswold, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Huntington, Charles L. F., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Jerome, Sylvester G., Waterford, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Jillean, George W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Keables, Nathaniel A., Bozrah, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Keeler, John M., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Knapp, Lorenzo D., North Stonington, enl. May 11, 1861; disch. for disability, July, 1861.

Ladd, William L., enl. May 11, 1861; discharged, furnished substitute.

Leonard, Isaac N., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Locke, John, Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Lombard, Alonzo, Lebanon, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Long, Calvin B., Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Maples, Wm. L., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Marshall, George B., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Metcalf, John G., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Monroe, William H., Canterbury, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Nichols, James B., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Park, George B., Canterbury, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Phillips, Charles C., Bozrah, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Pitchee, Charles L., Lebanon, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Rice, Ambrose B., Plainfield, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Ripley, Charles H., Colchester, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Ripley, Eleazar H., Windham, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Rogers, Horace, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Ross, William J., Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Smith, Jacob K., Preston, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Shalk, Frederick, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Sterry, Tully W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Swan, Henry W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Sweet, James H., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Terwilliger, Augustus, North Stonington, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Terrance, James, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Treniere, Richard, Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Tucker, Allen, Franklin, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Vergason, James H., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Whittlesey, George W., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Williams, George E., Norwich, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

Wright, John E., West Hartford, enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.

**Seventh Regiment Infantry.**—The Seventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteers was organized in the summer of 1861, and was composed largely of those who had served in the three months' regiments.

Col. Alfred H. Terry, of the Second Regiment, was transferred to the command of this regiment, and Lieut.-Col. Joseph R. Hawley, the second in command, was captain in the Third Connecticut.

The regiment participated in the following engagements: Fort Pulaski, Ga., April 10 and 11, 1862; James Island, S. C., June 16, 1862; Pocotaligo, S. C., Oct. 22, 1862; Morris Island, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., July 11, 1863; Olustee, Fla., Feb. 24, 1864; Chester Station, Va., May 10, 1864; near Bermuda Hundred, Va., from May 10 to May 17, 1864, June 2, 1864, June 17, 1864; Deep Bottom, Va., Aug. 14 and 15, 1864; Deep Run, Va., Aug. 18, 1864; Chapin's Farm, Va., Sept. 29, 1864; near Richmond, Va., Oct. 1, 1864; New Market Road, Va., Oct. 7, 1864; Darbytown Road, Va., Oct. 13, 1864; Charles City Road, Va., Oct. 27, 1864; Fort Fisher, N. C., Jan. 15, 1865, and Jan. 19, 1865.

Casualties: killed in action, 90; died of wounds, 44; died of disease, 179; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 587; missing at date of muster out of regiment, 40. Total, 940.

#### COMPANY H.

John B. Dennis, capt., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out Feb. 17, 1865.

Theodore Burdick, first Lieut., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; pro. capt. Co. B; killed July 11, 1863, at Fort Wagner.

- Corham Dennis, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; res. Jan. 3, '62.
- Charles A. Wood, sergt., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; pro. first lieut.; killed May 16, 1864, at Petersburg.
- Charles H. Ripley, sergt., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; killed May 14, 1864, at Petersburg.
- George W. Frasier, sergt., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Joseph L. Brown, sergt., Stafford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Morton A. Talntor, sergt., Colchester, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; pro. 2d lieut. Co. D, June 13; killed Oct. 27, 1864.
- William B. Carroll, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; wounded; died Nov. 6, 1864.
- Henry H. Taylor, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- John M. Blood, corp., Huntington, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Henry A. Bottomly, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died March 13, 1864, at Boston, Mass.
- Charles H. Hurton, corp., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 4, 1864, term expired.
- Charles E. Hooks, corp., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 8, 1863.
- Edward S. Perry, corp., New Haven, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; pro. capt. Co. I, Feb. 29, 1864; must. out Oct. 26, 1864.
- Edward F. Hinckley, corp., Preston, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. July 29, 1862, at Hilton Head, S. C.
- Lewis Bradford, musician, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died Jan. 17, 1864, at New Haven, Conn.
- Stephen A. Stebbins, musician, Colchester, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Francis B. Marsh, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 3, 1862, at Hilton Head, S. C.
- Abell, Jared A., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; killed June 17, 1864, at Bermuda Hundred.
- Arnold, William G., Southington, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded Oct. 22, 1862; disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Avery, William, East Haddam, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Baker, Eli G., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died Sept. 5, 1864.
- Baker, Herbert P., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Bowen, Joseph A., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died June 5, 1864, at Bermuda Hundred, Va.
- Bowers, Theodore D., Wilmington, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died Dec. 20, 1862, at Beaufort, S. C.
- Bowers, Uriel M., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Braman, Henry T., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Bradley, Theodore, North Haven, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died March 14, 1865.
- Burgess, Albert W., Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Burdick, Samuel, Griswold, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died Dec. 3, 1864.
- Church, Henry H., Montville, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Crosman, David, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 9, 1862.
- Crabb, William, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Cutler, Charles, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Dannison, Andrew J., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Dodd, Knock, Mansfield, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Doolittle, Lorenzo S., New Haven, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died Dec. 9, 1862, at Beaufort, S. C.
- Dowley, Levi A., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died Nov. 25, 1864.
- DuLac, Patrick, Middletown, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 15, 1862, at Washington, D. C.
- Dorgan, Timothy, Natick, B. I., enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Drake, Samuel S., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. U. S. navy, April 28, 1864.
- Earle, Amos B., Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Eldridge, George, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Eldridge, Horace, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, July 8, 1865.
- Elderkin, James, Colchester, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; killed May 14, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.
- English, William S., New Haven, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; killed May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff.
- Erwin, Robert, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 15, 1862.
- Flynn, Michael, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 20, 1863.
- Fry, Allen, Griswold, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died Dec. 26, 1861, at Hilton Head, S. C.
- Fuller, Henry, Montville, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. U. S. navy, April 28, 1864.
- Gallagher, Frank, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Geer, Chauncey, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Graham, James D., Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 4, 1864, term expired.
- Grimes, Michael, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out Aug. 1, 1865.
- Harvey, Edmund W., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, Jan. 27, 1865.
- Hall, Lorenzo, Mansfield, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded Oct. 22, 1862; disch. Sept. 7, 1864.
- Hayes, Lyman, Farmington, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Harrington, William H., Griswold, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; trans. Vet. Res. Corps, April 17, 1865.
- Harrington, Ira, Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; wounded; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Harrington, Joseph W., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Holmes, Christopher, East Lyme, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, May 4, 1865.
- Holland, William J., Mansfield, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded Oct. 22, 1862; disch. for disability, March 18, 1863.
- Irving, William, Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Jeffrey, Jacob, New London, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died Oct. 23, 1862, of wounds received at Pocotaligo, S. C.
- Kinney, Albert B., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Kimball, Henry H., Montville, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died Sept. 7, 1864.
- Kiernan, William, Thompson, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; killed Oct. 1, 1864.
- Manwaring, Ellilbus S., Stafford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; trans. Vet. Res. Corps, April 17, 1865.
- Maly, James, Hartford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Millard, George A., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, Aug. 12, 1865.
- Milliken, John M., Hampton, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Mott, Willard L., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; trans. Signal Corps, U.S.A., Feb. 29, 1864.
- Osborne, Charles, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Osborne, James, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Palmer, Lewis O., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; trans. Invalid Corps, Jan. 15, 1864.
- Parker, Stephen, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864, term expired.
- Perkins, James M., Mansfield, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1863; disch. for disability, Sept. 22, 1862.
- Pitcher, Abner D., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, May 6, 1864, at David's Island, N. Y.
- Pitcher, Frank W., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. Sept. 12, 1864.



Robinson, Andrew, Sprague, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; died Dec. 21, 1865.

Rogers, Horace C., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, March 10, 1863.

Rouse, James E., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Roche, Michael M., Killingly, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Sanford, Benjamin, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; wounded June 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Aug. 1, 1862.

Sanders, David, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, Aug. 7, 1865.

Sharp, Edward, Montville, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; died Jan. 8, 1865.

Shay, George, Plainfield, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, March 3, 1863, at Norwich, Conn.

Smith, Bradford W., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, March 3, 1863, at Annapolis, Md.

Smith, George W., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 3, 1862, at Hilton Head, S. C.

Smith, William, Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out June 19, 1865.

Snow, Jerome B., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; trans. Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 10, 1865.

Sullivan, John, Lisbon, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Southerly, Martin L., Eastford, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Taylor, Amos W., enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 17, 1862, at Baltimore, Md.

Thorpe, William H., Montville, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Walker, John H., Windham, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out July 20, 1865, at Goldsboro, N. C.

Welsh, Ellish, Chaplin, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Wheelock, William H., enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 20, 1865.

Wood, William G., Sterling, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, Aug. 1, 1865.

Yerrington, Perry, Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1861; trans. Invalid Corps, March 7, 1864; disch. Sept. 15, 1864.

**The Eighth Regiment.**—This regiment was mustered into the service in September and October, 1861, under the command of Edward Harland, of Norwich. New London County was represented by two companies,—D, Capt. John E. Ward, and G, Capt. Hiram Appelman. The regiment left Connecticut Oct. 17, 1861, one thousand and twenty-seven strong, and at Annapolis, Md., was joined to Burnside's corps. "Its earliest services were in the battle of Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862, and the siege of Fort Macon the following month. It accompanied Gen. Burnside when he was ordered to join the Army of the Potomac, and subsequently went with the corps into Maryland. At Antietam, in September, 1862, the regiment lost: Killed, one officer—Lieut. Marvin Wait, of Norwich—and 33 men; wounded, 10 officers and 129 men; missing, 21 men; total, 194.

"In December the Eighth was engaged at Fredericksburg, but suffered slightly, and in February, 1863, was sent to Southeastern Virginia. In April the regiment was in the fight at Fort Hagar, Va., and remained in Virginia until January, 1864. It then returned to Connecticut on veteran furlough, three hundred and ten men having re-enlisted as veterans. In March it returned to its old camp near Portsmouth, Va., and, after outpost- and picket-duty at Deep Creek

and vicinity, was in the battle at Walthall Junction, May 9th, and lost eighty men. Col. Harland having been promoted to be a brigadier-general, the regiment was at this time in command of Col. John E. Ward, who was severely wounded by a shell at the battle named. A week later the regiment participated in the engagement at Fort Darling, and on the night of the 16th returned within the fortification, the men worn out with eight days' constant warfare. In this short time the Eighth lost one-third of its fighting strength. Early in June it was engaged with the enemy at Cold Harbor, and from June 16th to August 27th in skirmishes and siege-work around Petersburg, losing heavily. The following four weeks were spent on the James River, picketing the Bermuda Hundred post, and September 27th the regiment lost seventy-three men in the storming of Battery Harrison. This was the last general engagement of the regiment, which was mustered out Dec. 12, 1865."

The regiment saw severe service, and participated in the following engagements: Newbern, Fort Macon, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Fort Hagar, Walthall Junction, Fort Darling, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Fort Harrison. There were killed, 72; died of wounds, 40; died of disease, 132; missing, 11.

#### COMPANY D.

John E. Ward, captain, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. col. April 2, 1863; must. out March 13, 1865, term expired.

James E. Moore, first lieut., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. capt. March 28, 1862; disch. May 30, 1865, term expired.

Charles A. Breed, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. first lieut.; died July 30, 1862, at Newport News.

Eliaser H. Ripley, sergt., Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; pro. capt.; res. to enter Invalid Corps.

John McCall, sergt., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. capt. Co. B; killed May 16, 1864, at Fort Darling.

Charles Shepard, sergt., Norwich; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; pro. 2d lieut. Co. B.; res. Feb. 14, 1863.

Amos L. Keables, sergt., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. 2d lieut. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. May 15, 1865.

Joseph E. Fletcher, sergt., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 9, 1863.

James C. Jennings, corp., Preston, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.

James S. Colton, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded June 17, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

Henry M. Livermore, corp., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died March 31, 1862, at Roanoke Island.

William H. Peck, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; pro. first lieut.; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

Leander Clark, corp., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.

George H. Stanton, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 8, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.

William M. Murphy, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863, at Portsmouth Grove, R. I.

John Smith, corp., enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.

Levi H. Bailey, musician, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 19, 1862.

Henry Kelley, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Feb. 26, 1864, at Newbern, N. C.

Burdick, Levi, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 28, 1862, at Lorrettsville, Va.

Babbitt, Robert A., Windham, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. June 1, 1863; appointed asst. surg. 1st N.C.V.

Bacon, James M., Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 19, 1863.

Bassett, Henry A., Windham; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

- Bockwith, John A., Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; wounded July 16, 1864; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Bischoff, Edwin, Lebanon, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864; term expired.
- Bischoff, William C., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Blamley, Edward, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; died Oct. 6, 1864, at Andersonville.
- Brink, Orison, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Burke, Robert W., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 24, 1861; wounded; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Burlingame, Josiah L., Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 26, 1862, at Morehead City.
- Burrows, Amabel W., Montville, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Burton, Samuel A., Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, March 16, 1862, at Washington.
- Chamberlin, George M., Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 29, 1862, at Portsmouth Grove.
- Chappell, John E., enl. Dec. 6, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Chappell, Alvord D., Windham, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1866.
- Chappell, George H., Windham, must. out Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 10, 1862, at Newbern.
- Chasey, Henry M., Andover, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 23, 1862, at Morehead City.
- Chesbro, James Y., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862, at Newbern.
- Clark, David, Enfield, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, '62.
- Comstock, Edwin J., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 6, 1862, at Newbern.
- Costello, Thomas, Windham, enl. Oct. 7, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; killed July 16, 1864.
- Crowther, James A., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Invalid Corps, July 1, 1863.
- Eastman, Shirland L., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 2, 1861, at Jamaica, L. I.
- Edwards, Thomas F., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 12, 1863.
- Edwards, William, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, March 28, 1863.
- Eldredge, Nathaniel C., Preston, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; killed at Sharpsburg, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.
- Elkworth, Frederick, Lebanon, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Sept. 21, 1862, of wounds received at Sharpsburg, Md.
- Fanning, Henry C., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Oct. 28, 1862, of wounds received at Sharpsburg, Md.
- Fanning, Theodore A., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Oct. 19, 1862, of wounds received at Sharpsburg, Md.
- Fox, Samuel S., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. to first lieut. Co. A, Jan. 8, 1863; disch. Jan. 27, 1865.
- Gallop, Frederick, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Gatel, Peter, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Gates, Horace P., Norwich, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; pro. adjt.; appointed A.A.G., U. S. Vols., May 25, 1863.
- Goodough, George K., Hebron, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862, at Newbern.
- Gule, Charles H., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Oct. 2, 1865.
- Haling, Stephen B., Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded May 7, 1864; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Huntington, Thomas D., enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Sept. 29, 1861, at Norwich, Conn.
- Huntington, William, Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps.
- Hyde, Henry R., Franklin, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.
- Jackson, Charles, Windham, Conn., enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 17, 1863.
- Jerome, Francis D., Montville, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; killed at Fort Huger, Va., April 19, 1863.
- Jordan, Jeremy T., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.
- Kingsley, Willett W., Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Kegan, Michael, Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. to enter Signal Corps, Aug. 12, 1863.
- Lathrop, Oliver, Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Sept. 22, 1862, of wounds received at Sharpsburg.
- Lillie, Giles, Colchester, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 1, 1861, at Jamaica, L. I.
- Lockwood, Edgar A., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; wounded; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Lyon, Nathan B., Hampton, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862, at Newbern.
- McCall, Aaron H., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; disch. for disability, June 2, 1862, at Newbern.
- McCall, William C., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died June 12, 1864, of wounds.
- Martin, Mortimer J., Windham, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.
- Mason, Wm. A., Lebanon, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; died May 27, '62, at Newbern.
- Mitchell, Diodate J., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 30, 1863, at Washington, D. C.
- Morgan, George K., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died June 11, 1862, at Beaufort, N. C.
- Morgan, Joseph, Salem, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 19, 1862, at Morehead City.
- Marratty, John M., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, March 31, 1864.
- Mulkin, Charles E., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 25, 1862.
- Niles, David A., Salem, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 22, 1864.
- Owens, Stanton, Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 1, 1861, at Jamaica, L. I.
- Parkhurst, Charles T., Coventry, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 1, 1861.
- Payne, Ichabod S., Norwich, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, May 8, 1864.
- Ransom, Henry A., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1863; disch. for disability, Dec. 3, 1862.
- Ranger, Richard, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as veteran, Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Roberts, Charles J., Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 29, 1863.
- Roberts, William, Windham, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862, at Newbern.
- Rose, Henry D., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 5, 1864; wounded; died June 1, 1864, of wounds.
- Sammis, Nelson M., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 22, 1863; captured May 7, 1864.
- Smith, Frank L., Windham; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862, at Newbern.
- Smith, Samuel H., Windham, enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, June 2, 1862, at Newbern.
- Sparks, Charles H., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Spafford, Forrest, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded May 7, 1864; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Tefft, John K., Griswold, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 12, 1863.
- Thompson, Addison F., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded June 16, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Vogler, John, Griswold, enl. Sept. 21, '61; disch. for disability, Feb. 13, '63.
- Wilcox, Sylvanus J., Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; wounded; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Walt, Marvin, Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; pro. first lieut.; killed at Sharpsburg, Sept. 17, 1862.
- Walden, Oliver, Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, March 18, 1862, at Annapolis.
- Walden, Winthrop, Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point, Va.
- Way, Oliver P., East Haddam, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Weaver, Edward M., Chaplin, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Williams, Charles M., Norwich, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Woodworth, William A., Bozrah, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Zimmerman, George, Lebanon, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

## INFANTRY COMPANY G.

- Hiram Appelman, capt., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. lieutenant-col.; res. Dec. 23, 1862.
- Thomas D. Sheffield, first lieutenant, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. captain. Co. H; hon. discharge. Jan. 17, 1863.
- Henry E. Morgan, second lieutenant, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. first lieutenant; hon. discharge. Jan. 17, 1863.
- Andrew M. Morgan, sergeant, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. captain; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.
- Amos Clift, Jr., sergeant, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. 2d lieutenant. Co. F, 1st Conn. Cav., March 21, 1863.
- Alcanna O. Wells, sergeant, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; pro. 2d lieutenant. Co. B; discharge. Oct. 24, 1864.
- Joseph C. Langworthy, sergeant, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Oct. 1, 1863, at Portsmouth.
- Clinton G. Wheeler, sergeant, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- John A. Rathburn, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. first lieutenant. Co. E, Oct. 1, 1863; discharge. Dec. 15, 1864.
- Leonidas A. Barber, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863; discharge. Sept. 22, 1864.
- Wm. H. Lamphear, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 20, 1863.
- Francis V. D. Sloan, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Thomas C. Curtis, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, May 11, 1862, at Newbern.
- Benjamin F. Crumb, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to U.S.N. Aug. 26, 1862.
- John H. Smith, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.
- Oscar W. Hewitt, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; killed Sept. 17, 1862, at Sharpsburg, Md.
- John B. Averill, musician, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 30, 1863.
- Franklin H. Crumb, musician, Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; discharge. for disability, August, 1862.
- James A. Peabody, wagoner, Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 18, 1863.
- Alexander, James H., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Aug. 21, 1862.
- Allen, Isaac, Stonington, enl. Sept. 20, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Babcock, Rensselaer, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, 1864.
- Barney, George H., Stonington, enl. Oct. 10, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Batty, Edwin S., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Baird, Charles, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; died Sept. 29, 1864.
- Bedford, Thomas, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.
- Bentley, Henry, North Stonington, Oct. 10, 1861; discharge. for disability, May 12, 1862, at Newbern.
- Brannan, Henry, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; died of wounds, May 22, 1864.
- Brannan, Thomas, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Oct. 2, 1862.
- Burrows, Elias W., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Burdick, Sanford P., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, April 4, 1863, at Newbern.
- Burton, Horace, Stonington, enl. Sept. 23, 1861; discharge. for disability, May 17, 1862, at Newbern.
- Bryant, David S., Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 1, 1862.
- Casey, Thomas, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Clarke, Charles W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861.
- Clarke, William P., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Aug. 4, 1862, at Fort Monroe.
- Clift, Lemuel, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Conlout, Patrick, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Collins, Ethan A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 1, 1862.
- Conlan, James P., Stonington, enl. Oct. 10, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Culver, Charles H., Stonington, enl. Oct. 10, 1861; re-enl. vet. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Cromley, Benjamin, Stonington, enl. Oct. 7, 1861; died Aug. 29, 1864, at Andersonville.
- Daniels, Austin, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; trans. to U.S.N. April 27, 1864.
- Davis, Alfred A., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Davis, Alpheus G., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 1, 1863, at Hampton, Va.
- Davis, Phineas W., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, May 11, 1862, at Newbern.
- Dixon, Alfred, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point; absent.
- Doyle, William, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Durfee, William H., Groton, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; killed Sept. 29, 1864.
- Eccleston, Levi, Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; trans. to U.S.N. April 27, 1864.
- Eccleston, Oliver A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 2, 1863; died Dec. 4, 1864.
- Edgcomb, John F., North Stonington, enl. Oct. 10, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, March 31, 1864.
- Edwards, Albert S., Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; discharge. for disability, Dec. 15, 1863, at Annapolis.
- Edwards, Charles J., Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. vet. March 27, 1864; died Sept. 1, 1864.
- Edwards, John L., Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; died Dec. 23, 1862, at Falmouth, Va.
- Foster, George W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; discharge. May 21, 1865.
- French, Marius E., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Signal Corps, Nov. 28, 1863.
- Gavin, Edward, Stonington, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; discharge. for disability, Nov. 2, 1861, at Jamaica, L. I.
- Geary, Dennis, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet.; killed May 16, 1864, at Fort Darling, Va.
- Geary, William, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Hall, Charles W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Hallam, Henry, Stonington, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; discharge. by order Feb. 11, 1863; trans. to U.S.A.
- Holland, Hazard, Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; rejected Nov. 2, 1861.
- Holdrede, James E., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Jager, Francis, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, July 29, 1862, at Newport News, Va.
- Knowles, Henry G., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Lamb, Samuel S., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Oct. 2, 1862.
- Lamphear, Charles D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; died of wounds Sept. 30, 1864.
- Lamphear, Clark F., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; discharge. for disability, Feb. 15, 1865.
- Lamphear, William, Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861.
- Lombard, Michael, Stonington, enl. Sept. 23, 1861; discharge. for disability, Nov. 2, 1861.
- Lord, Thomas H., Stonington, enl. Sept. 23, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- McCarthy, John, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 25, 1863.
- Mason, Franklin, Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Maynard, John M., Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.
- Miner, Erastus D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; discharge. for disability, Jan. 25, 1863.
- Nye, Joseph D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Nye, Stephen F., Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861.
- Nickle, Arthur, Norwich, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; discharge. for disability, Feb. 23, 1863, at Alexandria.
- O'Conner, Cornelius, Norwich, enl. Sept. 23, 1861; wounded May 7, 1864; discharge. Sept. 20, 1864.



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Palmer, Jerome A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861.  
 Palmer, William B., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for pro. March 30, 1863.  
 Park, William A., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 1, 1862.  
 Potter, William H., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died January, 1863, at Fort Monroe.  
 Price, David W., Jr., Stonington, enl. Sept. 27, 1861; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. Sept. 20, 1864.  
 Reed, William, Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.  
 Rose, Ebenezer, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.  
 Ryan, Thomas W., Groton, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 1, 1865.  
 Shay, Patrick, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, March 15, 1864.  
 Stocum, Horace, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864, term expired.  
 Staplin, Henry, Stonington, enl. Sept. 23, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Shepard, George M., Stonington, Sept. 30, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 28, 1863, at Alexandria.  
 Stebbins, Charles, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Terrilliger, William, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Tinker, Nehemiah D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; died September, 1864.  
 Usher, George, Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861.  
 Wilcox, Charles B., Stonington, enl. Sept. 30, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; disch. for disability, July 21, 1865.  
 Walker, John, Stonington, enl. Oct. 5, 1861.  
 Wilcox, William D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Willis, Edward, Stonington, enl. Sept. 21, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY G.

Algier, Edwin, Hartford, enl. July 23, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Abson, Edward, enl. May 1, 1865; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Brown, John, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, '64.  
 Connell, Austin, Bethel, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Cory, John F., Stonington, enl. June 30, 1862; disch. for disability, April 26, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Cunningham, John, Newton, enl. July 27, 1864.  
 Dart, Horace C., New London, enl. July 14, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, 1864.  
 Davis, Charles, Berlin, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, 1864.  
 Davis, Henry H., East Granby, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Donovan, Patrick, Southington, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; must. out June 29, 1865, at Portsmouth Grove.  
 Dwyer, Cornelius, East Granby, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; killed Aug. 17, 1864, at Petersburg.  
 Durfee, Courtland A., Stonington, enl. Dec. 8, 1863; died June 30, 1864, at Hampton.  
 Deans, Alfred, Meriden, enl. Jan. 2, 1864.  
 Farly, Michael, Stonington, enl. June 18, 1862; must. out June 6, 1865, at Manchester.  
 Ford, Christopher, Fairfield, enl. Nov. 19, 1864.  
 Gray, William F., New London, enl. July 14, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, 1864.  
 Grant, George, Orange, enl. Nov. 18, 1864.  
 Gabbins, William, Huntington, enl. Nov. 18, 1864.  
 Gramer, Charles, Bridgeport, enl. Nov. 18, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Graham, Philip D., Trumbull, enl. Nov. 18, 1864.  
 Garvey, James, Hartford, enl. Nov. 18, 1864.  
 Gleason, Henry F., New Haven, enl. Nov. 21, 1864.  
 Giles, Frank, Middletown, enl. Nov. 21, 1864.  
 Knowles, John C., Stonington, enl. June 19, 1862; died Feb. 28, 1863, at Newport News, Va.  
 Kempton, Benjamin A., Stonington, enl. Dec. 18, 1863; died Aug. 22, 1864, at Andersonville.

Kelley, John, Meriden, enl. Dec. 31, 1863.  
 Little, Jonah, New Britain, enl. July 5, 1864; must. out June 8, 1865, at New York City.  
 Main, John, New London, enl. Oct. 4, 1863; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 McIntosh, John B., Lebanon, enl. Dec. 12, 1863; killed June 4, 1864, at Cold Harbor.  
 Munson, Abram, Lisbon, enl. Dec. 12, 1863; must. out Aug. 30, 1865, at Fort Monroe.  
 McDougal, William, Danbury, enl. July 20, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Meenan, William, Colchester, enl. July 14, 1864.  
 Monti, Joseph, Canton, enl. July 16, 1864.  
 May, Moritz, Hartford, enl. June 29, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Murphy, Michael, Bridgeport, enl. June 27, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.  
 Rose, Ebenezer, Jr., Stonington, enl. June 30, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 26, 1862, at New York City.  
 Randall, William, Southington, enl. Sept. 4, 1863; died June 29, 1864, at Portsmouth.  
 Russel, Charles E., Berlin, enl. Sept. 4, 1863.  
 Rose, Ebenezer, Jr., Stonington, enl. Dec. 9, 1863; killed May 13, 1864, at Fort Darling.  
 Rose, Ebenezer, Stonington, enl. Dec. 15, 1863; disch. for disability.  
 Randall, George, Jr., Stonington, enl. Dec. 16, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 27, 1864.  
 Reynolds, Gilbert G., East Haddam, enl. Aug. 10, 1864; killed Sept. 29, 1864, at Chapin's Farm, Va.  
 Seeman, Frank, Berlin, enl. Sept. 4, 1863; must. out May 26, 1865, at Fort Monroe.  
 Sisson, Barney, Stonington, enl. Dec. 15, 1863.  
 Smith, Peter, Cornwall, enl. Aug. 9, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865, at City Point.

MARVIN WAIT was born at Norwich, Conn., on the 21st day of January, 1843. He was the son of John T. and Elizabeth Wait. His paternal grandfather, whose name he bore, occupied a prominent position as a public man and as a lawyer in New London County from the beginning of the Revolution until the early part of the present century. His father, also well known as a prominent lawyer, was ardently desirous that the son should follow the profession of his ancestors. Accordingly, the studies of young Wait were shaped with a view to this result. He gave early tokens that he was possessed of an active, keen, and inquiring mind. He had a ready and retentive memory, a fondness for books, and an aptness for quotations and application of what he had read that showed great intellectual ability and appreciation. This fondness for reading did not, however, divert him from the usual pursuits and recreations of boyhood. No one entered with more hearty zest into all the sports and pastimes of youth. Gifted with a ready wit, unusual conversational powers, and a keen perception of the humorous, he was always prepared with a playful answer or sparkling repartee. It is not easy to communicate to those who did not know him intimately an idea of the traits which in his early boyhood made him such an idol of the home circle. It is sufficient to say that no one was ever more tenderly loved or more fondly cared for than he, the only son of his parents.

In 1858 he entered the Free Academy in Norwich, and there manifested the same ability which had marked his early studies. He showed a peculiar

taste for all studies involving literary aptness, and in them he took a high rank. Here, also, was developed a fondness for declamation, in which, owing to his quick and thorough perception of the meaning of an author, he always excelled.

This taste for and appreciation of literature was one of the most marked traits of his mind at this time, and attracted the attention of many of his older friends. The principal of the academy, after Marvin's death, addressed a long letter to his parents, which speaks of his literary ability as indicating mental powers of a very high order. "In the department of the classics," writes Prof. Smith, "I have rarely seen his equal, perhaps never his superior, in ability. In elocution he had no superior, and his command of language was also quite remarkable. His deportment at the academy was without fault, and I do not remember that he ever received even an admonition."

After he had remained at the academy somewhat over a year his parents sent him to Williston Seminary, at Easthampton, Mass. While there he endeared himself by his generous and lovable traits of character and disposition to all his acquaintances, as was evinced by letters received by his parents after his death, speaking in the most affectionate and tender manner of "our Marvin."

After remaining two terms at Easthampton, he entered the Freshman Class at Union College in the fall of 1860. While in college he showed the same mental and social characteristics which had distinguished his prior student-life. He made warm and earnest friends, and took a high rank in all classical and literary studies. Prof. Hickok, in writing to his parents, condoling with them upon the loss of their son, pays a merited compliment to his character and ability, as manifested in his college-life. After remaining at Union until the spring of 1861, it was deemed advisable by his parents, on account of his health, which at that time seemed feeble, that he should leave college and endeavor to regain his full physical vigor. Accordingly, in March, 1861, he set sail for Europe, and spent some months in foreign travel.

During his absence the war of the Rebellion was commenced, and the rebel privateers commenced to prey on the commerce of the United States. His journal of the voyage shows that those on board the ship on the return voyage had serious apprehensions of falling into the hands of those whom he calls "the pirates."

On his return he again entered college, and for a few months pursued his studies with great zeal and earnestness. But all around him was the fever of military excitement, and it seemed to him that it was his duty to volunteer for the defense of the Union. He left college, came to his home in Norwich, and begged permission of his parents to enlist. With great reluctance, yet unable to withstand his earnest desire, his parents consented that their only son, their

pride, to whom they looked for a stay in their after-years, should try the uncertain chances of war.

Gen. Harland had at that time just received the appointment of colonel of the Eighth Connecticut Volunteers, and young Wait, with several of his associates and schoolmates, were enrolled as privates in Company D. Soon after the regiment left the State on its way to the seat of war, Marvin was detailed by the colonel, who had known him from boyhood, to act as his orderly. In the intervals of leisure consequent upon the routine of camp-life he made military tactics his constant study and practice, and soon became proficient in all the various duties of officer and soldier.

Letters received from him at this time show how thoroughly he enjoyed camp-life, and how he saw the ludicrous side of its discomforts and privations.

When the regiment reached Annapolis it became necessary to organize a Signal Corps to accompany the "Burnside Expedition," then fitting out, and two lieutenants were to be detailed from each regiment for that purpose. Marvin was promoted to a second lieutenancy in Company H, and, with his intimate friend, Lieut. Breed, was examined, accepted, and transferred to the Signal Corps.

This recognition of his merits was very gratifying to his parents and to himself. His letters at this time are full of brief and playful allusions to his promotion, coupled with anxiety that he may not fail in the discharge of his duties.

The Signal Corps embarked on the schooner "Col. Satterlee," Jan. 11, 1862. The vessel was old and ill fitted for the voyage, and in the storm which overtook the expedition, was delayed, so that she arrived last of all the vessels at the rendezvous, and after great fears had been entertained for her safety.

Lieut. Wait entered on his duties as an officer of the Signal Corps, and the carefulness and accuracy of his observations and reports were soon noted by his superior officers. On the 9th of February the battle of Roanoke Island was fought. Lieut. Wait was on board the steamer "S. R. Spaulding," and was constantly employed sending and receiving messages. Space forbids giving quotations from his letters, which are full of graphic and interesting accounts of this new life. He was soon transferred to the "Phoenix," and there remained until he went on board the "Virginia." The monotony of the life on board these vessels he found somewhat irksome, and longed for something more active. He regretted that he could not be present at the capture of Newbern, but soon afterwards went there, remaining, however, but a few days. His anxiety for active service was soon gratified by his being detailed for signal duty at the reduction of Fort Macon, Beaufort, N. C. The accounts of the battle, from official and private sources, all give great praise to the Signal Corps for the part they took in the bombardment, and Lieut. Wait, in the letter written to his mother the day of the surrender of



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the fort, modestly speaks of the compliments bestowed upon him by the commanding officer for his excellent work during the fight. For his gallantry in this action Lieut. Wait was awarded a signal battle-flag, and was commended in the official reports. After the reduction of Fort Macon, Lieut. Wait returned to Newbern, and on the 18th of May was detailed to take charge of a station at Batchelder's Creek. From there he returned to Newbern, discharging the routine duties of his office. He was promoted to be first lieutenant in June, and on the 2d day of July, having rejoined his regiment, came with it to Newport News. In July, Lieut. Breed, who had been his constant friend and companion, died. His body was sent home, and Lieut. Wait was granted leave of absence to convey the remains to Norwich. This was the last time that his home-friends and relatives saw him. On the 2d of August, 1862, a little over a month before his death, he followed the remains of his friend to their last resting-place. At the funeral service, which was numerously attended, there were none who knew Lieut. Wait but noticed his noble and manly bearing at that time. He seemed to have grown into manhood since he entered the army, though he was not yet twenty years old.

And now came the last month of his life. He left home, and on the 19th of August finally rejoined his regiment, after many wanderings, which he describes vividly in his letters. His last letter was to his mother, and is dated Sept. 6, 1862. Still with his regiment, the youngest officer there, he went through the battles preceding the fatal one at Antietam. How bravely he bore himself that day all accounts agree. He was wounded twice, but did not leave the field. To quote from the brief memoir published by Lieut. Eaton,—

"The unflinching hero was first wounded in the right arm, which was shattered. He then dropped his sword to his left hand; he was afterwards wounded in the left arm, in the leg, and in the abdomen. He was then assisted to leave the line by Private King, who soon met Mr. Morris, the brave, indefatigable chaplain of the Eighth Regiment. The chaplain then conducted Lieut. Wait to the fence before alluded to, and Private King returned to his company. Lieut. Wait's last words to Private King were, 'Are we whipping them?' A braver man than Marvin Wait never confronted a foe; a more generous heart never beat; a more unselfish patriot never fell. Connecticut may well cherish and honor the memory of such sons."

When the news of his death reached his native town the expression of sorrow and of sympathy with his parents was universal. Resolutions were passed by the municipal authorities expressive of the public

regret, while letters from many who knew him testified to the parents of the private grief. He was the first commissioned officer from Norwich killed in battle.

The body was brought home, and the funeral, at the First Congregational church, was very largely attended. The Rev. Dr. Arms, his former pastor, conducted the services.

The conclusion of the eulogy delivered by George Pratt at the church sums up the estimate of his character and achievements:

"What words can add beauty to such a life, or what praise ennoble such a death? When we think of those who fell on that field we count them all heroes, we name them all among the brave,—

"They died like heroes, for no recreant step  
Had e'er dishonored them, no stain of fear,  
No base despair, no cowardly recoil;  
They had the hearts of freemen to the last,  
And the free blood that bounded in their veins  
Was shed for freedom with a liberal joy."

"Yes, the names of those who fell will be handed down with imperishable glory and lasting fame. Our children's children shall rise up and called them blessed, for they died fighting on the side of the right in a contest between right and wrong.

"Who would not be proud to be one of such a brave and immortal band? Who would not be prouder still that where all were so brave the one they loved became conspicuous for bravery? Such honor, rarely achieved, this young hero won. All alike, officers and soldiers, speak of his dauntless and conspicuous courage. All tell of the way his brave and animating voice rang through the ranks of the men, urging them on to victory. A century, had he lived so long, would have brought him no prouder moment in which to die. Dying, as he did, on the banks of that little creek, then unknown, now immortal, he became for us and ours forever a name and a memory.

"True, he lies here, unheeding all our praise, silent and cold in death. But what a sweet and inexpressible consolation it is to the living that the one whom they mourn died honorably and gloriously. A long life, uneventful and insignificant, is for the many; a glorious death, a lasting and honorable memory, is the boon of but a few.

"To-day his native town writes him among her list of heroes; his native State does him honor in the person of her Chief Magistrate; the nation thanks his memory as one among those who saved her in the hour of peril. Such honor as we can pay is now his. We bury him here, far away from the field of his fame, in the midst of the scenes he loved so well, knowing this,—that although we may die and be forgotten, his name shall be honored and remembered; and as we lay him to rest, our hearts, one and all, say, 'Brave spirit, noble young heart, farewell!'"

COL. CHARLES M. COIT was born in Norwich, March 29, 1838. During his seventeenth year the death of his father, Col. Charles Coit, changed all his

<sup>1</sup> As the enemy advanced on the left flank of our regiment they delivered an enfilading fire. It was under this fire that Lieut. Wait was pierced by a minié-ball (while lying wounded behind a low wall), which passed through his lungs from side to side.



plans for life, and led him with deep regret to exchange a college course for a business situation. He first entered the Uncas Bank, but at the age of twenty-one was made treasurer of the Chelsea Savings-Bank, which responsible position he occupied at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion.

Although ardently desirous of enlisting under the first call for troops, the claims of his family, of which he was the oldest male member, seemed to render imperative for him the duty of remaining at home. But as reverses occurred to our armies and President Lincoln's second call for troops was made, young Coit, after mature and prayerful deliberation, decided that the claim of his country was paramount to all others, and entered its service as adjutant of the Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, then being organized under Col. Edward Harland.

This regiment left the State Oct. 17, 1861, joining the Burnside expedition to North Carolina, and on the 8th of January following had its first experience of actual battle at the capture of Roanoke Island, when by their coolness and good discipline they won the hearty approval of Gens. Burnside and Foster. From this time onward until the close of the war the career of this gallant regiment was one of unusual hardship and honor. Almost uninterruptedly in the front and in active service, their engagements were many, their losses, both from the casualties of the field and from the exposures incident to their service, terribly severe, and their record always of work well and bravely done.

After their North Carolina campaign, in which the regiment had borne a prominent part at the siege of Fort Macon and the capture of Newbern, and during which Adj. Coit had been promoted to a captaincy, the Ninth Army Corps, to which they were attached, was ordered north to join Gen. McClellan, and participated in the fiercely-contested battles of South Mountain and Antietam. Especially in the latter action was the gallantry of the Eighth Regiment conspicuous and of the highest service to their whole corps. Nine color-bearers were struck down, yet another always stood ready to fill the vacant place and uphold the flag. The entire list of casualties included more than one-half of those who entered the battle. In the words of one of the participants, "we faced the foe until half the regiment were shot down, and retired only when ordered."

They were in the front of Burnside's advance with the Army of the Potomac, helping to lay the pontoon-bridge at Fredericksburg, and after the battle serving on the picket-line beyond the city, and being among the last to recross the river.

The next spring, 1863, the regiment saw active service at the siege of Suffolk and the brilliant storming of Fort Huger. During the following fall and winter, while the regiment were enjoying their longest experience of the comparative comfort of quiet camp-life, Capt. Coit was ordered to duty at the conscript

camp at New Haven,—a service, which, though in some respects an exceedingly agreeable change from field service, was in other respects most unpleasant and difficult. Returning to the regiment before the commencement of active operations in the spring of 1864, he was constantly on duty with his command through the terrible campaign on the James, commencing with the severe engagement at Walthall Junction, in which the regiment lost seventy-four men, and immediately followed by the four days' battle at Drury's Bluff with further heavy loss. During the "battle summer" that followed, in the absence of the field-officer, the regiment was commanded by Capt. Coit. Its history and his is a record of marches and battles almost daily until the latter part of June, when they were ordered to the front of the line investing Petersburg. From June 21st to August 27th, under the scorching summer sun, they lay in their rifle-pits, rarely by day or night beyond the range of the enemy's cannon. In one of its charges on the enemy's works so gallantly did they do their work that their commander, Gen. "Baldy" Smith, said he "felt like giving a commission to the whole regiment that had done that gallant deed."

The last severe fighting of the regiment, at Fort Harrison, Sept. 29th, was another of its most gallant achievements. Charging across nearly a mile of open field, still commanded by Capt. Coit, they stormed the fort, driving the gunners from their pieces, and planting their flag on its ramparts. The regiment lay in the trenches about the fort nearly a month, repulsing in the mean time all the attempts of the enemy to regain their lost ground. When at the end of the month they were relieved and assigned to lighter duty, they had become so reduced by the casualties of the field—"fatigue duty, watching, picketing, storms, and lack of even shelter tents, which were not then allowed at the front"—that but ninety muskets could be mustered.

Soon after the capture of Fort Harrison, Capt. Coit was assigned to duty as assistant adjutant-general on the brigade staff, and while here received a commission as major of his regiment, which he declined. He had been with his regiment in every action in which it had taken part without receiving a wound; but October 28th, while on staff-duty at Fair Oaks, in one of the latest engagements of the army before Richmond, he was wounded, it was supposed mortally. He was removed to Chesapeake Hospital, Fortress Monroe, where he remained four months, lying for many weeks with the scales trembling between life and death, suffering not only from his wound, but from the almost fatal effects of the severe service of the past summer. But skillful treatment and the tender care of loving friends, aided by his naturally strong constitution and good habits, were finally blessed to his recovery. As soon as his health would permit he returned to his regiment, but, the war being over, army life had no charms for him, and he re-

signed May 30, 1865. He was breveted lieutenant-colonel from March 13, 1865.

Soon after his return to Norwich he was re-elected to his former position as treasurer of the Chelsea Savings-Bank, and filled the office with marked ability and to the entire satisfaction of all interested. He was postmaster of Norwich for one term.

He served as aide, with the rank of colonel, on the staff of Gen. J. R. Hawley while Governor of Connecticut. He was prominent among the founders and early supporters of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a member of the Boston Commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

He was a consistent and active member of the Second Congregational Church, holding the offices of deacon of the church, treasurer of the church and society, and librarian of the Sunday-school.

In the full strength of his manhood, and in the midst of increasing usefulness, his life suddenly ended. July 3, 1878, his little boy falling overboard from a yacht in New London Harbor, Col. Coit and his friend, David Trumbull, of Valparaiso, Chili, both sprang over to rescue him, and although the father's efforts to save his child were successful, both noble men lost their lives. A widow and two sons survive him.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chelsea Savings-Bank, held July 5, 1878, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

*"Resolved, That in the recent sudden death of Col. Charles M. Coit, our secretary and treasurer, this bank has suffered the greatest loss which it has ever been called upon to bear. We have lost one who has been identified with the bank for nearly twenty years, in whose sound judgment and business capacity we have always had the greatest confidence; one whose integrity, both in thought and deed, was such that it seems impossible to replace him.*

*"Resolved, That in Col. Coit's death this community suffers a loss of one who, having passed his entire life among them, except that portion given to his country, had gained their confidence, respect, and love to a very unusual degree. As a citizen, a patriot soldier, and a public officer, he has always shown those qualities of mind and heart which endeared him to all who were brought in contact with him, whether in social or business relations. Though cut off in his prime, the example of such a life is of incalculable value to the community."*

To this estimate of his character and life it is only necessary to add a tribute to its religious element. Early professing his love for Christ, he exhibited through the pleasures of youth, the trials and temptations of army life, and the cares of business such a sincere, unostentatious, but decided Christian spirit as left no room for question or cavil. His unswerving allegiance to his God controlled all his life, and has, we believe, won for him at the judgment on high the same verdict so heartily given by all who knew him here,—“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

The Ninth Regiment was mustered into the service in the fall of 1861 as the “Irish Regiment,” under the command of Thomas W. Cahill, of Hartford, with Richard Fitzgibbons, of Bridgeport, lieu-

tenant-colonel. It had a few men from this county. Its principal engagements were Baton Rouge, Chackaloo Station, Deep Bottom, and Cedar Creek. Mustered out Aug. 3, 1865.

The Tenth Regiment was recruited at Camp Buckingham, Hartford, and left for Annapolis, Md., Oct. 31, 1861.

Space will not permit of a detailed account of each separate engagement in which the regiment participated, and to chronicle in detail the many battles and the active service of the Tenth Connecticut would require a volume of itself.

The regiment was mustered out Aug. 25, 1865, and had participated in no less than fourteen engagements between June 16, 1864, and the spring of 1865. To say that throughout the whole time it sustained its reputation for bravery and heroic endurance would be but faint praise for the gallant deeds performed.

Originally the regiment numbered 996 men; the number of recruits borne on its rolls is 848, and the number of re-enlisted veterans was 280, making a total of 2124 men credited to the organization.

The regiment participated in the following engagements: Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862; Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862; Kingston, N. C., Dec. 14, 1862; Whitehall, N. C., Dec. 16, 1862; Seabrook Island, S. C., March 28, 1863; Siege of Charleston, S. C., from July 28 to Oct. 25, 1863; near St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 30, 1863; Walthall Junction, Va., May 7, 1864; Drury's Bluff, Va., May 13 to 17 (inclusive), 1864; Bermuda Hundred, Va., June 16, 1864; Strawberry Plains, Va., July 26 and 27, 1864; Deep Bottom, Va., Aug. 1 and 14, 1864; Deep Run, Va., Aug. 16, 1864; Siege of Petersburg, Va., Aug. 28 to Sept. 29, 1864; Laurel Hill Church, Va., Oct. 1, 1864; New Market Road, Va., Oct. 7, 1864; Darbytown Road, Va., Oct. 13 and 27, 1864; Johnson's Plantation, Va., Oct. 29, 1864; Hatcher's Run, Va., March 29 and 30, and April 1, 1865; Fort Gregg, Va., April 2, 1865; Appomattox Court-House, Va., April 9, 1865.

The following is the aggregate of casualties: killed in action, 57; died of wounds, 59; died of disease, 152; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 692. Total, 960.

There were two companies in the regiment from this county, F and H.

#### COMPANY F.

Joseph W. Branch, capt., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; res. Jan. 24, 1863.  
Charles T. Smith, first lieut., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; res. Dec. 4, 1861.  
George B. Turnbull,<sup>1</sup> first lieut., Hartford, appointed Dec. 8, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865, at Richmond.  
Jacob Kingsbury, second lieut., Franklin, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; pro. first lieut.; res. Nov. 15, 1862.  
William H. Munroe, sergt., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Dec. 14, 1862.  
William G. Chapman, sergt., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; pro. second lieut.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

<sup>1</sup> Appointed after first muster.

- George B. Park, sergt., Canterbury, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; prisoner and wounded, March 28, 1863; died April 3, 1863, of wounds.
- George W. Morgan, sergt., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Allen Tucker, sergt., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Sumner B. Cole, corp., Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; disch. Aug. 7, 1865.
- Henry L. Bingham, corp., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Daniel Sullivan, corp., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- John D. Locke, corp., Franklin, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Sept. 18, 1865.
- Van Buren Kinney, corp., Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; disch. for disability, Aug. 2, 1865.
- Calvin D. Willbur, corp., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Daniel K. Prior, corp., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Aug. 14, 1864; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Albert Campbell, corp., Voluntown, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; pro. capt.; wounded; disch. Oct. 25, 1864, term expired.
- George L. Cooley, musician, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Harvey M. Chaffee, musician, enl. Dec. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- George W. Wilcox, wagoner, Sprague, enl. Oct. 8, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Adams, John B., Canterbury, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 8, 1862.
- Bartlett, John S., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; pro. capt.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Bentley, John, Waterbury, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Bentley, Samuel, Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1861.
- Blanding, Francis, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, June 20, 1863.
- Blanding, John V., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Aug. 8, 1863.
- Bradley, George F., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; died July 24, 1865, near Richmond.
- Brown, Charles H., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 7, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Brown, Nelson L., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Dec. 18, 1862, of wounds received at Kingston.
- Bromley, Dwight, Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Bruto, Alexander, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; captured Dec. 30, 1865; disch. Jan. 3, 1866, term expired.
- Butcher, Joseph J., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Campbell, John, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Dec. 14, 1862; killed Aug. 18, 1864, at Deep Bottom.
- Campbell, Nathan E., Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Oct. 2, 1865.
- Champlain, Russell C., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.
- Champlain, Henry F., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Aug. 11, 1864, at Andersonville.
- Chapman, Lyman G., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Chandler, Samuel H., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Curley, Morrill B., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; captured Dec. 30, 1863; disch. Jan. 3, 1866, term expired.
- Collins, Jeremiah, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died April 23, 1862, of wounds received at Newbern.
- Cole, George W., Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Cotton, Samuel S., Canterbury, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died April 4, 1862, at Newbern.
- Dewey, Charles W., Sprague, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Doyle, Hugh, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Doyle, Terrence, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Dwire, Cornelius, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 7, 1864; killed in action Aug. 14, 1864.
- Fenner, William, Griswold, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Garland, Henry W., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Gough, William, Colchester, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 7, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Griggs, Henry, Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Hall, James M., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Harvey, Charles E., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 7, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Haskins, Daniel W., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Hawkins, Lewis H., Voluntown, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, April 17, 1866.
- Hawkins, Orin J., Voluntown, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died June 24, 1862, at Newbern.
- Hawkins, William P., Sprague, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 19, 1862.
- Hays, Mayden, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Aug. 14, 1864; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Holt, John, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Hubbard, Gideon M., Wethersfield, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 19, 1864, term expired.
- Irons, Amasa, Lisbon, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Irons, Arthur, Sprague, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. for disability, June 4, 1864.
- Irons, Thomas, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.
- Ives, William L., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 19, 1862.
- Krieg, Julius, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 19, 1862.
- Lampheer, James M., Norwich, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864.
- Larkins, William, Sprague, enl. Oct. 2, 1861.
- Leclair, Nelson, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as veteran.
- Lillie, John P., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Maro, Patrick, Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Newbern, March 14, 1862.
- McLeland, George, Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 16, 1862.
- Meech, Joseph U., Lebanon, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Milner, George, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.
- Nelson, Peter A., Franklin, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. for disability, July 6, 1862.
- Noyes, John D., Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- O'Brien, John, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 7, 1864.
- Perigo, Norman W., Scotland, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Perkins, Josiah S., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 6, 1862.
- Pollock, Philistus, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Potter, Monroe, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Dec. 14, 1863; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Rathbun, Frank, Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.
- Scott, Patrick, Sprague, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. Oct. 21, 1864, term expired.
- Sims, Samuel T., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.
- Thornton, Lewis A., Voluntown, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; pro. sergt.-maj.; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Tracy, Erasmus D., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; disch. for disability, July 14, 1865.
- Vargason, Erastus, Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862.
- Weaver, Amos C., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died February, 1862, at Hatteras Inlet.

Weaver, Charles B. D., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Weaver, David P., Scotland, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Wilbur, Robert A., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Wilcox, Stephen E., Norwich, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Wilcox, William H., Sprague, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Williams, Edgar, Griswold, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; disch. for disability, July 6, 1865.  
 Wright, Frank, Colchester, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died May 25, 1864, in Bermuda Hundred.

## COMPANY H.

Robert Leggett, capt., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; pro. lieutenant; wounded; resigned Aug. 15, 1864.  
 Horace F. Quinn, first lieutenant, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; pro. capt.; killed in action, Aug. 14, 1864.  
 William W. Perkins, second lieutenant, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; pro. 1st lieutenant; killed at Kinston, Dec. 14, 1862.  
 William M. Webb, sergeant, New London, enl. Oct. 3, 1861; wounded Feb. 8, 1862; pro. capt.; wounded; must. out Oct. 16, 1864.  
 Charles A. Bunnell, sergeant, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Sept. 30, 1864, term expired.  
 Arthur W. Smith, sergeant, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died July 9, 1862, at Newbern.  
 Robert W. Adams, sergeant, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; pro. capt.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Henry E. Chitty, sergeant, New London, enl. Oct. 18, 1861; pro. 2d lieutenant; wounded; disch. for disability, Sept. 20, 1864.  
 Joseph Grinnell, corp., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; pro. 1st lieutenant; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Henry J. Hough, corp., New Haven, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 9, 1862.  
 Jedediah B. Gay, corp., Montville, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Feb. 8, 1862; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Jacob Hammel, corp., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 13, 1862.  
 William J. Perkins, corp., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 13, 1862.  
 John Gannon, corp., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, July 13, 1862.  
 Joseph A. Dayton, corp., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 10, 1863.  
 James M. Rogers, corp., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Dec. 14, 1862; disch. Sept. 30, 1864, term expired.  
 Albert Knight, musician, New London, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.  
 Gilbert T. Smith, wagoner, New London, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Allyn, Asa, Ledyard, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died November, 1862, in Insane Retreat, Washington.  
 Bromley, Lyman W., enl. Oct. 29, 1861; died Dec. 9, 1861, at Annapolis, Md.  
 Bartlett, Leonard, East Haddam, enl. Oct. 29, 1861; died April 20, 1862, at Newbern, N. C.  
 Burdick, Charles, Norwich, enl. Oct. 29, 1861; died Jan. 16, 1863, at Newbern, N. C.  
 Bailey, William F., Groton, enl. Oct. 29, 1861; wounded Feb. 8, 1862; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Bailey, George A., Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Bartholomew, Pliny, Derby, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; died Feb. 17, 1862, of wounds received Feb. 8, 1862.  
 Beebe, Aaron, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, May 9, 1863.  
 Beckwith, Herbert E., Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Jan. 20, 1863.  
 Brainerd, Henry L., Montville, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Nov. 2, 1862, at Newbern.  
 Brooks, John E., North Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 16, 1862.  
 Bromley, Albert A., Griswold, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Brown, George H., New London, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; pro. capt.; killed in action, April 1, 1865.

Bush, Asa E. S., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Oct. 7, 1864.  
 Card, David J., Hampton, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; died Dec. 10, 1862, at Newbern.  
 Chappell, George L., New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Colbert, Halsey B., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861.  
 Comstock, Andrew W., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Comstock, Isaac H., New London, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. for disability, April 13, 1862.  
 Daniels, Charles H., Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 22, 1863.  
 Daniels, George F., Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 19, 1862.  
 Davis, Pearson, Waterford, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. April 24, 1863.  
 Dawley, Isaac E., Griswold, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Day, John F., Montville, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Kinston, N. C., Dec. 14, 1862.  
 Denehey, Patrick H., Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 22, 1863.  
 Douglass, Frederick C., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 22, 1863.  
 Downs, Joseph H., New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861.  
 Evans, William E., enl. Nov. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet.  
 Enos, Joshua J., Salem, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Aug. 16, 1864; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Fisher, Henry J., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Fitch, John, New London, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. Oct. 1, 1864, term expired.  
 Gaffney, James, New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; wounded Feb. 8 and Dec. 14, 1862; disch. Oct. 7, 1864.  
 Garland, Samuel J., Groton, enl. Oct. 9, 1861; disch. Sept. 30, 1864, term expired.  
 Gleason, Michael, Groton, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet.  
 Goff, Thomas, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Feb. 15, 1862, of wounds received at Roanoke.  
 Gordon, John, Middletown, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; captured; exchanged.  
 Gorton, William H., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Feb. 15, 1862, of wounds received at Roanoke Island.  
 Hamilton, John H., enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Dec. 21, 1861.  
 Hatter, John, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Hogan, Patrick H., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 18, 1862.  
 Howard, Cornelius A., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Huntley, Joseph W., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Feb. 8, 1862, of wounds received at Roanoke.  
 Huxford, William G., Marlborough, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; died Jan. 11, 1864, at Beaufort.  
 Hyde, John W., enl. Oct. 5, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Johnson, Andrew, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; captured Dec. 30, 1863, near St. Augustine, Fla.  
 Johnson, William H., Montville, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; captured Dec. 30, 1863, near St. Augustine, Fla.  
 Knight, Dwight P., New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.  
 Latham, Ezra D., Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, July 13, 1862.  
 Lester, Dwight T., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; died Feb. 15, 1862, of wounds received at Roanoke Island.  
 Mitchell, Lorenzo D., Groton, enl. Oct. 29, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864.  
 Manchester, Frederick, Bridgeport, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died January or February, 1862, at Hatteras Inlet.  
 Meany, Dennis, Boston, Mass., enl. Oct. 3, 1861.  
 Merrill, Edward, East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Mills, Cornelius, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.  
 Munsell, Nathaniel, New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet.  
 Morrison, William J., New York, enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.

Murdock, John, Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Aug. 16, 1864; disch. Dec. 25, 1864, term expired.

Peckham, Stephen H., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 20, 1861.

Penhallow, Alexander T., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Perkins, Edwin, Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded March 14, 1862; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.

Perkins, Henry, Bridgeport, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died Oct. 24, 1863.

Perkins, Hiram, Groton, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, March 26, 1863.

Pond, William, Stonington, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.

Postle, Thomas, Windham, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 22, 1863.

Ride, William, New London, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; drowned at New London, Conn., May 6, 1862.

Roberts, John L., New London, enl. Oct. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, July 19, 1862.

Rodgers, William H., Hartford, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; disch. April 13, 1862.

Shippee, William A., Greenwich, enl. Oct. 29, 1861; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.

Sherman, John T., enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862.

Slaine, Peter S., New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; died Jan. 31, 1862.

Smith, Milton, East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; wounded Feb. 8, 1862; disch. Oct. 7, 1864, term expired.

Smith, Robert, enl. Oct. 1, 1861.

Strickland, Erastus, New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Studley, George H., Norwich, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Sullivan, Patrick, Nassau, N. H., enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1861; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Taylor, Henry H., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1861.

Terry, David J., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861.

Tinker, Charles H., Waterford, Oct. 1, 1861; died March 31, 1862, Newbern, N. C.

Tinker, John B., Waterford, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; disch. for disability, June 22, 1865.

Tinker, Vander M., New London, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; disch. on account of wounds, Jan. 7, 1863.

Treadway, Charles W. S., enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 23, 1862.

Welch, Edward C., East Haddam, enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. Oct. 16, 1862.

White, David S., Groton, enl. Oct. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Wohlrahe, Frederick C., New London, enl. Oct. 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864.

**The Twelfth Regiment.**—The Twelfth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers was recruited at Camp Lyon, Hartford, early in the year 1862, and left for Ship Island, Mississippi Sound, Feb. 24, 1862, with 1008 men. This fine regiment was known as the "Charter Oak Regiment," was commanded by Col. Henry C. Deming, and was attached to Maj.-Gen. Benjamin F. Butler's division. The men were armed with Sharp's and Windsor rifles.

The regiment participated in the following general engagements: Georgia Landing, La., Oct. 27, 1862; loss in killed, 3 enlisted men; wounded, 15 enlisted men; taken prisoner, 1 commissioned officer; total loss, 19. Pattersonville, La., March 27, 1863; loss in wounded and captured, 35. Bisland, La., April 13, 1863; loss in killed, 2 enlisted men; wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 12 enlisted men; total loss, 15. Siege of Port Hudson, La., May 25, 1863, to July 9, 1863; loss in killed, 12 enlisted men; wounded, 9 commissioned officers, 87 enlisted men; total loss, 108. Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864; loss in killed,

8 commissioned officers, 8 enlisted men; wounded, 8 commissioned officers, 56 enlisted men; total loss, 70. Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 22, 1864. Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864; loss in killed, 2 commissioned officers, 21 enlisted men; wounded, 5 commissioned officers, 58 enlisted men; missing, 84; total loss, 170.

The following is its total number of casualties: killed in action, 50; died of wounds, 16; died of disease, 188; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 501. Total, 755.

The regiment was mustered out Aug. 12, 1865.

There were two companies, D and K, in the Twelfth from this county.

#### COMPANY D.

Nathan Frankau, capt., New London, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; dismissed Nov. 19, 1862.

Hiram F. Chappell, first lieut., New London, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

George W. Potter, second lieut., New London, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; res. Feb. 4, 1863.

Leonard Shaffer, sergt., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Alexander Cohn, sergt., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; dropped from roll.

Benjamin F. Pratt, sergt., Montville, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Christopher Goss, sergt., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; pro. second lieut.; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

James Robertson, sergt., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died Nov. 23, 1864, of wounds received in action.

George M. Dyer, corp., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; died Aug. 7, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.

Emory H. Shaffer, corp., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Joseph A. Burrows, corp., New London, enl. Jan. 9, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

William A. Carpenter, corp., Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, April 7, 1862.

John A. Pool, corp., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; not taken up on rolls after consolidation, Dec. 31, 1864.

Hosea P. Durfee, corp., Lebanon, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; disch. for disability, Dec. 21, 1864.

Elisha C. Austin, corp., East Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; must. out of service, 1862.

Daniel J. Shaffer, corp., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Hubbard, Chapel, musician, East Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability from wounds, Jan. 29, 1863.

Orlando H. Hempsted, musician, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. to accept commission, Jan. 25, 1864.

Richard Beckwith, wagoner, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; must. out of service, 1862.

Abel, Daniel B., Montville, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Ames, Richard L., Montville, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; must. out of service, 1862.

Avery, Horace, Ledyard, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 11, 1865.

Ault, James S., Hartford, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 17, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Babcock, Wilson, Lyme, enl. Nov. 20, 1861; died June 30, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.

Ball, Cephas, Ledyard, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; must. out under G. O. No. 58, series of 1862.

Beckwith, Halver A., Old Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. by civil authority, Jan. 17, 1862.

Beebe, Alonzo H., Waterford, enl. Nov. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, May 10, 1863.

Beebe, James M., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, March 9, 1863.

Beebe, Thomas C., Waterford, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 22, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.

Blodget, Frederick F., East Lyme, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 9, 1863.

- Biglan, Thomas, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Bransfield, Thomas, New London, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Campbell, William, Plainfield, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; wounded; disch. Dec. 18, 1864, term expired.
- Chapel, Andrew M., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Chapel, Edwin F., Montville, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 27, 1862.
- Chappell, John F., New London, enl. Nov. 25, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 17, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Chapman, John H., Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Conroy, Felix, Montville, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Carrie, John H., New London, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; died May 28, 1862, at New Orleans, La.
- Daniels, Edward B., Old Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Daniels, Oliver, Hartford, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; must. out under G. O. No. 58, series of 1862.
- Darrow, John M., Waterford, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; drowned July 23, 1863, at New Orleans, La.
- Dart, Davis, Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 21, '63.
- Dart, Benjamin F., Waterford, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Drummonds, William, Salem, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Everson, Henry, Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; must. out Dec. 9, 1864.
- Fernandas, Henry, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861.
- Farrell, Lawrence P., Norwich, enl. Dec. 28, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 17, 1864.
- Fetherston, Bernard J., Waterford, enl. Nov. 25, 1861; wounded May 27, 1863; must. out Dec. 9, 1864.
- Getchell, Franklin B., Montville, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Gallup, Elsha A., New London, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Gilbert, Sylvester, Old Lyme, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; killed June 17, 1863, at Port Hudson, La.
- Hazard, Arnold W., New London, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 13, 1863.
- Hempstead, George W., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 27, 1862.
- Holmes, Mortimer E., Waterford, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 22, 1864; wounded; died Nov. 15, 1864.
- Hull, William, New London, enl. Jan. 27, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 17, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Irish, Ezra, South Windsor, enl. Dec. 4, 1861; died March 9, 1862, at Hartford, Conn.
- Jeffrey, John M., Jr., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; must. out under G. O. No. 58, series of 1862.
- Jacobs, Henry, South Windsor, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; re-enl. as vet. March 23, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Keeny, Curtis, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Knight, James C., New London, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 17, 1862.
- Lorman, Peter, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 29, 1863.
- Lynch, Thomas, Montville, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 16, 1864.
- Marvin, John, Boston, Mass., enl. Dec. 12, 1861; must. out under G. O. No. 58, series of 1862.
- Matlier, Abram, East Hartford, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; died Aug. 26, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.
- Miles, Reuben, Hartford, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; died July 15, 1863, at Baton Rouge, La.
- McKevie, Thomas, Enfield, enl. Dec. 31, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- McClellan, John, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; died Oct. 25, 1862, at Camp Kearney, La.
- Nevins, Michael, Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, June 2, 1863.
- Payne, Frederick C., New London, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Perkins, Alfred, Boston, Mass., enl. Jan. 12, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Peabody, Charles H., Waterford, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Phillips, Andrew J., Waterford, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 22, 1864; wounded; not taken up on roll.
- Pilkington, Joseph, Warwick, R. I., enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Rathburn, Benjamin A., Lyme, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; disch. by civil authority, Jan. 17, 1862.
- Reynolds, Jonathan, Montville, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; disch. for disability, March 10, 1865.
- Rixford, Francis W., Hebron, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; disch. for disability, March 10, 1865.
- Rogers, Francis C. W., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Roath, Bela T., New London, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 1, 1864.
- Schweikart, George, Hartford, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; died Nov. 11, 1862, at Camp Kearney, La.
- Shaw, George, New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Shaffer, Frank S., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Slate, Charles H., Old Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Slate, William C., Old Lyme, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Smith, Joseph, Hartford, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; disch. for disability, July 13, 1866.
- Staplin, Enoch T., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; wounded; died April 29, 1865.
- Smith, John, Manchester, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; died July 29, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.
- Thayer, Fernando, Southbridge, Mass., enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Treadway, Russell, Norwich, enl. Nov. 28, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Turner, Henry, Ledyard, enl. Nov. 19, 1861.
- Webber, Hendrick, New London, enl. Dec. 28, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Warren, William E., East Lyme, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Warren, Lester R., Killingly, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, April 30, 1864.
- Watrous, Aaron D., Waterford, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Weaver, Jared, Plainfield, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Williamson, William N., Hartford, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; disch. for disability, April 7, 1863.
- Winthrop, Francis B., New London, enl. Nov. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 27, 1862.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY D.

- Church, Erekine N., enl. June 26, 1862.
- Courtney, Dennis, enl. Jan. 26, 1862; disch. for disability.
- Culbrite, George, Berlin, enl. Feb. 18, 1864; accidentally shot, Feb. 2, 1866, at Summit Point.
- Cartwright, Samuel, Berlin, enl. Feb. 18, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.
- Freyer, C., enl. March 21, 1864.
- Germain, Charles, enl. July 31, 1862; disch. for disability, July 3, 1863.
- Getchell, George W., enl. Feb. 14, 1862; disch. Feb. 16, 1865, term expired.
- Getchell, William H., Waterford, enl. Feb. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 17, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Getchell, James B., New London, enl. Nov. 11, 1863; died July 7, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.
- Goodnough, Elbert L., Torrington, enl. Aug. 18, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.
- Hahn, George, enl. May 23, 1862.
- Helvig, Henry, enl. May 29, 1862.
- James, Edward N., enl. Feb. 22, 1862; disch. Feb. 22, 1865, term expired.
- Johnson, George, Bridgeport, enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.
- Kohler, George, enl. May 23, 1862; disch. May 21, 1865, at Brightwood, D. C.

Meire, Bevor, enl. May 24, 1862.  
 Provost, Samuel, enl. June 23, 1862; disch. for disability, June 5, 1863.  
 Stoll, Ferdinand, enl. May 23, 1862; killed Oct. 19, 1864, in action.  
 Smith, Simeon, New London, enl. March 31, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.  
 Thomas, Henry, enl. May 23, 1862.

## COMPANY K.

Edward K. Abbott, capt., Norwich, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; resigned Aug. 25, 1862.  
 James D. Roach, first lieut., Stonington, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; pro. capt.; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Stanton Allyn, second lieut., Stonington, enl. Jan. 1, 1862; died Aug. 28, 1863, at Brashear City, La.  
 William B. Lucas, sergt., Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. E; captured Oct. 19, 1864.  
 Sylvester W. Rice, sergt., Windham, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; disch. Feb. 14, 1873.  
 George W. Stedman, sergt., Stonington, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; pro. first lieut.; wounded; killed in action Sept. 19, 1864.  
 Henry C. Bliss, sergt., Sprague, enl. Dec. 5, 1861.  
 Henry Jones, sergt., Shonedale, Pa., enl. Dec. 3, 1861.  
 Henry A. Lamphere, corp., Preston, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Dec. 1, 1862, at Jefferson City, La.  
 Stuart G. Lewis, corp., Westerly, R. I., enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. Sept. 11, 1862.  
 Amos Bray, corp., North Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; killed in action Oct. 19, 1864.  
 James Roach, corp., Stonington, enl. Dec. 4, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Sylvius M. Woodward, corp., Canterbury, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 19, 1863.  
 Charles T. McCracken, corp., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Frederick N. Ball, corp., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; wounded; must. out Dec. 2, 1864, at Hartford, Conn.  
 William Harvey (second), corp., Plainfield, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 30, 1863.  
 Theodore R. Carroll, musician, Norwich, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. E; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Gordon Green, musician, Stonington, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 17, 1862.  
 Thomas J. Clarke, wagoner, Ledyard, Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died Dec. 24, 1864, at Salisbury, N. C.  
 Adams, William, Norwich, enl. Dec. 3, 1861.  
 Avery, Alexander W., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died April 22, 1864.  
 Allen, William W., Enfield, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.  
 Baker, Beuben W., Thompson, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; died April 16, 1864.  
 Baker, Lovell, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; died at New Orleans, La.  
 Baker, Horace, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; died Feb. 5, 1862, at Hartford, Conn.  
 Baldwin, George, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.  
 Ball, John G., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; wounded Sept. 19, and killed Oct. 19, 1864, at Cedar Creek.  
 Beaumont, Francis, Wallingford, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; disch. for disability, July 14, 1865.  
 Barnes, Patrick, Stonington, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Belden, Directus F., Groton, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Sept. 10, 1862, at Camp Parapet.  
 Bicknell, Charles W., Stonington, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; killed Oct. 27, 1862, at Georgia Landing, La.  
 Brett, Patrick, Lisbon, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Burgoyne, Cornelius, Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; died Jan. 8, 1865.  
 Burgoyne, Walter, Norwich, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; died Feb. 5, 1865.  
 Bonney, John, Hartford, enl. Dec. 21, 1861; died Sept. 16, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.  
 Brett, James, Lisbon, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, March 9, 1863.

Butterworth, William, Stonington, enl. Jan. 16, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; disch. for disability, July 12, 1865.  
 Ball, Grosvenor, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Baker, Edward, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; died May 8, 1862, at New Orleans.  
 Chapman, Noah W., Groton, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B.  
 Chapman, Ori E., Stonington, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; died April 7, 1865.  
 Clark, Levi A., Stonington, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Clark, Edwin, Ledyard, enl. Jan. 16, 1862; disch. for disability, April 11, 1862.  
 Cobberly, Edward, Windsor Locks, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; killed June 14, 1863, at Port Hudson.  
 Comstock, Charles H., Stonington, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 19, 1863.  
 Congdon, Edmund, Stonington, enl. Dec. 4, 1861; died Aug. 7, 1863, of wounds, at New Orleans.  
 Crowley, James, Stonington, enl. Jan. 16, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Costello, Thomas, East Windsor, enl. Feb. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; disch. Sept. 7, 1865.  
 Darrow, Rodman C., New London, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Davis, Nathan, Stonington, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; died Jan. 29, 1862, at Hartford.  
 Deming, Fielden L., Somers, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Edwards, George W., North Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Fitzgerald, George, Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; captured Oct. 19, 1864; not taken up Dec. 31, 1864.  
 Flynn, Martin, Providence, R. I., enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Fish, Andrew J., East Windsor, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Harney, William (1st), Plainfield, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Horan, John, Windham, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. Jan. 3, 1862.  
 Harvey, James, Windham, enl. Jan. 28, 1862; disch. for disability, July 15, 1862.  
 Ingram, Wm., Groton, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. for disability, April 2, '63.  
 Kelley, Grohen, Montville, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; must. out Aug. 18, 1862.  
 Larkum, Edward S., Hartford, enl. Dec. 31, 1861; not taken up on rolls Dec. 31, 1864, after consolidation.  
 Lever, Richard, Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; disch. for disability, April 11, 1862.  
 Lloyd, Henry, Hartford, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; killed May 29, 1863, at Port Hudson, La.  
 Loomis, Daniel B., Preston, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B.  
 Lucy, John, Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Aug. 28, 1863, at Brashear City, La.  
 Loomis, Chester H., Manchester, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B.  
 Lord, Henry L., East Windsor, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Mansfield, Patrick, New London, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 McArdle, Felix, Stonington, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; died Dec. 1, 1864, at Salisbury.  
 McColligan, Hugh, Stonington, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; disch. Dec. 12, 1864, term expired.  
 McCoy, Michael, Montville, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; killed in action Sept. 19, 1864.  
 McKnight, William, Norwich, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Aug. 18, 1863, at Brashear City, La.  
 Moffit, John S., Thompson, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; died June 26, 1863, at New Orleans, La.  
 Murphy, John, Stonington, enl. Jan. 16, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; died April 5, 1865.  
 Nixon, Thomas N., Coventry, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; died July 22, 1862, at Carrollton, La.  
 Peckham, Adin R., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 10, 1861; disch. for disability, March 8, 1864.

Perkins, Chas. L., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Sept. 1, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.  
 Perkins, Albert M., Ledyard, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Pinney, Henry B., Stonington, enl. Dec. 27, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Pratt, Gurdon, Preston, enl. Jan. 8, 1862; died Sept. 8, 1862, at Camp Parapet, La.  
 Pease, James M., Enfield, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 12, 1865.  
 Pasco, Julius N., East Windsor, enl. Feb. 10, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Ryan, Michael, Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; wounded Sept. 19, 1864; must. out Dec. 2, 1864.  
 Reynolds, Wm. H., Stonington, enl. Jan. 21, 1862; disch. Jan. 20, 1865, term expired.  
 Sanford, Samuel J., Preston, enl. Dec. 4, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; must. out July 8, 1865.  
 Scott, William, Stonington, enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; killed May 5, 1864, on railroad at New Haven.  
 Sharp, Wm., Hartford, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F.  
 Simon, Chas. E., Westerly, R. I., enl. Dec. 12, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Smith, John C., North Stonington, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died March 4, 1862, at Hartford.  
 Smiley, Lyman, Norwich, enl. Dec. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 11, 1862.  
 Stoddard, Orrin E., Ledyard, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; dropped from the rolls Dec. 31, 1864.  
 Sullivan, Daniel, Windham, enl. Dec. 28, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Sherman, Charles W., Tolland, enl. Jan. 31, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; killed in action Oct. 19, 1864.  
 Taylor, Stephen, Farmington, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; must. out Aug. 18, 1862, under G. O. No. 58, series of 1862.  
 Thomas, James, Thompson, enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; wounded; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Wells, John W., Norwich, enl. Dec. 7, 1861; disch. for disability, Aug. 11, 1862.  
 Whalan, William, Clinton, Mass., enl. Dec. 3, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; died Nov. 15, 1864.  
 Wicks, Samuel J., Vernon, enl. Jan. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, July 28, 1862.  
 Whipple, Benton J., East Windsor, enl. Feb. 15, 1862; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to Co. F; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 21, 1865.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY K.

Conklin, Samuel, Bridgeport, enl. March 28, 1864; trans. to Co. B.  
 Jennings, William, Preston, enl. Aug. 13, 1864; trans. to Co. B; died Nov. 17, 1864, at Salisbury.  
 Long, Martin, enl. May 31, 1862; trans. to Co. B; disch. May 22, 1865, at Washington, D. C.  
 McGuire, James, enl. Feb. 22, 1862; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out July 8, 1865.  
 Powers, Patrick, Bridgeport, enl. Feb. 20, 1864; trans. to Co. B; disch. for disability, June 19, 1865.  
 Parker, Smith S., New Haven, enl. March 7, 1864; trans. to Co. B; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Roberts, Charles, Hartford, enl. Feb. 19, 1864; trans. to Co. B.  
 Sobbe, Theodore, enl. May 31, 1862; trans. to Co. F; disch. May 21, 1865.  
 Smith, John M., Marlborough, enl. Dec. 2, 1863; trans. to Co. F; disch. for disability, April 29, 1865.  
 Sweeney, Thomas, enl. May 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 13, 1865.  
 Smith, Thomas, Middletown, enl. March 7, 1864; trans. to Co. F; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Sweeney, John, Hartford, enl. March 14, 1864; trans. to Co. F.  
 Terhune, John, Hartford, enl. March 14, 1864; trans. to Co. F; died March 20, 1865, at Hartford.

The Thirteenth Regiment was organized in November, 1861, and mustered into the service with Henry W. Birge as colonel, and Alexander Warner as lieutenant-colonel. A portion of two companies was raised in this county.

The regiment enjoys the distinction of having been

in the service longer than any other Connecticut organization. In January, 1864, the Thirteenth, almost to a man, re-enlisted. In the following December it was consolidated into five companies, called "The Veteran Battalion Thirteenth Connecticut Volunteers."

During the regiment's long service it participated in numerous hard-fought battles, a few of which are here enumerated: Georgia Landing, Irish Bend, siege of Port Hudson, Cane River, Mansura, Opequan, Winchester, and Fisher's Hill. It was mustered out April 25, 1866, and paid off May 5th following, having been in the service four years and six months.

**First Regiment Heavy Artillery.**—This regiment was organized as the Fourth Regiment Infantry. It was mustered into the service in the spring of 1861, changed to heavy artillery Jan. 2, 1862, and mustered out Sept. 25, 1865. Levi Woodhouse, of Hartford, was colonel, and Henry W. Birge, of Norwich, major.

There was one company, D, principally from this county.

Joseph C. Dunford, capt., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; res. Oct. 28, 1861.  
 George B. Cook, first lieut., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; pro. maj. Jan. 22, 1863; res. May 4, 1865.  
 Thomas J. Mills, second lieut., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; pro. first lieut.; res. Dec. 27, 1861.  
 William H. Sisson, sergt., Pawcatuck, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 28, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 George T. Holmes, sergt., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Edward J. Collier, sergt., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 4, 1864, at Fort Richardson.  
 James Brainard, sergt., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 28, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 George Dimock, sergt., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; appointed brev. maj.; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Charles H. Baldwin, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Nov. 16, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 John C. Davis, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as veteran.  
 John A. Haskins, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 29, 1863, at Fort Richardson.  
 Edward Bailey, corp., Groton, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Henry A. Conant, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 James Jeffrey, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 15, 1864, at Fort Richardson.  
 John Odell, corp., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; pro. first lieut.; killed March 26, 1865, at Petersburg.  
 Elisha B. Fielding, corp., Marlborough, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 William H. Bell, musician, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 21, 1861, at Darnstown.  
 Enoch Mosher, musician, Montville, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 William B. Cheesboro, wagoner, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Avery, Charles C., New London, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 Anthony, Emanuel, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Nov. 11, 1863; wounded; disch. for disability, June 24, 1865.  
 Aldrich, George, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Bacon, Isaac B., enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Bushnell, Frederick, enl. June 6, 1861; died Jan. 21, 1862, at Fort Richardson.  
 Barry, John, Westerly, R. I., enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Brown, Joseph, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 28, 1863.



Butler, Richard, New London, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 Backus, Edmond, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Chapman, Chester A., Montville, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Nov. 3, 1863; must. out Oct. 2, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Chapman, Martin, Waterford, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; died April 18, 1864.  
 Dimock, William H., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Douglass, Daniel, Old Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864.  
 DeWolf, William H., Old Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 1, 1863.  
 Dogity, James, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Daniels, Henry W., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Nov. 3, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Edwards, Nathan, Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Frink, Henry, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Goodell, Harris W., East Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864.  
 Goldsmith, Daniel, Waterford, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 Gough, Thomas, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 18, 1861, at Fort Richardson, Va.  
 Harding, Wm. H., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Nov. 3, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Hartlon, Henry, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 10, 1863; trans. to U.S.N., April 9, 1864.  
 Jerome, Selden, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1861, at Fort Richardson, Va.  
 Johnson, Perry B., Waterford, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 24, 1862.  
 James, John R., Groton, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 28, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Kelsey, Frederick S., enl. June 6, 1861; re-enl. Nov. 11, 1863; disch. Oct. 23, 1865, at Concord, N. H.  
 McGarry, Michael, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Mead, Francis D., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Nelson, George O., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Parish, William W., Norwich, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Perkins, James M., Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 Perkins, Thomas D., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; died July 10, 1862, at Fortress Monroe, Va.  
 Rathburn, Eliahe, Groton, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet.; trans. to U.S.N., April 9, 1864.  
 Ryan, John, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Ryan, Edward, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Ryan, Wm. H., New London, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 Roberts, David, East Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Rockwell, Merritt, Voluntown, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. vet. Nov. 3, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Raybold, Joseph, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. vet. Dec. 28, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Sheridan, Wm., New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Shone, Daniel, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. vet. Nov. 16, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Sheldon, George W., Norwich, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Slewman, Wm., Lyme, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1861, at Fort Richardson.  
 Toft, Luther, Norwich, enl. May 22, 1861.  
 White, John, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Wing, John, Pawcatuck, enl. May 22, 1861; disch. May 21, 1864, term expired.  
 Welch, John, New London, enl. May 22, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865, at Washington.  
 Wall, Michael, New London, enl. May 22, 1861.

**The First Connecticut Cavalry** was originally a battalion of four companies, and was recruited, one company from each congressional district, in the fall of 1861.

The battalion left West Meriden, Conn., for Wheeling, Va., on the 20th day of February, 1862, numbering three hundred and forty-six officers and men. Remaining in camp of instruction at Wheeling until March 27th, they proceeded to Moorefield, in Western Virginia, and immediately entered upon the arduous labors peculiar to their branch of the service.

The battalion, under Maj. Lyon, as a part of Gen. Schenck's brigade, took part in the battle of McDowell, May 8th, between the forces of Gens. Schenck and Milroy and the rebel army under Gen. Jackson, and also in the operations which terminated in the battle of Franklin, May 11 and 12, 1862.

The battalion likewise served in the army of Gen. Fremont, then in command of the Mountain Department, in his celebrated forced march across the mountains into the Shenandoah Valley to the relief of Gen. Banks, participating, while in the pursuit of Jackson's force up the valley, in the battles of Harrisonburg, June 6th, Cross Keys, June 8th, and Port Republic, June 9th.

They were subsequently attached to Gen. Stahl's brigade, First Army Corps, under Maj.-Gen. Sigel, and took part in the arduous operations of the Army of Virginia under Gen. Pope, participating in the various battles along the Rapidan and the Rappahannock, and at Bull Run and Chantilly.

After nearly a year of constant activity, the battalion was assigned to duty as provost-guard in the city of Baltimore, Md., and while on this duty was increased to a full regiment of twelve companies.

In February, 1863, the regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and took an active part in all its movements until August 8, 1864, when it was transferred to the Army of the Shenandoah.

History alone can do full justice to the brave men who composed this regiment. Suffice it to say that the First Connecticut Cavalry, while under Gen. Sheridan, maintained a reputation for fidelity and bravery second to no other cavalry regiment.

The regiment continued in service under Cols. Ives and Whitaker until Aug. 2, 1865, performing gallant service, gaining a well-merited reputation, and doing honor to the State that sent it into the field.

The regiment was mustered out at Washington, D. C., Aug. 2, 1865, and left that city Aug. 3d for New Haven, Conn., to be finally discharged. Upon the request of Col. Ives, the regiment were permitted to take their horses with them to the State, many of the men being desirous of purchasing them; such a favor was given to no other cavalry regiment.

On the 17th and 18th of August all the officers and men received their pay and final discharges.

The following are some of the engagements in which the regiment participated:

McDowell, Va., May 8, 1862; Franklin, Va., May 11 and 12, 1862; Strasburg, Va., June 1, 1862; Harrisonburg, Va., June 6, 1862; Cross Keys, Va., June 8, 1862; Port Republic, Va., June 9, 1862; Bolivar Heights, Va., July 14, 1862; Waterford, Va., Aug. 7, 1863; Craig's Church, Va., May 5, 1864; Spottsylvania Court-House, Va., May 8, 1864; Meadow Bridge, Va., May 12, 1864; Hanover Court-House, Va., May 31, 1864; Ashland, Va., June 1, 1864; near Old Church Tavern, Va., June 10, 1864; in the field, Va., June 15 to June 28, 1864; Ream's Station, Va., June 29, 1864; Winchester, Va., Aug. 16, 1864; near Kearneysville, Va., Aug. 25, 1864; Front Royal, Va., Sept. 21, 1864; Cedar Run Church, Va., Oct. 17, 1864; Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864; near Woodstock, Va., Nov. 20, 1864; Waynesboro', Va., March 2, 1865; Ashland, Va., March 14, 1865; Five Forks, Va., April 1, 1865; Sweat-House Creek, Va., April 3, 1865; Harper's Farm, Va., April 6, 1865.

The following are the casualties: Killed in action, 24; died of wounds, 8; died of disease, 125; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 436; missing at muster out of regiment, 59. Total, 652.

Company C was from this county.

William S. Fish, capt., Stonington, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; pro. col.; dismissed April 21, 1864.  
 Charles F. Williams, Jr., first lieut., Stonington, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; died Dec. 2, 1861, Chicago, Ill.  
 Henry W. Burr, second lieut., Colchester, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; pro. 1st lieut.; resigned May 10, 1862.  
 William T. Cook, qr.-mr. sergt., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out Oct. 26, 1864; term expired.  
 Charles H. Briggs, sergt., New London, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; wounded June 1, 1864; pro. capt.; disch. as 1st lieut. Jan. 20, 1865.  
 Nathaniel B. Freeman, sergt., Groton, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 20, 1862.  
 Edwin W. French, sergt., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. capt.; must. out Oct. 26, 1864, term expired.  
 Marturin B. Waldo, sergt., New London, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 26, 1864, term expired.  
 Joseph Backus, sergt., Hebron, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. capt.; killed June 10, 1864, near Old Church, Va.  
 George H. Lord, corp., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864.  
 Horace H. Gore, corp., Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; wounded; pro. 2d lieut.; disch., disability, March 30, 1864.  
 John G. Williams, corp., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864; term expired.  
 William C. Harris, corp., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. qr.-mr.; must. out Oct. 26, 1864, term expired.  
 Levi E. Tyler, corp., Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. 2d lieut.; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; disch. May 5, 1865.  
 Daniel F. Crocker, corp., New London, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.; absent.  
 George A. Martin, corp., New London, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 26, 1862.  
 Ferdinand Brown, corp., Ledyard, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 William C. Loomis, musician, Colchester, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 8, 1862.  
 Stephen G. Thatcher, musician, Waterford, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; died Feb. 7, 1862, Meriden, Conn.  
 William E. Chapman, farrier, Colchester, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 3, 1862.  
 Samuel S. Whipple, farrier, Preston, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; killed June 1, 1864, Ashland, Va.  
 David W. Knowles, saddler, Danbury, enl. Dec. 9, 1861; disch. Jan. 23, 1863; enl. as hosp. steward, U.S.A.  
 John Lynch, wagoner, New Haven, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.

Atkinson, Isaac, Meriden, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. Nov. 16, 1864, term expired.  
 Atkinson, Johnson, Meriden, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.; absent.  
 Bentley, John, Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861.  
 Bogue, Comfort H., Bridgeport, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 Brown, Ralph R., Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 Braman, George, Stonington, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 13, 1862.  
 Brown, Elias S., Ledyard, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Brown, Daniel H., Ledyard, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. Nov. 2, 1864, term expired.  
 Bliven, John H., Stonington, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Bliven, Isaac T., Stonington, Nov. 14, 1861; died Sept. 13, 1862, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Bennett, Henry D., Stonington, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 4, 1864; died Feb. 8, 1865, Frederick, Md.  
 Burnham, Alfred V., Stonington, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; pro. 1st lieut.; hon. disch. Nov. 14, 1864.  
 Brackett, Joseph M., North Stonington, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Banks, Horatio S., Bridgeport, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 19, 1865.  
 Bradley, James, Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Chapman, George N., North Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 Crandall, Robert B., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; died March 20, 1863, Baltimore, Md.  
 Cranker, Joseph, New London, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 13, 1862.  
 Carlisle, Frederick, Waterbury, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; disch., term expired.  
 Carroll, Timothy, Norwich, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.; absent.  
 Campion, William, Naugatuck, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 19, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Cushing, Frederick, Bridgeport, enl. Dec. 26, 1861; disch. Sept. 16, 1862, Fort McHenry.  
 Doane, Richard H., Colchester, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; trans. to Inv. Corp., July 1, 1863.  
 Degarmo, William, Bridgeport, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 3, 1862.  
 Eggleston, James L., Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 Early, Edward, Wallingford, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; disch. to enl. in U.S.A., Nov. 10, 1862.  
 Fowler, Gilbert, Jr., Groton, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Fish, George A., Groton, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; died of wounds April 5, 1864.  
 Fox, Albert M., Colchester, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; killed in action near Waterford, Va., Aug. 1, 1863.  
 Havens, William H., Montville, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 1, 1864; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Havens, George, New London, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; disch. Nov. 22, 1864, term expired.  
 Irish, John, Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 26, 1864, term expired.  
 Irish, Henry C., Preston, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.  
 Knowles, James M., enl. Dec. 9, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Dec. 17, 1863; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Latimer, Edward H., Montville, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; pro. 2d lieut.; died Feb. 14, 1864.  
 Leonard, Levi, Meriden, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 19, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Mosier, Aaron C., Bozrah, enl. Nov. 23, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865, Washington, D. C.; absent.  
 Millerick, John, Portland, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; disch., term expired.  
 Moses, William A., New Hartford, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 7, 1862.  
 Northridge, George W., Hartford, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 21, 1862.

Perry, Eugene, New London, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch. Nov. 2, 1864, term expired.

Peck, Matthew, New Britain, enl. Dec. 8, 1861; disch. Nov. 16, 1864, term expired.

Ross, Francis, Waterford, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.

Robinson, George L., Bridgeport, enl. Nov. 2, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 1, 1862.

Robinson, Frederick S., enl. Dec. 7, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.

Saunders, Charles E., Colchester, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.

Spicer, Charles H., Groton, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Nov. 2, 1864, term expired.

Stebbins, Joseph W., East Lyme, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Sept. 6, 1863, at Fort McHenry.

Sheffield, Charles W., Stonington, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; disch. Nov. 2, 1864, term expired.

Seman, Peter, Bridgeport, enl. Nov. 21, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 24, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.

Tinker, Henry B., Montville, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. Oct. 27, 1864, term expired.

Turner, Isaac D., Ledyard, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 9, 1862.

Turner, Samuel C., Saybrook, enl. Dec. 6, 1861; disch. for disability, Sept. 18, 1862.

Whipple, William C., North Stonington, enl. Oct. 26, 1861; re-enl. as vet. Feb. 24, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.

Whitmarsh, Warren, Preston, enl. Nov. 14, 1861; disch., term expired.

Wells, Henry C., Wethersfield, enl. Nov. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 6, 1863, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Fourteenth Regiment Infantry.**—The Fourteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers was organized in the summer of 1862, and was the first regiment organized under the call for three hundred thousand men. It was recruited from the State at large, and left for Washington, D. C., Aug. 25, 1862, its numerical strength being one thousand and fifteen, under the command of Dwight Morris, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Owing to the raid of the enemy into Maryland, the regiment, without being allowed time to receive the necessary instruction, was ordered forward and took a part in the hard-fought battle of Antietam. The official report shows that the regiment suffered severe losses in that desperate battle, its loss in killed being 2 commissioned officers and 19 enlisted men; wounded, 2 commissioned officers and 86 enlisted men; missing, 28 enlisted men; making an aggregate loss of 137. It was also engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg, when Lieut.-Col. Perkins and Maj. Clark were severely wounded. Many other valuable officers and many of the men were either killed or wounded. In fact, from the heavy losses and hardships endured by the regiment, it had become terribly reduced, and numbered scarcely three hundred and seventy-five effective men. Its aggregate loss at Fredericksburg was one hundred and twenty-two.

The regiment continued with the Army of the Potomac during the winter, and on the 1st of April, 1863, was encamped at Falmouth; on the 28th it received marching orders, and proceeded with the Second Army Corps to near Banks' Ford on the Rappahannock, which they crossed on the evening of the 30th of April, and proceeded to camp near Chancellorsville. On the 1st, 2d, and 3d of May they were actively engaged with the enemy, and sus-

tained a loss during the engagement of fifty-six. Maj. Theodore G. Ellis, commanding regiment, states in his official report that the strength of his command on the morning of the 3d was two hundred and nineteen.

The regiment was again in battle at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2d and 3d, and sustained an aggregate loss of sixty-six. Maj. Ellis speaks of the action of the regiment in this battle in the highest terms, mentioning the capture of five regimental battle-flags and over forty prisoners by a portion of his command which charged the enemy. Four of the rebel officers surrendered themselves personally to Maj. Ellis. This was one of the most trying battles in which the Fourteenth was engaged.

July 14th it was engaged with the enemy at Falling Waters, and again, on the 14th of October, at Auburn, Va., loss not reported. On the latter day it was also engaged at Bristol Station, and sustained a total loss of twenty-six in killed, wounded, and missing.

On the 17th of October it engaged the enemy at Blackburn's Ford, and on the 29th of November following at Mine Run, Va., and met with a loss of fourteen in wounded and captured. On the 2d of December the regiment returned to its old camp upon Mountain Run, accomplishing a march of forty-five miles during the twenty-four hours.

The first general engagement in which the regiment participated after the close of winter was that of Morton's Ford, Va., Feb. 6, 1864. This engagement is described by Lieut.-Col. Moore as being in some instances a hand-to-hand fight, some of the Fourteenth using the bayonet upon the enemy. It sustained a loss of one hundred and fifteen in killed, wounded, and missing.

It would seem that the Fourteenth was kept busy during the spring and summer of 1864, as the list of battles during that time exhibit great activity.

From May 5, 1864, to August 25th the regiment was engaged in the battles of Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, May 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, and 22d, North Anna River, Tolopotomoy, Cold Harbor, June 3d and 6th, Petersburg, June 11th to July 5th, Deep Bottom, and Ream's Station, Va., and sustained a total of two hundred and fifty-six casualties.

Col. Ellis remarks in his report that the fatigue and exposure incident to the night-marches and continued encounters were extraordinary, notwithstanding which both officers and men met them nobly and uncomplainingly, cheerfully bearing all the hardships they had been called upon to endure. Lieut.-Col. Moore, Maj. Coit, and Adj. Hicks are mentioned as deserving of special mention for their gallantry in the various actions in which the regiment was engaged.

Lieut.-Col. Moore, in his report of the battle of Ream's Station, remarks, "I cannot close this report without alluding to the loss this regiment has sustained in the death of Capt. William H. Hawley, of Com-

pany K. At the time of his death he filled the office of brigade inspector, and was actively engaged upon the staff of the colonel commanding the brigade. . . . His loss is deeply felt, not only in this regiment, but throughout the entire brigade."

On the 27th of October the regiment participated in the action of Boydton Plank-Road; total loss, twenty-nine. Lieut. Perkins Bartholomew, of Company I, was wounded during the engagement, and soon after died. He is spoken of by Lieut.-Col. Moore as being one of the most promising young officers in the regiment.

On the 5th of February, 1865, the regiment was again in battle at Hatcher's Run, Va., and sustained the loss of Lieut. Franklin Bartlett killed and five wounded.

As a closing scene in the drama, the regiment was present at the battles of High Bridge and Farmville, Va., and were also present at the surrender of the insurgent army under Gen. Robert E. Lee, thus being permitted to see the desired end accomplished for which they had so loyally struggled.

On the 31st of May, 1865, the brave Fourteenth Connecticut was mustered out of the United States service, leaving a record of which they may well be proud.

The regiment participated in the following engagements:

Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862. Loss in killed, 2 commissioned officers and 19 enlisted men; wounded, 2 commissioned officers and 86 enlisted men; missing, 28 enlisted men. Total loss, 137.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. Loss in killed, 1 commissioned officer, 9 enlisted men; wounded, 10 commissioned officers, 82 enlisted men; missing, 20 enlisted men. Total loss, 122.

Chancellorsville, Va., May 1, 2, and 3, 1863. Loss in wounded, 3 commissioned officers, 34 enlisted men; missing, 2 commissioned officers, 17 enlisted men. Total loss, 56.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 2 and 3, 1863. Loss in killed, 10 enlisted men; wounded, 10 commissioned officers, 42 enlisted men; missing, 4 enlisted men. Total loss, 66.

Falling Waters, Va., July 14, 1863.

Amn, Va., Oct. 14, 1863.

Bristow Station, Va., Oct. 14, 1863. Loss in killed, 4 enlisted men; wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 17 enlisted men; missing, 4 enlisted men. Total loss, 26.

Blackburn's Ford, Va., Oct. 17, 1863.

Mine Run, Va., Nov. 29, 1863. Loss in wounded, 2 enlisted men; captured, 12 enlisted men. Total loss, 14.

Morton's Ford, Va., Feb. 6, 1864. Loss in killed, 6 enlisted men; wounded, 7 commissioned officers, 83 enlisted men; missing, 1 commissioned officer, 18 enlisted men. Total loss, 115.

Wilderness, Va., May 5 and 6, 1864.

Laurel Hill, Va., May 10, 1864.

Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 13, 14, 18, and 22, 1864.

North Anna River, Va., May 24 and 26, 1864.

Topotomoy, Va., May 31, 1864.

Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864.

Cold Harbor, Va., June 6, 1864. Loss (from May 5th to June 6th) in killed, 1 commissioned officer, 20 enlisted men; wounded, 11 commissioned officers, 129 enlisted men; missing, 24 enlisted men. Total loss, 185.

Petersburg, Va., June 11 to July 6, 1864. Loss in killed, 3 enlisted men; wounded, 9 enlisted men; missing, 2 enlisted men. Total loss, 14.

Deep Bottom, Va., Aug. 15 and 16, 1864. Loss in killed, 1 enlisted man; wounded, 6 enlisted men. Total loss, 7.

Ream's Station, Va., Aug. 25, 1864. Loss in killed, 1 commissioned officer, 4 enlisted men; wounded, 4 commissioned officers, 14 enlisted men; missing, 2 commissioned officers, 25 enlisted men. Total loss, 50.

Boydton Plank-Road, Va., Oct. 27, 1864. Loss in killed, 1 commissioned officer, 1 enlisted man; wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 12 enlisted men; missing, 4 enlisted men; supposed prisoners, 10 enlisted men. Total loss, 29.

Hatcher's Run, Va., Feb. 5, 1865. Loss in killed, 1 commissioned officer; wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 4 enlisted men. Total loss, 6.

Hatcher's Run, Va., March 25, 1865. Loss in wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 5 enlisted men. Total loss, 6.

High Bridge, Va., Farmville, Va., and surrender of Lee's army, Va., from March 30 to April 10, 1865. Loss in wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 2 enlisted men. Total loss, 3.

Casualties: killed in action, 132; died of wounds, 65; died of disease, 169; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 416; missing at muster out of regiment, 6. Total, 788.

There were two companies in this regiment from New London County,—E, Capt. William H. Tubbs, and H, Capt. Samuel H. Davis.

#### COMPANY E.

William H. Tubbs, capt., Norwich, enl. June 15, 1862; resigned Feb. 20, 1863.

Morton F. Hale, first lieut., Norwich, enl. June 15, 1862; resigned; pro. brig. com. subist. Dec. 28, 1862.

Charles O. Baldwin, second lieut., Middletown, enl. June 15, 1862; resigned Dec. 2, 1862.

James R. Nichols, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 29, 1862; pro. capt., wounded; died of wounds Feb. 20, 1865.

Frederick E. Shalk, sergt., Norwich, enl. June 6, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; died of wounds May, 1864.

Henry C. Miller, sergt., Norwich, enl. May 30, 1862; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1862.

George H. Lillibridge, sergt., Franklin, enl. July 14, 1862; wounded; pro. 1st lieut.; hon. disch. May 15, 1865.

Samuel Webster, sergt., Sprague, enl. June 11, 1862; wounded May 3, 1863; trans. Inv. Corps, Feb. 15, 1864.

Henry N. Robinson, corp., Franklin, enl. May 29, 1862; disch. for disability, May 26, 1863.

Lyman L. Bassett, corp., Killingly, enl. June 7, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.

George Seufert, corp., Middletown, enl. June 7, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.

- John J. Hurlburt, corp., New Haven, enl. June 25, 1862; died May 21, 1863, Falmouth, Va.
- James M. Moore, corp., East Windsor, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; pro. 2d lieut.; supposed killed Aug. 25, 1864.
- Edmund Smith, corp., Middletown, enl. June 6, 1862; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- George K. Bassett, corp., Killingly, enl. June 10, 1862; twice wounded; must. out July 14, 1865.
- Charles E. Lewis, corp., Middletown, enl. June 23, 1862; wounded May 13, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Edgar B. Jones, musician, New Britain, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Josiah F. Williston, musician, East Windsor, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Charles A. Tubbs, wagoner, Norwich, enl. June 9, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Barnes, Samuel, Hartford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 23, 1863.
- Booner, George C., Hartford, enl. June 16, 1862; wounded Feb. 6, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Bugbee, Sanford, Plainfield, enl. June 14, 1862; twice wounded; disch. for disability, Aug. 23, 1865.
- Bebo, Frank, Putnam, enl. June 14, 1862; wounded July 3, 1863; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Bentley, James P., North Stonington, enl. June 3, 1862.
- Brady, Terrence, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Bull, George H., Windham, enl. July 5, 1862; wounded; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out June 28, 1865.
- Bailey, Emerson N., Middletown, enl. June 3, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, Washington.
- Burrows, Isaac C., Vernon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; twice wounded; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 7, 1865.
- Brothers, Anthony, New Haven, enl. June 23, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Callahan, Jeremiah, Norwich, enl. May 23, 1862; twice wounded; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Crandall, John, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Cole, Carlos P., Coventry, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded May 7, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Cole, Alonzo E., Coventry, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; died of wounds May 25, 1864, North Anna, Va.
- Cavarly, Henry, Salem, enl. Aug. 13, 1862.
- Crowley, Daniel, Sprague, enl. July 8, 1862.
- Cunningham, Michael, Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; hon. disch. May 19, 1863.
- Degnan, John, Norwich, enl. June 6, 1862; wounded Aug. 25, 1864; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Dwight, Franklin, Hartford, enl. July 24, 1862; died June 13, 1863, of wounds received at Fredericksburg.
- Dalley, Edward, Middletown, enl. June 28, 1862; wounded Feb. 6, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Dorman, Walter B., Waterbury, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Dorman, Charles L., New Haven, enl. July 18, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Dorman, Orrin, New Haven, enl. June 13, 1862; died at Richmond, Va.
- Dillon, Martin, Vernon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 16, '64.
- Edwards, Henry, Norwich, enl. May 31, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 23, 1862.
- Eldredge, Nathaniel, Preston, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, June 8, 1863.
- Farmer, Harmon, Middletown, enl. June 3, 1862; died Dec. 30, 1862, of wounds received at Fredericksburg.
- Frisbie, Henry R., Middletown, enl. June 3, 1862; twice wounded; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Fray, Louis, Middletown, enl. June 4, 1862; disch. for disability, June 8, 1863.
- Fitzpatrick, John, Hartford, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Griffin, John, Middletown, enl. June 24, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Gallagher, Francis, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded June 15, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Guilford, William O., Waterbury, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Hartie, Philip C., Norwich, enl. June 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 9, 1862.
- Hutchins, George A., Hampton, enl. June 2, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, July 1, 1863; must. out June 26, 1865.
- Horton, Charles, Chaplin, enl. July 9, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Huntington, George F., Norwich, enl. July 5, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Jan. 15, 1864.
- Hilbert, Frank, Middletown, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Healy, Edward, Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 25, 1862.
- Holmes, Lucien B., Glastenbury, enl. June 16, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, Sept. 1, 1863; disch. Oct. 5, 1864.
- Irons, Thomas, Norwich, enl. June 12, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Kerr, Robert, Killingly, enl. June 7, 1862; wounded Feb. 6, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, New Haven.
- Keeney, Buell, Windsor, enl. July 12, 1862; wounded Aug. 25, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Kappenberg, Frederick, Hartford, enl. July 7, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Kelley, William G., Marlborough, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. for disability, May 30, 1864.
- Kurtz, Frederick W., Waterbury, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Kavanagh, Thomas, Middletown, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 27, 1863.
- Kurtz, George, Waterbury, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Lown, Timothy, Middletown, enl. June 9, 1862; wounded May 7, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Lovejoy, William F., enl. June 16, 1862; killed Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburg, Md.
- Lloyd, Patrick, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; died of wounds May 11, '64.
- Lamphere, Madison, Hartford, enl. July 28, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps; drowned in Connecticut River, March 8, 1866.
- Lamphere, Irving, Meriden, enl. July 7, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- Mathews, George B., Thompson, enl. June 10, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Alexandria, Va.
- McDermott, Michael, Killingly, enl. June 13, 1862; wounded; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out July 5, 1865.
- McDonald, John, Norwich, enl. June 3, 1862; wounded; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Marsh, John, Hartford, enl. June 14, 1862; trans. V. R. C.; disch. Aug. 19, 1865.
- Morehead, William J., Lebanon, enl. July 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 19, 1863.
- Maher, James, Middletown, enl. July 19, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, March 17, 1863.
- McCormick, James, Hartford, enl. July 8, 1862.
- Obernauth, Jacob, Griswold, May 20, 1862; disch. for disability, March 26, 1863.
- Piers, Edwin, Hartford, July 10, 1862; wounded May 3, 1863; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.
- Riley, James, Middletown, June 6, 1862; twice wounded; must. out June 5, 1865, at Washington.
- Rogers, James, Wethersfield, enl. June 17, 1862; died at Salisbury, N. C., roll of Feb. 28, 1865.
- Riley, Edward, Hartford, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.
- Slack, George, Middletown, enl. June 23, 1862; disch. for disability, Aug. 12, 1863.
- Starkey, Robert, Hartford, enl. July 11, 1862; died April 13, 1863, at Falmouth.
- Scranton, Charles H., Windham, enl. July 15, 1862.
- Shaux, Baltas, Windsor, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.
- Shay, George, Griswold, enl. July 3, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 4, 1863.
- Starkey, John, Hartford, enl. July 11, 1862.
- Standish, Walter F., Sprague, enl. July 13, 1862; killed July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg.
- Smith, William L., New Haven, Aug. 10, 1862.
- Stevens, Henry, Griswold, enl. July 1, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, May 15, 1864.

Stockman, Artemus, New Haven, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 23, 1863.  
 Timmons, Daniel, Middletown, enl. June 3, 1862; died of wounds May 8, 1864.  
 Tyler, Moses, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; wounded Feb. 6, 1864; died April 14, 1864, at Andersonville.  
 VonGries, Henry, Hartford, enl. June 3, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 8, 1864.  
 Wagner, Baltas, Hartford, enl. June 3, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863.  
 West, Albert E., Preston, enl. May 27, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 24, 1863.  
 West, Richard, Putnam, enl. June 16, 1862; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, June 8, 1863.  
 Woodworth, George, Hartford, enl. July 20, 1862; disch. for disability, May 26, 1863.

## COMPANY H.

Samuel H. Davis, capt., New London, enl. July 12, 1862; dismissed Sept. 17, 1863.  
 Henry Lee, first lieut., New London, enl. May 24, 1862; pro. capt.; hon. disch. Jan. 20, 1865.  
 James E. Comstock, second lieut., Waterford, July 17, 1862; res. Feb. 14, 1863.  
 John A. Tibbits, sergt., New London, enl. July 12, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; wounded Sept. 17, 1862, and July 8, 1863; disch. for disability, July 17, 1863.  
 Robert Barry, sergt., New London, enl. July 11, 1862; killed Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Allen H. Willis, sergt., New London, enl. July 29, 1862.  
 Charles E. Penhallow, sergt., New London, enl. July 11, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Jonathan Rogers, sergt., New London, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 3, 1863.  
 Orlando A. Middleton, corp., New London, enl. July 11, 1862; disch. for disability, April 7, 1863.  
 Albert O. Comstock, corp., Waterford, enl. July 24, 1862; died Dec. 11, 1863, at Stevensburg, Va.  
 James Wiggins, corp., New London, enl. June 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 18, 1862.  
 William A. Carpenter, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862.  
 Thomas W. Comstock, corp., New London, enl. July 21, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 10, 1865.  
 Perkins Bartholomew, corp., New London, enl. July 24, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; died Oct. 23, 1864, of wounds received in action.  
 George A. Smith, corp., New London, enl. July 11, 1862; disch. for disability, March 12, 1863.  
 Samuel N. Watrous, corp., New London, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 George A. Buddington, musician, New London, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Albert F. Hall, musician, New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863; must. out July 6, 1865.  
 Osmund D. Smith, wagoner, New London, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Ames, Thomas M., Waterford, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; killed July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg.  
 Archer, Robert, New London, enl. July 14, 1862.  
 Barker, John, New London, enl. July 14, 1862; died Jan. 14, 1863, at Falmouth.  
 Bartholomew, John B., New London, enl. July 11, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863; must. out July 6, 1865.  
 Beebe, James M., New London, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Botsford, Samuel, New Haven, enl. June 2, 1862; trans. to 2d Connecticut Artillery.  
 Bullis, William H., New London, enl. July 14, 1862.  
 Barrowa, Daniel L., New Haven, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Nov. 15, 1862, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Blair, Robert, New Haven, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Sept. 29, 1863, at Washington.  
 Brown, Horace T., New Haven, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Brown, Christopher, Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862.  
 Olvert, Jeremiah C., Waterford, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded May 3, 1863; disch. for disability, June 3, 1865.  
 Carroll, William G., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford.  
 Caulkins, John F., Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; killed Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Chadwick, Robert A., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; killed Feb. 8, 1864, at Morton's Ford, Va.  
 Chadwick, William F., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Chapman, Abel F., New London, enl. June 14, 1862.  
 Cochran, James, Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862.  
 Crinyan, James, New London, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. March 10, 1865.  
 Dart, Henry E., Waterford, enl. Aug. 5, 1862.  
 Daniels, Franklin, Waterford, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, May 1, 1864.  
 Dayton, Amos, Waterford, enl. Aug. 5, 1862.  
 Dayton, William A., Waterford, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, April 2, 1863.  
 Donahue, Cornelius, New London, enl. June 7, 1862; disch. for disability, May 26, 1863.  
 Dawsett, Joseph N., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1864, at Rochester.  
 Drury, Thomas, New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 1, 1865; must. out July 6, 1865.  
 Dunbar, Jeremiah G., Waterford, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded Oct. 27, 1864; must. out May 31, 1865.  
 Donald, John, New London, enl. Aug. 16, 1862.  
 Edwards, George S., Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; wounded May 3, 1863; died Oct. 29, 1864, at Washington.  
 Feely, Bernard, New London, enl. July 16, 1862; never mustered.  
 Fenner, Charles E., New London, enl. June 24, 1862.  
 Fox, Silas S., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded Sept. 17, 1862; killed in action Feb. 6, 1864.  
 Fox, Frederick A., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Gard, Charles H., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded May 6, 1864; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 24, 1865.  
 Gardner, Thomas W., Waterford, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded July 3, 1863; disch. for disability, Dec. 29, 1863.  
 Glossenger, William, New London, enl. July 24, 1862; killed May 6, 1864, at Wilderness.  
 Goff, Thomas, New London, enl. July 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 20, 1863.  
 Green, John, Waterford, enl. July 26, 1862; killed Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Gurley, John, Jr., New London, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died October, 1862, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Goddard, John C., New London, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Irving, James, New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862.  
 Jerome, Elias L., Waterford, enl. July 28, 1862; killed December 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Kohlrisser, Theodore, New London, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded July 3, 1863; trans. to Invalid Corps, March 15, 1864.  
 Krah, Earnest, Hartford, enl. June 16, 1862; supposed taken prisoner Oct. 14, 1863; killed in action Oct. 14, 1863.  
 Knight, Charles H., Waterford, enl. July 24, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863; must. out July 6, 1865.  
 Latour, Charles F., New London, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 6, 1863.  
 Latour, Lewis G., New London, enl. July 12, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 16, 1863.  
 Lurger, John, New London, enl. July 16, 1862.  
 McCaffrey, Edward, New London, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Alexandria.  
 Maynard, Jabez B., Waterford, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; died June 15, 1864, at New York City.  
 Maynard, Lester J., New London, enl. July 14, 1862; disch. for disability, March 30, 1863.  
 Mills, William S., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; killed Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Miner, John, New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; killed Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Mills, Thomas J., New London, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; died Oct. 17, 1862, of wounds.  
 Mitchell, Edward, New London, enl. July 14, 1862.  
 Mitchell, Henry, New London, enl. July 17, 1862.  
 McCallum, John, New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; did not leave Hartford with regiment.  
 Morgan, Joseph P., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out July 8, 1865.

Munroe, Charles H., New London, enl. July 12, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 31, 1863.  
 Munroe, George, enl. July 11, 1862; trans. to U. S. navy, April 16, 1864.  
 Niles, Frederick W., New London, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Dec. 1, 1862, at Belle Plain.  
 Osborn, John H. G., New London, enl. July 22, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 31, 1864.  
 Perkins, Erastus B., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died Dec. 31, 1862, of wounds received at Fredericksburg.  
 Perkins, James M., Waterford, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to U. S. navy, April 23, 1864.  
 Pla, Daniel, New London, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 3, 1864; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 24, 1865.  
 Phillips, Jonathan W., New London, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died of wounds Oct. 18, 1863.  
 Russell, Michael, New London, Aug. 8, 1862.  
 Robinson, Ralph, New London, enl. July 11, 1862.  
 Rogers, Henry A., Waterford, enl. July 28, 1862.  
 Simon, Joshua F., Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862.  
 Staples, Robert, Waterford, enl. July 25, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, March 15, 1864; must. out June 28, 1865.  
 Thompson, Simeon C., New London, enl. July 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 1, 1862.  
 Tillett, George W., Waterford, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, March 16, 1863.  
 Wagner, Gottfried, New London, enl. July 23, 1862; died Sept. 9, 1862, at Washington.  
 Williams, Albert F., New London, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded Feb. 6, 1864; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 14, 1865.  
 Williams, Frederick, New London, enl. Aug. 16, 1862.

**Eighteenth Regiment Infantry.**<sup>1</sup>—The Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers was organized in August, 1862, and was recruited from New London and Windham Counties, and rendezvoused at Norwich, Conn. It was commanded by Col. William G. Ely, who was previously connected with the Second and Sixth Regiments Connecticut Volunteers. It left for Washington August 22d, being the first regiment to leave the State under the call of the President for three hundred thousand volunteers in the summer of 1862, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and stationed at Fort McHenry, Baltimore.

**Battle of Winchester.**—When the Seventeenth left Fort Marshall, in Baltimore, the Eighteenth was transferred to it from Fort McHenry. It was on higher ground, and much more healthful. Some of the men brought sickness with them, however, and Capt. Bromley appears to have had a touch of jaundice, for he wrote to the *Bulletin* that he was "looking through the yellowest pair of eyes that were ever hung out as a wrecked liver's signal of distress."

Col. Ely hoped to be able here to devote some attention to the necessary drill, but the next day the right wing, consisting of the companies of Capts. Isaac W. Hakes, Jr., Matthewson, and Charles D. Brown, went down along the railroad near Havre de Grace, under Maj. Ephraim Keech, Jr.; and Capt. Henry C. Davis' company was dispatched to Upper Marlborough, a secession town, but returned next day. The regiment remained all winter divided in Maryland, with headquarters at Fort Marshall. The men were industriously drilled in artillery and infantry tactics, and the left wing was so thoroughly exercised in bat-

alion movements as to win the approval of Brig.-Gen. Morris, an old army officer, who was chary of his commendations. Comfortable quarters were now built; food was plenty, if not of a quality to tempt an epicure; service was not arduous; and, on the whole, the regiment had an easy time. Col. Ely won golden opinions from all the officers of the department with whom he came in contact. No officer was ever more watchful than he for the welfare of the men, and none ever deserved more fully the confidence which, without exception, they reposed in him.

At last, late in the spring of 1863, the monotonous life in barracks ended. Most of the men were tired of its unsoldierly quiet, and rejoiced when orders came to go to the front, even though that front was the oft-contested Shenandoah Valley. Already had the rebel and Union forces been repeatedly driven through it from end to end, and already had veteran regiments learned to prefer any other service to the bewildering tramps through its rivers and ravines.

By the middle of May the detached companies had been called in from Havre de Grace and the Wilmington road, and on the 22d the regiment moved by railroad up the valley. Crossing at Harper's Ferry, it shortly left the crowded cars at Winchester, joining the command of Maj.-Gen. Milroy.

As far back as the previous November, Gen. Halleck's chief of staff, Gen. Collom, had reported, after careful examination, not only that the works at Winchester were so located as to be indefensible *per se*, but that the place required no works, and should have no heavy garrison, being merely "an eye of the national army looking up the Shenandoah Valley." He recommended that all infantry be withdrawn, and only a strong cavalry picket retained. The recommendation was not heeded, and Milroy remained with seven thousand men, while Lee's army, flushed with the victories along the Rappahannock, was pressing towards Pennsylvania. About the 9th of June, Early, with "Stonewall" Jackson's old corps of thirty thousand men, pushed silently and swiftly northward through the valley, while Lee seized and held the gaps of the Blue Ridge. Next day Milroy exultingly telegraphed to Gen. Schenck at Baltimore that his advance had had "a splendid little skirmish" with the rebels, and added, "The enemy are probably approaching in some force. I am entirely ready for them; I can hold this place." And as late as the succeeding day, June 11th, Col. Don Piatt, chief of staff, possessed of the same delusion, telegraphed, "All works fine. Can whip anything the rebels can fetch here. How is Mrs. Piatt?" He did not wait long for an answer.

On Saturday, June 13th, the Union pickets were driven towards Winchester, and brisk skirmishing ensued. Col. Ely, of the Eighteenth, was in charge of a brigade, and he immediately advanced upon the Front Royal pike with his regiment (under Lieut.-Col. Nichols) and the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania

<sup>1</sup> Condensed from Crofut's History.

and a section of battery, to "feel for the enemy." The feeling was mutual. They had gone a little more than a mile from town when they were opened upon by a battery planted in the edge of a dense thicket on the opposite side of a deep ravine. The Union battery was wheeled upon a knoll and opened briskly, the Eighteenth lying down in high clover closely in the rear, except Companies A and B deployed as skirmishers. The enemy played upon our regiments at a distance of not more than four hundred yards for an hour with six Napoleon pieces, and at last exploded the caisson of the battery and silenced the guns, when the brigade fell back.

Nearer the city the artillery fight was resumed at long range. Meanwhile Early had thrown other brigades around on the west, and there had been severe fighting there. Night came on, and the city was besieged. Milroy ascertained that an overwhelming force was in front of him and on his flanks. This was his opportunity to retreat under cover of the blinding darkness and the heavy thunder-shower, but some fatality detained him. The Eighteenth was stationed all night in rifle-pits just outside the city, wet through with the drenching rain. By midnight it was obvious that Early was closing in, and Ely's brigade of four regiments was recalled to the fort, but at sunrise was sent out again. The First Brigade, under Gen. Elliott, occupied the main fort; the Second, under Col. Ely, held the town and the space outside; the Third, under Col. McReynolds, was posted in the star fort.

The Second (Ely's) Brigade was now stationed near the cemetery, across which the principal firing took place. About four in the afternoon the rebel skirmishers charged up to the very edge of the town, when a well-directed fire from our troops sent them back in confusion to their supporting line, which also caught the panic and rushed back to the very edge of the timber. Here several of the Eighteenth were killed and wounded.

About this time the rebels charged upon and captured the important outworks held by an Ohio regiment on the other side of the main fort, and the Second Brigade fell back to the works northeast of the fortification, in which the principal part of our forces were now besieged and subjected to a severe bombardment.

By sundown of the 14th the city was three-fourths invested. Early's right crossed the Berryville road on the northeast, and his left intersected the Front Royal, Strasburg, and Romney roads.

At one A.M. on the 15th the order was given for the silent evacuation of Winchester. The night was intensely dark, but the column moved with order on the road leading to Martinsburg due north, the Eighteenth Connecticut forming the advance of the centre brigade. The command had proceeded about four and a half miles when the head of the First Brigade suddenly encountered the right of the enemy, posted

in strong force in a piece of woods skirting the right of the road. The rebels threw forward with great rapidity a sufficient force to command the whole of the First Brigade and a large portion of the Second. One or more volleys were delivered by them and returned, but, owing to the extreme darkness of the morning, had little or no effect. At this time the First Brigade charged, and having partially driven back the force immediately in its front, the larger portion passed on and continued its flight to Harper's Ferry. The remainder of the First Brigade, together with the Second, fell back in a field to the left of the road and reformed their partially disordered ranks. A letter written by one of the regiment soon after gives the following account of the gallant part borne by the Eighteenth in the charge of the Second Brigade: "We charged into the woods, but in the gray dawn nothing could be discerned but the flash of their rifles,—we could not see a man; and they had every advantage of us, as we charged from light into darkness, where they quietly awaited our coming. The crack of rifles was for a time terrific, but numbers and position finally prevailed, and we were obliged to retreat. We formed again in perfect order in the open field, and prepared for a second charge. By this time we could form some idea of the rebel position, for we could see quite plainly. Gen. Milroy was behind us on his horse, and he told us to take that battery, that we could do it in ten minutes. Officers and men were cool again and in good spirits. Well, the order was given, 'Forward, Eighteenth! charge bayonets! double-quick! march!' and away we went into those woods again. We were met with a murderous fire, but forward sprang the line with a yell. Up the cross-road we charged in point-blank range of the rebel battery.

"A long line of fire streamed from thousands of rifles, interrupted now and then by the blaze of the battery; trees were peeled in all directions. We charged up to the battery and silenced it, killing or wounding every man that stood by it; but they had plenty of artillery in reserve, so we saw it was useless to attempt to hold it. After fighting desperately for some time and losing many valuable men, the order to retreat was given and we again fell back. This was the first battle in which the Eighteenth had been engaged, and its behavior had deserved great credit. The above statement seems slightly colored by the interest which a participant would naturally feel, yet it is abundantly corroborated by the list of casualties, and by the account given by the Confederates themselves."

The Eighteenth had lost thirty-one killed and forty-four wounded, including five commanders of companies. After the last charge Col. Ely looked about him for support, and found that the Third Brigade had taken advantage of the fight to turn about and make its way across the country towards Pennsylvania. Milroy and Maj. Peale had already escaped with a few men, including thirty from the Eighteenth. Col. Ely and Lieut.-Col. Nichols were dismounted, and



were immediately summoned to surrender. The rebels now occupied the road in both directions. The Federals numbered but a thousand men, jaded by two days' sleepless service, and now badly cut up. Under the circumstances Col. Ely surrendered the command. The men were immediately placed under guard. Col. Ely's sword had been hit by a ball during the battle, shattering the blade near the hilt. When he delivered it to the rebel Gen. Walker, after the fight, that officer asked, "When was this done, sir?" "This morning." "You deserve to keep this," was the rejoinder. "I will direct it to be retained for you." It was sent to Gen. Early, by whose order it was finally forwarded through by flag of truce to the father of Col. Ely, while the soldier who had borne it gallantly was yet a prisoner. Within thirty minutes after Ely's surrender Early's entire corps marched across the battlefield in swift pursuit of the fugitives. Many were captured.

The handsome regimental colors presented by the ladies of Norwich were not captured with the regiment. When they were inquired for the men would not or could not give any information as to their whereabouts, but in two days, after many "hair-breadth escapes," they crossed the Pennsylvania border, wound about the body of Color-Sergeant George Torrey, of Woodstock, who had taken to the woods during the confusion. He was subsequently commissioned captain in the United States Colored Troops. About two hundred made good their retreat, and gradually gathered again at Maryland Heights, under Maj. Peale. H. H. Starkweather immediately went to the rendezvous, carrying food and other comforts from home, and sending back to the anxious relations news from the regiment. Capt. Thomas K. Bates, a brave officer, severely wounded, and a prisoner, was recaptured shortly after in a rebel hospital. The prisoners suffered from the first day of their captivity. They were hurried back to the fort, and next day were started for Richmond on foot. They made ninety-two miles in four days, arriving at Staunton on Monday, the 22d, and thence took the cars for Richmond. They reached the Confederate capital early next morning, and without making any triumphal entry, marched straight to Libby Prison. The food on the journey consisted of a pint of flour and a very small piece of pork to each man. The officers and enlisted men were in separate squads, and were not permitted to communicate. On the second day the privates were transferred from Libby to Belle Isle, in the James River, now so infamous in the annals of the war. Here they stayed a few weeks on scanty rations, when they were taken back to Libby, paroled July 2d, taken to City Point, released, and transported to Annapolis, having been under the "Stars and Bars" seventeen days. They remained at Camp Parole until the 1st of October, when they were duly exchanged and returned to the nucleus of the regiment, now in camp at Martinsburg, north of Winchester. The

officers were not so fortunate, they were detained at Libby through many weary months, hoping, fearing, expecting, and sometimes almost despairing. They had scarcely food enough to sustain life, but the miserable rations were supplemented with heavy boxes of succulent and nourishing food prepared with loving hands in Eastern Connecticut. Officers of other regiments brought away letters concealed in their buttons from Col. Ely, Capt. Davis, Lieut. Higgins, and others.

*The Eighteenth at Martinsburg.*—After the unfortunate battle of Winchester about two hundred and twenty officers and men of the Eighteenth escaped in different directions towards the Potomac. Immediately after the disaster to the Eighteenth, Henry B. Norton, a patriotic and liberal citizen of Norwich, went to the Potomac at the request of Governor Buckingham, and was of great assistance in collecting the remnants of the regiment and supplying their immediate wants. The *Hartford Press* said of him, "No gentleman in the State has been so indefatigable in labors of this kind for the comfort of our soldiers since the war began. He has steadily refused all compensation or remuneration of his expenses, and is so unostentatious that we fear to annoy him even by this brief and merited mention of his services." Maj. Peale, with thirty men, arrived the same day at Harper's Ferry, having had a very narrow escape. About two hundred others from Milroy's scattered army were put under Maj. Peale and led against the flank of Lee's army, now retreating from Gettysburg. They marched to Snicker's Gap and captured many of the fugitives. Maj. Peale was next ordered to Sharpsburg, where he took command of the remnant of the Eighteenth. Company B, Lieut. F. G. Bixby, being on provost duty, had escaped intact with others, and in a few days he was ordered to report for provost duty at Hagerstown to guard rebel prisoners. On September 30th, Maj. Peale brought the exchanged prisoners from Camp Parole at Annapolis, increasing the regiment to eight officers and six hundred men. On October 3d they forded the Potomac and advanced to Martinsburg, making camp about half a mile west of the town, on a wooded elevation, as pleasantly situated for winter quarters as could be desired. Here, notwithstanding the insufficiency of officers, good order was maintained, and the regiment soon began to show improvement in drill and general discipline. Once during the winter a raid resulted in the capture of several rebels. Twice or thrice the regiment was in line of battle or on a reconnoissance, but the winter was rather uneventful, and the men contented themselves in completing the capture of Martinsburg. The general in command, notwithstanding his lack of great military genius, was always popular in his command, and when he visited Martinsburg, "Daddy Milroy" was heartily received by the Eighteenth. They ordered him out with an affectionate, if unmilitary, clamor, and he addressed them as follows:

## "SOLDIERS OF THE EIGHTEENTH:

"I am glad to see you once more, I am happy to see you looking so hearty and well, happy to welcome you back again beneath the folds of your own Stars and Stripes which you so nobly defended during the three days' fight at Winchester. Since I last saw you you have suffered captivity in rebel prisons. We have been separated since then, but I have come to see you and to praise you for your gallantry. I saw you in the second day's fight as you charged the enemy from your rifle-pits and drove them back upon their reserves, holding them in check until night, when you fell back, but with your face to the foe. Again I saw you the next morning, facing as hot a fire as I ever witnessed in my life. I looked in vain to see you waver. Boys, it was a hot place, a hot place. I saw you go where none but brave men dare go, saw you make three successive charges, preserving your line as well as if on dress-parade. I witnessed it all. I saw you as you broke the first line of rebel infantry and charged up their batteries, driving away their gunners, still pressing on, and breaking their reserves. Only then did you fall back, when your lines were broken and many brave Connecticut men lay bleeding on the field, but you only fell back to reform and give them another taste of your steel. I knew it was madness to order you forward again,—it was ordering you to death and annihilation,—for I well knew you would attempt anything for your general. Boys, I watched you with pride as you charged the third time, but when I saw your ranks melting and your comrades falling it made my heart grow sad within me, and I ordered you to fall back. You know the rest. You were surrounded and there was no escape. But I miss your noble commander, Col. Ely. May he soon return to you. Boys, to your valor I owe my safety. You come from a State whose soldiers never disgrace themselves nor their flag. I am proud of you, and ever shall be of such soldiers, and now accept my wishes for your safe return to your New England homes when our flag shall wave in triumph over our whole country. Good-by."

In February of 1864, Col. Ely, with one hundred and eight other officers, escaped through the famous tunnel. They had obtained entrance through a hole in the floor to an unoccupied basement, and thence had dug straight out under Twentieth Street, loosening the earth with an old hinge and removing it in a broken sugar-scoop taken from the hospital; the sand was then drawn out in a carpet-bag and secreted about the cellar. They were at work upon the tunnel for fifty-five days when the pioneer, Capt. J. N. Johnson, of the Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, struck daylight and came up under an old shed across the street. That night at nine o'clock the first man left, at five next morning the last. About fifty were at last recaptured by the cavalry, who scoured the State in all directions, among them Col. Ely, in a state of great exhaustion; he was taken by cavalry forty-two miles out, after being absent four days. In March, 1864, Col. William G. Ely, Lieut.-Col. Monroe Nichols, Capt. G. W. Warner, Lieuts. I. N. Kibbe, M. V. B. Tiffany, J. P. Rockwell, and John A. Francis were paroled and returned to the North, their exchange following. The rest of the Eighteenth were on May 7th sent to Danville, Va., and after a few days transferred to the new stockade prison at Macon. In December, Capt. D. W. Hakes and Charles D. Brown, with Lieuts. A. H. Lindsay, George Kies, and A. G. Scranton, were paroled and went North. In February, 1865, the rest of the officers of the Eighteenth were sent to Charlotte. Lieut. Henry F. Cowles jumped from the cars, was secreted by the negroes, and joined Sherman's advance cavalry. Lieut. Ezra D. Carpenter escaped from the hospital and occupied Columbia the day before Gen. Sherman. The remaining officers

were paroled at Williamstown, N. C., in March, 1865, having been in captivity twenty-one months without the loss of a man. After a pleasant winter in Martinsburg, Va., the Eighteenth Regiment was ordered on March 7, 1864, to proceed to Harper's Ferry; here it was encamped for a time on Bolivar Heights, detached companies doing provost duty in Maryland. On March 28th the regiment was given a furlough, and the men started for Connecticut in high glee. The fact that the State election was on the tapis at this precise time and that a majority of the members were voters was suspected to have some influence in procuring the visit home. A few pleasant days in Norwich, almost a solid vote for Buckingham, another good-by, and back to Bolivar Heights on April 9th. After a harmless scout up the Loudon Valley, they arrived at Martinsburg on the 28th. Next day the regiment, now numbering ten officers and six hundred men, still under Maj. Henry Peale, started with a large force under Gen. Sigel. A rapid move to Bunker Hill and Winchester, and the regiment marched over the ground where so many were captured a year before,—there the gallant Porter fell; there the charges were made; there the surrender; there the captivity in the fort. They encamped two miles below town and tarried nine days, while Sigel reviewed his troops and the rebels counted them and reported to Richmond. Before moving again it was doubtless definitely known at the rebel capital about how many men and guns Sigel had and how many would suffice to crush him. On May 9th they pushed forward towards New Market, the Eighteenth being detached on the 14th and sent to Edinburgh to support the Twenty-eighth Ohio, where they had a slight skirmish. At three o'clock next morning these regiments were pushed forward to New Market, and arrived at ten A.M. in a drenching rain. The Eighteenth was marched into a piece of woods northwest of the town, and while partaking of a breakfast of coffee and hard-tack the men were ordered into line of battle to the support of a battery. The enemy was shelling the position from a wooded eminence. After an hour's cannonading the three regiments that had come up advanced a short distance in line, the Eighteenth on the right, and came to a halt. Companies A and B of the Eighteenth were deployed as skirmishers under Capt. William L. Spaulding. Firing began briskly. The skirmishers of the enemy advanced rapidly, driving ours back to the lines. At this time Capt. Spaulding was mortally wounded in the abdomen, and died an hour later in an ambulance at the rear. The rebels soon came down in three strong lines of battle, with a reserve of seven thousand men. Sigel's main force was still far behind. The enemy took advantage of this, rushing in with great vigor and driving the regiments back to an eminence. Here a stand was made. The official report of Maj. Peale says,—

The skirmishers of the enemy now appeared on the

brow of the hill, and rapid firing ensued, in which Capt. J. Matthewson, Company D, was wounded, as also several men of his company. As our skirmishers retired around our flank the line fired several volleys, when, it being apparent that the line of the enemy greatly outnumbered our own, and that further stay in that position was worse than useless, the commanders of regiments on left of brigade gave the order to retreat, which movement was followed by the Eighteenth. The regiment marching by the flank at double-quick, on emerging from the lane found itself some distance in rear of the retreating line, and was thereby thrown in some confusion, but, with some exceptions, the men were rallied and were reformed with the rest of the first line in rear of the second line, which now awaited the shock. The cannonading was at this time extremely rapid, the rebels shelling our position with great accuracy. While the batteries of our first and second lines poured grape and canister into their infantry, which came on in splendid line, as they drew near our second line fired and charged, partially checking their advance, but, having suffered severely, was forced to retire. For the same reason the enemy contented itself with sending forward strong lines of skirmishers to harass our now retreating force, himself advancing very slowly. Desultory fighting was continued for three hours by our first and second lines alternately, when, two fresh regiments arriving, the broken forces were assembled in rear of them and marched on the pike to the north bank of the Shenandoah, from whence it continued to march until within two miles of Woodstock, where it halted at five A.M., having marched nearly thirty-five miles in twenty-six hours, in addition to that incident to its participation in the action.

The retreat was continued by Sigel until he reached the east side of Cedar Creek, where the Eighteenth went into camp on May 17th. The regiment had lost one killed, thirty-six wounded, and nineteen missing, as reported by Adj. G. B. Culver, from Strasburg, but several of the missing were dead in the enemy's hands. At this point Col. William G. Ely, after a long imprisonment, returned to the regiment and resumed command. He was very warmly welcomed, and responded to the demonstration of his men in a pleasant address. Capt. G. W. Warner and Lieuts. M. B. V. Tiffany, J. T. Maginnis, I. N. Kibbe, and others returned at the same time. Lieut.-Col. Monroe Nichols, on being released from his terrible captivity, resigned on account of protracted ill health. On May 27th the little army started again up the Shenandoah, which a waggish soldier with the Virginian dialect now wrote of as "the back-doah of the Union." They waded through Woodstock in the mud, ate supper in the mud, slept in the mud, rose and set out again in the mud; remained in New Market four days and advanced; crossed the Shenandoah at Port Republic on a pontoon-bridge. May

4th, marched two miles towards Staunton in the evening and bivouacked, the enemy making demonstrations in the front. Next morning the column was early on its march, but the rebels skirmished spiritedly, and on arrival at Piedmont they were found posted advantageously on elevations, prepared to receive battle. Hunter passed his regiments in rapid review, and said to the Eighteenth that he expected them to sustain the honor of Connecticut. Here was an opportunity to wipe out New Market. Strong lines of skirmishers were thrown out by both armies. The lines advanced under a severe fire of shell and musketry, and drove back the rebel skirmishers towards their main force. It was all open ground, and the enemy had the advantage of cover and fired rapidly, but the Union skirmishers never wavered. Soon the order, Forward, double-quick, march! was given, and was followed by an impetuous charge by Hunter's whole force. The rebels stood a few moments, straggled, turned, and fled to their principal breastworks just in the rear. The ground thus gained gave our men much encouragement, but repeated attempts to dislodge the enemy again were not so successful. Finally a battery was ordered up, which fired rapidly and accurately, driving the rebels from a portion of their works.

The Eighteenth was on the right, fighting most gallantly under Col. Ely, giving and taking a severe fire. Lieut. Maginnis had received a bullet in his brain and fallen, his face to the foe; Adj. Culver was dying; enlisted men lay on every hand. About 5 P.M. the regiment was ordered forward, simultaneously with a charge by a flanking force at the left, and moved calmly up to a last furious attack. The rebels fought desperately for a few minutes, but finally broke in a total rout. Several pieces of artillery were captured and fifteen hundred prisoners, exclusive of wounded. The Eighteenth had conducted itself splendidly this day, and was thanked by Gen. Hunter and Sullivan. The bearing of Col. Ely and Maj. Beale was calculated to inspire the men with courage. Col. Ely in his report said, "Our troops fought with undaunted bravery, and at 5 P.M. routed the rebels, captured two thousand prisoners and five thousand stand of arms, and found a large number of severely wounded among the rebel dead. The Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteers was on the right of Gen. Hunter's line of battle; its colors took the lead in the first charge, and floated defiant till we triumphed. All of the color-guard were wounded except one. Our banner, riddled by Minié-balls and cannon-shot, and a loss of one hundred and ninety-seven in killed and wounded tell our story. Officers and all men behaved most gallantly, obeying orders with alacrity even in the thickest of the fight." The regiment had lost nineteen killed and one hundred and fifteen wounded. Among the wounded were Lieuts. Hinckley, J. P. Rockwell, and John Lilley, the last severely. Among the killed were Lieuts. Culver and

Maginnis, and such men as Charles T. Fanning, W. H. Paine, W. L. Adams, Jerome B. Calhoone, J. T. Bradley, and John B. Scott. Lieut. E. Benjamin Culver, of Norwich, was severely wounded in the head and died the next morning; he was an officer of great merit, brave to a fault, and a universal favorite. He fell in the thickest of the fight in the first charge. The Eighteenth, greatly reduced in numbers and much exhausted, made its bivouac in the rear of the rebel position, and next morning, sad at thought of the losses but elated by the victory, the column pushed on to Staunton. On the 10th Hunter was reinforced by the commands of Crook and Averill, and now pushing resolutely southward, he passed through Lexington next day, destroying much public property. The column arrived on the 14th at Buchanan, a town on the James River twenty miles west of Lynchburg, where for the first time the old flag was hailed by the cheers of the citizens, and the ladies waved their handkerchiefs from the windows. The army crossed the James in canal-boats and on the ruins of the old bridge, a wet night, and the men slept with empty stomachs. June 15th was a tiresome, exciting day, marked by the ascent of the Blue Ridge near its highest point, the Peak of Otter. Night was passed upon the mountain, with little to eat. Next morning the grand scenery was left behind. The force descended, destroyed the railroad, and pushed towards Lynchburg. The Eighteenth lay on its arms all night, while the advance skirmished sharply with the enemy within four miles of the city. It was evident that the rebels meant to contest further advance. On the 18th an artillery duel continued through the day, and the enemy made two unsuccessful charges on our line. Col. Ely had a narrow escape here: he was wounded in the throat and was temporarily disabled. Eight others in the regiment were wounded.

Gen. Early had now reinforced the rebels, and Hunter, his rations and ammunition nearly exhausted, after an indecisive battle, fell back north of the James and retired through West Virginia. Surgeon J. V. Harrington, of Stirling, was left behind when the Eighteenth moved; his consumptive tendency had long been apparent, and crossing the mountains produced a hemorrhage. His absence from his post imposed great additional care upon Surgeon Lowell Holbrook, whose labors had been increasing every day. The next ten days brought the severest trials the regiment ever experienced,—tedious marches, with little sleep and less food, the whole army hurrying forward to escape starvation in the mountains. The scenes of that terrible march will never be recalled by any survivor without a shudder. The Eighteenth conducted themselves with soldierly manliness and propriety. The retreat was from Liberty, back through Salem, across the Alleghanies, thence to Newcastle, Lewisburg, Meadow Bluff, Gauley Bridge, and Camp Piatt, on the Kanawha,

arriving very much exhausted on July 3d. Next morning the Eighteenth went to Parkersburg *via* the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers, and thence to Cumberland, Md., and marched back to Martinsburg, arriving there jaded, ragged, dispirited, and broken down, with a total of one hundred and fifty officers and men. Hunter had made a bold dash on Lynchburg, had gone far from his base of supplies, and had met with failure, but the individual regiments are entitled to great credit. On July 14th the Eighteenth, in Crook's column, passed from Harper's Ferry down the left bank of the Potomac, and next day recrossed and pushed southward through the Loudon Valley, Early crossing at the same time at Point of Rocks. The two corps were again in close proximity. Crook's cavalry made a successful raid upon the enemy's trains, and the infantry pushed on towards Snicker's Gap, which was reached and passed on the 18th. In the afternoon the enemy was found posted across the Shenandoah to hold the ferry and resist the passage of the river. Crook posted a battery so as to command the position, and then began crossing by the ford, two miles below. The Confederates permitted one brigade (including the Eighteenth) to cross without molestation, and then made a vigorous onset from the woods, rapidly driving the whole line towards the river. The order was given to retreat by the ford, but great confusion prevailed. The Eighteenth held its position on the right until flanked, and was the last regiment to recross, suffering a loss of six killed and twenty-five wounded. The regiment acquitted itself creditably. It was exposed to a cross-fire; but did not waver nor retreat until ordered. Ord.-Sergt. Thomas J. Aldrich, of Thompson, was drowned, Capt. Joseph Matthewson was wounded in the thigh, Lieuts. M. V. B. Tiffany and F. G. Bixby were also wounded after being thus disgracefully entrapped. Crook drew off, and awaited the arrival of the Sixth and Nineteenth Corps, which came up next day. The Eighteenth Regiment, now numbering less than a hundred rank and file, passed slowly westward to Winchester, and camped on the night of the 22d on familiar ground. Next morning they moved out two miles on the Romney road, and lay all day in line of battle, the enemy not being far off. On the 24th the Eighteenth was on the west side of the Strasburg pike, and found the rebels advancing in force. They soon furiously attacked the left of our line, which gave way, exposing the extreme right, held by the Eighteenth, and compelling it to fall back. It retreated in good order over the ridge west of Winchester, halting twice and forming in line of battle to check the pursuing force. On the left our cavalry had been driven back in confusion upon the infantry, and the Eighteenth narrowly escaped capture within a short distance of the fatal disaster of the year previous. The whole army was again in full retreat, and the Eighteenth reached Martinsburg early next morning with a loss of ten or twelve men, prisoners, and

arrived at Williamsport and forded the Potomac with the army at dawn of the 26th. For several days the regiment remained along the Potomac in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, where a force now gathered to intercept the raid of Early in Pennsylvania, where he had already burned Chambersburg.

The Eighteenth continued with the Eighth Corps until September 12th, when, after the sharp and successful skirmish at Berryville, it was detached to recuperate. Its recent severe service under Hunter had sadly diminished its numbers and impaired its efficiency, and it was ordered to Martinsburg, and was not engaged in the succeeding battles of the autumn. Col. Wm. G. Ely, who had been a brave and skillful officer, and who had retained in a marked degree the confidence of the regiment, here resigned, and received the compliment of promotion to the rank of brigadier-general by brevet. He had served three years and eight months faithfully. Capt. M. V. B. Tiffany, commanding the regiment in the temporary absence of Maj. Peale, wrote of Gen. Ely: "I cannot but express, in behalf of the regiment, the sincere regret we feel in parting from one who has so long been our champion and leader, and endeared himself to us by his many ennobling qualities. On the long, weary march, in the sanguinary engagement, when the enemy surrounded and danger on every side threatened, he has ever been present with us; he has been most faithful to his trust, strict in discipline, firm, resolute, but just in the exercise of his authority. By his undaunted courage, by his calm and deliberate judgment, by his own patient endurance of hardships and sufferings, and his ever-cheerful willingness to comply with the requirements of his position, he has won for himself the entire confidence, respect, and esteem of his command,—in a word, we have always been proud of our colonel. It has filled us with admiration, strengthened our courage, and inspired us with renewed confidence as we have seen him in the impetuous charge, dashing forward on the leading flank, and cheering on his men by his own enthusiastic bravery. During the latter part of his term of service he has been in command of the Second Brigade, First Division, Army of West Virginia, in the exercise of which command he has acquitted himself with that ability, efficiency, and characteristic bravery which ever distinguished him as a regimental commander, and thus gained for himself the deserving commendations of his superiors in command."

*Muster Out of the Eighteenth.*—On June 27th the Eighteenth was mustered out at Harper's Ferry, having been for three months on provost duty at Martinsburg. Capt. Joseph Matthewson, of Pomfret, had been promoted to be major. Its losses had been heavy, its service difficult. For two years it had formed a part of the uneasy shuttle that had been whirled back and forth through the Shenandoah Valley, as Sigel, Ewell, Hunter, Jubal Early, or Sheridan put a hand to the loom. Its efforts had not always been crowned with

visible success, but success had come at last, and no regiment could say how much or how little had been its real part in weaving the perfect garment of final victory. The regiment returned to Connecticut immediately, and arrived at Hartford on the boat at half-past six o'clock on the morning of the 29th. The men were escorted up State Street, and formed in line on Central Row, where they were received with speeches by Governor Buckingham for the State, Col. G. P. Bissell for the city, Hon. John T. Wait and Representative George Pratt, of Norwich, for New London County, and Senator Bugbee for Windham County. The soldiers then breakfasted at the hotel and eagerly departed for their homes.

*Casualties.*—Killed in action, 52; died of wounds, 14; died of disease, 72; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 323; missing at muster out of regiment, 12.

#### FIELD- AND STAFF-OFFICERS.

William G. Ely, colonel, Norwich, must. in July 24, 1862; wounded; disch. Sept. 18, 1864.  
 Monroe Nichols, lieutenant-colonel, Thompson, must. in Aug. 8, 1862; res. April 28, 1864.  
 Ephraim Keech, Jr., major, Killingly, must. in Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, May 20, 1863.  
 Edward L. Porter, adjutant, New London, must. in Aug. 4, 1862; pro. capt.; killed at Winchester, Va., June 15, 1863.  
 Dwight W. Hakes, quartermaster, Norwich, must. in Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for promotion, April 13, 1865.  
 Charles M. Carleton, surgeon, Norwich, must. in Aug. 6, 1862; res. for disability, April 17, 1863.  
 Josiah V. Harrington, Sterling, first asst. surgeon, must. in Aug. 11, 1862; died Dec. 1, 1864, at Sterling.  
 Henry W. Hough, second asst. surgeon, Putnam, must. in Sept. 20, 1863; res. March 6, 1863.  
 Varnum A. Cooper, chaplain, New London, must. in Aug. 27, 1862; res. March 4, 1863.  
 Joseph P. Rockwell, sergt.-maj., Norwich, must. in July 26, 1862; wounded; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Wm. Caruthers, q.m.-sergt., Norwich, must. in July 14, 1862; wounded; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Henry Hovey, com.-sergt., Norwich, must. in Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED AFTER FIRST MUSTER.

Lowell Holbrook, surgeon, Thompson, appointed April 23, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 William B. North, second asst. surgeon, New Britain, appointed March 20, 1863; res. May 9, 1864.  
 Charles H. Rowe, second asst. surgeon, Farmington, appointed Sept. 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 William C. Walker, chaplain, Putnam, appointed Jan. 19, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.

#### COMPANY A.

Henry C. Davis, capt., Norwich, must. in Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 25, 1865.  
 Adam H. Lindale, first lieut., Norwich, must. in Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 17, 1865.  
 James D. Higgins, second lieut., Norwich, must. in Aug. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Oct. 27, 1864.  
 Robert Kerr, sergt., Norwich, must. in July 18, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out (as 2d lieut.) June 27, 1865.  
 David Torrance, sergt., Norwich, must. in July 17, 1862; discharged; appointed capt. 29th Conn. Vols. Dec. 25, 1863.  
 George S. Town, sergt., Norwich, must. in July 21, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Samuel J. Lee, sergt., Norwich, must. in Aug. 2, 1862; wounded June 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Lewis Hovey, sergt., Scotland, must. in July 26, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.

- George B. Marshall, corp., Norwich, must. in July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Gabriel B. Hartford, corp., Canterbury, must. in July 18, 1862; killed in action, July 18, 1864, at Snicker's Ferry, Va.
- Am Dillaby, corp., Norwich, must. in July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- William J. Ross, corp., Norwich, must. in July 23, 1862; disch. to accept appointment in colored troops, Jan. 21, 1864.
- Alfred J. Huntington, corp., Bozrah, must. in July 22, 1862; wounded July 24, 1864; must. out May 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Benjamin F. Jacques, corp., Norwich, must. in July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Lyman Frisbie, corp., Norwich, must. in Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- George C. Setchel, corp., Norwich, must. in Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Alex. R. Cochran, musician, Norwich, must. in Aug. 7, 1862.
- Andrew F. Whiting, musician, Norwich, must. in July 23, 1862; disch. Feb. 18, 1864.
- William H. Burdick, wagoner, Norwich, must. in July 26, 1862; must. out June 19, 1865, at Baltimore, Md.
- Adams, Milan W., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Avery, Edwin P., Canterbury, enl. July 17, 1862; disch. Oct. 4, 1864.
- Adams, William N., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out July 14, 1865.
- Button, Guy D., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, June 18, 1865.
- Bishop, Andrew, Bozrah, enl. July 21, 1862; wounded and captured; died July 24, 1864, at Andersonville.
- Brand, Lewis, Bozrah, enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, August, '63.
- Burdick, Horatio, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; died Oct. 9, 1862, at Fort McHenry, Md.
- Brady, Patrick, Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Burdick, Samuel, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 4, 1864.
- Byron, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Bennett, Ebenezer S., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 3, 1864.
- Clark, William T., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Chapman, Elias H., Griawold, enl. July 31, 1862; died July 30, 1863, at Annapolis, Md.
- Clark, John S., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Card, Charles P., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 3, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Sept. 30, 1863.
- Chapell, Samuel H., Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862.
- Carey, Charles W., Norwich, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out July 1, 1865, at Cumberland, Md.
- Campbell, Peter, Preston, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Carver, James, Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Carney, Daniel, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 18, 1864; must. out May 28, 1865.
- Crawford, John, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; died July 2, 1863, of wounds received at Winchester.
- Clark, James, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Cushman, David F., Norwich, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Clark, Francis L., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Capwell, George W., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Chalmers, John, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Dean, John S., Hampton, enl. Aug. 3, 1862.
- Dursey, Henry M., Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Delaney, John, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; killed July 18, 1864, at Snicker's Ferry, Va.
- Fanning, George W., Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. for disability, March 26, 1864.
- Gaskill, Henry C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died Feb. 20, 1865, at Danville.
- Gilroy, Charles, Norwich, enl. July 24, 1862.
- Gorry, John, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Gibson, Savillian F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Greene, Albert C., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, at Frederick, Md.
- Greene, John S., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.
- Holdridge, William A., Waterford, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Hill, Elisha D., Norwich, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Hancock, Joseph A., Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Hanley, Michael, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; disch. for disability, June 16, 1864.
- Johnson, Daniel H., Norwich, enl. July 29, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Kelley, Andrew J., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Kerr, John, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, May 1, '64.
- Kingsley, Jared L., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Laird, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Leonard, M. Luther, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. to enter U. S. C. T., March 4, 1864.
- Latham, Albert, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. April 10, 1864.
- Martin, John W., Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Matthewson, Alfred, Bozrah, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- McCracken, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.
- Martin, Islay B., Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; died July 2, 1863, of wounds received at Winchester.
- Mitchell, William C., Preston, enl. July 21, 1862; wounded June 18, 1864; must. out June 7, 1865.
- Muzzey, Benjamin H., Norwich, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865, at Hartford, Conn.
- Marshall, Wilson C., Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Miner, Charles H., Jr., Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- McDavid, George, Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; disch. for disability, March 1, 1863.
- Mosman, Alexander, Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- McClure, John, Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Pitcher, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Pitcher, Albert H., Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Parker, Timothy, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Robinson, Francis, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.
- Ray, George H., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Richards, Charles J., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Jarvis Hospital.
- Service, Thomas, Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Sherman, Horace U., Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Schofield, Le Grand, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Spencer, Stephen H., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Shaw, Daniel, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Semples, James W., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Service, John, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Sullivan, Daniel B., Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out May 18, 1865.  
 Sweet, Edwin, Canterbury, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 7, 1863.  
 Town, William H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died March 28, 1864, at Sandy Hook, Md.  
 Thompson, Nelson C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died June 30, 1863, of wounds received at Winchester.  
 Taylor, Samuel, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Tift, John H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wood, Asa F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wood, Alfred, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Worden, Samuel D., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; disch. for disability, March 8, 1864.  
 Young, Robert, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY A.

Allen, Alonso N., Canterbury, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Allen, Charles, Norwich, enl. Dec. 28, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Baker, Erasmus, Canterbury, enl. Dec. 29, 1863; must. out May 31, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Brown, Francis, Stonington, enl. Jan. 17, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Congdon, Benjamin, Lebanon, enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Carver, William, Norwich, enl. April 21, 1864; disch. May 8, 1865, at Davenport, Iowa.  
 Clark, John, Norwich, enl. Dec. 24, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Carpenter, Daniel,<sup>1</sup> on roll, enl. Feb. 28, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Dewing, James, Canterbury, enl. Dec. 29, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Jones, Thomas F., Bridgeport, enl. May 13, 1863; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.  
 Johnson, William H., Canterbury, enl. Dec. 29, 1863; must. out May 31, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 McDavitt, Arthur, Stonington, enl. Jan. 17, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 McKaskine, James, Putnam, enl. Jan. 18, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Phinney, John, Canterbury, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wells, Joseph A., Marlborough, enl. Dec. 31, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wetherel, Benjamin S., Norwich, enl. Jan. 3, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY B.

Thomas K. Bates, capt., Brooklyn, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1863.  
 Horatio Blanchard, first lieut., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Ezra D. Carpenter, second lieut., Putnam, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Edgar Amesbury, sergt., Killingly, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out May 17, 1865, at Frederick, Md.  
 Sim. C. Chamberlain, sergt., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865, at Frederick.  
 Caleb Blanchard, sergt., Killingly, enl. July 18, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865, at Hartford.  
 Stephen W. Aldrich, sergt., Brooklyn, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 George Torrey, sergt., Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Dec. 8, 1863.  
 Anson Withey, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Dec. 8, 1863.

<sup>1</sup> Substitute or drafted.

Laurens Card, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Stephen J. Lee, corp., Killingly, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Henry F. Palma, corp., Putnam, enl. July 21, 1862; wounded; died Aug. 10, 1864.  
 Samuel B. Davis, corp., Killingly, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. April 1, '64.  
 William H. Austin, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 24, 1862.  
 Edwin L. Joslyn, corp., Killingly, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Thomas M. Day, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Henry B. Fuller, musician, Killingly, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Dwight C. Brown, musician, Killingly, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 William A. Handy, wagoner, Killingly, enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1864.  
 Adams, John Q., Brooklyn, enl. July 12, 1862; died May, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.  
 Adams, William A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Adams, Olney, Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Aldrich, Welcome B., Putnam, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Anderson, William H., Putnam, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out May 24, 1865, at New York City.  
 Arnold, Lorenzo B., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Armington, Joseph, Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Burroughs, George H., Killingly, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Burroughs, Francis, Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out May 21, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Bemis, Harrison O., Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Buck, Lorenzo H., Putnam, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died Dec. 28, 1863, at Martinsburg.  
 Bartlett, Edwin S., Woodstock, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 17, 1865, at Worcester.  
 Bacon, Abner F., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865, at Hartford.  
 Brown, Harlan P., Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.  
 Bolles, Darius A., Killingly, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Baker, George R., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Bartlett, George W., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 7, 1865, at Annapolis.  
 Brewster, Sidney M., Putnam, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cragan, Martin, Killingly, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Clark, Allen, Killingly, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford.  
 Colvin, David M., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cook, Elmer D., Putnam, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cheebro, George L., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.  
 Campbell, Charles, Plainfield, enl. July 17, 1862; wounded; must. out June 2, 1865, at Jarvis Hospital.  
 Corcoran, Thomas, Putnam, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Coomes, Ramsdelaer, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.  
 Chaffee, Myron J., Woodstock, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Danielson, Daniel D., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Dye, Vanburen, Brooklyn, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Donahue, John, Killingly, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at York.

Daggett, James, Killingly, enl. July 23, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.

Emerson, David, Brooklyn, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Freeman, Frederick M., Killingly, enl. July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Fox, John A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford.

Frazier, Michard, Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, Dec. 14, 1863.

Franklin, Edmund, Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out July 14, 1865, at Hartford.

Gordon, Elias K., Killingly, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Green, David, Killingly, enl. July 28, 1862; died June 20, 1863, at Baltimore.

Geer, Henry H., Brooklyn, enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.

Green, Clarendon M., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gould, Henry K., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gochie, Joseph, Killingly, enl. July 29, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 18, 1863.

Hart, Lewis, Brooklyn, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 19, 1865, at York.

Heath, George W., Putnam, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Harrington, John, Putnam, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Houghton, Amasa, Killingly, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 13, 1862.

Hall, William A., Woodstock, enl. July 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 31, 1863.

Hibbard, Albert, Woodstock, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded; died Nov. 18, 1864, at Andersonville.

Kilfoyle, Patrick, Killingly, enl. July 23, 1862.

Kelly, Norman, Killingly, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Kinney, Nathan, Killingly, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Mathewson, Hazel E., Brooklyn, enl. July 29, 1862; died Dec. 11, 1864, at Annapolis.

McIntyre, William, Killingly, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Morse, Stephen H., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Mathews, Aldery K., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 12, 1862.

McLaughlin, Hugh, Plainfield, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Morse, Needham, Killingly, enl. July 31, 1862; disch. June 18, 1863.

Miller, Josiah, Putnam, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Neff, Hamilton H., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Olney, William F., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Olney, Charles E., Killingly, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Paine, John M., Woodstock, enl. July 30, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., March 8, 1864.

Pike, William H., Plainfield, enl. July 29, 1862; died Sept. 26, 1864, at Charleston.

Potter, Alvah D., Putnam, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Pollock, William H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. June 18, 1863.

Richmond, Calvin H., Killingly, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Randall, John W., Killingly, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Randall, Smith H., Killingly, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Smith, Isaac W., Killingly, enl. July 22, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.

Stewart, John F., Killingly, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Frederick.

Simmons, Thomas, Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.

Spaulding, Samuel K., Putnam, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sawyer, James H., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1863, at Harper's Ferry.

Spaulding, Edmond W., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Annapolis.

Scofield, Uri B., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Trask, William A., Plainfield, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, Lucian A., Woodstock, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, James A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, May, 1863.

Trask, Adelbert R., Plainfield, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Ward, William H., Putnam, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wood, Edwin R., Putnam, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, May 4, 1865.

Watson, James, Plainfield, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY B.

Armington, Samuel, Killingly, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Armington, Charles, Killingly, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Blanchard, O. F. C., Killingly, enl. Feb. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Clemons, George, Killingly, enl. Jan. 25, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Durfee, Leonard, Killingly, enl. Dec. 3, 1863; disch. for disability, Oct. 13, 1864, at New Haven.

Jencks, Albert L., Sterling, enl. Dec. 7, 1863; must. out June 7, 1865, at Jarvis U. S. A. Hoep.

Knowlton, George H., enl. Nov. 23, 1863; trans. July 15, 1864, to 15th Connecticut.

McRoy, William, Lebanon, enl. March 2, 1864; died Oct. 27, 1864, at Annapolis.

Ninis, William, Lebanon, enl. March 2, 1864; must. out July 15, 1865, at Annapolis.

Smith, Charles W., Killingly, enl. Dec. 3, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Smith, Elisha, Killingly, enl. Dec. 1, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Smith, John F., Killingly, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sherman, Willet H., Lebanon, enl. March 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY C.

Isaac H. Bromley, capt., Norwich; enl. July 26, 1862; hon. disch. March 31, 1863.

Samuel T. C. Merwin, first lieutenant, Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out as 1st lieutenant June 27, 1865.

Henry Flowers, second lieutenant, Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; pro. 1st lieutenant; hon. disch. May 15, 1865.

Reuben B. Brown, sergeant, Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Hartford.

Andrew Washburn, sergeant, Lebanon, enl. July 31, 1862; pro. 2d lieutenant; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Feb. 24, 1864.

Charles Robinson, sergeant, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; pro. 2d lieutenant; hon. disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T.

Edward S. Hinkley, sergeant, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. 1st lieutenant; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Charles H. Carpenter, sergeant, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Samuel H. Freeman, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Thomas C. Abell, corp., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

George R. Bill, corp., Lebanon, enl. July 31, 1862; disch. April 7, 1864.



- Bestcome Peckham, Lebanon, corp., enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1863, at Harper's Ferry.
- E. Benjamin Culver, corp., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; pro. adjt.; died of wounds June 6, 1864, at Richmond.
- Alonso S. Mather, corp., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. March 23, 1864.
- Sylvanus Downer, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded; died Nov. 5, 1864, at Andersonville.
- George E. Comins, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Charles E. Case, musician, Norwich, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Judson A. Gager, musician, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- William A. Wetmore, wagoner, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 2, 1865, at Jarvis Hospital.
- Abell, John W., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Anderson, Charles W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Avery, Charles M., Preston, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Avery, James H., Preston, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford.
- Bacon, Harrison E., Norwich, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Frederick.
- Blackman, B. Burrell, Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 23, 1864.
- Bingham, Henry A., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 23, 1864.
- Bramble, Calvin, Lyme, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Brand, Christopher A., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; trans. to 21st Conn. Vols. Aug. 18, 1862.
- Brady, George W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. adjt.; must. out June 27, at Harper's Ferry.
- Brockway, Thomas Q., Lyme, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1862.
- Burdick, Gilbert A., Preston, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 22, 1865, at Frederick.
- Carey, Joel, Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; wounded; must. out May 23, 1865, at Jarvis Hospital.
- Carpenter, Charles H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops.
- Cogswell, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Congdon, Peleg C., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Chappell, Charles C., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Clark, Joseph P., Scotland, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.
- Clark, Henry T., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Croea, George W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Crooby, Hiram B., Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; pro. col.; hon. disch. as Lieut.-col. Sept. 14, 1864.
- Davoli, Joseph G., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, May 6, 1863.
- Dorrance, George E., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, March 15, 1864.
- Durfee, Abisha P., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Ellis, William H. H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Ellsworth, Charles H., Griswold, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.
- Ellsworth, David, Berlin, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 5, 1865, at Annapolis.
- Fanning, Charles T., Norwich, enl. July 31, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.
- Fitch, Edwin S., Jr., Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Fletcher, Freeborn O., Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Gates, Alfred E., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; captured June 10, 1864.
- Greer, Charles F., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Green, Joseph B., Griswold, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Greenman, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 23, 1864.
- Hamilton, William H., Norwich, enl. July 29, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.
- Hempstead, Albert, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Holmes, John, Preston, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 29, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Holmes, Asher D., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.
- Huntington, J. L. W., Franklin, enl. July 30, 1862; discharged to enlist in U. S. army, Feb. 11, 1864.
- Jewell, William C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, March 28, 1863.
- Keeler, George W., Preston, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 29, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Keables, Charles F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.
- Kidder, Edwin M., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Krass, Adam, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Leach, Edwin T., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, Feb. 24, 1864.
- Loomis, Adgate L., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 23, 1864.
- Lord, Nelson P., Lebanon, enl. July 31, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1863.
- Lombard, Marcina, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, March 4, 1863.
- Lumia, Thomas J., Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Lynch, Charles, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Maunling, Lemuel A., Norwich, enl. July 29, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- McWhirr, John F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Mussy, Walter H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Noyes, Charles C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.
- Ormsby, Henry B., Lebanon, enl. July 31, 1862; disch. for disability, March 4, 1863.
- Pember, Lucius G., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Dec. 27, 1864, at Annapolis.
- Poter, Elisha R., Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 9, 1865, at Annapolis.
- Reynolds, John M., Lyme, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, March 4, 1863.
- Richards, Wm. H. H., New London, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability about Sept. 10, 1863.
- Ripley, James D., Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Robinson, Myron W., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; disch.; enl. in U. S. army, Nov. 16, 1862.
- Schalk, John, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Aug. 16, 1863.
- Spencer, Frederick L., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Stone, William, Lyme, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 6, 1865, at Washington.
- Sullard, Albert, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. June 5, 1864, at New Haven.
- Taylor, Francis W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; died March 28, 1865, at Annapolis.
- Tilley, Charles H., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out May 24, 1865, at Annapolis Junction.
- Tilden, Joseph A., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Tilden, Ebenezer, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford.
- Tisdale, James W., Norwich, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Tracy, Joseph A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Aug. 7, 1864, of wounds received in action.  
 Tracy, Gilbert A., Griswold, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. June 16, 1863.  
 Tucker, George W., Lyme, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 1, 1863.  
 Upham, Benjamin M., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 1, 1865.  
 Ward, George W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died Feb. 6, 1865, at Andersonville.  
 Weaver, George A., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 White, Edwin, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Williams, John, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wilson, Dee Laroo, Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; promoted second Lieut. Third Maryland Cavalry about Aug. 12, 1863.  
 Winship, Joseph H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died April 5, 1864, at Andersonville.  
 Woodmancy, Albert G., Stouington, enl. July 30, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.  
 York, James E., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1863, at Harper's Ferry.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY C.

Adams, Judson M. L., Killingly, enl. Feb. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Brown, Benjamin B., Lebanon, enl. Dec. 30, 1863; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Bates, Charles E., Thompson, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Burnham, James T., Willimantic, enl. Dec. 30, 1863; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.  
 Cady, James, Woodstock, enl. Dec. 16, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cryne, Martin, Windham, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Connell, Joseph, Norwich, enl. Jan. 25, 1864; disch. for disability, June 21, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Corey, Richmond, Lebanon, enl. March 16, 1864; disch. for disability, March 25, 1865.  
 Crudy, Patrick, Pomfret, enl. Sept. 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Fry, Joseph R., Hartford, enl. Dec. 21, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Gamble, James, Canterbury, enl. Dec. 21, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Gott, Gilbert H., Colchester, enl. Jan. 23, 1864; died Aug. 30, 1864, at Andersonville.  
 Gordon, Frank H., Colchester, enl. Dec. 30, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Haggerty, James, Windham, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Haerwas, Ludwig, Lebanon, enl. Dec. 22, 1863; disch. for disability, May 6, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Lee, Charles C., Norwich, enl. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Lombard, Orlando, Lebanon, enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Loomis, Thomas A., Lebanon, enl. Feb. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 McNamara, Patrick, Norwich, enl. Jan. 1, 1864; died Jan. 19, 1865.  
 Munroe, Thomas, Sprague, enl. Feb. 11, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Trueman, Frank M., Norwich, enl. Dec. 16, 1863.  
 Warren, John E., Woodstock, enl. Dec. 16, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Withey, William H., New Haven, enl. Dec. 2, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wolf, Aaron, Lebanon, enl. Dec. 31, 1863.  
 Washburn, Edwin, Lebanon, Feb. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY D.

Joseph Matthewson, capt., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; twice wounded; pro. maj.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 William L. Spaulding, first Lieut., Eastford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; pro. capt.; killed at New Market, May 15, 1864.

Noadiah P. Johnson, second Lieut., Thompson, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; pro. first Lieut. Nov. 30, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Thomas J. Aldrich, sergt., Thompson, enl. July 26, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; killed July 18, 1864.  
 Franklin G. Bixby, sergt., Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; pro. capt.; wounded; must. out (as second Lieut.) June 27, 1865.  
 Norton Randall, sergt., Thompson, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Joseph E. Marcy, sergt., Eastford, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 William H. Paine, corp., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.  
 Henry H. Brown, corp., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, Feb. 25, 1864.  
 James H. Rickard, corp., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 19, 1864.  
 John R. Carter, corp., Thompson, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died of wounds July 10, 1864.  
 Charles W. Grosvenor, corp., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.  
 George W. Phetteplace, corp., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 William J. Arnold, corp., Thompson, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Charles R. Conant, corp., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died June 26, 1864, of wounds received in action.  
 George H. Jacobs, musician, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wanton A. Weaver, Jr., musician, Thompson, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 George H. Wilson, wagoner, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, March 15, 1864.  
 Aldrich, Farris H., Thompson, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, July 10, 1864.  
 Adams, Joseph P., Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.  
 Adams, William L., Eastford, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.  
 Aldrich, Lyman M., Thompson, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Brown, John D., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, March 16, 1864.  
 Burgess, Warren A., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out May 18, 1865, in New Hampshire.  
 Bickford, Erskine F., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out May 25, 1865.  
 Bickford, Joseph, Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, March 5, 1863.  
 Blakeley, Daniel, Hampton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Dec. 15, 1863.  
 Buchanan, Anson A., Thompson, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Bates, Tyler, Thompson, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Buckley, Joseph, Thompson, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Burdick, Dwight, Hampton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Baker, Solomon H., Eastford, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Buck, Edward C., Thompson, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Brown, Otis, Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Chaffee, Francis B., Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Converse, Jesse F., Thompson, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. at Baltimore.  
 Coman, Oscar, Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 12, 1865.  
 Clapp, John W., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Coman, John L., Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 14, 1865.  
 Curtiss, Prescott P., Thompson, enl. July 26, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 27, 1862.  
 Converse, Frank H., Thompson, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; disch. for disability, March 10, 1865.

Child, William L., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 18, 1865, at Philadelphia.

Cooper, Thomas D., Pomfret, enl. July 29, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.

Chase, Nathan, Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded June 18, 1864; must. out May 23, 1865.

Clark, Michael, Hampton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Cheney, Frank W., Eastford, Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for pro. in U. S. Col. Troops, Oct. 12, 1864.

Daggett, Nelson, Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Dearth, Thomas H., Thompson, enl. July 25, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, May 15, 1864; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.

Frissell, Albert, Thompson, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Fitts, Daniel B., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 7, 1865, at Annapolis.

Gifford, Silas B., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gay, Horace, Thompson, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.

Gould, William, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Green, Rufus, Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Griggs, James H., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Griggs, William H., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Grow, Thomas W., Hampton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hall, Horatio A., Thompson, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hibbard, George D., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, May 10, 1865, at New Haven.

Heath, Joseph W., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Johnson, William P., Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 14, 1865.

Jennings, Daniel, Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, March 5, 1863.

Johnson, Parris G., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Johnson, George C., Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Joclin, Silas R., Thompson, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Jones, Samuel N., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 29, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Johnson, Edwin F., Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.

Leonard, Isiah, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.

Lynch, William, Thompson, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Lumma, John, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died November, 1864.

Leonard, Thomas J., Union, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; disch. for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops, Oct. 9, 1864.

May, George A., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. for disability, July 10, 1864.

Miller, James F., Thompson, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; disch. Aug. 8, 1864, for appointment in U. S. Col. Troops.

Miller, Abial A., Thompson, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Maguire, Frank Y., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

May, William, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. Feb. 10, 1864.

Munyan, Rufus P., Thompson, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Perrin, John N., Thompson, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Potter, Lucius H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. Nov. 22, 1864; appointed hosp. stew. U. S. army.

Penniman, Silas M., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; disch. for disability March 8, 1863.

Potter, Charles H., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. March 17, 1865.

Ryan, Edward P., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; twice wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Richardson, Sherman, Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. March 28, 1864.

Robinson, Joseph W., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died of wounds Sept. 29, 1864, at Andersonville.

Randall, H. Monroe, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, April 17, 1863.

Ryant, Thomas, Thompson, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Robbins, Eliza K., Eastford, enl. July 31, 1862; disch.: enl. in U. S. army Oct. 14, 1862.

Randall, Peter, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died March 10, 1865, at Thompson.

Randall, Joseph, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sprague, Elias, Thompson, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sheldon, William E., Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, April 14, 1863.

Streeter, Moses, Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Shelden, Albert F., Thompson, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Hartford.

Seaver, George T., Thompson, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sharpe, Edwin, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, Amos W., Thompson, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. for disability, March 5, 1863.

Torrey, Henry C., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

White, Luther, Thompson, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died March 14, 1865.

Whitmore, Harvey, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Young, George E., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Hartford.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY D.

Aldrich, Frederick A., Thompson, enl. Aug. 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Buck, George C., Thompson, enl. Dec. 1, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Brayton, Charles E., Thompson, enl. Dec. 1, 1863; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, May 7, 1865.

Buckley, James F., Thompson, enl. Nov. 2, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bickford, Vernon, Thompson, enl. Dec. 14, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Babbitt, Allen, Thompson, enl. Dec. 14, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Buck, Joseph W., Woodstock, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bates, Samuel H., Thompson, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bradley, Mitchell, Plainfield, enl. Sept. 9, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Converse, Joel T., Thompson, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; wounded and captured, June 5, 1864.

Clark, Patrick, Norwich, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Dodge, George W., Eastford, enl. Dec. 10, 1863; died Oct. 11, 1864, at Florence, S. C.

Ellis, Lutus C., Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1864.

Fox, David C., Woodstock, enl. Jan. 29, 1864; disch. for disability, Aug. 18, 1865, at New Haven.

Green, Lyman W., New London, enl. Sept. 10, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Grealy, John, Hampton, enl. Feb. 25, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Griggs, Stephen A., Hampton, enl. Aug. 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Handy, William H., Franklin, enl. Aug. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Long, Edward, enl. April 18, 1863.

Miller, Melancthon P., Thompson, enl. April 13, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

O'Donnell, George, enl. April 16, 1863.

Sanford, John, Groton, enl. Feb. 25, 1864.

Wakeley, Clarence, Waterbury, enl. Jan. 17, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY E.

Isaac W. Hakes, Jr., capt., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; res. Dec. 25, 1862.

Frederick A. Palmer, first lieut., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; pro. to capt.; disch. May 28, 1864.

John T. McGinnis, second lieut., Salem, enl. July 25, 1862; pro. to 1st lieut.; died June 7, 1864, of wounds.

Francis McKeag, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; pro. to 2d lieut. Dec. 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

Anthony Stanley, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

William H. Douglass, sergt., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

John J. Franklin, sergt., Columbia, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

William C. Hillard, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; disch. Dec. 3, 1864.

Edwin Fitch, corp., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, March 21, 1865.

Josiah A. Coleman, corp., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gordon Wilcox, corp., Norwich, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hylon N. Perry, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

James McKee, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Chanacey J. Williams, corp., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; died Aug. 18, 1864, at Andersonville.

Albert G. Franklin, corp., Griswold, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded June, 1863; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont.

William C. Tracy, corp., Lebanon, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

John H. Post, musician, Andover, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

George Maynard, musician, Salem, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Edward S. Clark, wagoner, Norwich, July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Allen, Nelson R., Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Alger, Silas J., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 2, 1865.

Adams, Anthony, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Avery, George, Colchester, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Albertine, E. T., Sprague, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 19, 1865.

Avery, Henry E., Salem, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Avery, Samuel H. N., Scotland, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Burdick, Joel, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. Aug. 25, 1862.

Bromley, George, Griswold, enl. July 29, 1862; wounded June 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Burdick, Abel, Griswold, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Brooks, Lorin F., Coventry, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bogue, Henry, Bozrah, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Brown, Malford G., Salem, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Beckwith, Charles A., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died Aug. 4, 1864, at Staunton.

Brown, John H., Salem, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Comstock, Alfred J., Lebanon, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 9, 1865; disch. July 25, 1865.

Coit, John, Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Cleveland, Henry F., Andover, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 9, 1865, at Annapolis.

Carr, Nathaniel S., Coventry, enl. July 25, 1862; died May 25, 1864, at New Haven.

Crawford, George H., Salem, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.

Clark, William P., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Dalley, Charles H., Norwich, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. February, 1864.

DeWolf, Thomas E., Salem, enl. July 29, 1862; disch. Oct. 1, 1863, at Annapolis.

Douglas, Reuben P., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 22, 1862.

Franklin, Stephen A., Columbia, enl. July 25, 1862; died Aug. 20, 1864, at Sandy Hook.

Fox, Horace W., Salem, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Fox, Wallace, Salem, enl. July 28, 1862; died Feb. 2, 1864, at Martinsburg.

Fleming, Patrick, Colchester, enl. July 27, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, May 8, 1864; must. out July 17, 1865.

Fitzpatrick, Bernard, Colchester, enl. July 27, 1862; wounded June 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

Ford, Alexander, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862.

Ford, Christopher, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gardner, Nicholas G., Andover, enl. July 16, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Gott, Chauncey E., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out May 30, 1865.

Gimball, John, Colchester, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hollen, Charles F. J. A., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Haslem, Wesley W., Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.

Harris, George L., Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 1, 1863.

Hayward, William G., Norwich, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; died Sept. 11, 1864, at Andersonville.

Hennessey, Thomas J., Norwich, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Holloway, Joseph C., Salem, enl. July 29, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 16, 1864.

Hartgrove, Chillon D., Salem, enl. July 30, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Jillson, Charles A., Sprague, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; died Dec. 5, 1864, at Florence, S. C.

Jillson, Edward T., Jr., Sprague, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Jones, John, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Johnson, John, Colchester, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Jenner, Elias B., Scotland, enl. July 22, 1862; disch. in Baltimore, by return of October, 1863.

Kegwin, George W., Griswold, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Kelliber, James, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Kinney, Thomas, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; died May 1, 1864, at New Haven.

Kegwin, Dwight B., Scotland, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Hartford.

Lathrop, Albert M., Griswold, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Lewis, Henry F., Columbia, enl. July 27, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Lewis, Daniel C., Columbia, enl. July 27, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

Lewis, Charles (2d), Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

McCracken, H. H., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.

Mitchell, Charles H., Colchester, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Massey, James, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; died Jan. 7, 1865, at Florence, S. C.

McCusker, John, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 28, 1865.  
 McCusker, Hugh, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Parkinson, George, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Palmer, Isaac, Coventry, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Payson, Ebenezer F., Andover, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 3, 1864.  
 Potter, James N., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Josiah C., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Rose, Hiram D., Lebanon, enl. July 25, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.  
 Rood, Julius J., Andover, enl. July 26, 1862; died Feb. 3, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.  
 Reynolds, Samuel W., Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Rathbun, George W., Salem, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1862.  
 Spencer, Lorin T., Columbia, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 5, 1865, at Annapolis, Md.  
 Stanley, Michael, Norwich, enl. Aug. 1, 1862.  
 Tarbox, George W., Columbia, enl. July 23, 1862; died Aug. 10, 1864, at Cumberland, Md.  
 Taft, Bezaleel W., Columbia, enl. July 14, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Tourtellotte, Marvin, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June, 1863; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1864.  
 Upham, George B., Norwich, enl. July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Varney, Israel, Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; died Feb. 10, 1865, at Florence, S. C.  
 Wood, Ezra H., Griswold, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 White, Albert P., Andover, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Weller, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Wolf, Henry, Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 West, Seth B., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Wade, Sylvester, Salem, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wade, Henry H., Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, April 13, 1863.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY E.

Clark, Albert A., Bozrah, enl. Dec. 7, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Clark, Henry G., Wethersfield, enl. Oct. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Fogtman, John, Colchester, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. for disability, May 27, 1865.  
 Lewis, Horatio H., Columbia, enl. April 9, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 McKenna, Toie, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 28, 1864.  
 Martin, James F., Middletown, enl. Nov. 28, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Frank J., Colchester, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. for disability, Nov. 1, 1864, at New Haven, Conn.  
 Snow, Hiram, Colchester, enl. Dec. 23, 1863; disch. for disability, March 25, 1865.  
 Simpson, William, Saybrook, enl. Nov. 22, 1864.  
 Wallace, Michael, Canterbury, enl. Sept. 27, 1864.

## COMPANY F.

Henry Peale, capt., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; pro. lieut.-col.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 John E. Woodward, first lieut., Preston, enl. July 12, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 John Albert Francis, second lieut., Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Joseph M. Parker, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., March 13, 1864.

Nathan F. D. Avery, sergt., Franklin, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, March 6, 1863.  
 Edward P. Rogers, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Jan. 21, 1864.  
 Charles H. Carroll, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Austin G. Monroe, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Caleb R. Corey, corp., Norwich, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out May 10, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Joseph Forester, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1863, at Camp Parole.  
 William H. Webb, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Charles D. Burdick, corp., Preston, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 20, 1865, at Hartford, Conn.  
 Jesse Wilkinson, corp., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., March 13, 1864.  
 Charles K. T. Trenn, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at York, Pa.  
 George W. Loomis, corp., Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 George W. Blake, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Julius Palmer, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Joseph W. Carroll, wagoner, Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps May 15, 1864; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.  
 Appleton, Henry, Norwich, enl. July 17, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Aldrich, Albert C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out July 18, 1865, at Hartford, Conn.  
 Brown, John A., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Billings, Samuel D., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Butler, Roswell, Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; wounded July 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Booth, John, Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Blake, Charles S., Norwich, enl. July 21, 1862.  
 Baldwin, Charles, Mansfield, enl. July 30, 1862; killed June 14, 1863, at Winchester, Va.  
 Bradley, John T., Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.  
 Brown, Russell M., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Bowen, Ezra P., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; must. out May 29, 1865, at Annapolis Junction, Md.  
 Bennett, John A., Norwich, enl. July 18, 1862; disch. for disability, May 3, 1863.  
 Botham, Daniel A., Waterford, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June, 1863; disch. for disability, March 14, 1864.  
 Braman, Lucius R., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 16, 1864.  
 Burnett, Albert, Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester, Va.  
 Bennett, Joseph H., Chaplin, enl. July 23, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Jan. 15, 1864.  
 Cole, George, Griswold, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven, Conn.  
 Cook, Orrin, Preston, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Church, Daniel B., Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Chappell, Alfred S., Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; died Sept. 17, 1863, at Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Carroll, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, William H., Preston, enl. July 16, 1862; accidentally shot; trans. to Invalid Corps, Jan. 15, 1864.  
 Caswell, Gifford, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, July 16, 1864.  
 Campbell, William H., Mansfield, enl. July 21, 1862; died Sept. 10, 1863, at Camp Parole.  
 Davis, William L., Norwich, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; twice wounded; must. out June 27, 1865.

Deming, Alfred H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Draper, Albion, Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Draper, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 22, 1863.  
 Doyle, Timothy O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out July 14, 1865, at Hartford, Conn.  
 Earle, Ralph W., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at York, Pa.  
 Eldridge, Daniel D., Norwich, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Fenton, James E., Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Fuller, Alden, Griswold, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 20, 1865, at Annapolis.  
 Fox, George W., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; died April 17, 1865, at Martinsburg, Va.  
 Green, Francis R., Griswold, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died April 17, 1865, at Staunton, Va.  
 Green, Nathan B., Scotland, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Feb. 24, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.  
 Guile, Samuel A., Preston, enl. July 30, 1862.  
 Humes, Charles L., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Hyde, Henry B., Franklin, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Howard, William H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Hicks, James W., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; died April 13, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.  
 Hyde, John P., Norwich, enl. July 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Kenyon, Edwin, Canterbury, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Kinney, William H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Loomis, James W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. Nov. 1, 1864, at New Haven, Conn.  
 Lamb, Horatio R., Franklin, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Ladd, Daniel, Norwich, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Moffat, Nelson, Griswold, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Marshall, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Murphy, Frank E., Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Mowry, Bernard R. O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862.  
 Nicholson, Levi P., Preston, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Olin, Edward, Griswold, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Roswell, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Pearce, Martin, Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Andrew, Norwich, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Almond B., Norwich, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Edden, John, Colchester, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Spicer, Erasmus, Griswold, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Simmons, John H., Norwich, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Spencer, Orrin N., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Setchel, Charles F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Shumway, Millen, Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Saunders, Ralph G., Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps Jan. 15, 1864.  
 Smith, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sheriden, Cornelius F., Colchester, enl. July 17, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.  
 Sullivan, Timothy, Griswold, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Sweet, William H., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Trinnler, Richard, Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Thurber, Charles F., Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Tefft, William H., Norwich, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at York, Pa.  
 Valentine, John, Canterbury, enl. July 29, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1864.  
 West, George A., Preston, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Warren, William, Mansfield, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out May 24, 1865, at Annapolis Junction.  
 Wright, Alanson, Griswold, enl. Aug. 4, 1862.  
 Whaley, George G., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Weeks, James M., Jr., Griswold, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.  
 Ward, James, Norwich, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Weiden, Leonard P., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Whaley, William H., Preston, enl. July 25, 1862.  
 Wright, Albert, Griswold, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wilber, Daniel, Norwich, enl. July 23, 1862; accidentally killed Jan. 5, 1863.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY F.

Avery, Northam F. D., East Haven, enl. Dec. 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry.  
 Edwards, Thomas L., Montville, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Edward, Alfred, Montville, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. for disability, Feb. 13, 1865.  
 McMahon, Thomas, Norwich, enl. Nov. 16, 1863; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.  
 Miner, Sylvester P., Bozrah, enl. Jan. 2, 1864; captured June 11, 1864.  
 McGrath, John, Norwich, enl. Jan. 6, 1864.  
 Mahoney, Dennis D., Colchester, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Martin, James W., Ledyard, enl. April 7, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Nugent, James, Colchester, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Palmer, Orrin V., Norwich, enl. Jan. 14, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Rath, Ferdinand, Essex, enl. Jan. 8, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Smith, Samuel J., enl. Jan. 21, 1863.  
 Sweet, James L., Norwich, enl. Jan. 8, 1864; disch. for disability, March 25, 1865.  
 Tough, George E., Hartford, enl. Dec. 21, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 West, Albert K., Preston, enl. Dec. 29, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Williams, Robert, Pomfret, enl. Sept. 3, 1864.  
 White, James W., Preston, enl. Sept. 6, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY G.

George W. Warner, capt., Woodstock, enl. July 9, 1862; wounded; disch. Oct. 4, 1864.  
 Israel N. Kibbe, first lieut., Putnam, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Luther E. Rawson, second lieut., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; res. Dec. 22, 1862.  
 Albert S. Granger, sergt., Putnam, enl. July 31, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Prescott M. Lyon, sergt., Woodstock, enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 22, 1863.  
 Edward T. Warner, sergt., Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

- Daniel A. Lyon, sergt., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for appt. in U. S. C. T., Feb. 24, 1864.
- John B. Scott, sergt., Putnam, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.
- Charles A. Bosworth, corp., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Dec. 27, 1862, at Camp Emery, Md.
- Samuel L. Marcy, corp., Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; died July 15, 1863, at Annapolis.
- Moses J. Chandler, corp., Putnam, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Joseph E. Rawson, corp., Woodstock, enl. July 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Edwin S. Tabor, corp., Woodstock, enl. July 21, 1862; wounded; died Aug. 22, 1863, at Annapolis.
- Lucian H. Medbury, corp., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- James Clapp, corp., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Shrimpton H. Gallup, corp., Putnam, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, May 4, 1865.
- William E. Card, musician, Putnam, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, at Frederick, Md.
- Edward Welch, musician, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- William H. Chamberlin, wagoner, Putnam, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 7, 1865, at Jarvis Hospital.
- Aldrich, Charles C., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 9, 1865.
- Arnold, George E., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Adams, Wellington W., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Nov. 15, 1864, at Florence, S. C.
- Bostow, George, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Baker, Darwin W., Windham, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Burrows, Joseph, Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Birch, William H., Sprague, enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 16, 1863.
- Brainard, Michael, Bosrah, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Bundy, Henry M., Putnam, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Boutelle, Lorestus V., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Bugbee, George F., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Bundy, Asa H., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Feb. 6, 1863, at Baltimore.
- Burrows, Charles, Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Blackmar, Francis, Putnam, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Burnes, Robert, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 15, 1862.
- Bercums, Peter, Woodstock, enl. July 21, 1862; wounded; trans. to Invalid Corps, Feb. 15, 1864.
- Chandler, Seth E., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Cummings, Wm. W., Putnam, enl. July 30, 1862; wounded; disch. May 27, 1865, at New Haven.
- Carrier, George, Woodstock, enl. July 12, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out July 11, 1865.
- Davidson, Peter, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Davis, Ichabod C., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; wounded and captured June 5, 1864; supposed dead.
- Darby, Daniel R., Putnam, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Davenport, Cyrus C., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 27, 1864.
- Eddy, Albert S., Putnam, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Fox, Walter T., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Foster, Alonzo, Putnam, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Gleason, Lawrence F., Putnam, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Gerus, Peter, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.
- Hempstead, Charles J., Windham, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Howard, Willis G., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.
- Howard, George E., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.
- Kinnie, Thomas, Colchester, enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.
- Ladd, George W., Tolland, enl. July 25, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Leitcher, Gilbert, Woodstock, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Lapoint, Stephen, Putnam, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Morrison, John, Putnam, enl. July 19, 1862; missing in action May 15, 1864; supposed dead.
- Main, Gershom P., Windham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, March 1, 1863.
- Marcy, John N., Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Moore, William F., Woodstock, enl. July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Newton, Enoch E., Woodstock, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, New Haven.
- Neill, Henry P., Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Ockery, Samuel C., Putnam, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Oatley, Stephen H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 14, 1863, Winchester, Va.
- Pettit, Matthew, Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.
- Parsons, Willard O., Woodstock, enl. July 16, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.
- Pickett, George W., Putnam, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.
- Robinson, Henry, Putnam, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Redhead, Frederick W., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Rawson, Stiles, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Dec. 3, 1862, at camp in Maryland.
- Randall, Prescott J., Putnam, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Rogers, Tracy, Putnam, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Riley, John, Windham, enl. July 30, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1862.
- Read, Frank, Putnam, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Smith, Abner P., Jr., Woodstock, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Smith, Henry A., Killingly, enl. July 30, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out July 14, 1865, Elmira, N. Y.
- Sanders, John, Putnam, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. May 28, 1864, New Haven.
- Smith, Joseph, Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Snow, William N., Windham, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Smith, Hiram, Tolland, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; must. out May 30, 1865, York, Pa.
- Stone, James M., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Scott, John G., Windham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, May 14, 1864.
- Smith, Wallace, Woodstock, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.
- Spaulding, Francis M., Putnam, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 17, 1865, Grafton, W. Va.
- Taft, Lowell, Killingly, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.
- Thornton, Cyrus, Putnam, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.

Tripp, James E., Putnam, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; wounded; disch. May 27, 1865, New Haven.  
 Underwood, George W., Windham, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded; died Jan. 27, 1865, Florence, S. C.  
 Whitney, Josiah W., Putnam, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; disch. May 30, 1865, Worcester, Mass.  
 Weeks, Marquis J., Eastford, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; killed in action July 18, 1864, Snicker's Ferry, Va.  
 Walker, Vernon E., Woodstock, enl. July 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Wilcox, Lowell, Woodstock, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Wells, John D., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Weeks, Benjamin P., Eastford, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Wilcox, John H., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 20, 1864, wounds received in action.  
 Young, Richmond A., Woodstock, enl. July 22, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, Sept. 30, 1863.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY G.

Bowen, David A., Woodstock, enl. Dec. 30, 1863.  
 Browning, James, Greenwich, enl. Feb. 1, 1865.  
 Hibbard, Henry W., Woodstock, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Hiscox, Albert, Union, enl. Jan. 28, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Henry, Charles E., enl. Feb. 28, 1865; trans. 2d Conn. Vol. Artillery, March 7, 1863.  
 Lake, Thomas A., Woodstock, enl. Dec. 16, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Mark, Louis, Bridgeport, enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Navin, Patrick, Putnam, enl. Nov. 9, 1863.  
 Smith, Abner P., Woodstock, enl. Dec. 21, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Smith, Abner, Stonington, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. Oct. 17, 1864, while on furlough.  
 Smith, Theodore, Salisbury, enl. Jan. 25, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Stuart, David, Salisbury, enl. Jan. 28, 1865; must. out June 23, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Underwood, Charles H., Windham, enl. Dec. 8, 1863.  
 Weeks, Francis E., Union, enl. Feb. 25, 1864; must. out Aug. 1, 1865, Washington, D. C.

## COMPANY H.

Charles D. Bowen, capt., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 James F. Long, Jr., first lieut., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; resigned Nov. 9, 1862.  
 Andrew W. Loomis, second lieut., Tolland, enl. July 22, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Nov. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 William H. Locke, sergt., Windham, enl. July 12, 1862; pro. 2d lieut. Nov. 9, 1862; hon. disch. May 15, 1862.  
 George E. Jordan, sergt., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Thomas Spencer, sergt., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Chester A. Tourtellott, sergt., Tolland, enl. July 21, 1862; died of wounds Aug. 15, 1864, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Albert S. Blish, sergt., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Sanford A. Comins, corp., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 John E. Burrows, corp., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Heskiah Thompson, corp., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Seth S. Chapman, corp., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; died Sept. 17, 1863, Annapolis, Md.  
 William H. Boyden, corp., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Thomas Jordan, corp., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Charles H. Chase, corp., Windham, enl. Aug. 4, 1862.  
 William J. Whiteside, corp., Coventry, enl. July 29, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.

William W. Perry, musician, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, New Haven, Conn.  
 Van Buren Jordan, musician, Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, New Haven, Conn.  
 George W. Herrick, wagoner, Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, York, Pa.  
 Adams, Russell W., Tolland, enl. July 31, 1862; died Aug. 8, 1863, Annapolis, Md.  
 Adams, John Q., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Apley, Henry, Chaplin, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died Jan. 9, 1864, Annapolis, Md.  
 Ashley, Earl, Chaplin, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.  
 Apley, Andrew J., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Bingham, Ellsworth W., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Barber, Charles A., Tolland, enl. July 22, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.  
 Buchanan, Moses, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Briggs, George S., Windham, enl. July 26, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, May 15, 1864; must. out July 15, 1865.  
 Buckley, Alfred, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Babcock, Courtland, Jr., Windham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Buckingham, William H., Windham, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, New Haven.  
 Bennett, Nathaniel W., Windham, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died Oct. 13, 1864, Andersonville.  
 Bull, George A., Windham, enl. July 12, 1862; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 28, 1865.  
 Backus, Albert H., Thompson, enl. July 26, 1862; must. out July 5, 1865, Hartford.  
 Bliven, George R., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Brooks, Charles U., Tolland, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Brown, William B., Tolland, enl. July 22, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; disch. for disability, March 25, 1865.  
 Cushman, Ignat P., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; died April 7, 1863, Baltimore, Md.  
 Conner, Thomas, Windham, enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Colburn, Jonathan S., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died Feb. 15, 1865, Danville, Va.  
 Carney, James, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Crandall, Amos G., Windham, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded June 18, 1864; must. out June 23, 1865.  
 Carney, John, Windham, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed in action July 18, 1864, Snicker's Ferry, Va.  
 Dean, William, Hampton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Dawley, Andrew H., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 14, 1862.  
 Dilber, Andrew N., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.  
 Eaton, Eben R., Windham, enl. July 28, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Farnham, Martin V. B., Tolland, enl. July 24, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Fenton, Anson A., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, Winchester, Va.  
 Foss, Ambrose, Coventry, enl. Aug. 1, 1862.  
 Farnham, Dwight C., Tolland, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, Harper's Ferry, Va.  
 Gurley, Franklin E., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died Oct. 17, 1864, at Cumberland, Md.  
 Gleason, Wilbur H., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Jan. 15, 1864; must. out July 2, 1865.  
 Gager, John F., Coventry, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; died Feb. 15, 1865, Florence, S. C.  
 Green, Amos P., Coventry, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Feb. 15, 1864; must. out July 14, 1865.



Golding, Joseph, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; died Oct. 11, 1864, at Charleston, S. C.

Griggs, William W., Ellington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died June 15, 1864, of wounds.

Grundy, John, Windham, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Holland, Eber S., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.

Harris, Horatio A., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. for disability, March 5, 1863.

Harris, George D., Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded June 15, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.

Haakell, Charles, Windham, enl. July 25, 1862; died Feb. 19, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C.

Harrington, Francis S., Coventry, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; wounded June, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.

Hall, William H., Windham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; killed in action May 20, 1864.

Hall, Origen, Windham, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Heverin, Patrick J., Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Johnson, Richard M., Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Kenyon, Otis G., Windham, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Kenworthy, Joseph, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; disch. June 9, 1865.

Lewis, William, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded May 15, 1864; died Sept. 7, 1864.

Lewis, Francis E., Windham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Lewis, Charles H., Windham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 20, 1863.

Long, James F., Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. May 28, 1864, S. O. War Department.

Metcalf, Job, Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; wounded June 15, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Miller, Frederick, Tolland, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Newcomb, Lucius H., Coventry, enl. July 29, 1862; died Feb. 13, 1865, at Danville, Va.

Niles, John, Franklin, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Pilling, James, Windham, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Perkins, Joseph M., Windham, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Palmer, Pierce, Tolland, enl. July 24, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Sept. 30, 1863.

Reffelt, Frederick, Coventry, enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Rogers, Emery D., Tolland, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; disch. June 3, 1865, for appointment in U. S. C. T.

Ripley, Edward F., Windham, enl. July 22, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, May 1, 1864; must. out July 21, 1865.

Robinson, John M., Coventry, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Robertson, Lecon W., Coventry, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Sullivan, Dennis, Windham, enl. July 24, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Snell, Alfred A., Tolland, enl. July 25, 1862; died Aug. 25, 1863, at Annapolis, Md.

Smith, Lester C., Chaplin, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died July 26, 1864, Martinsburg, Va.

Shay, John, Windham, enl. July 18, 1862.

Sweet, Daniel K., Thompson, enl. July 26, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Thomas, Edwin, Windham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died June 4, 1863, at Wilimantic, Conn.

Tracy, Alfred E., Tolland, enl. July 30, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester, Va.

Tracy, Henry G., Coventry, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

Wilson, Albert C., Windham, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Watts, Joseph, Windham, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Webster, John E., Tolland, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wise, Jacob, Coventry, enl. July 29, 1862.

Weldon, Alonzo, Thompson, enl. July 26, 1862; wounded and captured June 5, 1864.

Wilber, Amariah D., Coventry, enl. July 29, 1862; died May 3, 1865, Wilmington, N. C.

Williams, Everett, Willington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wilber, George H., Coventry, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, March 14, 1863.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY H.

Abbe, Joseph, Walcott, enl. March 22, 1864; must. out May 30, 1865, at Hartford, Conn.

Brown, James K., Windham, enl. Dec. 10, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Brady, Langhlin, Windham, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; died July 28, 1864, while on furlough.

Chappel, Cortland G., Windham, enl. Dec. 10, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hayes, George S., enl. Dec. 1, 1862; died Oct. 27, 1863, at Martinsburg, Va.

Harris, Elijah F., enl. Jan. 5, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Kaiser, Matthias, South Coventry, enl. Feb. 23, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Miller, William H., enl. May 13, 1863.

Spencer, Thomas D., Windham, enl. Dec. 14, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wilson, Jared F., Windham, enl. Dec. 10, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## COMPANY I.

Samuel E. Knapp, capt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; res. June 6, 1863.

John H. Morrison, first lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; pro. capt.; dismissed Sept. 1, 1864.

Martin V. B. Tiffany, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; wounded; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

John Lilley, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; wounded; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

James E. Pilkenton, sergt., Middletown, enl. Aug. 20, 1862.

Bently Shaw, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Allen L. Moore, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

James A. Allen, sergt., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

William Finken, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

George Cook, corp., Preston, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gardner A. Lewin, corp., Putnam, enl. Aug. 5, 1862.

Daniel E. Beebe, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865, at York, Pa.

Sebastian B. Kepler, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Charles Derby, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Isaac Roath, corp., Preston, enl. July 30, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Henry D. Gleason, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; captured June 11, 1864.

Harvey L. Muzzy, musician, Norwich, enl. May 30, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Hartford.

Henry Frink, wagoner, Plainfield, enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Albee, William H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Ackwer, Adam, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; wounded; died Oct. 5, 1864, Madisonville.

Brown, Wheaton, Sprague, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bigelow, James S., Sprague, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Beckwith, Charles H., Norwich, enl. July 30, 1862; died Dec. 1, 1862, at Norwich, Conn.

Bogue, Jabez H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.

Bliss, William H., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bliss, Levi C., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bingham, Charles K., Canterbury, enl. July 25, 1862.

Benjamin, James E., Preston, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 23, 1865, Annapolis.

Briggs, Abram, Norwich, enl. Aug. 4, 1862.

Burns, William, Tolland, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1863.

Carpenter, Judeon T., Mansfield, enl. July 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1862.

Corey, John F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Couch, Thomas T., Griswold, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Carl, Martin, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Sept. 25, 1864, Sandy Hook, Md.

Church, Charles H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out July 25, 1865, at York, Pa.

Clark, Lucius P., Mansfield, enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Donahue, Daniel, Sprague, enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Dean, Andrew, Tolland, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Eccleston, Thomas H., Preston, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Earl, William B., Sprague, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Gordon, Archibald, Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; disch. for disability, May 18, 1864.

Green, Palmer S., Griswold, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hall, William S., Lyme, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Harris, George W., Preston, enl. July 19, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1863.

Hall, William, Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hall, Charles H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hayes, William, Norwich, enl. Aug. 2, 1862.

Randy, Hiram, Griswold, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Hall, Harvey, Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Herrick, John P., Griswold, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Jan. 26, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.

Hilla, Herman, Norwich, enl. Aug. 8, 1862.

Higginbottom, D. P., Coventry, enl. July 18, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1863.

Kent, Harrison A., Willington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Labrop, Joseph O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Leary, Timothy, Griswold, enl. July 26, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1863.

Laferty, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out Aug. 23, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Linton, Benjamin, Griswold, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. Dec. 27, 1862.

Long, John, Norwich, enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Miller, Charles S., Sprague, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded; must. out May 20, 1865, at Frederick, Md.

McEwin, Hugh, Sprague, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Miner, Charles C., Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, April 23, 1863.

Morfit, James, Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out July 25, 1865, at York, Pa.

Newcomb, Jason, Tolland, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, at New Haven.

Peckham, Gardner C., enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Peter, William, Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862.

Porter, Charles F., Tolland, enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

Quinley, James K. P., Lyme, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Quegle, Edward, Griswold, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; disch. for disability March 8, 1863.

Ringrose, Michael, Norwich, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. Nov. 23, 1863.

Rand, William G., Lyme, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Bogers, Henry, Griswold, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Robertson, William, Sprague, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Robbins, Miner, Plainfield, enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Spencer, James G., Preston, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Stocking, Theodore B., Norwich, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Spaulding, Edward, Preston, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Stanton, Solomon, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Steers, Thomas A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, William H., Norwich, enl. July 14, 1862; disch. June 1, 1864.

Thornhill, William S., Sprague, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wallace, William, Norwich, enl. Aug. 14, 1862.

Wilber, John A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, May 8, 1865.

Woodward, Elisha A., Canterbury, enl. July 20, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Wright, Franklin S., Norwich, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 26, 1865.

Wild, Lineaus, Griswold, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; captured June 11, 1864.

Williams, David, Willington, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out July 5, 1865, at Hartford.

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Bugbee, Henry S., Hamden, enl. Dec. 28, 1863.

Bucabanan, John M., Thompson, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Donahue, John, Sprague, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Foster, Charles, Norwich, enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Glasgow, John, enl. Nov. 30, 1862.

Grant, Albert F., Mansfield, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must. out June 19, 1865, at Baltimore.

Harblson, William C., Killingly, enl. Sept. 16, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out Sept. 14, 1865.

Holmes, Asa M., Lebanon, enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Haskell, Albert L., New London, enl. June 28, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

King, Andrus H., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 24, 1862; disch. May 30, 1865.

Kelgwin, Daniel, Norwich, enl. Dec. 19, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Kenyon, Leander A., Canterbury, enl. Sept. 27, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

McSheau, Owen, Killingly, enl. Oct. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Quigley, Patrick J., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 28, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Richardson, Charles H., Killingly, enl. Oct. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Robinson, Franklin E., Mansfield, enl. Dec. 31, 1863.

Tucker, James, East Windsor, enl. Dec. 20, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Town, Franklin, Thompson, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, John E., East Windsor, enl. Dec. 30, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Weaver, Joseph, Sprague, enl. Dec. 1, 1863; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Walte, Prescott, Mansfield, enl. Dec. 31, 1863; trans. to 1st U. S. V.; must. out Oct. 20, 1865, at Hartford.

Yannon, Christian J., Pomfret, enl. Oct. 28, 1862.

## COMPANY K.

Ezra J. Mathewson, capt., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

George Kies, first lieut., Killingly, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Amabel G. Scranton, second lieut., Killingly, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Kimball Atwood, sergt., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Reuben W. Scott, sergt., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Walter Young, sergt., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; killed Jan. 6, 1863, by sentinel at Havre de Grace.

Jerome B. Cahoon, sergt., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 5, 1864, at Piedmont, Va.

Joseph D. Hall, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866.

Alonso B. Potter, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

George H. Curtiss, corp., Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Joseph F. Griffiths, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 18, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

James L. Adams, corp., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Charles Bartlett, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died Feb. 20, 1864, at Richmond.

Erastus K. Potter, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 21, 1866, at Annapolis.

Alfred Pray, corp., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Daniel Pray, musician, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Daniel G. Bennett, musician, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester.

William Comins, wagoner, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Adams, William H., Killingly, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Burroughs, Cyrus, Killingly, enl. July 27, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, March 4, 1864.

Bessett, Thomas D., Killingly, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1864.

Burdick, Asher, Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Brown, George, Killingly, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Bowen, Edward E., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Burnham, Oliver B., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died of wounds, Feb. 12, 1864, at Martinsburg, Va.

Bates, Sheldon, Jr., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Billington, Randall, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862.

Bowen, James L., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Bowen, Leonard, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June, 1863; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Baker, Albert, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Babson, Henry W., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866.

Bartlett, Almond, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June, 1863; must. out June 27, 1866.

Bates, Thomas T., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866.

Burroughs, Cyrus, Jr., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Burns, John W., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Curtis, Rufus D., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Crandall, Thomas, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Covell, Arba E., Killingly, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Champlin, Oliver W., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded July 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Casey, Michael, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Chase, Frank A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Carder, James A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Day, Charles, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Duprey, John H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862.

Fisk, Erastus E., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Goodell, William, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Griffiths, Charles K., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Graves, Edwin P., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Glan, John, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866.

Handy, Davis U., Killingly, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out May 18, 1866.

Harrington, Ira, Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 13, 1866.

Hughes, John, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862.

Handy, Francis H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 3, 1864.

Harrington, William B., Sterling, enl. Aug. 7, 1862.

Halleck, Moses, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. Feb. 22, 1864, by order Sec. of War.

James, Roland H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Jackson, Jerome A., Killingly, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Jordan, Denison P., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out July 3, 1866.

Keach, John, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Klug, Benoni, Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out May 26, 1866, at Worcester, Mass.

Kelly, John, Killingly, enl. July 30, 1862; disch. June 9, 1864.

Leavens, William H. H., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Law, Parris M., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Momt, Eber, Jr., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.

Miller, Jabez, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

McDougal, Daniel, Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Miller, James D., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Niles, Sumner, Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Niles, Edmund, Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 2, 1866, at Jarvis U. S. A. Hospital.

Newell, William H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866.

Potter, James, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Penry, John, Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Nov. 23, 1862, at Havre de Grace, Md.

Penry, Charles O., Killingly, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1866.

Pike, Reuben A., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866.

Pike, John, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. Nov. 26, 1863.

Robbins, Albert, Brooklyn, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1866, at Harper's Ferry.

Reynolds, Charles, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 13, 1862.

Sharkey, Robert, Killingly, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; killed June 15, 1863, at Winchester, Va.

Short, Levi M., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; died of wounds June 30, 1864.  
 Sweet, William W., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, June 15, 1863.  
 Sullivan, Lawrence, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 19, 1863.  
 Scholes, Robert, Killingly, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Smith, Bernard, Killingly, enl. Aug. 11, 1862.  
 Sweet, John H., Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Short, Daniel S., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.  
 Smith, Samuel, Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Smith, James M., Killingly, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed in action July 18, 1864, at Snicker's Ferry, Va.  
 Smith, Almanzo M., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Sparks, Henry K., Killingly, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Trask, Albert D., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Taylor, Wm. A., Sterling, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Taylor, Henry G., Sterling, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wade, Henry L., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wilnot, Felix W., Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862.  
 Wood, Franklin, Killingly, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wilson, George L., Killingly, enl. July 29, 1862; disch. May 19, 1865, at New Haven.  
 Walker, Lewis, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Young, James H., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Young, Maxey, Killingly, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, July, 1863.  
 Young, Charles, Killingly, enl. Aug. 10, 1862; wounded June, 1863; disch. for disability, June 8, 1865.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY K.

Baker, Henry E., Killingly, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Baker, Wm. C., Killingly, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cooper, George P., Killingly, enl. Dec. 17, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Cole, Thomas W., Putnam, enl. Feb. 25, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Geer, Nelson, Killingly, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Hall, George F., Plainfield, enl. Feb. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Hyde, Wm. J., Plainfield, enl. March 31, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Hopkins, Michael, Plainfield, enl. Oct. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Lathrop, David D., Brooklyn, enl. April 10, 1863; disch. for disability, July 6, 1865.  
 Locke, George H., Killingly, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Potter, Bouse, Killingly, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Robbins, Thomas J., Killingly, enl. Dec. 17, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Randall, Henry F., Killingly, enl. Dec. 29, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Shepardon, Albert F., Plainfield, enl. Feb. 4, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Short, Llaus E., Killingly, enl. Feb. 29, 1864; died Sept. 7, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.  
 Stewart, Charles, Montville, enl. March 7, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

Taylor, James A., Plainfield, enl. Dec. 11, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.  
 Wade, Otis S., Killingly, enl. Dec. 17, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865, at Harper's Ferry.

## UNASSIGNED RECRUITS.

Avery, Geo. F., Preston, enl. Feb. 27, 1864; died March 7, 1864, at West Haven.  
 Brady, Charles, Salisbury, enl. March 19, 1864; forwarded April 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Baker, Arthur C., Sterling, enl. May 25, 1864; forwarded June 28, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Brown, Charles, Sterling, enl. May 25, 1864; forwarded June 2, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Brady, Edward, Plainfield, enl. Oct. 18, 1864; disch. Nov. 18, 1864, at draft rendezvous in New Haven.  
 Clark, Warren A., Milford, enl. Dec. 9, 1863; forwarded Dec. 16, 1863; not taken up on rolls.  
 Collins, Daniel, Sterling, enl. May 5, 1864; forwarded June 2, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Coleman, John T., Granby, enl. July 29, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Clancy, John J., Granby, enl. July 29, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Crowley, Frank, Salem, enl. Sept. 3, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Clark, Oliver, Washington, enl. Nov. 15, 1864.  
 Clarey, Michael, Saybrook, enl. Nov. 22, 1864; forwarded Jan. 29, 1865; not taken up on rolls.  
 Daggett, Henry A., enl. Oct. 9, 1862.  
 Ellis, Thomas S., Norwich, enl. March 23, 1863.  
 Eaton, Thomas, Portland, enl. March 17, 1864; forwarded April 7, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Finner, Thomas, Hartford, enl. Jan. 8, 1864.  
 Greene, Lafayette, Preston, enl. Sept. 1, 1864; disch. Nov. 18, 1864, at draft rendezvous in New Haven.  
 Harrington, Parley, Bozrah, enl. Dec. 25, 1863; not taken up on rolls Dec. 31, 1864.  
 Littlefield, George T., Montville, enl. Jan. 18, 1864.  
 Leonard, Charles, Portland, enl. March 17, 1864; forwarded April 7, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Loonnun, John, Stonington, enl. Feb. 3, 1865.  
 Marsh, George W., North Canaan, enl. Dec. 16, 1864; forwarded Dec. 30, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Neurgert, John, Canton, enl. Dec. 5, 1863; not taken up on rolls Dec. 31, 1864.  
 Noble, John, Lyme, enl. March 7, 1864; forwarded Dec. 7, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 O'Neal, Timothy, Granby, enl. July 29, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Owen, James, Colchester, enl. Dec. 13, 1864; forwarded Dec. 30, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Roberts, Ozrin, Middletown, enl. April 3, 1865.  
 Ryan, Patrick, Berlin, enl. July 29, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Shay, Jeremiah, enl. Sept. 29, 1862.  
 Sweet, James L., Norwich, enl. Dec. 31, 1863.  
 Stewart, William J., Salisbury, enl. March 19, 1864; forwarded April 7, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Shepard, George W., Preston, enl. Sept. 3, 1864; forwarded Sept. 17, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Townsend, Charles, Sterling, enl. April 21, 1864; forwarded June 2, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 Warren, Charles A., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 14, 1864; disch. Oct. 8, 1864 at draft rendezvous in New Haven.  
 Woods, Patrick, Bridgewater, enl. Sept. 17, 1864; forwarded Sept. 26, 1864; not taken up on rolls.  
 West, Charles W., Middletown, enl. Dec. 16, 1864; disch. Jan. 15, 1865, at draft rendezvous in New Haven.  
 Williams, George, Stonington, enl. Feb. 3, 1865.  
 Yarrington, Henry, Preston, enl. April 7, 1863; disch. April 13, 1863, at Fort Trumbull.

GEN. WILLIAM G. ELY, now occupying a prominent position among the business men of Norwich, was born in West Killingly, Conn.; graduated as civil engineer at Brown University, and completed

his education in France and Germany. At the beginning of the war, in 1861, he was in the employ of the Rogers Locomotive Works, Paterson, N. J., as assistant superintendent. Resigning his position, he enlisted in the First Connecticut Regiment. Ely was soon promoted as captain and brigade commissary under Gen. Daniel Tyler. At the first battle of Bull Run he acted as aide to Gen. E. D. Keyes, and was subsequently promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers for gallantry at the battle of Bull Run. At the taking of Port Royal, S. C., he was in command of the Sixth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers. Eight months later he was promoted as colonel of the Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, and soon afterwards appointed in command of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Army of West Virginia. June 15, 1863, Col. Ely was captured, with a portion of the Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, while charging a battery at Winchester. His sword, which had been shattered by a cannon-shot, was returned to him on the battle-field by Gen. Walker, of the "Stonewall" Jackson brigade. A New York *Herald* correspondent, who witnessed the battle and the Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, writes (June 27, 1863) as follows:

"I wrote you a few days since of the capture of Col. Ely, of the Eighteenth Connecticut Regiment. A braver or cooler officer never stood under shoulder-straps or faced a foe. After charging the enemy over fences and through lots, he marched his men back over the ground where so many of their comrades had been placed *hors de combat* with as much precision and care as though they were on dress parade."

Always full of energy, Ely was among those who tunneled out of Libby Prison. Returning to the Shenandoah Valley, he was appointed to the command of the Second Brigade in Gen. Sheridan's corps, and subsequently breveted brigadier-general.

To-day Gen. Ely is president of the Reade Paper Company and treasurer of the Falls Company's Cotton-Mills.

**Twenty-first Regiment Infantry.**—The Twenty-first was organized in August, 1862. Col. Arthur H. Dutton was appointed from the regular army, and after having brought the regiment to a high state of efficiency, was transferred to the temporary command of a brigade, leaving Lieut.-Col. Burpee in command of the regiment.

The regiment was recruited in Hartford, New London, and Windham Counties, and went into camp at Norwich. On the 11th of September the regiment, numbering nine hundred and sixty-six men, proceeded to Washington, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. It was first engaged in battle at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, and sustained a loss of one commissioned officer and five men wounded. Col. Dutton spoke in the highest terms of the conduct of the regiment in this its first battle.

In the months of April and May, 1863, the regiment participated in the defense of Suffolk, Va. On

the 11th of April it proceeded to the support of the Irish Legion on the Edenton road, and, with one hundred rounds of ammunition per man, lay upon its arms until the 14th. It continued in this service until the 2d of May, when it was ordered to cross the Nansemond at Sleepy Hole (a place six miles lower down than the line then occupied) to seize Reed's Ferry and open communication with the Fourth Rhode Island Volunteers on the left. That the work was well executed will be seen from the following extract:

"HEADQUARTERS 3d DIVISION, 9TH A. C.,  
"NEAR SUFFOLK, VA., May 4, 1863.

"GENERAL ORDERS No. 23.

"(Extract.) Nor will he (the commanding general) suffer to pass unnoticed the services of those who crossed the Nansemond at Sleepy Hole, who drove the enemy's cavalry from Chuckatuck and seized Reed's Ferry, capturing an officer and fifteen men.

"Such deeds prove the mettle of the men, and show that when well led they need fear no enemy.

"By command,

"BRIG.-GEN. GEORGE W. GETTY.

"CHARLES F. GARDINER, *Captain and A. A. General.*"

Soon after this the regiment was transferred to the Department of Virginia and North Carolina. It acted as provost-guard of Gen. Dix's command in the raid up the Peninsula. From this service it proceeded to Portsmouth, and afterwards crossed the river to Norfolk. After performing provost duties in those cities for nearly five months, it was relieved and ordered to Newport News, where it remained some six weeks. During this time a portion of the regiment, with other forces, under the command of Gen. Graham, made a destructive raid to Brandon, on the James River, destroying a large quantity of rebel property.

On the 3d of February, 1864, the regiment was ordered to Morehead City, N. C., and after aiding in repelling the enemy at that point, was sent to Newbern. On the 16th of May, 1864, the regiment took an active part in the battle of Drury's Bluff, Va., and sustained a loss of one hundred and seven officers and men killed, wounded, and missing.

On the 25th of May, Col. Dutton, commanding the brigade, received orders to reconnoitre the left of the enemy's position, and designated the Twenty-first as the regiment for the work, but night coming on he returned the regiment to its camp. On the day following, the 26th, Col. Dutton, with the brigade, again moved, with orders to push the reconnoissance until stopped by the enemy. After an advance of nearly two miles the enemy was found strongly intrenched. Line of battle was at once formed, but as the skirmishers were becoming engaged, Col. Dutton, who was then, as usual, on the skirmish-line, was mortally wounded. The command devolved upon Lieut.-Col. Burpee, who was finally obliged to withdraw his command.

Maj. Crosby, in his report, speaks of the death of Col. Dutton as follows: "Col. Dutton died from the effects of his wounds June 5th. He graduated at

West Point in 1861, Kilpatrick, Custer, O'Rourke, Benjamin, and Farquhar being among his classmates. Bold and chivalrous, with a nice sense of honor, a judgment quick and decisive, an unwavering zeal in his chosen profession, he was in every respect a thorough soldier. . . . By his companions in arms he will never be forgotten, and to them his last resting-place will be as a shrine, commemorating the friendships which not the rude shock of war nor lapse of time can blight or destroy."

On the 3d of June the regiment participated in the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., and behaved with great steadiness throughout the whole battle, receiving well-merited compliments from division and brigade commanders. The regiment sustained a loss of forty-seven officers and men.

On the 9th of June, Lieut.-Col. Thomas F. Burpee was mortally wounded while going the rounds as brigade officer of the day. Lieut.-Col. Burpee had borne his part with distinguished valor during the Bermuda Hundred campaign, and his coolness and good judgment at the battles of Drury's Bluff and Cold Harbor will not soon be forgotten by his comrades. While in command of his regiment he was always able and efficient, discharged with promptitude every duty, particularly if concerning the care and welfare of his men, by whom he was much loved and respected.

The regiment remained in front of Petersburg until the 3d of September, performing picket duty and engaged in skirmishes with the enemy. Its loss while thus engaged was forty-nine officers and men. It was then ordered within the line of defenses at Bermuda Hundred, and remained in that position until September 28th, when orders were received preparatory to a movement.

At nine A.M. of that day they marched to the James River and crossed on pontoon-bridges. It then took up its position and proceeded with its division to the assault on Fort Harrison, and on the day following (29th) Fort Harrison, with its garrison and armament of twenty-two pieces of heavy ordnance, fell into the hands of the Union army. The fighting was of an extremely severe character, but the Twenty-first did not fail to add new laurels to its wreath.

This was the last general engagement for the regiment, which remained in service, performing the usual routine of camp and picket duty.

Lieut.-Col. Brown, in his report dated April 10, 1865, speaks of Capt. Jennings, who was mortally wounded: "No truer patriot or braver soldier than he has fallen in defense of the nation's life. He fell as a soldier would wish, in the hour of victory, leaving a record for his comrades to emulate."

Nothing of importance occurred subsequently, and the Twenty-first was mustered out of the service on the 16th day of June, 1865, leaving a record for bravery, fidelity, and general good conduct of which Connecticut may well be proud.

The regiment participated in the following engagements:

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. Loss in wounded, 1 commissioned officer, 5 enlisted men. Total loss, 6.

Suffolk, Va., April and May, 1863. Loss in killed, 2 enlisted men; wounded, 5 enlisted men. Total loss, 7.

Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864. Loss in killed, 14 enlisted men; wounded, 6 commissioned officers, 63 enlisted men; missing, 24 enlisted men. Total loss, 107.

Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864. Loss in killed, 2 enlisted men; wounded, 2 commissioned officers, 43 enlisted men. Total loss, 47.

Before Petersburg, Va., May 26 to June 19, 1864. Wounded, 2 field-officers (mortally), 9 enlisted men. Total loss, 11.

Before Petersburg, Va., June 19 to Sept. 3, 1864. Loss in killed, 1 commissioned officer, 5 enlisted men; wounded, 2 commissioned officers, 30 enlisted men. Total loss, 38.

Fort Harrison, Va., Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 1864. Loss in killed, 3 enlisted men; wounded, 3 commissioned officers, 21 enlisted men; missing, 3 enlisted men. Total loss, 30.

Casualties: killed in action, 26; died of wounds, 33; died of disease, 108; discharged prior to muster out of regiment, 313; missing at muster out of regiment, 2. Total, 482.

#### FIELD- AND STAFF-OFFICERS.

- Arthur H. Dutton, colonel, Wallingford, must. in Aug. 19, 1862; died June 8, 1864, of wounds.  
 Thomas F. Burpee, lieut.-col., Vernon, must. in Sept. 3, 1862; pro. col.; died of wounds June 11, 1864.  
 Hiram B. Crosby, major, Norwich, must. in Aug. 22, 1862; pro. col.; disch. as lieut.-col., Sept. 14, 1864.  
 Clarence E. Dutton, adjutant, Wallingford, must. in Sept. 4, 1862; pro. capt.; disch. Nov. 15, 1864.  
 Hiram W. Richmond, qr.-master, Brooklyn, must. in Aug. 18, 1862; res. Feb. 17, 1863.  
 William Soule, surgeon, Griswold, must. in Sept. 3, 1862; res. Feb. 23, 1863.  
 Lewis E. Dixon, first asst. surgeon, Plainfield, must. in Aug. 16, 1862; res. Jan. 24, 1863.  
 J. Hamilton Lee, second asst. surgeon, Norwich, must. in Aug. 22, 1862; pro. surg.; disch. Oct. 31, 1864.  
 Christopher A. Brand, sergt.-major, Norwich, must. in July 26, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; res. Feb. 23, 1863.  
 Edward Gallup, q.-m.-sergt. Brooklyn, must. in Aug. 17, 1862; pro. qr.-master; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Joseph D. Plunkett, com.-sergt., Norwich, must. in July 31, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; disch. Dec. 20, 1862.  
 James E. Barbour, hospital steward, Norwalk, must. in Aug. 9, 1862; disch. June 29, 1863.

#### COMPANY C.

- John E. Wood, capt., Groton, enl. July 25, 1862; appointed chaplain; resigned.  
 James H. Latham, first lieut., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; pro. capt.; dismissed June 14, 1865.  
 John F. Randall, second lieut., Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 11, 1863.  
 William W. Latham, sergt., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Joseph L. Perkins, sergt., Groton, enl. July 23, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1863.

- Frank W. Brayton, sergt., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded May 16, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Leonard Fairbanks, sergt., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 19, 1865.
- Timothy Watrous, sergt., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died March 26, 1863, at Suffolk.
- Ezra F. Tibbets, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Francis A. Hough, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded Dec. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 11, 1864.
- Sidney Benjamin, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died May 7, 1863, at Hampton.
- John Palmer, Jr., corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Thaddeus Pecor, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Thomas L. Bailey, corp., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Robert G. Babcock, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Robert A. Gray, corp., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865, at Hartford.
- Thomas H. Williams, musician, Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 24, 1862.
- Charles M. Gallup, musician, Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Francis D. Albro, wagoner, Groton, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1863.
- Avery, William B., Groton, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; wounded June 3, 1864; must. out June 23, 1865.
- Avery, Jared B., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Avery, Parmenas, Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 9, 1863.
- Andrews, Charles B., Groton, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died June 8, 1864, of wounds received at Drury's Bluff.
- Alexander, William B., Jr., Groton, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Allen, John, Groton, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Feb. 16, 1864; must. out Aug. 24, 1865.
- Budlong, Thomas J., Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; never mustered in.
- Brewster, Elias B., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Beckwith, William C., Groton, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Boomer, Hiram E., Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. Jan. 19, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.
- Batty, James, Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Batty, Oliver, Jr., Groton, enl. July 28, 1862; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.
- Bailey, Benjamin F., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Barker, Orrin D., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff, Va.
- Chapman, Nelson, Groton, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. May 13, 1865, at New Haven.
- Chapman, William H., Groton, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out July 21, 1865, at Hartford.
- Curtis, George F., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Chester, Howard M., Groton, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 9, 1865, at Fortress Monroe.
- Chester, Oscar J., Groton, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Craddock, Dennis, Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 21, 1865, at Fortress Monroe.
- Douglas, William H., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Davis, Nelson, Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 15, 1863.
- Dart, Elihu N., Groton, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 4, 1863.
- Eldridge, James, Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Fish, Horatio N., Jr., Groton, enl. July 28, 1862; died Aug. 8, 1864, of wounds received at Petersburg.
- Fish, Joshua P., Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Fish, Thomas B., Groton, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Fitch, James W., Groton, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 20, 1865, at Fortress Monroe.
- Fowler, Cornelina, Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Gray, Philip B., Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 4, 1863.
- Godfrey, John H., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Richmond.
- Godfrey, Addison A., Groton, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Gallup, Francis E., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 8, 1863.
- Gabriel, George F., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Holland, Andrew, Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Holladay, William U., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Johnson, William, Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died June 4, 1864, of wounds received at Cold Harbor.
- King, Newell D., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Lyon, Nelson A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Latham, Samuel P., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Latham, Albert C., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Latham, Benjamin F., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.
- Lathrop, Denison, Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, March 10, 1865.
- Mulkey, William N., Groton, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died of wounds, May 28, 1864, at Richmond.
- Meach, George F., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Maynard, Augustus E., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; died Feb. 15, 1863, at Washington.
- Mitchell, William H., Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Hartford.
- Miner, Thomas E., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- McGrath, James E., Groton, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 14, 1865.
- Mayo, Francis B., Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. May 22, 1865, on account of wounds.
- Newbury, Thomas M., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 20, 1864.
- Peckham, Benjamin B., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 19, 1865, at Fortress Monroe.
- Perkins, Julius A., Groton, enl. July 30, 1862; died Jan. 3, 1863, at Aquia Creek.
- Pendlebury, Isaac, Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps, Oct. 4, 1864.
- Pease, Cyrus J., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed near Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864.
- Potter, Elihu H., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Pecor, Henry, Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Putnam, John F., Groton, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died July 1, 1864, at New Haven.
- Rathbun, James, Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.
- Rathbun, Charles H., Groton, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Rice, Charles E., Groton, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Richmond, William H., Groton, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, at Norfolk.
- Smith, Edmund F., Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff.
- Sweetman, Christopher, Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 29, 1863.
- Spencer, Abner N., Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died of wounds July 12, 1864.

Spencer, Henry N., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; discharged for disability, March 8, 1863.  
 Starr, Nathan A., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Starr, Charles H., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Vanankee, Samuel, Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; killed Sept. 29, 1864, at Chapin's Farm, Va.  
 Wilcox, Isaac F., Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Weeks, James, Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wilbur, Calvin H., Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 2, 1863.  
 Watrous, William H., Groton, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died Oct. 1, 1864, at Charleston.  
 Watrous, Leonard, Groton, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps, Sept. 30, 1863; must. out Aug. 11, 1865.  
 Whaling, Patrick, Groton, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Woodmansee, Ed. D., Groton, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; wounded Oct. 1, 1864; must. out May 25, 1865.  
 Weaver, Charles H., Groton, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.  
 Weaver, James L., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.  
 Wheeler, William E., Jr., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862.  
 Wheeler, John A., Groton, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 19, 1863.  
 Wolfe, Moses C., Groton, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 2, 1863.  
 Wilcox, Chauncey F., Groton, enl. July 29, 1862; died Jan. 8, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY C.

Latham, Ira C., Norwich, enl. Jan. 13, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Rathbun, Samuel, Groton, enl. Feb. 16, 1864; died Sept. 25, 1864, at Philadelphia.

## COMPANY E.

Charles T. Stanton, Jr., capt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; pro. major; disch. as capt. Sept. 14, 1864.  
 Henry R. Jennings, first lieut., Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died of wounds Nov. 26, 1864, Fortress Monroe, Va.  
 Franklin H. Davis, second lieut., Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; resigned Dec. 22, 1862.  
 James B. Vanderwater, sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 8, 1865, Petersburg, Va.  
 James H. Carter, sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 19, 1863.  
 Howard E. Miner, sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 John F. Trumbull, Jr., sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; dismissed Jan. 28, 1864.  
 Walter P. Long, sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Seth Slack, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 John L. Hill, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 William B. Targree, Jr., corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 28, 1865, Norfolk, Va.  
 Charles H. Crumb, corp., Stonington, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, Petersburg, Va.  
 Nelson Wilcox, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865, Hartford, Ct.  
 John J. McMillen, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died April 3, 1864, Providence, R. I.  
 Joseph H. Newberry, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 26, 1865.  
 Erasmus Holmes, corp., Stonington, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1863.  
 Edwin E. Snow, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. Jan. 29, 1863.  
 Avery, Charles G., Stonington, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died of wounds July 21, 1864, Drury's Bluff, Va.  
 Bennett, James, Stonington, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 7, 1865, Point Lookout, Md.

Biles, Alexander, Plainfield, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1862.  
 Biles, George E., Plainfield, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died Jan. 8, 1863, Falmouth, Va.  
 Burrows, George W., Groton, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, March 27, 1863.  
 Barber, William F., Groton, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 12, 1865, Fortress Monroe, Va.  
 Burdick, William C., Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; disch. for disability, April 25, 1863.  
 Burrows, Daniel A., Groton, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; must. out June 15, 1865, Point Lookout, Md.  
 Bliven, Elias P., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Brown, Oliver A., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; missing May 16, 1864; dropped from rolls.  
 Burdick, Alfred L., Stonington, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died Jan. 8, 1863, Falmouth, Va.  
 Burdick, Joseph L., Stonington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Brightman, Denison, Stonington, enl. July 29, 1862; killed in action, June 30, 1864, Petersburg, Va.  
 Cradick, Michael, Groton, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Carpenter, Joseph W., Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died Dec. 7, 1862, Falmouth, Va.  
 Crandall, William W., Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out July 22, 1865, Camp Lee, Va.  
 Conway, William, Stonington, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Corder, Charles L., Stonington, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; discharged for disability, March 6, 1863.  
 Cullin, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died March 22, 1864, Newbern, N. C.  
 Dunham, William, Stonington, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 6, 1865, Washington, D. C.  
 Douglass, John C., Stonington, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Denison, Samuel, Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Davis, Elias N., Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died March 5, 1863, Newport News.  
 Dwyer, Edward, Norwich, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; discharged for disability, Oct. 11, 1862.  
 Eccleston, George, Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, July 1, 1863.  
 Eldridge, George W., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Ehlers, August, Norwich, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died of wounds July 2, 1864, Point of Rocks.  
 Frazier, George W., Jr., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.  
 Fitzgerald, Austin, Lisbon, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 28, 1865.  
 Frazier, William H., Stonington, enl. July 29, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 5, 1865.  
 Frazier, Arvine A., Stonington, enl. July 23, 1862; disch. for disability, May 16, 1865.  
 Green, Gurdon, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 3, 1863.  
 Gerry, Lewis H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, May 3, 1865.  
 Greene, Lyman, Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, Drury's Bluff, Va.  
 Gardiner, William, Stonington, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. May 13, 1865.  
 Hevy, John, Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Heath, Amos F., Stonington, enl. July 23, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, Drury's Bluff, Va.  
 Hancox, William F., Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Hancox, Amos S., Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Harris, Albert T., Stonington, enl. July 26, 1862; died Dec. 13, 1864, on board transport "Northern Light."  
 Harrington, Joseph E., Stonington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.



Hulet, Palmer, Stonington, enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Hishop, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Jackson, Ransom, Stonington, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Kelly, John, Norwich, enl. July 31, 1862.  
 Kulbeck, Robert, Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Lamphere, Leonard O., Stonington, enl. July 28, 1862; died July 19, 1864, Point Lookout, Md.  
 Lever, Richard, Stonington, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; disch. Oct. 4, 1863.  
 Mulligan, Patrick H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; drowned Feb. 13, 1864, Newport News, Va.  
 Morgan, Benedict W., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 30, 1862.  
 Miner, Charles L., Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Musgrave, Francis J., Stonington, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; died July 29, 1863, Portsmouth, Va.  
 Newberry, George K., Stonington, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Noyes, Nathan, Stonington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Eldabock, Wait W., Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Root, George, Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862.  
 Robinson, William H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 24, 1865, Fortress Monroe, Va.  
 Rogers, Charles H., Montville, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died Dec. 6, 1862, Falmouth, Va.  
 Smith, Henry D., Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; disch. May 10, 1863.  
 Smith, Gardner B., Stonington, enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Smith, Charles, Stonington, enl. Aug. 25, 1862.  
 Spencer, Charles C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.  
 Tift, Daniel D., Stonington, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. Inv. Corps, July 1, 1863.  
 Tucker, Frederick O., Stonington, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out May 19, 1865, Norfolk, Va.  
 Tift, John L., Stonington, enl. July 23, 1862; wounded; trans. Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Taylor, Charles H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Beaufort, N. C.  
 Vananken, Abram, Stonington, enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.  
 Wilcox, Leonard, Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Dec. 16, 1862, Falmouth, Va.  
 Wilcox, Harlem H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862.  
 White, Rufus C., Stonington, enl. July 11, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, Drury's Bluff, Va.  
 Williams, Charles H., Stonington, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died June 20, 1864, of wounds.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY E.

Arnold, Peleg B., Preston, enl. March 8, 1864; must. out May 18, 1865, New Haven.  
 Dutton, George R., Vernon, enl. Dec. 2, 1864; trans. 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Griffin, Peter, Norwich, enl. Jan. 13, 1864; disch. for disability, April 3, 1864, Newbern, N. C.  
 Green, James, credited to State at large, enl. Aug. 5, 1864; trans. 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Maguire, Edward, Hartford, enl. Dec. 24, 1863; trans. 10th Conn. Vols.  
 Murry, Thomas, Greenwich, enl. Dec. 10, 1864; trans. 10th Conn. Vols.  
 Turner, James, New London, enl. Sept. 4, 1863; must. out June 7, 1865, Norfolk, Va.  
 Wood, Thomas, enl. Feb. 2, 1865; trans. 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

## COMPANY F.

William Spittle, capt., New London, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; pro. maj.; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Henry T. Phillips, first lieut., Montville, enl. July 22, 1862; pro. capt.; res. June 4, 1863.  
 Frank Fowler, second lieut., New London, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; disch. for disability, Oct. 31, 1864.

Elisba B. Chipman, sergt., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; pro. adjt.; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 James A. Corey, sergt., Montville, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. Jan. 19, 1864.  
 Wm. H. Cheesborough, sergt., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Joseph Comstock, sergt., Montville, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; killed Sept. 29, 1864, at Chapin's Bluff, Va.  
 Ichabod S. Bogue, sergt., Montville, enl. July 24, 1862; disch. Jan. 11, 1864.  
 Albert Leeds, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 John W. Graham, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Thomas W. Gay, corp., Montville, enl. July 23, 1862; died Dec. 23, 1862, Falmouth, Va.  
 William H. Lane, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, Philadelphia.  
 Henry C. Lamphire, corp., Montville, enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 John C. Ladd, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 George L. Elmondoff, corp., Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 J. Gideon Palmer, corp., Montville, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Alfred Budd, musician, Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Wm. H. Palmer, Jr., musician, Montville, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Edward E. Darrow, waggoner, Montville, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Arnold, Edward C., New London, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; killed Sept. 29, 1864, at Chapin's Bluff, Va.  
 Adams, Edwin H., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died Oct. 15, 1862, at Washington.  
 Arnold, Lewis, Montville, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Ayers, Ezra M., Montville, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Allen, Leonard S., Montville, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Beckwith, Wallace A., New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Bacon, Isaac B., Norwich, enl. Aug. 31, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Brewster, John W., New London, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Brainard, Frederick Z., Montville, enl. July 23, 1862; died May 5, 1863, at Hampton, Va.  
 Babcock, Henry O., Salem, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died Feb. 3, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.  
 Crocker, Edward N., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Norfolk.  
 Culver, Jared B., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Coady, Martin J., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862.  
 Chapel, Charles F., Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Chapel, William A., Montville, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. Nov. 12, 1862, for disability.  
 Chapel, Robert, Montville, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. Aug. 31, 1863.  
 Congdon, John B., Montville, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 22, 1863.  
 Chapman, Rufus E., Griswold, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died Jan. 11, 1863, at Washington.  
 Dart, Edwin F., New London, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; died Dec. 5, 1862, at Falmouth, Va.  
 Daniels, Leonard S., Waterford, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865, at Hartford.  
 Dickinson, Flavius N., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Dunbar, Henry N., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. May 26, 1865, at Point of Rocks.  
 Dustin, Nathaniel, Montville, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. Dec. 23, 1862, for disability.  
 Eccleston, Orrin F., Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; died Feb. 27, 1863, at Newport News, Va.

Farnham, Sidney B., New London, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died May 29, 1864, at Philadelphia.

Hay, George N., Waterford, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Hack, Curtis D., Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Hack, Frank W., Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Heath, James A., New London, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died Oct. 17, 1863, at Norfolk.

Jones, Jeremiah J., New London, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Johnson, Russell, Montville, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out July 14, 1865, at Hartford.

Johnson, Benjamin J., Montville, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. Feb. 5, 1863, for disability.

Johnson, David A., Montville, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out Aug. 14, 1865.

Lloyd, Samuel H., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Lawrence, Henry B., New London, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Leeds, Lodowick, New London, enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 30, 1863.

Lane, Charles H., New London, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.

Leah, Gottlob, Montville, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; died June 19, 1864, of wounds at Hampton, Va.

Maynard, Andrew, Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. Jan. 14, 1863, for disability.

Maguire, Thomas, Montville, enl. July 25, 1862; died Dec. 10, 1862, at Falmouth, Va.

Mitchell, Robert, Montville, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Moxley, Solon A., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 16, 1864, at New Haven.

Murphy, John, Montville, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Mason, John C., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Sept. 14, 1864, at Point of Rocks.

Naylor, John J., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; trans. to Signal Corps, Nov. 30, 1863.

Primer, Thomas K., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Pitcher, Henry, New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; died April 7, 1863, at New Haven.

Phillips, Curtis, Montville, enl. July 29, 1862; died March 31, 1863, at Suffolk, Va.

Payne, Billings H., Montville, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 6, 1865, at Columbia, Va.

Rogers, William H., New London, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Rogers, Thomas, New London, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Rathbone, Lucius B., Montville, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.

Rodd, Albert, Montville, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 25, 1865.

Rodd, Oliver H., Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 22, 1863.

Stillman, Charles W., New London, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.

Simon, William E., New London, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; disch. April 26, 1865.

Steward, Alvan B., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. May 27, 1865, at Point of Rocks.

Smith, John B., New London, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Spencer, John J., Montville, Aug. 4, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.

Stemm, Max, Montville, enl. July 24, 1862; died Nov. 15, 1863, at Norfolk.

Stapins, Stephen, Montville, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died April 12, 1863, at Suffolk, Va.

Sarsfield, Michael, Montville, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Sullivan, John, Montville, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Spencer, Cyrus R., Norwich, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; disch. for disability, April 8, 1864.

Shepard, James D., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Oct. 3, 1864, at Fort Monroe.

Taylor, Hiram, New London, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Tinker, George D., Waterford, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; wounded; must. out May 22, 1865, at New Haven.

Tracy, Elijah B., Montville, enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Vergason, Joshua, Montville, enl. July 25, 1862; trans. to Invalid Corps; must. out July 13, 1865.

Watrous, Wilber E., Waterford, Aug. 18, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 4, 1863.

Williams, Charles, Montville, enl. July 25, 1862; wounded; disch. for disability, Aug. 1, 1865.

Wright, David, Montville, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Weller, John, Montville, enl. Aug. 4, 1862; wounded; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY F.

Burke, Samuel, East Lyme, enl. Jan. 7, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Burke, Daniel, Wethersfield, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Brewster, William H., Norwich, enl. Jan. 21, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Brady, John P., Hartford, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Cook, Edward W., Windsor, enl. Jan. 5, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Coogrove, Daniel, Windham, enl. Jan. 27, 1864; must. out June 1, 1865, at Hartford.

Daniels, Henry, East Granby, enl. Dec. 9, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Foreman, William M., New London, enl. March 5, 1864; died July 31, 1864, at Fort Monroe.

Hogan, James, New London, enl. Dec. 10, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Hogan, Patrick, New London, enl. Dec. 7, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; June 16, 1865.

Holland, Stafford, Stonington, enl. Jan. 21, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Johnson, George W., enl. Feb. 23, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Jones, Charles W., enl. Feb. 23, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Ireland, James, Brooklyn, enl. Feb. 25, 1864; died June 16, 1864, at Philadelphia, of wounds.

Kelly, Stephen A., Windham, enl. Jan. 15, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Murphy, Joseph, Wethersfield, enl. Jan. 4, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Nichols, Nimrod, East Lyme, enl. Jan. 7, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Root, William, East Granby, enl. Nov. 30, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

## COMPANY G.

James F. Brown, capt., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; pro. lieutenant; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Isaac D. Kenyon, first lieut., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; pro. capt.; died of wounds Sept. 1, 1864.

E. Perry Packer, second lieut., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Darius H. Randall, sergt., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Jan. 14, 1864.

John B. Brown, sergt., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; disch. June 14, 1864.

William P. Frink, sergt., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Courtland G. Stanton, sergt., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

William C. Bassett, sergt., Griswold, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

George H. Denison, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

- William B. Costa, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- James L. Fish, corp., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- William G. Hawkins, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; pro. 2d Lieut.; dismissed Jan. 20, 1864.
- Charles A. Staples, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died Nov. 20, 1862, at Falmouth, Va.
- Charles A. Clark, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Martin V. B. Kinne, corp., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff, Va.
- Albert T. Crumh, corp., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 5, 1865.
- Stephen V. B. Peckham, musician, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 17, 1863.
- Henry L. Larkin, musician, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Nathan W. Perkins, wagoner, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Babcock, Albert C., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died June 31, 1863, at New Haven, Conn.
- Bentley, Franklin T., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; died Nov. 1, 1864.
- Bentley, Samuel, Norwich, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Billings, Sanford N., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out May 15, 1865.
- Brown, Abel D., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Brown, Albert G., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Brown, Elialah C., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.
- Brown, Erastus S., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 20, 1865, at Fort Monroe.
- Buddington, Edward J., North Stonington, enl. Sept. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Brown, Henry D., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Nov. 22, 1862, at Knoxville, Md.
- Brown, Jesse, Jr., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Button, John T., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Bushnell, Giles, Griswold, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Braman, Luther, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; disch. for disability, June 21, 1864.
- Brown, Warren W., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Briggs, Joseph W., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 29, 1863.
- Church, George P., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 22, 1862.
- Clark, Bradford, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Sept. 24, 1864, at Charleston, S. C.
- Clark, William H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died April 22, 1863, at Hampton, Va.
- Colgrove, Ransom, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Coon, John C., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Coon, John H., North Stonington, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Congdon, George S., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died April 20, 1865, at Wilmington, N. C.
- Corey, Charles C., Jr., Griswold, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, May 20, 1863.
- Davis, James A., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died March 18, 1863, at Suffolk, Va.
- Dougherty, Charles, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Douglass, David B., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; died Jan. 10, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.
- Dunham, John, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died Dec. 31, 1864, at Florence, S. C.
- Eccleston, Latham M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Sept. 30, 1863; died Jan. 23, 1864.
- Gallamore, Thomas, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 13, 1863.
- Gallup, Jared A., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; discharged for disability, Feb. 3, 1863.
- Geer, James M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. for disability, July 23, 1863.
- Geer, John B., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Dec. 2, 1862, at Falmouth, Va.
- Gray, Thomas H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Hillard, Paul H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Kenyon, Ransom, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. T. C., Dec. 31, 1863.
- Knapp, Lorenzo D., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.
- Knight, James F., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Lamb, Warren A., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 22, 1863; died June 5, 1863, at Washington, D. C.
- Lewis, Edwin A., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 7, 1863.
- Main, Stephen A., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 14, 1863.
- Main, Jesse M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; died Nov. 20, 1862, at Knoxville, Md.
- Malu, John L., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 14, 1863.
- Main, Latham H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died June 30, 1863, at Bowersville, Va.
- Main, Silas W., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Maples, James, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Merritt, James H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1863.
- Moffet, Welcome E., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Park, Latham H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died July 1, 1864, at Richmond.
- Palmer, Asher M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out May 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Pitcher, Joel W., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 11, 1865.
- Pitcher, Edward, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, March 31, 1863.
- Prentiss, Edward C., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Peters, Hewitt, North Stonington, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died March 28, 1863, at Hampton, Va.
- Reynolds, William C., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Rix, Orrin S., Griswold, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Rix, John, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Robinson, Calvin H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died Feb. 14, 1863, at Newport News, Va.
- Sherman, Charles F., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out July 18, 1865, at New Haven, Conn.
- Stanton, Joseph W., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; died March 28, 1863, at Hampton, Va.
- Stedman, William N., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 23, 1864.
- Terwilliger, Charles M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; died of wounds, July 23, 1864, at Washington.
- Terwilliger, August, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Tanner, John E., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 9, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.
- Toal, Edward, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Tucker, James S., Voluntown, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- Watson, Thomas, Voluntown, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.
- West, Alfred M., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Jan. 6, 1863, at Falmouth, Va.

Welch, Michael, North Stonington, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Wright, Alvin H., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out May 22, 1865, at Norfolk, Va.  
 Wheeler, Edwin S., North Stonington, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; pro. qm.-sergt.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Wilcox, Noah, Griswold, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 West, William B., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 York, William B., Griswold, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; died Sept. 15, 1863, at Portsmouth, Va.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY G.

Allen, Andrew J., North Stonington, enl. March 26, 1864; trans. to 10th C. V.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Brown, Edwin M., North Stonington, enl. March 26, 1864; died Dec. 31, 1864, at Florence, S. C.  
 Davenport, John, North Stonington, enl. Dec. 9, 1863; captured June 3, 1864.  
 Oswald, Lewis,<sup>1</sup> Preston, enl. Aug. 19, 1864; trans. to 10th C. V.; disch. for disability, July 18, 1865.  
 Sutcliff, Robert, Stonington, enl. Jan. 6, 1864; died July 7, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.

## COMPANY H.

Ralph C. Foote, Jr., capt., Colchester, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; res. Dec. 20, 1862.  
 Delos D. Brown, first lieut., Chatham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; pro. capt.; disch. Oct. 31, 1864.  
 Denison L. Brown, second lieut., Colchester, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; res. Oct. 11, 1862.  
 William L. Hubbell,<sup>2</sup> second lieut., North Stonington, appointed Nov. 24, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Frederick W. H. Buell, sergt., Chatham, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; died Jan. 4, 1865.  
 Henry R. Young, sergt., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out Aug. 11, 1865.  
 Edward G. Childs, sergt., Chatham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Cyrus W. Cook, sergt., Colchester, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Abner A. Bevin, sergt., Chatham, enl. Aug. 5, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Frederick A. Rich, corp., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Edwin N. Benton, corp., Colchester, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865, at Petersburg.  
 Francis A. Felton, corp., Hebron, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 2, 1863.  
 John H. Selden, corp., Chatham, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded May 16 and June 3, 1864; disch. for disability, Feb. 7, 1865.  
 Elsworth Packer, corp., Colchester, enl. Aug. 13, 1862.  
 James Dixon, corp., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Samuel H. Gillett, corp., Colchester, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; disch. Nov. 27, 1862.  
 Edward S. Ransom, corp., Colchester, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865, at Petersburg.  
 Benjamin Adams, musician, Colchester, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Lyman P. Adams, musician, Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, July 21, 1863.  
 Bernard Dunham, wagoner, Colchester, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Avery, Isaac G., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out Jan. 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Adams, Daniel L., Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died June 6, 1864, at Cold Harbor.  
 Arnold, Joel, Colchester, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Arnold, L. Nelson, Haddam, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Avery, Charles, Chatham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died of wounds, May 22, 1864, at Richmond.  
 Bushnell, Albert C., Colchester, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out July 14, 1865, at New Haven.

Baker, Albert M., Colchester, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Bevin, William H., Chatham, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. for appointment in U. S. C. T., Dec. 31, 1863.  
 Bennett, Frank, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; disch. for disability, March 8, 1864.  
 Brown, Charles F., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died Nov. 27, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Brown, Dudley, Bozrah, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Brown, David H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Buell, George R., Colchester, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Berry, James, Marlborough, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 8, 1865, at Petersburg.  
 Bigelow, Ebenezer L., Colchester, enl. Aug. 23, 1862.  
 Bennett, Charles H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 31, 1865.  
 Brainerd, Morris B., Haddam, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; wounded June 3, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Barker, Jacob, Griswold, enl. Aug. 25, 1862.  
 Carpenter, Guinnett, Chatham, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Connor, Thomas, Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Carver, Frank M., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; died of wounds, July 2, 1864.  
 Chapman, Harlow B., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 28, 1863.  
 Carpenter, Hubert E., Colchester, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; wounded; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 4, 1865.  
 Dutton, Francis A., Chatham, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Day, William H., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Dutton, Francis J., Chatham, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, March 6, 1863.  
 Edwards, George, Portland, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; died of wounds Sept. 4, '64.  
 Emerson, John R., Colchester, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Farrell, Thomas, Norwich, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.  
 Fuller, Henry L., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; died Aug. 11, 1864, at Andersonville.  
 Fargo, John, Colchester, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Fitzgerald, John, Colchester, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died Dec. 18, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Gilton, Edward, Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Goff, James B., Chatham, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; died Dec. 4, 1862, at Fredericksburg.  
 Greenwood, William H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded June 3, 1864; must. out July 4, 1865.  
 Goff, Orrin L., Chatham, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 30, 1863.  
 Gillett, Smith, Haddam, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Green, Bradford R., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; killed July 20, 1864, at Petersburg.  
 Horrion, Michael, Colchester, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; wounded June 5, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Hills, Edwin R., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, March 21, 1863.  
 Hills, Omer C., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; wounded May 16, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Hancox, John H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Hancox, James, Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Ingraham, Joel, Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Jones, William H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.  
 Keeney, William H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

<sup>1</sup> Substitute or drafted.<sup>2</sup> Appointed after first muster.

Kramer, Peter, Colchester, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

King, Cornelia, Colchester, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 24, 1865.

Kelley, Michael, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; disch. for disability, May 31, 1864.

Lewis, John G., Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; wounded May 16, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865.

Lawler, Roger, Colchester, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.

Loomis, Henry N., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died Aug. 21, 1864, at Petersburg.

Miner, Ralph W., Hebron, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Marrow, Thomas, Colchester, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; killed May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff, Va.

Maynard, George H., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Mott, Morgan, Colchester, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Miner, Joseph H., Colchester, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died Dec. 8, 1862, at Fredericksburg.

Nichols, Frederick H., Chatham, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. for disability, June 10, 1865.

O'Connell, Timothy, Colchester, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Payne, William, Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out July 5, 1865, at Norfolk.

Pratt, Francis, Portland, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; must. out June 24, 1865, at Fortress Monroe.

Parker, Michael, Chatham, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps; died Jan. 3, 1865.

Root, Newell W., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 27, 1863.

Rich, Leander E., Chatham, enl. Aug. 6, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 29, 1863.

Reynolds, Alfred W., Colchester, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 11, 1865.

Rich, Bernice B., Chatham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Jan. 4, 1863, at Falmouth.

Sellew, Henry T., Chatham, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Selden, Henry M., Haddam, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 19, 1863.

Sexton, Calvin, East Haddam, enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Snow, Henry, Chatham, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Schmidt, Bernard, Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.

Stevens, Horace, Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; disch. for disability, June 11, 1865.

Shaylor, Justin B., Colchester, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; died Jan. 27, 1863, at Fredericksburg.

Savage, James, Colchester, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Taylor, John L., Colchester, enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

Taylor, Joseph N., Colchester, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 26, 1864.

Wall, John, Chatham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 8, 1865, at Petersburg.

West, Almira V., Chatham, enl. Aug. 8, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, Sept. 1, 1863.

Wilson, Daniel, Colchester, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865, at Richmond.

West, Gilbert, Chatham, enl. Aug. 7, 1862; wounded May 16, 1864; must. out July 14, 1865.

#### RECRUITS FOR COMPANY H.

Champlin, John B., Colchester, enl. Dec. 22, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

Dutton, Charles H., Manchester, enl. Feb. 15, 1864; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

McCarty, Timothy, Chatham, enl. Dec. 16, 1863; trans. to 10th Conn. Vols.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

**The Twenty-sixth Regiment.**<sup>1</sup>—This regiment was recruited almost exclusively in New London County, under the call of President Lincoln, Aug. 4, 1862, for three hundred thousand men to serve for nine months. This call of the President met with a hearty and enthusiastic response by many who hitherto had been hindered by consideration of family or business from entering upon a three years' term of service, believing that a vigorous campaign with three hundred thousand new recruits to our army would carry the war beyond the most critical point. On the 5th of September the Twenty-sixth Regiment was ordered to rendezvous at Camp Russell, Norwich, and by the 15th of September all the companies were assembled, and the regiment numbered 810 men. The line-officers, every one of whom except Lieut. Childs were from New London County, received their commissions September 6th. The regiment was fully organized September 22d, and the commissions of the field-officers bear that date. From this time until November 13th there was great enthusiasm manifested in the various companies in perfecting themselves in company and regimental drill. Many of the officers and privates had seen service in the State militia, and some with the "three months" men in and near Washington, while others were entering upon their first military experience, but all were fired with the same patriotic ardor and desire to have some honorable part in subduing the Rebellion. While in Camp Russell, Company K, Capt. Randall, of Groton, was presented by the ladies of Mystic River with an elegant silk flag, which was highly prized by the company and never disgraced in battle. On the 13th of November Camp Russell was vacated, under orders to join Gen. Banks' expedition, then gathering in the vicinity of New York. On this occasion the city was filled with the friends of the regiment from the surrounding towns, and as it marched through the streets to the wharf many patriotic and encouraging words were spoken by the friends of the soldiers, while there were many throbbing hearts and tearful eyes for those who for love of liberty and country were leaving behind family and friends perhaps to return no more. At five P.M. the steamer "Commodore" steamed away down the Thames, while the regimental band played the cheerful air, "The Girl I left Behind Me." The next morning the boat arrived at Williamsburg, L. I., and the regiment immediately disembarked and took up its line of march to Centreville race-course, where it arrived by one P.M. Of the seven nine months' regiments called at the same time from Connecticut, the Twenty-sixth was the first to arrive, and Col. Kingsley assumed command, and named the post Camp Buckingham, in honor of the "war Governor."

December 4th, camp was again broken, and the regiment marched to Brooklyn, and there embarked on board the steamer "Empire City," with orders to join

<sup>1</sup> By Capt. L. A. Gallup.

Gen. Banks' expedition at New Orleans. The passage to New Orleans was uneventful, except a storm of unusual severity while passing Cape Hatteras, which for a day and night was alarming even to the ship's officers. December 18th, the regiment arrived at Carrollton, on the outskirts of New Orleans, and immediately disembarked at Camp Parapet, where it remained until May 20th, performing guard duty and detached service. While at Camp Parapet several men died, and their bodies were embalmed at the expense of the members of the regiment and sent to their friends at home. May 20th, camp was again broken to join the main army of Gen. Banks, then investing the rebel stronghold of Port Hudson. Great enthusiasm was manifested in camp at the prospect of active service at the front, without fear of death that so soon awaited so many brave comrades. On the 26th of May the outer works of Port Hudson were reached, which were abandoned by the enemy after slight skirmishing. The Twenty-sixth encamped for the night within the enemy's outer works, and was ordered to make picket connection with Gen. Augur's division on its right, which was successfully done, and the investment of the rebel stronghold was completed and they shut off from Baton Rouge, their base of supplies. Early next morning, May 27th, an ever-to-be-remembered day, the rebels opened a heavy cannonade all along the lines, which, with the sharp crack of the pickets' rifles in the woods in the immediate front, left no doubt in the minds of the men that their desire for active service was about to be realized. Many will ever remember their first sensations as the solid shot crashed through the woods and the bullets whizzed through the air. The Twenty-sixth was in Gen. Neal Dow's brigade, Gen. T. W. Sherman's division, Nineteenth Corps. Gen. Sherman's division, occupying the extreme left, was brought into action on the afternoon of the 27th of May, and made a vigorous assault upon the enemy, strongly intrenched. The advance was by brigades in column by regiments, the Twenty-sixth being the third in line. The assault was met by a murderous fire from the enemy at three hundred yards' range. Broken ground, a deep ravine, a burning plantation-house, and several fences made the approach slow. The entire division was repulsed, but not without having made a gallant charge. In this charge the gallant Gen. Sherman lost his leg. Gen. Dow was wounded and made a prisoner. One colonel of the brigade was killed and two colonels wounded. The Twenty-sixth bore an honorable part. Early in the advance Col. Kingsley was shot through the mouth and was carried from the field, and the command devolved upon Lieut.-Col. Selden, who retained it, except during a few days of severe sickness, until the regiment was mustered out. In this battle Capt. John L. Stanton, of Company G, a Norwich citizen, highly esteemed, was killed by a ball through his head. He was brave to rashness. He died highly esteemed by all his regimental as-

sociates. Capt. Jedediah Randall, of Company K, was seriously wounded through both legs. He died at Baton Rouge, June 9th. Capt. Randall was an intelligent and accomplished officer and gentleman, who abandoned very brilliant business and social prospects to enter the army. He was truly lamented in death by all who knew him. Lieut. Martin R. Kenyon, of Company B, died of wounds received in this engagement. He will be remembered as a genial friend and a brave soldier. Space will not admit of mention of many brave acts and hair-breadth escapes on this eventful day. In addition to those of whom mention has been made, five privates were killed, five commissioned officers and ninety-three enlisted men were wounded, and one missing, making a total of one hundred and seven in this first engagement of the regiment. This record is a sufficient proof of the bravery and gallantry of these citizen-soldiers. From this time until June 13th the regiment was in constant service, and under fire day and night without tents of any kind. When the commanding general of the division was told that many of his troops were "nine months" men, he remarked that he intended to get *three years' service* out of them.

On the 13th of June a reconnoissance was made in force, in which the regiment lost in killed one and in wounded seven enlisted men. Early on Sunday morning, the day following, the entire brigade was ordered to assault the enemy's works on the extreme left, where most strongly intrenched, on the Mississippi River. From depletion by previous engagements and sickness, the available force of the regiment was now reduced to 235 officers and men. These, however, had already borne the service of veterans, and without flinching advanced to the deadly charge with a steadiness deserving the highest praise. Lieut.-Col. Selden, in command, handled the regiment, plying and deploying on the advance with the coolness of a field-parade. In this engagement, which lasted several hours, the loss to the regiment was: killed, eight enlisted men; wounded, two commissioned officers and fifty-one enlisted men. So efficient was the service rendered on the 14th of June that the commanding general complimented the regiment in general orders, and said that the "engagement had demonstrated the fact that the nine months' troops could be relied upon in any emergency." In this battle Adjt. S. B. Meech was wounded, and his life was saved by his Bible in his side pocket. Here the lamented Lieut. H. F. Jacobs fell, and with him four killed and fifteen men wounded by the explosion of the same shell. He refused to be taken from the field until all around him had been removed, thus manifesting the knightly spirit that was in him. He died in Baton Rouge Hospital in July, lamented by associates and friends. From this time until the surrender of Port Hudson, which occurred on the 8th of July, 1863, the regiment was in constant service in the trenches, parallels, and outpost duty. The regiment was honored by being se-

lected as one of ten to enter and receive the formal surrender of Port Hudson, and in this performance was assigned the second post of honor. Its active service at Port Hudson had embraced forty-five days, every one of which was a day of fighting or fatigue duty, being constantly under fire. Its term of service having expired, the regiment returned home *via* steamers up the Mississippi River to Cairo, thence by railway and steamer from New York, arriving in Norwich November 7th. On the return journey many sick and dying had been left at various hospitals in Memphis, Cairo, Mound City, Chicago, and Toledo. For the relief of them Governor Buckingham commissioned Capt. L. A. Gallup, of Company F, to return to all these hospitals and furnish such assistance as he deemed necessary for the comfort and return of these invalids. Upon its arrival in Norwich the regiment received a most hearty public welcome, with appropriate addresses by city officials and a bountiful collation by the citizens. On this occasion Mayor James Lloyd Green said in his address, . . . "Soldiers, during your nine months of service you have endured the privations and hardships of the camp and the march, you have faced the perils of sickness, and have braved wounds, mutilation, and death. On the field of battle you have nobly upheld the honor of the State, and have proved, in common with all Connecticut regiments, that, though our State is small in size, she is pre-eminent in the valor and manhood of her sons." . . . Returning from the malarial State of Louisiana to the bracing climate of Connecticut, very many were almost immediately stricken down by deadly disease, and soon passed to the roll-call of the Great Captain within the heavenly gates, mourned and loved the better for service rendered their country in its time of peril. While all were lamented, many will here stop and shed tears of true sorrow over the grave of Lieut. Edward P. Manning, of Company F, who, returning in apparent perfect health, was soon stricken down by malarial fever, and on the 17th of August, the day the regiment was mustered out of service, he was himself called to answer the roll-call in the army of saints in heaven. He was especially dear to every member of the regiment, as well as to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance in private life. The Twenty-sixth Regiment participated in three engagements at Port Hudson, and sustained the following losses while in service: killed in action, 15; died of wounds, 30; died of disease, 72; wounded and recovered, 57. Total, 174.

The field, staff, and line-officers of the regiment were as follows: Col. Thomas G. Kingsley, Franklin; Lieut.-Col. Joseph Selden, Norwich; Maj. Henry Stoll, New London; Adj. Stephen B. Meech, Norwich; Qr.-Mr. Benjamin F. Tracy, Norwich; Surgeon Ashbel Woodward, Franklin; 1st Asst. Surgeon Elisha Phinney, Norwich; 2d Asst. Surgeon Nathan N. Wright, New Haven; Chaplain Nicholas T. Allen, Griswold; Sergt.-Maj. Henry J. Hough, East Lyme;

Q.M.-Sergt. Charles H. Maples, Norwich; Com.-Sergt. Edward P. Manning, Norwich; Hosp. Steward Nathan D. Sevin, Norwich.

Co. A.—Capt. Jesse C. Maynard, Salem; 1st Lieut. Henry A. Smith, Montville; 2d Lieut. Joseph Peabody, New London.

Co. B.—Capt. Clark Hamilton, Norwich; 1st Lieut. Martin R. Kenyon, Preston; 2d Lieut. James S. Maples, Norwich.

Co. C.—Capt. Enoch Noyes, Jr., Old Lyme; 1st Lieut. S. E. W. Johnson, Old Lyme; 2d Lieut. Merritt A. Comstock, Old Lyme.

Co. D.—Capt. Samuel T. Huntoon, Norwich; 1st Lieut. Timothy W. Tracy, Norwich; 2d Lieut. Timothy A. Avery, Ledyard.

Co. E.—Capt. Christian Goff, New London; 1st Lieut. Lemuel C. Wightman, Waterford; 2d Lieut. John Kelly, New London.

Co. F.—Capt. Loren A. Gallup, Norwich; 1st Lieut. Edward W. Eells, Norwich; 2d Lieut. Hervey F. Jacobs, Norwich.

Co. G.—Capt. John L. Stanton, Norwich; 1st Lieut. George W. Childs, Woodstock; 2d Lieut. Pliny Brewer, Norwich.

Co. H.—Capt. Daniel Champlin, Stonington; 1st Lieut. John F. Jencks, Stonington; 2d Lieut. Samuel K. Tillinghast, Stonington.

Co. I.—Capt. Wm. H. Bentley, New London; 1st Lieut. Edward Prince, New London; 2d Lieut. Charles O. Harris, New London.

Co. K.—Capt. Jedediah Randall, Groton; 1st Lieut. Jabez S. Smith, Groton; 2d Lieut. Simeon G. Fish, Groton.

#### FIELD AND STAFF, LINE-OFFICERS, AND PRIVATES.

Thomas G. Kingsley, colonel, Franklin, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Joseph Selden, lieut.-colonel, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Henry Stoll, major, New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Stephen B. Meech, adjutant, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Benj. F. Tracy, qr.-mr., Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Ashbel Woodward, surgeon, Franklin, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Elisha Phinney, first asst. surgeon, Norwich, enl. Nov. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Nathan H. Wright, second asst. surgeon, New Haven, enl. Dec. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Nicholas T. Allen, chaplain, Griswold, enl. Sept. 26, 1862; res. disability, April 2, 1863.

Henry J. Hough, sergt.-maj., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; pro. second lieut. Co. G; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Charles H. Maples, q.m.-sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Edward P. Manning, com.-sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; pro. second lieut. Co. F; died Aug. 17, 1863.

Nathan D. Sevin, hosp. steward, Norwich, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

#### COMPANY A.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Jesse C. Maynard, capt., Salem, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Henry A. Smith, first lieut., Montville, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Joseph Peabody, second lieut., New London, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Albert Smith, sergt., Salem, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; died May 30, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson.

Henry A. Perkins, sergt., Waterford, Aug. 23, 1862; pro. second lieut. Co. K; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John C. Bushnell, sergt., Salem, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Albert C. Colburn, sergt., Montville, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John W. Bogue, sergt., Salem, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

David G. Bogue, corp., Salem, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died Aug. 6, 1863.

Walter Myers, corp., Montville, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Alonso Chapel, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Joseph Smith, corp., Salem, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Edward S. Wheeler, corp., Montville, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Elias P. Holmes, corp., Waterford, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Sherwood W. Fuller, corp., Salem, Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

James H. Chapel, musician, Montville, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Ephraim N. Little, musician, Salem, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Matthias W. Herrick, wagoner, Salem, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Adams, John, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Ackley, John, Montville, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Armstrong, Joseph C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Austin, Joseph A., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Austin, Stephen, Franklin, enl. Sept. 15, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Andrews, Russell, North Stonington, enl. Nov. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Bogue, Russell, Salem, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Banning, Samuel, Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Brown, William J., Bozrah, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died June 18, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.

Browning, Ira, Montville, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Browning, Smith, Montville, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Burdick, Charles L., North Stonington, enl. Sept. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Clifford, John D., Montville, enl. Aug. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Charlton, Thomas, Hartford, enl. Oct. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Chappell, George H., Montville, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; died July 6, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.

Chappell, John, Montville, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Chapel, John O., Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

DeWolfe, James E., Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Douglas, Robert H., East Haddam, enl. Nov. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Fuller, George H., Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Fike, Joseph, Montville, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

Gould, John C., Pomfret, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Griggs, Horace, Hampton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Gordon, Francis, Sprague, enl. Oct. 30, 1862.

Holt, Robert D., Waterford, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Hew, Thos. H., Waterford, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Lyons, Orrin E., Montville, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

Lombard, James, Chester, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.

Lamb, Charles, Lebanon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Long, John S., Franklin, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Mitchell, Warren W., East Haddam, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Meech, James F., Salem, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Morgan, Alva, Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Main, Edwin, Montville, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Martin, William, Lyme, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Mulligan, Peter, Norwich, enl. Oct. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Niles, John A., Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; died June 3, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.

Patterson, Charles, Montville, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Perkins, Wm. W., Lyme, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Palmer, Marvin, Montville, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Roden, James, Norwich, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Robinson, William, Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Rathbone, Oramile W., East Haddam, enl. Oct. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Rounds, Ferdinand, Sterling, enl. Sept. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Rounds, Lester, Sterling, enl. Sept. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Sweet, Benjamin B., Montville, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Shelley, Joseph W., Waterford, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Street, David O., Montville, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Strickland, James M., Salem, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Smith, John C., Montville, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Smith, Orrin S., Montville, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Shelley, Henry A., Waterford, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Tillotson, Joseph A., Montville, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.

Teff, George N., Montville, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Tanguay, Michael, Salem, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Terhune, Henry, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.

Thompson, James F., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

Welden, George P., Waterford, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Willett, Andrew J., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Welden, John, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Winchester, John B., Montville, Aug. 23, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., July 6, 1863.

Winchester, David L., Montville, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Williams, Henry, Waterford, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Williams, Ransford P., Montville, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY B.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Clark Harrington, capt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Martin R. Kenyon, first lieut., Preston, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died July 26, 1863.

James S. Maples, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; res. to accept promotion, Aug. 11, 1863.

Isaac W. Leonard, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; pro. 2d lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Robert P. Mumford, sergt., Franklin, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Vine S. Stetson, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John Benton, sergt., Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

James N. Clark, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Thomas Conger, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Elisha E. Fish, corp., Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

R. Jay Green, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

William P. Irish, corp., Preston, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John P. Case, corp., Franklin, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Henry C. Bailey, corp., Franklin, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 24, 1863.

Charles D. Morgan, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John C. Congdon, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Ruel B. Lamb, musician, Preston, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters of troops, Louisiana.

Enos C. Ross, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

George B. Norton, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Armstrong, Cassius M., Franklin, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.

Bailey, Edwin W., Franklin, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died July 16, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.



Bassett, George C., Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bardick, Stephen, Preston, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Barnes, George, Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bardick, Perry, Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bennett, Steward C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bennett, Ellisha, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charlton, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Corning, Hiram B., Preston, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters of troops, Louisiana.  
 Chappell, Charles L., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chapman, Giles D., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cole, Henry B., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1863; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Grandall, Charles P., Franklin, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died May 29, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Duignan, Timothy, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Davis, Alfred, Preston, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 Donahue, Thomas, Killingly, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Ellis, Rodman, Preston, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Erskine, Edward, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Fuller, Benjamin L., Preston, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Gook, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gorry, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gray, Montgomery, Preston, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died March 10, 1863.  
 Hewling, Thomas W., Franklin, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henrich, Philip, Franklin, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.  
 Hewitt, Frank, Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Harvey, St. John, Norwich, enl. Nov. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hanson, Henry C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jewett, Lee L., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; disch. for disability, May 8, 1863.  
 Johnson, James W., Franklin, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died March 6, 1863.  
 Johnson, Stephen T., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died Aug. 3, 1863.  
 Johnson, Henry P., Franklin, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Johnson, Henry, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Johnson, Dexter A., North Stonington, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Kerrigan, Thos., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kimball, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kimball, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lamb, James B., Preston, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 LaPierre, Henry H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Lamphere, Chauncy G., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lamphere, Benj. F., Preston, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lamb, Noyes J., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lamphere, George H., Preston, enl. Oct. 15, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Main, David W., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1863.  
 Main, Wm. A., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died Aug. 7, 1863.  
 Pierce, James M., Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Parkerson, James, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died June 1, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Peck, Edward A., Canterbury, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Palmer, Charles L., Preston, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Reed, Albert O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Richmond, John B., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Russell, Marcus H., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; not on must-out roll.  
 Roath, Henry G., Norwich, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Royce, Henry F., Franklin, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shugreen, Charles, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862.  
 Scott, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sweet, James D., Franklin, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Starrett, Myron W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; missing at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863; supposed dead.

Tanner, J. Frank, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Trainor, Felix, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Willer, Reuben, Franklin, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Worthington, Horace, Franklin, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Worthington, Henry, Franklin, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Whitmarsh, Edwin D., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, Eri, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY C.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1861.

Enoch Myers, Jr., capt., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Syl. E. W. Johnson, first lieut., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Merritt A. Comstock, second lieut., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry B. Harding, sergt., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Robert B. Gorton, sergt., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frederick B. Banta, sergt., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John A. Conklin, sergt., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wm. H. Flint, sergt., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Almlron Tuttle, corp., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dexter M. Lord, corp., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; died March 28, 1863.  
 George W. Rogers, corp., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Amos W. Lord, corp., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; died Nov. 29, 1862.  
 Wm. Tooker, corp., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles W. Willey, corp., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; killed June 14, 1863, at Port Hudson, La.  
 David E. Howard, corp., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Walter S. Havens, corp., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry W. Haynes, musician, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles A. Thrall, musician, East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Andrew Gourley, wagoner, Old Saybrook, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Appleby, John H., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Appleby, Wm., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bannlog, S. Waldo, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Banta, Frederick A., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Beckwith, Francis E., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bogue, Joseph M., Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Barker, Joseph R., Chester, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; killed May 27, 1863, at Port Hudson, La.  
 Beckwith, Charles J., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died June 18, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Beckwith, Reuben M., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bramble, Alanson W., East Haddam, enl. Nov. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Beebe, Wm., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Champion, Joshua, Old Saybrook, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.  
 Clark, Ebenezer J., Lyme, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died Jan. 20, 1863.  
 Chapman, Frederick L., Lyme, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chapell, Horace L., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died July 1, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Clark, Frederick W., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Champlin, James J., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Day, Charles A., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dart, Daniel, East Lyme, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dean, Daniel N., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Darrow, Jason W., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Ferriter, Dennis, Lyme, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; died July 18, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Gilbert, Marcus, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gifford, William E., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 3, 1862.  
 Gee, John S., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Harding, Thomas R., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; died July 11, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Holmes, George B., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died May 5, 1863.  
 Holmes, Daniel, East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died July 3, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Havens, Francis H., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Havens, Calvin B., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.  
 Hill, Daniel C., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Johnson, Hiram, East Lyme, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Knight, James C., Old Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862.  
 Lay, Fabius, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 20, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, William H., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, William A., Old Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lee, George, East Lyme, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Morley, James H., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Mather, John M., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Maynard, Joseph S., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; died June 26, 1863.  
 McCabe, Terrence, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Miner, Charles H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died June 16, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Morgan, John R., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Martin, David A., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 31, 1863.  
 Murray, John W., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Noon, Leroy, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Prentiss, John W., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Pool, William J., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Porter, James H., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Perkins, Joseph H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Robbins, Henry, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; died April 2, 1863.  
 Robbins, Kisha, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 17, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Roath, Daniel H., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; died Aug. 12, 1863.  
 Rowland, Alonzo W., Old Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; died June 7, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Smiley, James J., Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Schneider, Charles, Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Frederick M., East Lyme, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tucker, Chester, Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tooker, William N., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died Aug. 4, 1863.  
 Tucker, Horace P., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Willey, Edward G., Old Lyme, enl. Aug. 16, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Way, Henry C., Salem, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Way, Horace J., Salem, enl. Aug. 22, 1862.  
 Wilber, Benjamin R., Lyme, enl. Aug. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY D.

Mustered into the United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Samsuel T. Hutton, capt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Timothy W. Tracy, first lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Arden Muffitt, second lieut., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; res. Nov. 29, 1862.

Frank S. Bitgood, sergt., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George W. Kingsley, sergt., Preston, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frederick N. Cook, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Joseph A. Chapman, sergt., Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Timothy A. Avery, sergt., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; pro. second lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Asher P. Brown, corp., Norwich, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dutee G. Chapman, corp., Preston, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Erastus B. Tuttle, corp., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John W. Campbell, corp., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 James H. Torbush, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Oscar E. Hildebrand, corp., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George Miller, corp., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died Jan. 13, 1863.  
 John L. Douglass, corp., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edward F. Bromley, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Allyn, James A., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Allyn, Denison, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Allyn, Nicholas, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bitgood, Darius B., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Buddington, George D., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Braman, Edwin W., Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bresnahan, John, Norwich, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Bates, James V., Griswold, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Ball, Henry J., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bromly, Isham, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Conuell, Michael O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cole, William R., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Crouch, William W., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; disch. July 25, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Connell, Daniel O., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Christie, Jonathan L., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Christie, Edwin L., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died July 31, 1863.  
 Chapman, William E., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died May 31, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Chapman, Ephraim R., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Douglass, Benj. C., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Driscoll, Alexander, Norwich, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Enwright, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Eagan, James, Norwich, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Fuller, Wallace, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Fitch, George C., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frink, Thomas H., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 25, 1863.  
 Farrelly, Peter, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Goes, James W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gilleran, Owen, Norwich, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Harper, William, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hawthorn, Andrew, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hoxie, Jeremiah G., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kampf, Herman, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kenney, Ralph, Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kenney, Charles L., Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kerby, John, Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kramer, William, Preston, enl. Oct. 29, 1862; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863.  
 Lane, Joseph H., Norwich, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, Charles H., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lee, Denison P., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, James S., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862.

Mulcaley, Michael, Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Mulcaley, Thomas, Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Main, Nathaniel, Preston, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; died April 17, 1863.  
 Myers, Elias E., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died May 21, 1863.  
 Maynard, Appleton J., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died March 12, 1863.  
 Mitchell, John N., Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Murfit, Ray, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Newman, Thomas, Norwich, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Porter, Sabart M., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Pierce, Charles A., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Palmer, Moses N., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Phillips, John, Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died Aug. 15, 1863.  
 Sauer, Peter, Preston, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shay, Michael, Norwich, enl. Sept. 18, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sullivan, Patrick O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Joseph H., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sweet, U. Edwin, Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Stoddard, Simeon A., Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863.  
 Smith, William, Ledyard, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Slater, Rudolph, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 13, 1863.  
 Shirley, James F., New London, enl. Nov. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tomlinson, Richard, Norwich, enl. Nov. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Webb, Charles, Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, John, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Whipple, Austin, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died May 12, 1863.

## COMPANY E.

Mustered into the United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Christian Goff, capt., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lemuel C. Wightman, first lieut., Waterford, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John Kelley, second lieut., New London, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John S. Holand, sergt., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frank Mittern, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Andrew Harrison, sergt., New London, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edwin A. Parker, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Philip Malloy, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 James B. Lyman, Jr., corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 James J. Jerome, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John Miller, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Nicholas Sinicus, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John W. Mueller, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 William Golden, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jacob Guss, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Louis J. Sechtling, corp., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles Clark, musician, New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Benjamin Daniels, musician, New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 John Blaice, wagoner, New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, March 26, 1863.  
 Berger, Leonard, New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died Feb. 10, 1863.  
 Blake, John, New London, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Brewster, William H., New London, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bigelow, Michael, New London, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bennett, Michael, New London, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bolton, Franklin F., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Banks, John, New London, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bailey, Charles W., New London, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Benham, Solomon E., Groton, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bronley, Miles, Voluntown, enl. Sept. 28, 1862; died Aug. 7, 1863.  
 Chappell, Charles E., New London, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chapman, Charles, Waterford, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Corcoran, William, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Carter, Benjamin, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cooney, James, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.  
 Church, William H., Waterford, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1863.  
 Church, William W., Waterford, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died Jan. 10, 1863.  
 Currow, John, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Day, Edward, New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Darcy, Henry, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dinn, William, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Evers, James, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862.  
 Furlong, Patrick, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Foley, Martin, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862.  
 Gross, Michael, New London, enl. Sept. 14, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gullivan, Humphrey, Norwich, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Heeter, Conrad, New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hoffmeyer, John, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Holley, John, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hagan, Henry, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hammel, Conrad, New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kingsley, George W., Canterbury, enl. Oct. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kohl, Joseph, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died June 8, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Knight, Dwight P., New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lowenstein, Frederick, New London, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lasthuis, August, Norwich, enl. Oct. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 Miller, David, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Murray, William, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died May 25, 1863.  
 Maynard, John, Groton, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; died July 29, 1863.  
 Matthews, John H., New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; died Aug. 11, 1863.  
 Mouch, Peter, Norwich, enl. Oct. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Newman, Patrick, Waterford, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Newmark, Simon, New London, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Packer, William W., New London, enl. Aug. 19, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Pouch, Conrad, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Ruckert, John, New London, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; died March 28, 1863.  
 Sechtling, William H., New London, enl. Aug. 13, 1862; disch. March 4, 1863.  
 Schrader, George, New London, enl. Aug. 15, 1862; disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, John, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 Sullivan, John, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 Shepard, Henry E., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Sterry, Phineas B., New London, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; died June 25, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Smith, Norman W., New London, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shea, Michael, Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shea, James, Norwich, enl. Oct. 17, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tabrect, Thomas, Waterford, enl. Aug. 14, 1862; died May 6, 1863.  
 Wilcox, John A., Voluntown, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY F.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Loren A. Gallup, capt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edward W. Kels, first lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry F. Jacobs, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died July 5, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Henry G. Hay, sergt., Lebanon, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; pro. second lieut.; hon. disch. as sergt. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Leonard O. Smith, sergt., Franklin, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Michael Meledy, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edward G. Hyde, sergt., Lyme, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Joseph E. Leonard, sergt., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George W. Rogers, corp., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 30, 1863.  
 Joshua K. F. Howes, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Caleb F. Bishop, corp., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edward M. Dunbar, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George H. Fuller, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Benjamin Bradford, corp., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John A. Geer, corp., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles C. Phillips, Bosrah, corp., enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863.  
 Charles O. Sizce, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wm. H. Woodward, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Leonard Cutler, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Brooks, Augustus O., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 10, 1863.  
 Brooks, Henry, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 3, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Bogue, Samuel M., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bogue, William H., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Butts, Edward, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died June 24, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Beckwith, Samuel W., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Corcoran, Michael, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Congdon, Stephen A., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Carpenter, John H., Preston, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cowley, James H., Griswold, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dawley, Joseph W., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dixon, Lawrence, Norwich, enl. Oct. 17, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edwards, Horatio N., East Haddam, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 24, 1863.  
 Fenner, Jerome B., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1863.  
 Fraser, Daniel, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Geer, Ekbridge, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Geer, Cyrus M., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died May 29, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Green, Elisha N., Lisbon, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died July 9, 1863.  
 Howe, Frederick S., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Harrison, Charles W., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Hills, Elizur F., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hopkins, Michael, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Haskell, George A., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hill, Edwin, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Huntington, Daniel, Norwich, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Halloran, Patrick O., Griswold, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Johnson, Henry, East Haddam, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jewett, Eliezer, Norwich, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Luther, John W., East Haddam, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Luther, Elliott B., Lyme, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lyon, Origen, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 25, 1862; died July 12, 1863.  
 Luther, Orrin M., East Haddam, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; died Aug. 5, 1863.  
 Miner, Charles, Lyme, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Miner, Charles H., Lyme, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; died Jan. 13, 1863.  
 McNeil, John, Norwich, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Meech, Andrew H., Griswold, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Morse, Chauncey, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Morse, Joseph M., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Noyes, Caleb H., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Needham, William H., Woodstock, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 O'Neil, David, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Palmer, Wm. A., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Palmer, Horace A., Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Phillips, Norman A., Bosrah, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died June 19, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Palmer, Amos F., Lisbon, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Palmer, Noyes W., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 12, 1863.  
 Rathbun, Albert M., Lisbon, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Rogers, Niles S., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Rand, Ulysses, East Haddam, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sullivan, John O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Obed G., Norwich, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Ezra L., Franklin, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Strong, Sherburn A., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Slate, John T., Lyme, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Welcome A., Griswold, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tiffany, Francis H., Lyme, enl. Nov. 5, 1862.  
 Tyler, Henry, Griswold, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tucker, John, Norwich, enl. Sept. 6, 1862.  
 Tucker, John, Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wright, Henry C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, Calvin, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wood, Nathaniel M., Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 31, 1863.  
 Warner, Ulysses S., Lyme, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died July 1, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Wood, Wm. T., Lyme, enl. Oct. 8, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 York, Nathan, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY G.

Mustered into the United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

John L. Stanton, capt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.  
 George W. Childs, first lieut., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; pro. capt.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Pfluy Brewer, second lieut., Norwich, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; pro. to 1st lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George A. Hammond, sergt., Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Horace W. Whitmore, sergt., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edwin R. Keys, sergt., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died June 12, 1863, from wounds received near Port Hudson, La.  
 Amos S. Chapman, sergt., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Chester E. Child, sergt., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; died Aug. 10, 1863.  
 Andrew W. Paine, corp., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Elias A. Wait, corp., Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles W. Cory, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 William Ingalls, corp., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Courtland C. Avery, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; died June 23, 1863.  
 John T. Crary, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Judah L. Wister, corp., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George W. Lamb, corp., Norwich, enl. Aug. 26, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles B. Cooley, musician, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John A. Hammond, musician, Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Seth L. Peck, wagoner, Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Ashley, Samuel W., Scotland, Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Adams, Darius M., Pomfret, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Brunt, Andrew J., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bill, Amos W., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Buck, Alexander, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Babcock, Albert C., Sterling, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bosworth, Caleb A., Ashford, enl. Aug. 18, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Burlingame, Albert J., Plainfield, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died May 6, 1863.  
 Cobb, Jr., Charles A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chapman, Andrew M., Ashford, enl. Aug. 29, 1863; died April 28, 1863.  
 Cunningham, William, Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1863; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Clapp, Christopher, Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Child, Merrick M., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Case, Thomas M., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Carpenter, Ira B., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chapman, Edwin, Pomfret, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Copeland, Dyer, Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dugan, James, Norwich, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died July 28, 1863.  
 Edgerton, George F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 23, 1862; died July 23, 1863.  
 Fuller, Theodore L., Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 France, George, Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died Jan. 25, 1863.  
 Fitch, Eleazer S., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Franklin, Allen H., Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died June 17, 1863.  
 Gates, William F., Lebanon, enl. Aug. 21, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Griggs, Benjamin, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gage, Charles N., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Griffiths, Jared, Sterling, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; died June 27, 1863.  
 Holt, Charles E., Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Himes, Sylvester E. J., Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry, Thomas W., Columbia, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hovey, George, Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Haven, Peter, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Haire, William H., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; died July 21, 1863.  
 Hutchkiss, Edwin O., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jackson, Henry, Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Keables, N. Armand, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kenyon, William H., Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, Joseph T., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Marshall, Hamlet J., Norwich, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Moore, Michael, Norwich, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Maynard, Roswell E., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Noff, A. Martin, Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Penbarlow, Andrew J., Columbia, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Porter, Manderville A., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Robbins, Joseph K., Hampton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Robbins, George O., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Roadhead, John N., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Augustus F., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Snow, Lucius J., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; died May 3, 1863.  
 Smith, Albert, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 24, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Henry L., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died Jan. 3, 1863.  
 Snow, Sanford W., Ashford, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Slater, Wallace, Sterling, enl. Sept. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Stoddard, Henry, Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1863; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Amasa, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tabor, John C., Scotland, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wight, Edgar S., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, Julius, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, Charles P., Sterling, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Winear, John, Sterling, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Weeks, Godfrey P., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wheaton, Angell, Pomfret, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wilcox, George K., Woodstock, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Young, Albert F., Ashford, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died Aug. 12, 1863.

## COMPANY H.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

Daniel Champlin, capt., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John F. Jencks, first lieut., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Samuel K. Tillugbaast, second lieut., Stonington, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; pro. first lieut. Co. B; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry H. Packard, sergt., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John H. Morgan, sergt., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thomas W. Grace, sergt., Stonington, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 William J. Shuman, sergt., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died June 28, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Thomas W. Gardiner, Jr., sergt., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George E. Brayton, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frank W. Gard, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died May 18, 1863.  
 Jacob R. Lockwood, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Charles H. Burdick, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George D. Edwards, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability May 5, 1863.  
 Charles Bennett (second), corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 George H. Burgess, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Andrew H. Brown, corp., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died June 9, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson.  
 Elias L. Maynard, musician, Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Pardon L. Babcock, musician, Stonington, enl. Oct. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John R. Prentice, wagoner, Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1863.  
 Appleman, Erastus D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Babcock, Elias, Jr., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Brown, Richard A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Burdick, Horace F., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Barnes, Amos D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died Jan. 8, 1863.  
 Brown, Thomas A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1873.  
 Briggs, Orville M., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Babcock, Henry L., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Barrows, Dwight S., Preston, enl. Oct. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Crandall, Amos A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Coleman, Joseph W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863; enl. at headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Crowley, Thomas, Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dowling, Michael W., Norwich, enl. Aug. 29, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Eccleston, William F., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Eccleston, Samuel R., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frasier, Alexander B., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gladding, Charles H., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gallman, David, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Holverson, John E., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Holmes, Shubael, Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Irons, Philip A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Latham, George A., Stonington, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lyman, Christopher A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died July 26, '63.  
 Lord, James A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Merritt, David S., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Moore, John C., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Merritt, Stephen D., Jr., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Miller, Charles A., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Mosher, John M., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Macomber, Samuel M., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 McClure, George, Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Macomber, William C., Windham, enl. Sept. 11, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Nye, John, Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.  
 Parkes, Avery E., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Rice, Chauncey D., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Rathbun, Elisha K., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died Aug. 5, 1863.  
 Sweet, James, Canterbury, enl. Nov. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shirley, Edwin W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sheffield, Nathan S., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.  
 Targee, Jas. W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thompson, Warren P., Stonington, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thompson, James O., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Taylor, Charles W., Stonington, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tabor, Gardiner, Volunstown, enl. Nov. 5, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Vergason, Isaac D., Norwich, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Weemers, Thaddeus M., Stonington, enl. Sept. 5, 1862; died June 6, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson.

## COMPANY I.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1862.

William H. Bentley, capt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Edward Prince, first lieut., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles O. Harris, second lieut., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Joseph S. Fitch, sergt., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Daniel Lake, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Daniel Penhallow, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 William E. Chester, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Frederick J. Chittenden, sergt., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 William B. Osborne, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died July 23, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson.  
 George Jerome, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Henry C. Crowell, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 James H. Cone, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Orlando N. Rogers, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Beriah B. Champlin, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Andrew J. Blake, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Selden Jerome, corp., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John C. Daniels, musician, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; died July 22, 1863.  
 Henry Rogers, musician, New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jonathan R. King, wagoner, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 23, 1863.  
 Avery, Nathan F., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 2, 1863.  
 Barber, John, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died Aug. 3, 1863.  
 Beebe, Samuel P., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died Aug. 14, 1863.  
 Bragaw, Isaac, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Brewster, George, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Beebe, James W., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bailey, Joseph A., Groton, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Browne, John, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bolton, Charles, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863.  
 Colbert, Frederick, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Caswell, William H., Preston, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Calah, William J., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chappell, James J., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cullin, Martin, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Cone, Israel W., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Crocker, John, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Comstock, Isaac H., New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863, to enlist in headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Church, Richard, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cranston, James J. S., Norwich, enl. Aug. 28, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Dart, David M., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Dart, Edson E., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Darrow, William C., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Edgcomb, Clark A., Waterford, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Elkinton, Wm., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Gray, George S., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died Aug. 6, 1863.  
 Getchell, James B., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gates, Benj. F., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Garner, John, New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Getchell, John, Waterford, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Havens, Ed., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Hebron, Wolcott, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; died of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Harvey, George, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Hemphre, Hiram A., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Harrison, Asa S., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 21, 1863.  
 Herring, Thomas J., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; disch. Aug. 11, 1863, to accept promotion.  
 Kelly, Joseph L., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 King, James N., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Knight, Charles, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Keeney, Gilbert, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 King, John P., Jr., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Latimer, Joseph S., East Lyme, enl. Aug. 25, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lyman, Luther, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Minson, Charles, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Murphy, Orlando C., Norwich, enl. Aug. 27, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Nason, Oliver, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Preston, Charles, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Preston, Jas. K., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Park, John, New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863, to enl. in headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Quin, James F., New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863, to enl. in headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Bowley, Eluthian, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bowley, Jesse, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Roach, David, New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, William D., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sweet, Niles, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shelley, John H., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Spooner, Alonzo, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sizer, Thomas, New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Albert G., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smitton, Charles H., New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tnell, Cyrus E., New London, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thompson, Eugene W., New London, enl. Sept. 2, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thompson, G. H. N., New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wood, Henry, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 York, Robert, New London, enl. Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

## COMPANY K.

Mustered into United States service Nov. 10, 1863.

Jedediah Randall, capt., Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; died June 9, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Jabez S. Smith, first lieut., Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; pro. to capt.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Simeon G. Fisher, second lieut., Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; pro. to first lieut.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Herbert E. Maxon, sergt., Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; pro. to second lieut. Co. B; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Charles H. Niles, sergt., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Joshua Bliven, sergt., Groton, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Horace Cliff, sergt., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John E. Williams, sergt., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Amos E. Slack, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Latham Rathbun, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thomas Carroll, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

John G. Packer, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Alfred H. Wilcox, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John L. Seignions, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; died June 16, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 Oliver D. Lewis, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863.  
 Thos. A. Perry, corp., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 William P. Latham, musician, Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; died June, 1863, of wounds received at Port Hudson, La.  
 William Colgrove, musician, Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 John G. Rathbun, wagoner, Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Andrews, Ezra B., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Albion, Thomas, Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Avery, Giles W., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bentley, Adam C., Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; died March 18, 1863.  
 Burnett, Warren, Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Biley, Charles E., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Beebe, George W., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Birdick, Caleb H., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bailey, Ralph H., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bailey, John C., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Bailey, Prudence, Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died June 9, 1863.  
 Colgrove, Wm. A., Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cranston, Charles K., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chester, Elisha A., Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chester, Ira, Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Clark, John B., Groton, enl. Sept. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Daniels, Lyman, Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Destin, Andrew, Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Eldridge, Wm. H., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863.  
 Ewen, George H., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Fellows, Wm. C., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died July 27, 1863.  
 Gray, Stephen, Ledyard, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Holbridge, Henry S., Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hancock, Frank, Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Jett, Joseph, Groton, enl. Oct. 14, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Keeney, Charles H., Groton, enl. Oct. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kinney, Lucius M., Groton, enl. Oct. 14, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Latham, Moses F., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lewis, Joshua, Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862.  
 Manace, Albert, Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Manace, Thomas, Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; died July 21, 1863.  
 Maloy, Thomas, Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Milner, Sanford S., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Martley, Patrick, Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Newbury, Nathan H., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, '63.  
 Phillips, Josiah F., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Quinn, Charles B., Groton, enl. Sept. 13, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Routh, Ezra W., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Rathian, Samuel G., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Reynolds, Chas. F., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Spaulding, Edwin G., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Sullivan, James, Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862.  
 Shirley, Jerome A., Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Shirley, Thomas H., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died Feb. 6, 1863.  
 Shelton, Timothy, Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862.  
 Smith, Henry G., Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Smith, Isaac H., Groton, enl. Oct. 7, 1862.  
 Stafford, Armand, Groton, enl. Sept. 29, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tufts, John, Groton, enl. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Taylor, George W., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Tinker, James, Groton, enl. Oct. 6, 1862; died April 17, 1863.  
 Tift, Wm. O., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Wilkinson, Reuben R., Groton, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; disch. July 23, 1863; enl. headquarters troops, Louisiana.  
 Wood, Adoniram J., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Watson, John W., Groton, enl. Sept. 9, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Williams, Christian H., Groton, enl. Sept. 10, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Watrous, Wm. H., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; died June 30, 1863.  
 Walt, George E., Groton, enl. Oct. 7, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 White, Thomas H., Groton, enl. Sept. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 York, Edwin, Groton, enl. Sept. 3, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 York, William, Groton, enl. Sept. 4, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.



Joseph Selden

1812-1878



**JOSEPH SELDEN.**—The Seldens are an old Connecticut family, with a genealogical tree whose roots reach back to 1685, at which date the first of the name in this country settled at Hartford. Joseph Selden, the son of this pioneer, removed to Lyme in 1695, and purchased a farm there, a portion of which is still held by the family under the deed of that date. His homestead has been handed down to his descendants from generation to generation ever since. Col. Samuel Selden, the head of the family during the Revolution, commanded the Third Battalion of Connecticut troops, and participated in the battle of Long Island in 1776. He was taken prisoner during Washington's retreat from New York, and died in the Old Brick church, then used by the British as a patriot prison.

Samuel C. Selden, uncle of the Joseph Selden who is the subject of this sketch, and through whom he inherited the Lyme property, was one of the most popular and best-known men in Connecticut. He was the friend and companion of such men as John A. Rockwell, Henry Strong, Charles J. McCurdy, and Chief Justice Henry M. Wait, and served prominently in the State Senate and House of Representatives.

Joseph Selden was born May 19, 1824, and resided in Lyme, on the ancestral farm, up to the spring of 1859, filling many positions of trust and honor, including a term in the Legislature in 1855. In 1858 the old homestead was burned down, and the next spring Mr. Selden removed to Norwich. At the breaking out of the war he was made a member of the war committee and did zealous service.

In August, 1862, came President Lincoln's call for three hundred thousand nine months' men. Norwich had already sent a large proportion of her young men to the front, the task of enlistment was slow, and the outlook grew gloomy. At this juncture Mr. Selden came to the front and enlisted. His great popularity made the act timely and influential, and in three days the company was filled.

Mr. Selden was chosen captain and received his commission Sept. 6, 1862. Ten days later he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-sixth Regiment. The regiment entered active service in the Department of the Gulf.

During the siege of Port Hudson the regiment was under Col. Selden's command, and did hard and praiseworthy service. That siege was a terrible one in its effects on besiegers as well as besieged, and the Twenty-sixth Connecticut owed much of its efficiency to the zealous and untiring efforts and executive ability of Col. Selden. When the surrender took place the regiment was given a prominent place in the ceremony and honorable mention in the official reports.

When the regiment was mustered out of service, Aug. 16, 1863, Col. Selden's health was terribly shattered. On his recovery, in the fall of the same year,

he was called to the executive office of Governor Buckingham, and almost immediately was sent to New Orleans, where he re-enlisted as veterans the Ninth, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Regiments, and paid them their State bounties. On his return from New Orleans, in 1864, he was commissioned assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, and assigned to duty in the executive office. In the winter of 1864-65, Col. Selden was sent by Governor Buckingham to Norfolk, Va., to enlist colored troops for the quota of the State, as was permitted by an act of Congress. His mission was a complete success, resulting in the enlistment of several hundred.

On the assassination of President Lincoln, Governor Buckingham and Senator Foster proceeded at once to Washington. The Governor was accompanied by Col. Selden, to whom he intrusted the duty of securing a volunteer escort for Senator Foster, whose safety, as president *pro tempore* of the Senate and second in the Presidential succession, was felt to be of the greatest national importance. At the close of the war Col. Selden resigned his commission as assistant adjutant-general of the State. From the time of his entry into the executive office he had been on terms of cordial intimacy with the Governor, and treated rather as a close personal friend than as an official subordinate. In accepting his resignation the Governor sent him the following note, which shows better than anything else can the warm friendship of the two men:

"COL. JOSEPH SELDEN:

"MY DEAR COLONEL,—I am in receipt of your favor of this date, and happy to know that our official and social intercourse has been so agreeable to you, and to assure you that it has not given you more satisfaction and pleasure than it has me.

"I thank you for your expressions of personal interest, and am gratified that my official course has been such as to meet your approval.

"While you have been on duty in my office you have made many valuable suggestions, which have influenced my action and have often inspired me with new vigor for the performance of official duties. For this and all your kindness and co-operation you have my earnest prayer for your highest prosperity and happiness.

"Accept the assurance of my great respect and affection.

"WM. A. BUCKINGHAM."

Upon leaving the service of the State, Col. Selden again went into business, being one of the originators of the Norwich Lock Company, from which he retired in 1869. In 1868 he served a term in the Legislature. He has all his life been active in politics, and his fine presence, unusual tact, remarkable facility for making friendships, and unyielding fidelity to his friends have given him a wide influence. He has acted for many years as a member of the Republican State Committee, and was its chairman in 1874-75.

In May, 1869, he was made United States collector of internal revenue for the Eastern District of Connecticut, which office he has since filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to both the people and the government.

**Other Regiments.**—The following enlisted from this county in various regiments:

Samuel R. Chadwick.  
Michael McKeon.  
Henry H. Mitchell.  
Jeremiah F. Sullivan.  
Oscar F. Stroud.  
William K. Appleby.  
George E. Bump.  
Herman Ghuler.  
Charles Henry.  
Albert Helmer.  
John Halpin.  
John E. Jones.  
Henry Kerney.  
George Chapman, died.  
Frederick L. Chapman, died.  
Charles S. Comstock.  
Charles A. Day.  
Nelson H. Green.  
Theodore Hall.  
Charles H. Hammer.  
John King.  
William J. Lombard.  
William H. Sampson.  
Jacob Art.  
Charles A. Beebe.  
William C. Beebe.  
Albert A. Brewster.  
Edward B. Chipman.  
William W. Ewen.  
John W. Ferguson.  
Silas Hollis.  
Gorton Brown.  
Gilbert Beebe, Jr.  
Richard F. Morgan.  
John Mulligan.  
Patrick Murphy.  
Samuel S. Ryan.  
Benjamin G. Smith.  
Ichabod B. Slates.  
Charles E. Staplin.  
Joseph W. Tucker.  
Henry Borst.  
Michael D. Cashin.  
John Delaney.  
Michael Healey.  
Joshua C. Albro.  
John Banks.  
Henry Dandt.  
William Harper.  
William Jaeger.  
John Merkle.  
Phineas Malin.  
Robert A. Stewart.  
George W. Taylor, Jr.  
Patrick Denehey.  
John Edwards.  
James Galloway.  
Frank A. Goodrich.  
Nathan D. Lamphere.  
John Allen.  
George Allen.  
John Blake.  
Daniel Bradan.  
Michael Carroll.  
Henry Dunn.  
Frederick Havana.  
William Hall.  
John Mack.  
John Maguire.  
Thomas Magee.  
James Moore.  
Richard Murray.  
John Brady.  
Andrew Brown.  
James Boote.  
William Hough.  
John McNeal.

F. H. Fanning.  
E. E. Town.  
Warren W. Packer.  
Alfred L. Packer.  
Eugene H. Covey.  
Albert L. Gavitt.  
James M. Starr.  
Burrows Partelo.  
George W. Wilcox.  
Charles H. Corey.  
Albert C. Andrews.  
John C. Briggs.  
Charles C. Brightman.  
George Bedford.  
Edward Fowler.  
Aas B. Fish.  
William A. Gunn.  
James P. Howard.  
William H. Newbury.  
William H. Noyes.  
Isaac E. Norman.  
Horace E. Partlo.  
Horatio H. Pollard.  
George J. Ridley.  
Charles H. Tripp.  
Frank Vananken.  
Edward Bennett.  
Joseph King.  
John McDonald.  
William O'Neill.  
James Shannon.  
Robert E. Gray.  
Leonard Heath.  
David A. Mallory.  
Charles Bockwell.  
Erastus D. Smith.  
William D. Spicer.  
Nathaniel P. Wolf.  
John Wolfer.  
Martin Berns.  
James Boyce.  
William Erytroble.  
Isaac Hirsch.  
John Bagin.  
Robert Sloper.  
David White.  
James Sutton.  
Joseph T. Eccleston.  
Elisha R. Starr.  
Charles B. Maxon.  
John Huntington.  
George B. Lattimer.  
Morton W. Brown.  
Joseph A. Allen.  
Joseph N. Banks.  
John C. Collins.  
Edward L. Corder.  
Paul Dufant.  
Michael Fitzmaurice.  
Gilbert E. Fox.  
Prescott H. Baker.  
Eugene Branch.  
James Brett.  
James W. Burdick.  
Lewis P. Card.  
John H. Lee.  
Rhodes K. Lewis.  
Josiah Parkerson.  
Henry Phillips.  
Lafayette Starr.  
George H. Keables.  
Thomas Lawler.  
Henry L. Newcomb.  
DeWitt C. Newcomb.  
Samuel C. Rogers.  
David Robbins.  
Alden Budd.

Havilah Robbins.  
Jeremiah Rogers.  
John H. Tracy.  
George D. Tift.  
James H. Vergason.  
Albert E. Daniels.  
John L. Daniels.  
Eara N. Barber.  
William E. Horton.  
William G. Dickinson.  
Oliver P. Ormsby.  
Edward A. Allyn.  
Eara Avery.  
John Brown.  
Darius Bennett.  
William H. Davis.  
George Snow.  
Henry Jilson.  
Andrew H. Davison.  
Austin Adams.  
Curtis S. Arnold.  
Benjamin G. Barber.  
Joel K. Bitgood.  
Simon Brown.  
Allen Campbell.  
Michael Collins.  
Oliver P. Davison.  
Gilbert A. Davis.  
George D. Davis.  
Patrick Gallivan.  
Samuel W. Gavitt.  
Watson Garriett.  
Charles H. Green.  
Elijah J. Green.  
William Grinsbaw.  
Edward T. Jilison.  
Henry Lewis.  
Daniel Murphy.  
Samuel H. Sheldon.  
Byron D. Smith.  
Lemuel A. Smith.  
William E. Sweet.  
Whipple O. Trask.  
Timothy Tynan.  
Amel Youngs.  
Ralph Allen.  
Leroy H. Babcock.  
Cassius M. Bartman.  
John Brand.  
Charles H. Chapman.  
Josiah S. Coleman.  
Stephen Eldridge.  
John Eldridge.  
James Gay.  
Moses Gay.  
Charles B. Hutchins.  
James P. Hyde.  
Timothy O'Connell.  
Frederick J. Shelley.  
Adam Steine.  
George B. Stillman.  
Samuel Taten, Jr.  
Samuel N. Watrous.  
Edward C. Grafton.  
Henry L. Schleiter.  
Joseph Strickland.  
James E. Metcalf.  
Lewis Beckwith.  
Abner N. Sterry.  
Engelbert Sauter.  
Edward Betz.  
Elvin Beebe.  
Charles E. Chappell.  
John L. Daniels.  
Joseph Franz.  
David H. Geer.  
George C. Gilbert.

James Harris.  
Patrick Hines.  
Eara M. Holloway.  
Peter Immerlah.  
John L. Keeney.  
Ambrose E. Lester.  
Cornell M. Monroe.  
Calvin N. Niles.  
Amos S. Phillips.  
Francis W. Preston.  
Micah Read.  
Leonard G. Roeth.  
Gardner B. Rogers.  
Jacob Dyetch.  
Christopher Flynn.  
Henry Hasler.  
Walter Husey.  
Jared F. Hoxie.  
Erastus A. Maynard.  
James McGovern.  
Edward Rigney.  
Christopher Schulta.  
John Smith.  
Wm. E. Woodmansee.  
William Cole.  
Andrew Cominger.  
Harry Crawford.  
Joshua A. Dyer.  
Samuel Francis.  
Henry Gannt.  
Isaac P. George.  
Isaac J. Hill.  
Alexander Jackson.  
Jefferson Miller.  
Augustus I. Ransom.  
William H. Smith.  
John R. Swingler.  
William F. Harris.  
George M. Jupiter.  
George W. Odell.  
Charles Robinson.  
Lewis B. Thompson.  
Dennis W. Williams.  
Elijah B. Johnson.  
Charles Seeley.  
Robert Smyth.  
Sanford E. Stewart.  
Anthony Turner.  
Lewis H. Thomas.  
Isaac Wilson.  
B. O'Neill.  
George C. Penhallow.  
J. S. Hall.  
J. B. Rand.  
James B. Stewart.  
M. Donahue.  
Charles Henry.  
H. B. Smith, Jr., pro. 1st Lieut.  
W. D. Shepard.  
G. W. Penhallow.  
John Shanahan.  
Anthony Bulkley.  
P. Hickey.  
M. McKeon.  
J. F. Sullivan, died of wounds.  
O. F. Stroud.  
C. S. Comstock.  
Nelson H. Green.  
Charles H. Hammer.  
Gorton Brown.  
G. Beebe, Jr.  
R. F. Morgan.  
John Mulligan.  
N. W. Smith.  
J. W. Tucker.  
Henry Borst.  
M. D. Cashin.

- J. Art.  
 A. A. Brewster.  
 E. B. Chipman, died.  
 W. W. Kwen.  
 J. W. Fergusson.  
 J. L. Kelly.  
 A. D. White.  
 P. Newman.  
 John Banks.  
 John St. George.  
 John Fitzgerald.  
 M. Richardson.  
 J. Bishop, Jr.  
 D. M. Lee.  
 S. C. Thompson, died.  
 Thomas Goff.  
 Charles Knight.  
 J. L. Stevens.  
 John Sheridan.  
 A. Namarp.  
 J. T. Brown.  
 J. Fancemy.  
 G. King.  
 G. Konzelman.  
 John H. Phillips.  
 G. C. Fitch.  
 Ebenezer Carpenter, sergt.-maj.  
 John H. Hough.  
 S. C. Bugbee, killed June 29, 1864.  
 C. H. Eldridge.  
 John W. Pierce.  
 D. B. Winchester, killed Dec. 7, 1863.  
 Hugh B. Brockway, pro. 2d Lieut.  
 Amos Clift, 2d Lieut.  
 Samuel Bush.  
 John A. Hunter.  
 P. Sullivan.  
 Maurice Dally.  
 E. Baldwin.  
 James E. Gray.  
 John F. Hoffman.  
 John Kelly.  
 D. Miller.  
 Daniel Whipple.  
 C. A. Clark.  
 George P. DeWolf.  
 John Pachey.  
 J. J. Sullivan.  
 W. H. Birch.  
 P. Cushing.  
 A. J. Sprague.  
 H. P. Shoales.  
 Lyman Doolittle.  
 J. F. Dewolf, died.  
 Nelson Hart.  
 J. N. Mitchell.  
 E. P. Brockway.  
 E. Carlton.  
 Robert Jackson.  
 Frank Keables.  
 Richard O'Neil.  
 C. A. Richmond.  
 Charles Sawyer.  
 William Scheibel.  
 John Smith.  
 F. W. Tickle.  
 J. D. Turner.  
 Charles Armstrong.  
 William Adams.  
 James Butler.  
 William Beckett.  
 William H. Burns.
- M. Begg.  
 John Bergun.  
 George Case.  
 P. Curran.  
 A. Curtis.  
 M. Donnanue.  
 D. Donovan.  
 J. L. Fleming.  
 L. Morrisini.  
 George Martin.  
 S. McManus.  
 J. Riley.  
 H. F. Williams.  
 J. O'Donnell.  
 W. L. Hyatt.  
 William Mathews.  
 H. F. Chapman.  
 J. M. Fox.  
 J. Morrison.  
 W. T. Patterson.  
 J. Rowley.  
 James Smith, killed March 25, 1865.  
 S. Bulger.  
 D. S. Gilman.  
 A. M. Mitchell.  
 A. Allen.  
 D. McCarty.  
 W. C. Faxon.  
 J. R. Young.  
 M. O'Riley.  
 A. L. Babbitt.  
 R. F. Harvey, died March 2, 1862.  
 P. Green.  
 David Town.  
 G. Acker.  
 M. Dalley.  
 N. B. Holmes.  
 J. Kidd.  
 J. C. Foot.  
 P. G. Lumbard.  
 G. M. Manuing.  
 J. Thompson.  
 John Harris.  
 Thomas Burns.  
 James Watts.  
 Thomas Brown.  
 J. Barber.  
 William Culver.  
 C. E. Wold.  
 M. Nally.  
 H. Palmer.  
 F. Washington.  
 William Wilson.  
 H. L. Johnson, Jr.  
 P. Hanson, died July 13, 1864.  
 A. Lane, died Oct. 23, 1864.  
 A. H. Minor.  
 H. Pogies.  
 Edmund Viscount.  
 J. A. Dilworth.  
 R. C. Champlin.  
 James Church.  
 Samuel Briggs.  
 F. Alvey.  
 E. Allen.  
 C. S. Betty.  
 H. D. Friaby, died.  
 M. Taylor.  
 Charles W. Payne, Jr.  
 John Carroll, died.  
 L. H. Bailey.  
 C. W. Jones.  
 Adam Rose.  
 James Walker.
- J. Phillips, died.  
 H. E. Wells.  
 E. W. Watrous.  
 Lorenzo Burroughs, died.  
 Thomas B. Clarke.  
 John Frenn, died.  
 C. Winters.  
 H. S. Woods.  
 1st Lieut. D. O. Sullivan.  
 E. Tyghe, died.  
 W. Hussey, died.  
 James Rawson.  
 J. Burns.  
 A. Bell.  
 Surgeon A. P. Douglass.  
 J. A. Payne.  
 J. Walton.  
 E. B. Rogers.  
 Thomas Walsh.  
 T. Wilson.  
 Col. T. H. C. Kingsbury.  
 Col. H. W. Kingsbury, killed Sept. 17, 1862.  
 James Burns.  
 G. F. Tillinghast.  
 E. Riley, captured.  
 L. Gingle.  
 John Gray.  
 Capt. J. D. Griswold, killed Sept. 17, 1862.  
 G. A. Smith.  
 N. C. Dilworth.  
 W. T. Havens.  
 John H. Hurd, died.  
 P. Kennedy.  
 A. Miner.  
 Thomas Douglass.  
 G. W. Rouse.  
 J. A. Abbott.  
 W. Parkhurst, died.  
 J. Hudloy.  
 Albert Alger.  
 Henry Alger.  
 William Alger, drowned.  
 Nelson Emma.  
 H. B. James.  
 J. Congden.  
 T. W. Dolbeare.  
 W. W. King.  
 J. F. Mitchell.  
 W. B. Tooker.  
 C. B. Beebe.  
 J. L. Comstock.  
 J. P. Gay, Jr.  
 George Brown.  
 William Millerhill.  
 Henry Burnham.  
 James Crawford, died.  
 P. P. Noyes.  
 S. A. Armstrong.  
 S. D. Allen, died June 8, 1864.  
 F. Moore, died.  
 M. Carroll.  
 E. Clifford.  
 Jean Marie.  
 S. Reynolds.  
 J. Ahearn.  
 Asa Belknap.  
 James Dunee.  
 M. O'Donnell.  
 A. Leroy Prentice, died Dec. 7, 1862.  
 N. L. Bishop.  
 Henry Harris, died March 19, 1865.  
 J. A. Tracy.
- J. F. Tunner.  
 W. Butler.  
 G. W. Boyd.  
 W. H. Boyer.  
 T. Boyer.  
 E. C. Carroll.  
 J. H. Brown.  
 William H. Brown.  
 Peter Brocar.  
 W. A. Washington.  
 G. Freeman, died.  
 John Hunter.  
 Adam Smith.  
 S. C. Thomas.  
 Henry Cann.  
 Philip Davis.  
 P. Sands.  
 J. Pinion.  
 T. W. Pinion.  
 A. Reed.  
 J. P. Thompson.  
 John Underhill.  
 A. Williams.  
 E. Otis, died.  
 J. Sautsbury, died.  
 H. A. Bingham.  
 A. A. Peckham.  
 John Batty.  
 William Edwards.  
 D. Hall.  
 L. B. Johnson.  
 W. Baker.  
 A. Harkin.  
 Andrew G. Fitch.  
 Orlando L. Brown.  
 Erastus Saunders.  
 Peleg A. Dawley.  
 Asa G. Snow.  
 Alonzo B. Robinson.  
 Charles H. Potter.  
 David C. Comstock.  
 Joseph A. Crouch.  
 Oliver S. Loomis.  
 Nathaniel Ransom.  
 Timothy A. Avery.  
 Seth W. Carver.  
 George E. Carrier.  
 Moses B. Chapel.  
 Ralph R. Gillett.  
 Oscar A. Gillett.  
 Nathan B. Hutchins.  
 William H. Hyde.  
 Elias Johnson, Jr.  
 Henry C. Johnson.  
 Maurice Lappe.  
 Michael O'Laughlin.  
 Edward P. Morgan.  
 Frederick S. Mason.  
 Abel B. Neal.  
 William Netie.  
 Oscar M. Palmer.  
 Henry C. Rogers.  
 Alban Rathbone.  
 James M. Raymond.  
 Henry Storms.  
 Henry Scholl.  
 Daniel H. Sprague.  
 Amos Spofford.  
 James M. Snowden.  
 Augustus Tittel.  
 Frederick D. Winton.  
 George W. Wilcox.  
 Samuel S. Wilcox.  
 Warren A. Wright.  
 Henry J. Wilson.

Our military history is closed. We have faithfully traced the history of the various regiments, and it has been our honest endeavor to place before the people of New London County a truthful record of her gallant sons who risked their lives in the defense of their country. We have sought to deal justly with all, and give credit to each and every regiment.

While the history is a record of many of the severest battles of the war, it is not in any particular overdrawn,—it “is a plain, unvarnished tale.” It has been impossible to sketch many individual acts of heroism, but these were not wanting.

New London County may justly feel proud of her soldiery, as no section of our country acted a more prominent or honorable rôle in the great tragedy.

Sixteen years have now elapsed since the close of the Rebellion, and we find our country a united and prosperous people. Sectional strife is rapidly passing away, and the same hand strews flowers alike on the graves of the Blue and Gray:

“No more shall the war-cry sever  
Or the winding rivers be red,  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead.  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment-day,  
Love and tears for the Blue,  
Tears and love for the Gray.”

## CHAPTER VII.

### INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

*First Road between Norwich and New London—First Turnpike in the United States—The Norwich and Providence Post-Road—The Norwich and Woodstock Road—The Essex Turnpike—The Shetucket Turnpike—Railroads—The Norwich and Worcester Railroad—The New London Northern—New York, Providence and Boston—New York, New Haven and Hartford—The Colchester Railroad.*

THE first road between New London and Norwich was laid out by order of the Legislature in about the year 1670, but for more than a century, however, the road was little better than an Indian trail.

In 1789 several prominent individuals formed an association to effect an improvement of this road. The Legislature granted them a lottery, the avails of which were to be expended in repairing so much of the road as ran through the Indian land. This lottery was drawn at Norwich in June, 1791. The next May a company was incorporated to make the road a turnpike and erect a toll-gate. By these various exertions the distance was reduced to fourteen miles from the court-house on Norwich Green to the court-house in New London, and the traveling rendered tolerably safe. The toll commenced in June, 1792 [4-wheel carriages, 9d.; 2 do., 4½d.; man and horse, 1d.].

This was the first turnpike in the United States. Dr. Dwight observes in his “Travels” that this road brought the inhabitants of Norwich and New London more than half a day’s journey nearer to each other. “Formerly (he says) few persons attempted

to go from one of these places to the other and return the same day; the journey is now easily performed in little more than two hours.”

This turnpike became almost immediately an important thoroughfare, of great service to Norwich and the towns in her rear for driving cattle and transporting produce to New London for embarkation. In 1806 it was extended to the landing by a new road that began at the wharf bridge and fell into the old road south of Trading Cove bridge. In 1812 another new piece of road was annexed to it, which was laid out in a direct line from the court-house to the old Mohegan road. The company was dissolved and the toll abolished July 1, 1852.

The *Norwich and Providence* post-road was made a turnpike in 1794.

The *Norwich and Woodstock* road, extending from Norwich to the Massachusetts line, was made a turnpike in 1801, and discontinued in 1846, the company having made no dividends for six years.

The turnpike from Norwich through Salem to Essex on the Connecticut River, commonly called the *Essex turnpike*, was established in 1827, and relinquished about 1860.

The *Shetucket Turnpike Company*, to maintain a road through Preston, Griswold, Voluntown, and Sterling, to the east boundary, was incorporated 1829.

This company continued in operation more than thirty years, paying yearly on its capital of \$11,000 a small dividend averaging 1½ per cent. In 1861 the franchise was surrendered to the towns of Preston, Griswold, and Voluntown for the sum of \$1375.

A company was incorporated in 1841, for the construction of a railroad from Norwich to the Connecticut River, called the *Norwich and Lyme Railroad Company*. In 1851 the *Norwich and Westbrook Railroad Company* was incorporated to effect the same object by a different route. Nothing was done by either company beyond the forming of plans and making of surveys.

**Norwich and Worcester Railroad.**—This road was chartered in 1832, as the Boston, Norwich and New London Railroad Company; capital, \$1,000,000.

In 1836 the corporate name was changed to Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and the capital has since been increased to \$2,825,000.

Officers since 1836: Presidents—William C. Gilman, Charles W. Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, Dan Tyler, John C. Holland, Joel W. White, Augustus Brewster, Alba F. Smith, Francis H. Dewey.

James T. Richards was secretary and treasurer two years. The present secretary is Edward T. Clapp. Col. George L. Perkins has been treasurer of the company since 1838, a period of forty-four years. The present superintendent is P. St. M. Andrews.

The construction of this road was commenced Nov. 18, 1835, and it was completed and in operation in March, 1840. It extends from Norwich to Worcester, with a branch from Norwich to Allyn’s Point. It is

at present leased to the New York and New England Railroad Company, who also operate and own a controlling interest in the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad, which extends through the towns of Sprague and Lisbon.

**The New London Northern Railroad.**—This road was chartered as the New London, Willimantic and Springfield Railroad Company in May, 1847. In the following year the name was changed to New London, Willimantic and Palmer Railroad, and opened to Willimantic in September, 1849, and to Palmer in 1850. The road was subsequently sold on foreclosure, and reorganized as the New London Northern in 1859.

The Amherst and Belchertown Railroad Company was chartered in May, 1851, and the road opened from Palmer to Amherst in May, 1853. It was sold on foreclosure Oct. 14, 1858, and reorganized as the Amherst, Belchertown and Palmer, November 23d, same year. The road was purchased by the New London Northern Railroad Company in March, 1864, and extended to its present terminus in 1867. The road is leased by the Central Vermont Railroad Company. It is one hundred and ten miles in length, with 16.90 miles of sidings. The present officers are: Robert Coit, president; J. A. Southard, secretary; George W. Bentley, general superintendent; M. R. Moran, general ticket agent; Charles F. Spaulding, general freight agent.

**The New York, Providence and Boston Railroad** enters this county at Westerly, and extends westward through the towns of Stonington and Groton to New London. This road is a consolidation of

the New York and Stonington Railroad Company, which was chartered in May, 1843, and the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, which was chartered in 1832. The main line was opened Nov. 10, 1837. In December, 1859, the company leased the New London and Stonington Railroad, which was chartered in May, 1852, and opened Dec. 30, 1858, for five years, at the expiration of which time they purchased that line. The total length of the road is 62.50 miles. The company owns two steam ferry-boats, the "Thames River" and "Groton," which ply between Groton and New London. The officers are as follows: Samuel D. Babcock, president; D. S. Babcock, vice-president; Henry Morgan, treasurer; A. R. Langeley, Jr., acting secretary; A. S. Mathews, chief engineer; J. B. Gardner, superintendent; F. B. Noyes, general ticket agent; Silas F. Ward, assistant superintendent.

**The Shore-Line Railroad** extends from New Haven to New London, fifty miles, passing through the towns of Old Lyme, East Lyme, and Waterford, in this county. It was chartered as the New Haven and New London Railroad Company in May, 1848, and opened in July, 1852. It was leased to the New York and New Haven Railroad Company, Nov. 1, 1870, and is now operated by the New York, New Haven and Hartford.

**The Colchester Railroad** extends from Colchester to Turnerville, a distance of about three and one-half miles, and is operated by the Boston and New York Air-Line Railroad. E. S. Day, of Colchester, is president.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## POPULATION AND SCHOOL STATISTICS.

## POPULATION.\*

TOWNS.	1756.	1774.	1782.	1800.	1810.	1820.	1830.	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.
New London.....	3171	5988	5688	6150	3238	3330	4335	5519	8,021	10,115	9,576	10,929
Norwich.....	6540	7327	7325	3476	3528	3634	5161	7219	10,265	14,448	16,653	22,141
Bosrah.....				934	960	1083	1073	1067	807	1,216	984	1,155
Colchester.....	2312	3258	3165	3163	2697	2152	2068	2101	2,468	2,862	3,383	2,974
East Lyme.....								1412	1,381	1,606	1,506	1,731
Franklin.....				1210	1161	1161	1196	1000	895	2,358	731†	686
Griswold.....						1849	2212	2185	2,065	2,217	2,575	2,745
Groton.....	2869	4208	3823	4302	4451	4804	4801	2383	3,745	4,450	5,124	5,127
Lelanou.....	3274	3950	3950	3652	2580	2719	2555	2194	1,901	2,174	2,211	1,845
Ledyard.....								1871	1,658	1,615	1,392	1,373
Lisbon.....				1158	1128	1159	1161	1052	918	1,262	592†	630
Lyme.....	2956	4188	3796	4180	4321	4069	4044	2856†	2,638	1,240†	1,181	1,025
Montville.....				2233	2187	1951	1964	1990	1,848	2,141	2,495	2,666
North Stonington.....					2524	2624	2840	2269	1,936	1,913	1,750	1,769
Old Lyme.....										1,304	1,362	1,387
Preston.....	2018	2338	2287	3440	3284	1899	1935	1727	1,842	2,092	2,161	2,519
Salem.....						1053	959	811	764	830	717	574
Sprague.....											3,463	3,207
Stonington.....	3518	5412	5245	5437	3043	3056	3397	3898	5,431	5,827	6,313	7,353
Voluntown.....	1048	1601	1501	1112	1016	1116	1304	1185	1,064	1,055	1,052	1,186
Waterford.....					2185	2239	2463	2329	2,259	2,555	2,482	2,701

\* In this table the census from 1756 to 1800, inclusive, is by colonial and State authority. A State census was taken in 1790, but the towns in New London County were so bleuded in giving the result that only the total, 33,200, can be given definitely.

Lelanou was part of Windham County from 1726 to 1824, but is included as in Voluntown, which was part of the same county until after the census of 1880.

† Town divided.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Towns.	Grand List, 1879.	Number of Districts.	Enu-mer-ation, Jan., 1880.	SCHOLARS.						TEACHERS.						
				Registered.			Private Schools.	In no School.	Average Attend.		Male.		Female.		Wages, Month.	
				W.	S.	Over 16.			W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	Male.	Female.
New London.....	\$6,531,594	1	2,089	1,779	1,727	73	53	42	1,306	1,361	3	3	38	38	\$120.00	\$38.03
Norwich Town.....		1	331	234	236	6	10	17	183	178	1	1	5	4	110.00	36.00
"    Central.....		1	1,507	1,086	1,085	18	122	181	962	980	3	3	31	31	160.00	47.81
"    W. Chelsea.....		1	927	702	675	4	23	53	519	540	3	3	17	17	56.67	35.59
"    other districts.....		1	1,234	1,496	1,376	23	192	174	1,195	1,096	7	6	29	31	68.67	32.68
"    complete.....	13,431,430	12	4,969	3,518	3,382	51	347	405	2,859	2,794	14	12	62	63	87.85	39.18
Bozrah.....	527,281	7	278	241	1-2	15	2	35	175	125	3	1	3	5	31.54	29.44
Colchester.....	1,396,200	12	811	498	452	36	4	17	392	351	7	2	10	15	48.22	26.63
East Lyme.....	564,318	9	428	359	254	24	37	30	255	187	7	2	3	8	34.50	20.90
Franklin.....	309,191	7	141	120	86	8	5	6	97	65	4	0	3	7	23.50	19.45
Griswold.....	1,248,742	14	654	457	396	28	5	16	363	293	8	1	8	15	36.34	30.91
Groton.....	2,122,069	11	1,110	917	778	64	45	47	711	584	10	5	10	14	44.84	28.85
Lebanon.....	1,103,172	16	411	272	257	43	12	41	291	202	12	1	3	14	29.08	18.73
Ledyard.....	521,949	14	325	307	201	39	0	23	246	145	12	0	2	13	21.89	13.08
Lisbon.....	288,291	5	86	94	76	9	0	0	65	54	2	0	3	4	21.88	22.22
Lyme.....	302,381	7	244	197	166	13	10	28	152	122	4	2	3	5	23.89	20.72
Montville.....	1,065,995	12	622	476	443	31	9	61	347	304	4	2	10	12	45.81	27.49
North Stonington.....	741,518	16	382	347	303	26	2	27	269	215	12	4	3	10	26.29	20.03
Old Lyme.....	459,248	8	324	271	207	15	52	15	194	134	4	0	4	8	25.10	17.59
Preston.....	870,288	12	627	571	458	38	11	23	432	361	10	3	7	13	28.77	20.15
Salem.....	271,457	8	144	128	80	13	1	14	92	57	3	1	5	7	24.43	20.17
Sprague.....	1,196,677	5	1,030	317	271	23	413	284	280	191	4	3	5	6	65.65	28.67
Stonington.....	4,851,183	17	1,641	1,275	1,180	36	85	110	977	884	11	7	23	28	50.71	33.14
Waterford.....	1,003,788	11	596	509	447	23	11	48	367	311	6	1	7	12	35.43	28.97
Twenty towns.....	\$38,823,749	203	16,772	12,763	11,323	604	1,104	1,272	8,840	8,725	140	50	232	315	\$46.33	\$31.31

Towns.	RECEIPTS.							EXPENSES.		
	School Fund, etc.	Town Deposit.	Local Funds.	Town Tax.	District Tax.	Volunt'y Contrib.	Other Sources.	Total.	Teachers' Wages.	Total.
New London.....	\$4,804.70	\$560.66	\$2,862.00	\$15,400.00			\$194.80	\$23,822.16	\$18,066.00	*\$24,208.57
Norwich Town.....	781.30	52.84		1,045.91	\$1,206.90		245.69	3,112.64	2,748.00	3,175.85
"    Central.....	3,486.10	240.59		4,360.95	18,538.00		75.00	24,780.64	19,665.40	*24,592.33
"    West Chelsea.....	2,132.10	148.00		2,810.22	6,126.62		35.50	11,252.44	7,105.20	*11,252.44
"    other districts.....	5,188.20	358.65		6,982.92	9,157.31	\$15.00	307.89	21,937.97	13,994.21	*21,141.89
"    complete.....	11,497.70	798.08		15,200.00	33,128.83	15.00	664.08	61,403.69	43,410.81	*60,165.51
Bozrah.....	639.40	166.50		673.69			87.31	1,566.90	1,328.07	1,566.90
Colchester.....	1,405.30	229.50	10.00	3,654.08			16.98	5,347.66	5,001.86	*5,419.54
East Lyme.....	984.40	24.00	133.90	1,137.23	1,490.00	15.00	63.42	3,847.95	2,014.87	*3,427.48
Franklin.....	324.90	127.47	243.95	542.60	100.00	12.00		1,350.32	1,127.00	1,350.32
Griswold.....	1,504.20	340.86	30.00	2,504.29	1,246.57			5,615.92	3,667.95	*4,865.40
Groton.....	2,553.00	410.36		4,140.71	2,412.22	300.00	60.56	9,876.85	6,450.54	*10,306.22
Lebanon.....	945.30	384.71	97.79	1,673.08	41.36	111.12		3,253.36	2,790.34	3,232.84
Ledyard.....	747.50	322.69	57.04	661.76		194.34		1,983.33	1,742.02	1,983.33
Lisbon.....	197.80	83.15	22.85	529.75				833.55	721.95	833.55
Lyme.....	561.20	246.77		441.10		4.63		1,253.70	1,151.43	1,253.70
Montville.....	1,430.60	303.88		1,908.50	866.91	20.00	20.00	4,549.89	3,704.53	*4,407.16
North Stonington.....	878.60	395.28	53.29	1,433.61		144.17	30.00	2,934.95	2,535.33	2,934.95
Old Lyme.....	814.20	221.00		299.80				1,325.00	1,200.00	1,445.00
Preston.....	1,442.10	186.80	61.70	2,080.83	2,008.28			5,779.71	3,614.33	4,417.18
Salem.....	341.20	147.78		526.29				1,005.27	913.41	1,005.27
Sprague.....	2,369.00	154.05		650.28	425.72	12.75	63.00	3,674.80	2,670.24	*3,895.63
Stonington.....	3,774.30	528.15		6,053.71	4,999.62	19.50	165.26	15,540.54	13,240.91	*15,966.22
Waterford.....	1,370.80	365.00		1,679.73	151.69	25.00	35.60	3,627.82	2,989.15	*3,661.29
Twenty towns.....	\$38,575.60	\$5,996.69	\$3,572.52	\$61,181.04	\$46,861.20	\$890.49	\$1,415.83	\$158,493.37	\$118,330.71	*\$156,347.08

\* Including money for new school-houses, and for libraries and apparatus.

## CHAPTER IX.

## NEW LONDON.

Geographical—Topographical—The Founder of New London—John Winthrop the Younger—The First Grant—Fisher's Island—Government Commission for the Founding of New London—Naming the Town—Home-Lots—The Town Plot—The Removal of Winthrop—Initial Events—The First Birth, Marriage, and Death—Indian Troubles—Fortifications—Early Dissensions—Patent of New London.

THE town of New London lies in the southern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Waterford; on the east by New London Harbor, which separates it from Groton; on the south by Long Island Sound; and on the west by Waterford. It is the smallest town in area in the State, the town and city limits being identical.

**The Founder of New London.**—To John Winthrop the younger is ascribed the honor of having been the founder of New London. It seems that he entered into the project with the same zeal which marked the advent of Maj. Pyncheon at Springfield, Roger Ludlow at Fairfield, and other intrepid pioneers, who have left imperishable records of their enterprise and wisdom.

The first grant to Winthrop was of Fisher's Island, by the State of Massachusetts, Oct. 7, 1640. That State, however, reserved the right of Connecticut, provided the island should be decided to belong to that colony. Under date April 9, 1641, the General Court of Connecticut, upon application from Mr. Winthrop for a clearer title to the island, answered as follows:

"April 9, 1641.

"Upon Mr. Winthrop's motion to the Court for Fisher's Island, it is the mind of the Court that so far as it hinders not the public good of the country, either for fortifying for defence, or setting up a trade for fishing or salt, and such like, he shall have liberty to proceed therein."

In 1664, Fisher's Island was included in the patent of New York, and in 1668, Governor Nichols, of New York, confirmed to him the possession of the island by patent bearing date March 28, 1668. By this patent it was declared to be "an entire enfranchised township, manor, and place of itself, in no wise subordinate or belonging into, or dependent upon, any riding, township, place, or jurisdiction whatever."

It seems, however, that Mr. Winthrop was in no haste to occupy his grant, for it was not until 1644, three years after its confirmation by Connecticut, that he located upon the island. In the opening of that year he commenced improvements, and on June 28, 1644, he obtained a grant from Massachusetts of a "plantation at or near Pequot for iron-works."

This location was thus described by Capt. Stoughton in 1637, while here on his expedition against the Pequots. After noting the absence of meadows and stating that the uplands were good, he says,—

"Indeed, were there no better, 'twere worthy the best of us, the upland being, as I judge, stronger land than the bay upland.

"But if you would enlarge the state and provide for the poor servants of Christ that are yet unprovided (which I esteem a worthy work), I must speak my conscience. It seems to me God hath much people to bring hither, and the place is too strait [i. e., the settlements in the Bay],

most think. And if so, then considering, 1st, the goodness of the land; 2d, the fairness of the title; 3d, the neighborhood to Connecticut; 4th, the good access that may be thereto, wherein it is before Connecticut, etc.; and 5th, that an ill neighbor may possess it, if a good do not,—I should readily give it my good word, if any good souls have a good liking to it."

The "neighborhood to Connecticut" mentioned by Capt. Stoughton meant the plantations on the river. Pequot was not a part of it.

In the summer of 1645, Mr. Winthrop had become an actual settler of the plantation at Pequot, and was engaged in "clearing up the land and laying out the new plantation." He was assisted in the enterprise by Thomas Peters, a Puritan clergyman from Cornwall, England, who had been chaplain to Mr. Fenwick and the garrison of the fort at Saybrook.

As an evidence that Mr. Winthrop was here in 1645, is a letter written by Roger Williams, under date June 22, 1645. "For his honored, kind friend, Mr. John Winthrop, at Pequot—These." The letter closes with these words, "Loving salutes to your dearest and kind sister." The lady referred to was Mr. Winthrop's sister, Mrs. Margaret Lake. Here, then, we have conclusive evidence that three pioneers were on the grounds of the new plantation in 1645. In addition to the above, there were, doubtless, others here at the same time, for in 1645 the meadow at Lower Mamacock was mowed by Robert Hempstead, Upper Mamacock by John Stebbins and Isaac Willey, and at Fog-plain by Cary Latham and Jacob Waterhouse. Thomas Miner and William Morton were doubtless also among the band of pioneers who commenced improvements here in 1645.

**Government Commission for the Founding of New London.**—The following order of the General Court, recognizing the settlement in the "Pequot Country," was made under date of May 6, 1646:

"At a General Court held at Boston, 8th of May, 1646. Whereas, Mr. John Winthrop, Jun., and some others have, by allowance of this Court, begun a plantation in the Pequot country, which appertains to this jurisdiction as part of our proportion of the conquered country; and whereas, this court is informed that some Indians who are now planted upon the place where the said plantation is begun are willing to remove from their planting-ground for the more quiet and convenient settling of the English there, so that they may have another convenient place appointed; it is therefore ordered that Mr. John Winthrop may appoint unto such Indians as are willing to remove, their lands on the other side; that is, on the east side of the Great River of the Pequot country, or some other place for their convenient planting and subsistence, which may be to the good liking and satisfaction of the said Indians, and likewise to such of the Pequot Indians as shall desire to live there, submitting themselves to the English government, &c.

"And whereas, Mr. Thomas Peters is intended to inhabit in the said plantation, this Court doth think fit to join him to assist the said Mr. Winthrop, for the better carrying on the work of said plantation. A true copy," &c.—*New London Records*, Book vi.

The elder Winthrop records the commencement of the plantation under date of June, 1646:

"A plantation was this year begun at Pequot river by Mr. John Winthrop, Jun., [and] Mr. Thomas Peter, a minister (brother to Mr. Peter, of Salem), and [at] this Court power was given to them two for ordering and governing the plantation till further order, although it was uncertain whether it would fall within our jurisdiction or not, because they of Connecticut challenged it by virtue of a patent from the king, which

was never showed us." "It mattered not much to which jurisdiction it did belong, seeing the confederation made all as one; but it was of great concernment to have it planted, to be a curb to the Indians."<sup>1</sup>

The uncertainty with respect to jurisdiction hung at first like a cloud over the plantation. The subject was discussed at the meeting of the commissioners at New Haven, in September, 1646. Massachusetts claimed by conquest, Connecticut by patent, purchase, and conquest. The record says,—

"It was remembered that in a treaty betwixt them at Cambridge, in 1638, not perfected, a proposition was made that Pequot river, in reference to the conquest, should be the bounds betwixt them, but Mr. Fenwick was not then there to plead the patent, neither had Connecticut then any title to those lands by purchase or deed of gift from Uncas."

"The decision at this time was, that unless hereafter Massachusetts should show better title, the jurisdiction should belong to Connecticut. This issue did not settle the controversy. It was again agitated at the Commissioners' Court, held at Boston, in July, 1647, at which time Mr. Winthrop, who had been supposed to favor the claims of Massachusetts, expressed himself as 'more indifferent,' but affirmed that some members of the plantation who had settled there, in reference to the government of Massachusetts and in expectation of large privileges from that colony, would be much disappointed if it should be assigned to any other jurisdiction.

"The majority again gave their voice in favor of Connecticut, assigning this reason—'Jurisdiction goeth constantly with the patent.'"

"Massachusetts made repeated exceptions to this decision. The argument was in truth weak, inasmuch as the Warwick Patent seems never to have been transferred to Connecticut,—the colony being for many years without even a copy of that instrument. The right from conquest was the only valid foundation on which she could rest her claim, and here her position was impregnable.

"Mr. Peters appears to have been from the first associated with Winthrop in the projected settlement, having a co-ordinate authority and manifesting an equal degree of zeal and energy in the undertaking. But his continuance in the country, and all his plans in regard to the new town, were cut short by a summons from home, inviting him to return to the guidance of his eminent flock in Cornwall. He left Pequot in the summer of 1646."<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Winthrop, accompanied by his family and brother, Dean Winthrop, left Boston in October, 1646, and resided the first winter on Fisher's Island. The following summer, having erected a house on the "townplot" at New London, he removed his family to the new location comprising that part of the town afterwards known by the name of "Winthrop's Neck," now East New London.

"Stubens and Thomas Miner, for the years follow-

ing, to act in all towne affaires, as well in the disposing of lands as in other prudentiall occasions for the towne."

**Voted that the Town be called London.**—"The same day the inhabitants did consent and desier that the plantation may be called London."

It was also proposed that the town should be styled "Pequit Plantation, or London." The General Court declined to sanction the name chosen, and it continued to be called by the Indian name Mameeug. The town, however, soon became known as Lon'on Town, or New Lon'on.

**House-Lots.**—The grantees of house-lots were thirty-six in number. The five lots after Winthrop's were probably John Gager, Cary Latham, Samuel Lothrop, John Stebbins, and Isaac Willey, whose homesteads lay northwest of Mr. Winthrop's, on the upper part of what are now William Street and Main Street.

"7. Jacob Waterhouse is granted by a general vote and joynt consent of the townemen of Mameeug to have six ackers for an house-lot next to John Stubens, be it more or less."

Thomas Miner, William Bordman, William Morton. These three were in the southwest part of the town plot, between Bream and Close Coves, covering what is now known as Shaw's Neck. Miner's lot was one of the earliest taken up in the plantation. Bordman in a short time sold out to Morton, and left the place.<sup>4</sup>

"After these are William Nicholls, Robert Hempstead (whose lot is said to lie 'on the north side of his house between two little fresh streams'), Thomas Skidmore, John Lewis, Richard Post, Robert Bedell, John Robinson, Deane Winthrop, William Bartlett (on the cove called Close Cove; this lot is dated in the margin 15th October, 1647), Nathaniel Watson, John Austin, William Forbes, Edward Higbie, Jarvis Mudge, Andrew Longdon ('at the top of the hill called Meeting-house Hill, by a little run of fresh water'), William Hallett, Giles Smith, Peter Busbrow, James Bemis, John Fossecar, Consider Wood, George Chappell. After these the grants are recorded in a different hand, and are of later date. Mr. Jonathan Brewster, Oct. 5, 1649. Thomas Wells, Peter Blatchford, Nathaniel Masters, all dated Feb. 16, '49-50.

"In the above list of grants, those which are crossed, or indorsed as forfeited, are Watson, Austin, Higbie, Mudge, Hallett, Smith, Busbrow, Fossecar, Wood, Chappell. Mudge and Chappell, however, settled in the town a little later.

"The list of cattle-marks in the writing of this first clerk, that is, before 1650, furnishes but sixteen names, viz., Winthrop, Morton, Aitkins, Waterhouse, Stebbins, Willey, Nicholls, Skidmore, Lothrop, Bedell, Latham, Lewis, Hempstead, Bordman, Gager, Miner, Bartlett. Mr. Brewster is next added same date, and the Cape Ann party.

<sup>1</sup> Sav. Winthrop, vol. II. p. 205.

<sup>2</sup> Records of the United Colonies. (Hazard, vol. II.)

<sup>3</sup> Miss Caulkins.

<sup>4</sup> A William Bordman died a few years later at Guilford, leaving no issue. He was probably the same person. (Judd MS.)



"Thomas Stanton's house-lot consisted of six acres on the bank, northeast of Brewster's. This locality might be now designated as fronting on Bank Street, north of Tilley, and extending back to Methodist Street. He sold it in 1657 to George Tongue. Robert Brookes had a house-lot given him, but forfeited it.

"Kempo Sybada, the Dutch captain, was accommodated with a lot fronting on Mill Cove, the town street running through it, and extending west to the present Huntington Street. In later times it was Shapley property, and Shapley Street was cut through it. Next south was Thomas Doxey's lot, reaching to the present Federal Street, and still farther south the lots of Edward Stallion and Thomas Bayley (Bailey), extending nearly to State Street. Bayley's lot of three acres was granted in August, 1651. West of Stallion and Bayley was Peter Blatchford's lot, that had been laid out the previous year and was estimated at eight acres, but much encumbered with swamp and rock. Church Street now intersects this large lot, which had its front on State Street, extending east and west from Union to Meridian Streets.

"On the town street, east of Stallion and Bayley, a lot of ample dimensions was laid out to John Gallop, eight acres in the very heart of the town, covering the space east of the town street to the beach, and extending north from State Street to Federal.

"George Chappell's lot, granted Feb. 20, 1651-52, was afterwards the Manwaring homestead, on Manwaring's Hill.

"William Comstock's location was on Post Hill, near the present corner of Vauxhall and Williams Streets. Mrs. Lake and John Elderkin had a lot of eight acres divided between them, next south of Comstock. The dividing line between them was directly opposite the intersection of the highway now called Granite Street. South of them, near the intersection of the present Broad Street, was Matthew Waller. This elevated neighborhood was called Waller's Hill. Thomas Hungerford had a lot on the bank next above Stanton's. Edward Scott and Thomas Stedman forfeited their grants, though at a period fifteen years later Stedman, or another person of the same name, became an inhabitant.

"Trumbull, in the 'History of Connecticut,' treating of the plantation at Pequot, places the removal of Mr. Blinman under 1648:

"This year Mr. Richard Blinman, who had been a minister in England, removed from Gloucester to the new settlement, in consequence of which a considerable addition was made to the numbers who had kept their station.

"This date is too early. A comparison of the records of Gloucester with those of New London shows that he did not remove till 1650. The records of neither place afford us any clue to the causes which led to this change of abode. No disagreement of Mr. Blinman with his parishioners at Gloucester is mentioned. Ecclesiastical dissensions, however, existed in the colony, from which he may have wished

to escape. He appears to have been desirous also of living near to some settlement of the natives, in order to devote a part of his time to their instruction.

"The original contract of the town with Mr. Blinman has not been preserved; but from subsequent references it appears that a committee had been sent to confer with him, who had pledged liberal accommodations of land, with a salary of sixty pounds per annum, which was to be enlarged as the ability of the town increased. A house-lot of six acres, on Meeting-house Hill, was confirmed to him Dec. 20, 1650, 'three acres whereof,' says the record, 'were given by the town's agents, as appears in the articles, and the other three by a public town-meeting.' This house-lot covered some of the highest land in the town plot, and was directly north of that of Mr. Parke. Described by modern boundaries, it occupied the space between the old burial-ground and Williams Street, along the north side of Granite Street. The town built his house for him, as appears from various references and charges respecting it, but on what part of the lot it stood is uncertain.

"The whole Eastern or Cape Ann Company that proposed removing with Mr. Blinman could not have been less than twenty families. Nearly this number of planters came on the next spring, but some of them merely to explore and view the country. Perhaps a dozen brought with them their families, cattle, and goods, and became permanent inhabitants. Several of these are supposed to have been members of Mr. Blinman's church at Chepstowe, in Monmouthshire, England, before his ejection. They had accompanied him over the ocean, had kept with him at Marshfield and at Gloucester, and now followed his fortunes to the shore of the Sound. They were farmers and mechanics, who had found Gloucester, which was then little more than a fishing station, an unfavorable place for their occupations, and hoped by coming further south to meet with a less sterile soil and a fairer field for enterprise. It was certainly an object for the faithful pastor and his tried friends to keep together, and as Pequot was without a minister and casting about to obtain one, the arrangement was an agreeable one on all sides. The settlement of the Parkes in the plantation was also very probably linked with the removal of Mr. Blinman, he being connected with them by family ties.<sup>1</sup>

"In March, 1651, the principal body of these Eastern emigrants arrived; in addition to those already named, John Coite the younger, William Hough, Thomas Jones, Edmund Marshall and his son John, William Meades, and James Morgan belonged to the same company. With them came also Robert Allyn, from Salem, and Philip Taber, from 'Martin's Vine-

<sup>1</sup> "It is probable that Mr. Blinman's wife Mary and Dorothy, wife of Thomas Parke, were sisters. In various deeds and covenants on record Mr. Blinman calls Thomas Parke his brother, and in a deed of 1653 he conveys land which he says 'I had of my brother-in-law, Thomas Parke.'

yard.' The plantation at this period was a place of considerable resort, and a number of persons enrolled their names and obtained grants, whose wavering purposes soon carried them elsewhere. The younger Coite, the two Marshalls, and Thomas Jones, after a short residence, returned to Gloucester. Philip Taber commenced building a house on Foxen's Hill, which he never occupied or completed. It was sold by his brother-in-law, Cary Latham, in 1653.

"Several other persons also appear among the grantees or planters of the town at this flood-time of increase, but no certain date can be given for their arrival. These are Matthew Beckwith, the Beeby brothers (John, Samuel, and Thomas), Peter Collins, George Harwood, Richard Poole, and John Packer. Samuel Beeby, and perhaps John, had been for some time in the plantation, in the service of Mr. Winthrop. Thomas is supposed to have come with the Eastern Company. All had house-lots given them in the spring of 1651.

"Next to Mr. Blinman, the person of most note in the Cape Ann Company was Obadiah Bruen. He had been recorder and one of the townsmen of Gloucester for several years, and in transferring his residence seems to have taken his pen and his official duty with him. His latest registration in Gloucester was made in December, and the succeeding February he was recorder and one of the townsmen of Pequot. The house-lot accorded to him was on Meeting-house Hill, and covered a considerable part of what is now the town square, leaving only narrow highways on the north and west, and extending south to the present Broad Street. Portions of it were afterwards given up to the town by himself and subsequent owners. He sold it in 1653 to William Hough.

"Early in 1651, New Street, in the rear of the town plot, was opened for the accommodation of the Cape Ann company. This position was designated as 'beyond the brook and the ministry lot.' It was carved into house-lots and took the name of Cape Ann Lane. The lots on this street were nine in number, of six acres each, extending both sides of the narrow street from the alder swamp in front to Cedar Swamp on the west. Beginning at the lower end, Hugh Calkins had the first lot by the Lyme road, or highway to Nahantick, as it was then called, and next him was his son-in-law Hugh Roberts, then Coit, Lester, Avery, Allyn, Meades, Hough, Isbell. The Beebys and Marshalls were yet farther north. James Morgan was 'on the path to New Street' (i. e., Ashcraft Street). William Keeny was nearly opposite the south entrance to New Street, on the Nahantick road. Parker was next below him, at the head of Close Cove, and Wellman on the same cove, southeast of Parker. Wellman and Coite, however, exchanged lots; the latter was a ship-carpenter and wished to be near the water, where he could be accommodated with a building-yard.

"The house-lots accorded to the new-comers were

mostly in the rear of the town plot, where the position was inconvenient and dreary and the soil hard to cultivate. Many were discouraged and went away who would perhaps have remained had their homelots been more inviting.

**The Town Plot.**—"The first home-lots were laid out chiefly at the two extremities of the semicircular projection which formed the site of the town. Between these were thick swamps, waving woods, ledges of rock, and ponds of water. The oldest communication from one to the other was from Mill Brook over Post Hill, so called from Richard Post, whose house-lot was on this hill, through what is now William Street to Manwaring's Hill, and down Blackhall Street to Truman Street was the harbor's north road. Main Street was opened, and from thence a cut over the hill westward was made (now Richards and Granite Streets). Bank Street was laid out on the very brink of the upland, above the sandy shore, and a space (now Coit Street) was carried around the head of Beacon Cove to Truman Street, completing the circuit of the town plot. No names were given to any of the streets for at least a century after the settlement, save that Main Street was uniformly called the Town Street, and Bank Street the Bank. Hempstead Street was one of the first laid out, and a pathway coincident with the present State Street led from the end of the Town Street west and northwest to meet it. Such appears to have been the original plan of the town. The cove at the north was Mill Cove; the two coves at the south Bream and Close. Water Street was the beach, and the head of it at the entrance of Mill Cove, now Sandy Point."<sup>1</sup>

**Removal of Winthrop.**—In 1657, Mr. Winthrop was chosen Governor of the colony, which necessitated his removal to Hartford, the town thereby losing its friend and patron. His homestead passed into the possession of Edward Palmes, who married his daughter Lucy.

"Before Mr. Winthrop's removal to Hartford he leased the town mill to James Rodgers, a baker from Milford, who had traded much in the place, and in 1657 or 1658 became an inhabitant. As an accommodation to Mr. Rogers in point of residence, he also alienated to him a building spot from the north end of his home-lot next to the mill, on which Mr. Rogers erected a dwelling-house and bakery, both of stone.

"Mr. Winthrop's own homestead, in 1660 or 1661, passed into the occupancy of Edward Palmes, who had married his daughter Lucy. Mr. Palmes was of New Haven, but after his marriage transferred his residence to the Winthrop homestead, which, with the farm at Nahantick, the Governor subsequently confirmed to him by will. In that document this estate is thus described:

"The Stone-house, formerly my dwelling-house in New London, with garden and orchard, as formerly conveyed to said Palmes, and in his use

<sup>1</sup> Miss Caulkins.

and possession, with the yard or land lying to the north of the said house to join with James Rogers:" "also a lot of six acres lying east of the house, bounded north by the ox-pasture and east by the Great River, and having two great oak-trees near the south line."

"This stone house, built in 1648, stood near the head of the cove on the east side, between the street (since laid out and appropriately named Winthrop Street) and the water. The *ox pasture* to which the will refers was inclosed the same year. Samuel Beeby, in a deposition of 1708, testified that he and his brother made the fence to it 'sixty years since,' and that 'Mr. Winthrop's goats and cattle were kept therein as well as his oxen.' The 'old stone house' is mentioned in the will of Maj. Palmes in 1712, who bequeathed it to his daughter Lucy, the only child of his first wife, who, having no children, left it to her brothers, Guy and Bryan Palmes. This homestead is supposed to have been for more than a century the only dwelling on the Neck, which was then a rugged point, lying mostly in its natural state, and finely shaded with forest-trees. It was sold about 1740 to John Plumbe.

"The mill being a monopoly, could not fail to become a source of grievance. One mill was manifestly insufficient for a growing community, and the lessee could not satisfy the inhabitants. Governor Winthrop subsequently had a long suit with Mr. Rogers for breach of contract in regard to the mill, but recovered no damages. The town likewise uttered their complaints to the General Court that they were not 'duely served in the grinding of their corn,' and were thereby 'much damnified,' upon which the court ordered that Mr. Rogers, to prevent 'disturbance of the peace,' should give 'a daily attendance at the mill.'

"After 1662 the sons of the Governor, Fitz John and Wait Still Winthrop, returned to the plantation and became regular inhabitants. Between the latter and Mr. Rogers a long and troublesome litigation was maintained in regard to bounds and trespasses, notices of which are scattered over the records of the County Court for several years. In 1669, Capt. Wait Winthrop set up a bolting-mill on land claimed by Mr. Rogers, who as an offset immediately began to erect a building on his own land, but in such a position as wholly to obstruct the only convenient passage to the said bolting-mill. This brought matters to a crisis. Richard Lord, of Hartford, and Amos Richardson, of Stonington, were chosen umpires, and the parties interchangeably signed an agreement as a final issue to all disputes, suits at law, and controversies from the beginning of the world to the date thereof. Winthrop paid for the land on which the mill stood, Rogers took down his building frame and threw the land into the highway, and all other differences were arranged in the like amicable manner.<sup>1</sup>

"In March, 1658-59, the General Court appointed John Smith commissioner of the customs at New Lon-

don. This was the first regular custom-house officer in the town, and probably in the colony.

"May, 1660, the General Court granted New London to have an assistant and three commissioners with full power to issue small causes. For the year ensuing Mr. John Tinker was chosen assistant; Mr. Bruen, James Rogers, and John Smith, commissioners."

The first birth in the new plantation is believed to have been "Mary, daughter of Robert Hemstead, born 26th of March, 1647."

The next birth was that of Manasseh, son of Thomas and Grace Miner, born April 28, 1647.

Robert Hemstead is supposed to have been the first person married.

The first death was that of Jarvis Mudge, in March, 1651-52.

The first registered death was that of "Ann, daughter of Thomas and Grace Miner, born 28th of April, 1649; died 13th of August, 1652.

The first permanent blacksmith was John Prentiss, of Roxbury, who came in 1651-52, and was a welcome addition to the little settlement. "The town built him a house and shop and furnished him with half a ton of iron, also twenty or thirty pounds of steele." His house-lot of two acres was located on the corner of State and Bank Streets. Lieut. Samuel Smith located here about this time. He was a prominent citizen, and was chosen "the town's lewetenant."

**Indian Troubles.**—In 1652 a general apprehension existed throughout the country that the Indians were preparing for hostilities. The Narragansetts were especially regarded with suspicion, and preparations were made in the frontier towns to guard against surprise. At Pequot the town orders were peremptory for arming individuals and keeping a vigilant eye upon the natives. Watchmen were kept on the look-out both night and day. A fresh supply of ammunition was procured and the following directions published:

"July 8, 1652.

"Forfeiture of false raising of an alarum, 10*l*.

"Forfeiture of not coming when an alarum is raised, 5*l*.

"Forfeiture of not coming to there ptticular squadron, 5*l*.

"It is agreed y<sup>t</sup> it shall be a just alarum when 3 gunnes are distinctly shot of, and the drum striking up an alarum.

"If the watchmen here a gunn in the night, they well considering where the gunn was firing if they conceive to be in the Towne may raise an alarum.

"For the setting of a gunn for a wolfe they y<sup>t</sup> set a gunn for that end shall acquaint the constable where he sets it that he may acquaint the watch."

Three places in the town were fortified, the mill, the meeting-house, and the house of Hugh Caulkins, which stood at the lower end of the town, near the entrance of Cape Ann Lane. The inhabitants were divided into three squadrons, and in case of an alarm Sergt. Miner's squadron was to repair to Hugh Caulkins', Capt. Denison's to the meeting-house, and Lieut. Smith's to the mill.

Severe restrictions were laid upon the trade with the Indians in the river, which was to be confined to Brewster's trading-house. No individual could go up

<sup>1</sup> Duties of selectmen.

the river and buy corn without a special license, which was only to be given in case of great scarcity. Happily no alarm occurred, and all fear of an Indian war soon died away. But Mr. Brewster was allowed for several years to monopolize the Indian trade. This granting of monopolies was perhaps the greatest error committed by the fathers of the town in their legislation.

"The years 1661 and 1662 were noted for strife and turbulence among the inhabitants. Cases of calumny and riot were common. The disorderly elements of society were in motion, and the influence of the wise and good was scarcely sufficient to keep them in subjection. No clear account of any one case can be given, as they appear before us only in the form of depositions, protests, suits at law, fines, and complaints. Several of the inhabitants accused Mr. Tinker, the assistant and first magistrate in town, of speaking treasonable words, and of using dishonorable means to obtain testimony against his adversaries; and Mr. Tinker brought suits for defamation against Messrs. Haughton, Morton, and Thomson, the Indian missionary. The trials were in the Particular Court, and the issue may be gathered from a passage in the records of the General Court:

"This Court, upon consideration of Mr. Tinker's encouragement in his place and employment, do order £12 to be paid to him by the treasurer out of the fines imposed on Morton, Haughton, and Mr. Thomson."<sup>1</sup>

"Mr. Tinker was popular both with the town authorities and the General Court, and had been chosen townsman, list and rate-maker, deputy and assistant. He had established a distillery in the town, and was not only licensed by the court to distill and retail liquors, but empowered to suppress all others who sold by retail in the township. It was with little chance of success that accusations against a character so highly respected were carried before the magistrates at Hartford. That venerable body doubtless regarded with apprehensive forebodings the new and boisterous community that was growing up under their shadow. We can at least imagine them to have had some misgivings when William Morton, the constable, led off with the following pompous protest:

"To all whome it may concerne.

"You may please to take notice that I William Morton of New London being chosen by the Towne of New London to be a Constable and by oath being bound to execute that place faithfully as also being a free Denison of that most famous country of England and have taken an oath of that Land to be true to his Royall Maiesty or now Gracious King Charles the Second of Glorious renouwe, I count that I cannot be faithfull unto my oath nor to his maiestie, neither should I be faithfull to the Country wch lyes under reproaches for such maner of speeches and carriages already wherefore having evidences that Mr John Tinker, who is lookt at as one that should execute Justice and sworn by oath soe to doe, especially to studdie the honor of or Royall King and of his Life and happie being, yet notwithstanding the saide Tinker although it was notoriously knowne unto him that some had spoken Treason against the king in a high degree to the greates dishonor of his Royall maiestie and farther some pressed him againe and againe to doe Justice for the king yet although they declared what and what was to be testified by one there present, he flung away the testimony, wherefore in

the name of his maiesty whose deputy I am I doe protest against the said Tinker, that he has concealed treason against the king contrary to the Lawes of England, so as I conceive has brought himselfe under treason, And as I doe protest against him I desire all that reade this or heare of it to be my witnesses—published by me. 20. March.: 1662.

"WILLIAM MORTON,  
"Constable."

"In New London in New England.

"A writ of attachment was issued by the court, at their May session, against William Morton and Richard Haughton, bringing them under a bond of £500 to appear and answer to the suit of Mr. John Tinker, before his majesty's court of justice in Hartford, the next September. In October of the same year, before any accommodation or decision had taken place, Mr. Tinker died suddenly in Hartford, and was honored with a funeral at the public expense. Though the principal party was thus removed from all participation in the suit, it was prolonged for several years. It was finally referred to a committee of the Legislature in May, 1666.<sup>2</sup> A curious reference to what took place in the trial of the case in September, 1662, is found in a deposition of Mr. Thomson, recorded in New London:

"I William Thomson, Clarke, being present when Mr. Morton had a tryall in Hartford in New England in the year of our Lord God 1662 about treason spoken against his sacred Majestie when Mr. Mathew Allin being the moderator in the Governor's absence did deny to try the said cause by the laws of Old England when it was required by the said Morton that he would doe Justice for the king, he answered tauntingly to the said Morton—he should have Justice, if it were to hang half a dozen of you.—Further saith not.

"Jurator coram me, George Jordan, April 26, 1664.

"Test Georgius Wilkins, Clericus County Surry, Virginia."

### Patent of New London.

"Patent of New London sanctioned by the Governor and Company, 14. Oct. 1704.

"To all persons to whom these presents shall come,—The Governor and Company of her Majesty's Colony of Connecticut in General Court assembled send greeting:—Whereas we the said Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comp<sup>y</sup> by virtue of Letters Patent to us granted by his Royal Maj<sup>y</sup> Charles the Second of England &c. king, bearing date the 23<sup>d</sup> day of April, in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, A. D. 1663, have formerly by certain acts and grants passed in Gen. Assembly given and granted to John Winthrop Esq, Waite Winthrop Esq, Daniel Wetherell Esq, Richard Christophers Esq, Mr. Nehemiah Smith, Capt. James Morgan, John Allyn, William Douglas, Joseph Latham, Capt. John Avery, David Calkins, Capt. John Prentiss, Lieut John Hough, John Stubbin, John Keeney, Robert Douglas, John Burrows, Samuel Fish, Thomas Crocker, Richard Dart, Samuel Rogers Sen<sup>r</sup>, John Rogers Sen<sup>r</sup>, James Rogers, John Lewis, Daniel Stubbin, George Gearee, Thomas Bolles, Benjamin Shapley, John Edgcomb, Jonathan Prentiss, Peter Harris, Samuel Avery, Robert Lattimore, Lawrence Codner, John Turrell, John Richards, Peter Strickland, Stephen Prentiss, John Plumb, Samuel Rogers Jun., John Fox, Samuel Bebee, Oliver Manwaring, John Colt, George Chappell, Joseph Miner, John Beckwith, Philip Bill, Thomas Starr, John Davie, James Morgan Jun., Charles Hill, Joshua Hempstead, Jonas Greene, Joseph Truman, Thomas Way, Jeremiah Chapman, Thomas Bayley, Daniel Comstock, Joshua Baker, John Wickwire, Benjamin Atwell, Thomas Williams, Samuel Waller, Peter Cray, Joshua Wheeler, Richard Williams, Richard Morgan, Abel More, Adam Picket, James Avery, John Daniels, Christopher Darrow, Andrew Lester, John Chappell, Daniel Lester, Samuel Rogers (Joseph's son), with divers other persons and to their Heirs or Assigns or such as shall legally succeed or represent them, or either of them forever, a just and legal propriety in a certain tract of land now commonly called and known by the name of New London, lying and being within the Colony aforesaid, to us by the said Letters

<sup>1</sup> Conn. Col. Rec., vol. i. p. 382.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., vol. ii. p. 27.

Patent granted to be disposed of as in the said Letters Patent is directed, and bounded as hereafter followeth, and the said John Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, &c.—[here the names are all repeated]—with such other persons as are at this present time by virtue of the aforesaid acts and grants proprietors of the said tract of land, having made application to us for a more ample confirmation of their propriety in the said tract of land which they are now in possession of, by a good and sufficient instrument signed and sealed with the seal of this Corporation, therefore *Know Ye*, that the said Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comp<sup>y</sup> in Gen<sup>l</sup> Court assembled, by virtue of the aforesaid Letters Patent and for divers good causes and considerations pursuant to the end of said Letters Patent, us hereunto moving, Have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do further fully, clearly and amply, give grant and confirm to the aforesaid John Winthrop Esq, Waite Winthrop Esq, Daniel Wetherell Esq, Richard Christophers Esq, Mr. Nehemiah Smith, Capt. James Morgan, with all the other above-named persons, and all other persons at this present time proprietors with them of the said tract of land, now being in their full and peaceable possession and seisin, and to their Heirs and Assigns or such as shall legally succeed or represent them or either of them forever, the aforesaid tract of land commonly called and known by the name of New London, lying in the colony aforesaid, and bounded as followeth—that is to say,—on the West by a ditch and two heaps of stones on the west side of Nayhantick Bay, on the land formerly called The Soldier's Farm, about 40 rods eastward of the house of Mr. Thomas Bradford, and from thence North by a line that goes three rods to y<sup>e</sup> west of y<sup>e</sup> falls in Nayhantic river and from thence North to a black oak tree 8 miles from the ditch aforesaid, which tree hath a heap of stones about it, and is marked on the west side WE, and on y<sup>e</sup> east side IP, being an antient bound mark between New London and Lyme, and from that tree East half a mile and 16 rods to a black oak tree with a heap of stones about it, marked with the letter L and from thence north to the northeast corner of the bounds of the town of Lyme and from the said N. E. corner bounds of Lyme upon a straight line to the Southwest corner of the south bounds of the town of Norwich:—On y<sup>e</sup> North by the south bounds of the aforesaid Norwich, as the said bounds are stated from the aforesaid S. W. corner down to a Cove commonly called Trading Cove, and from thence by the said Cove to y<sup>e</sup> Great River, commonly called New London river and from the place where y<sup>e</sup> said Cove joins to the said river by a line crossing the river obliquely eastward to the mouth of a Cove commonly called Paukatannuk Cove, and from thence by the said Paukatannuk to the head thereof, and from thence upon a direct line to an oak tree marked and standing near the dwelling house of Thomas Rose, which tree is y<sup>e</sup> S. E. corner of the bounds of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Norwich, and from thence by an East line to the bounds of the town of Stonington, which line divides betwixt New London and Preston.—On the east by a line which runneth south from the place where the above mentioned north bounds of New London aforesaid meets with the said bounds of Stonington till it comes to the place where the Pond by Lanthorn Hill empties itself into the Brook, and from thence by y<sup>e</sup> main stream of said brook till it falls into y<sup>e</sup> river called Mistick River and from thence by y<sup>e</sup> said Mistick River till it falls into the Sea or Sound to y<sup>e</sup> north of Fisher's Island:—On the South by the Sea or Sound from the mouth of the aforesaid Mistick River to the west side of Nayhantick Bay to the aforesaid ditch and two heaps of stones about it.—Together with all and singular the Messuages, Tenements, meadows, pastures, commons, woods, underwoods, waters, fishings, small islands or islets, and hereditaments whatsoever, being parcel belonging or anyways appertaining to the tract aforesaid, and do hereby grant and confirm to the said Proprietors, their Heirs, or Assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them, his or their several particular respective proprietries in y<sup>e</sup> said premises given and confirmed according to such allotments or divisions as they the said present Proprietors have already made, or shall hereafter make of the same—

"To have and to hold the said tract of land with the premises aforesaid, to them the said John Winthrop Esq, Waite Winthrop Esq, Daniel Witherell Esq, Richard Christophers Esq, Mr. Nehemiah Smith, Capt. James Morgan, and all y<sup>e</sup> rest of the above mentioned persons, and all other the present Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> said tract and premises, their Heirs or Assigns, or such as shall legally succeed and represent them forever,

as a good, sure, right, full, perfect, absolute and lawful estate in fee simple, and according to y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Letters Patent after the most free tenor of her Majesty's Manor of East-Greenwich in the County of Kent,—

"To the sole, only and proper use and behoof of the said John Winthrop Esq, with all the above named persons and all others the present Proprietors of said tract and premises, their Heirs and Assigns, or such as shall legally succeed and represent them forever, as a good, sure rightfull estate in manner as aforesaid,—Reserving only to her present Majesty, our sovereign Lady Ann of England &c. Queen, and her successors forever one fifth part of all gold or silver mines or ore that hath been or shall be found within the premises so granted and confirmed.

"*Always provided* that whatsoever land within the aforesaid tract which formerly did and now doth belong unto, and is the just and proper right of Uncas late Sachem of Mohegan, or Owaneco his son or any other Indian Sachem whatsoever, and hath not yet been lawfully purchased of the said Sachems, or acquired by the English, doth and shall still remain y<sup>e</sup> right and property of y<sup>e</sup> said Indian Sachems or their Heirs, and shall not be entered upon, or improved, or claimed as property by the aforesaid persons to whom the said tract is hereby confirmed, or any of them by virtue of this instrument, nor shall anything herein contained be at any time deemed, taken or constructed to the prejudice of any of the said Sachems or their Heirs right to the said land within the said tract aforesaid which hath not yet been sold or alienated by them, but their said right shall be and remain good and free to them to all intents and purposes in the Law, and the said land which they have right in aforesaid shall be and remain as free for their own proper occupation and improvement as if it had not been included in the bounds of the aforesaid New London, as specified in this instrument—

"And further, we the said Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comp<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid tract of land and premises and every part and parcel thereof hereby granted and confirmed to the said John Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, Daniel Wetherell &c.—[here all the names are again repeated]—and the rest of the present proprietors thereof, their Heirs and Assigns, or such as shall legally succeed and represent them to their own proper use and uses in the manner and under the limitation above expressed against us and all and every other person or persons lawfully claiming by, from or under us, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents—

"In witness whereof we have ordered the present instrument to be signed by the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup> of this Corporation and by y<sup>e</sup> Secretary of the same as also that the seal of this Corporation be affixed hereunto this 14th day of October in y<sup>e</sup> third year of her Maj<sup>y</sup> Reign A. D. 1704.

"ROBERT TREAT Dep. Gov<sup>r</sup>.

"ELSAKER KIMBERLY Sec<sup>y</sup>"

"Though only seventy-seven names are registered in the patent, the whole number of full-grown men having a right in the town was perhaps at that time one hundred and sixty, or one hundred and seventy. A man might have three or four sons of mature age, yet generally in the patent, only the father, or the father and eldest son, were mentioned. Other names were also omitted which ought to have been enrolled, and which were added to the list of patentees afterwards. These were Lieut. John Beeby, Thomas (son of Sergt. Thomas Beeby), Samuel Fox, Samuel Chapman, William Gibson, Nicholas and Amos Hallam, Sampson Haughton, Jonathan Haynes, William Hatch, Alexander Pygan, Joshua Raymond, and Hon. Gurdon Saltonstall.

"13 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1703.

"Voted, that the Town Patent, be forthwith drawn upon parchment and that all the freeholders of this town who are desirous to have their names entered therein, shall bring them to the Moderator within a month."

"This vote was never carried into effect.

## CHAPTER X.

## NEW LONDON—(Continued).

## EARLY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Townsmen in 1648—Town-Meeting of 1648-50—Vote Concerning its Pioneer Grist-Mill—"Cardes and Shufflebords"—Early Accounts—Goodman Cheesborough's Trouble—Voted that the Town be Called London—Minutes from Societies' Records—Fort Hill—"Making of Bread and Brewing of Beere"—Holding the Contribution-Box—The Jail—Imprisonment for Debt—Sale of Powder to Indians—Church Regulations—Inhabitants Fined—The Stocks—Rev. Mr. Buckley—The Ferry—Sale of Liquors—Ministry Rate-Lists—Excluding Colored Persons from the Town.

**Early Rules and Regulations.**—The first record in the old town-book is as follows:

"It is agreed by the inhabitants of Nameeug<sup>1</sup> that the land lying between the ox pasture at the end of the field by John Robinsons and so between the highway and the great river along to alwife brooke shall be for a coren (corn) field for the use of the town to make a generall fielde.

"The 17 of Desember William Mortons meadow was recorded and the same day Robert Hempsteeds plot by the cove 2 pole."

The ox-pasture was on the river north of Winthrop's Neck.

"John Stubens and Robert Hempsteed are chosen to view the fences for this year [1647]."

"25 of februarie, 1647 [1648, New Style].

"The inhabitants of Nameeug did chuse with a Joynt consent Mr. John winthrop, Robert Hempsteed, Samuell lothrop, Isarke willie, and Thomas Minor to act in all Towne affaires as the other fouer did the last yeare with Mr. John winthrop having the same power as he did have the last yeare only no planting groundes must be granted or laid out for this yeare but in the generall coren (corn) fielde at foxens hill the other side of the great river we may lay out, by lot only must it be laid out.

"the same day Isarke willie was granted by the said inhabitants to have a planting lot at the other side of the cove by Mr. deane winthropes lot."

It is evident that the fathers of the town looked with care to the morals of new inhabitants, as the following vote shows:

"It is ordered the 2 of march [1648] whosoever from this time forward shall take up any lot that if he com not in six months time to inhabit his lot shall be forfeite to the Towne—and further it is agreed that no prsons or poon (person) shall have admittance into the Towne of Nameeug there to be an inhabitant except the pties or ptie (party) shall bring some testimonie from the magistrates or Elders of the place that they com from or from some neighbor plantations and some good Christian, what their carriage is or have been."

**Town-Meetings.**—In the early days the inhabitants were obliged to attend town-meetings under penalty of "two shillings and six pence," and when at the meetings not to "voate without the companies leave," etc.

"It is agreed by the inhabitants that any man being lawfully warned to appear at any generall town meeting, that refuse, or that do not com at the time appointed, or within half an houre of the appointed time, if he be at home, or have notice of the citation, that man shall pay to the constabell two shillings and six pence for the use of the town, or if any person do voate after the companie be com to vote, or before the meeting be ended, without the companies leave, that partie shall likewise pay two shillings and six pence for his disorder; and further it is agreed that if any failes in either of these two things before mentioned, and refuse to pay the penaltie, when the constabell demands it, the constabell shall have power to distraine.

<sup>1</sup> New London.

"March, 1648. It is agreed if any person do kill any wolfe or wolfe within the town of Nameeug, he that kills the wolf shall have of everie familie in towne six pence conditionally that he bring the head and the skin to any two of the townsmen.

"The 16 of Januarie, 1648 [1649].

"It is agreed by the townsmen of Nameeug that Mr. John winthrop is granted to set up a were and to make huse of the river at poquanuck at the upper end of the plaine for to take fish and so to make improvement of it, to him and his heirs and assigns.

"The 17 of februarie, 1648. The meadow that Robert hempsteed did formerly mow lying by quittapeage Rocke is granted to Andrew lonngdon and giles smith from the great Rock at the north end and so to bould in breadth of the pon as far towards the plombeeche as any was mowed by Robert hempsteed."

"22 Feb. 1648 [1649]. The inhabitants of Pequot plantation have chosen by a Joynt consent Mr. John Winthrop, Robert Hempsteed, Carle Latham, John Clarke and Thomas Berchard of Seabrooke should goe to Pequot and view the said parcell of land there given to the souldiers and taken up by Pequot as before, and then goe to Nianticoot and lay out there unto the said souldiers such and soe much land, as may be fully equivalent to there former grant of land at Pequot.

"And for the inhabitants of Pequot the Court grants that there bounds shall come to Bride Brook (the former grant excepted) provided that it doth not come within the bounds of Seabrooke, and provided that what meadowe or marsh there is above 200 ackers it shall be reserved for the countries use and for their dispose."

## TOWN MEETING, 1650.

"At a town meeting at Namearke, the 25th of Feb. 1649 [1650] these fower men chosen for townsmen: Mr. John Winthrop, Mr. Johnnathan Brewster, Robert Hempsteed, William Nicholls.

"At the same meeting John Stublines is chosen Constable for the towne Namearke.

"Mr. Brewster must have been chosen clerk or recorder about the same time. The succeeding records of that year are in his hand, and he adds to his signature, 'Clarke of the Towne of Pequett.' His business as an Indian trader kept him much abroad, and he held the office but one year.

"Winthrop and Brewster were made freemen of Connecticut colony in May, 1650. In September of that year Mr. Brewster and Thomas Miner appeared at the General Court as the first deputies from Pequot.

"The first town grants to Brewster were in September, 1649. He established a trading-house with the Mohegans at a point on the east side of the river, opposite to their principal settlement. At this place, which is still called by his name, Brewster's Neck, he laid out for himself a large farm. The deed of the land was given him by Uncas, in substance as follows:

"April 25, 1650. I, Unquas, Sachem of Manhekon, doe give freely unto Jonathan Brewster, of Pequett, a tract of land, being a plane of arable land, bounded on the south side with a great Cove called Pocuttanucke, on the north with the old Pocuttuck path that goes to the Trading Cove, &c. For, and in consideration thereof, the said J. B. binds himself and his heirs to keep a house for trading goods with the Indians.

"[Signed by the Sachem and witnessed by William Baker and John Fomaker.]

"This deed was confirmed by the town, Nov. 30, 1652, and its bounds determined. It comprised the whole neck on which the trading-house stood, '450 acres laid out by the measurers.'

"The General Court in May, 1650, censured Mr. Brewster for the steps he had taken in establishing this trade.

"Whereas Mr. Jonathan Brewster hath set up a trading house at Mohegan, this Court declares that they cannot but judge the thing very disorderly, nevertheless considering his condition, they are content he should proceed therein for the present and till they see cause to the contrary."

#### THE PIONEER GRIET-MILL.

Nov. 10, 1650, the following persons held a meeting to arrange with Mr. Winthrop in establishing a mill to grind corn:

"Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Parke, Jonathan Brewster, Robert Hempsted, William Nicholls, John Gager, Thomas Stanton, William Bartlett, Peter Blatchford, William Comstock, William Taylor, Mr. Blinman, Samuel Lothrop, John Lewis, William Morten.

"The inhabitants were to make 'the dam and heavy work belonging to the milne.'"

It was further agreed that "no person or persons shall set up any other milne to grind corn for the town of Pequett within the limits of the town, either for the present, nor for the future so long as Mr. John Winthrop or his heirs do uphold a milne to grind the town's corn."

At the session of the General Court, in May, 1649, the following regulations were made respecting Pequot:

1. The inhabitants were exempted from all public country charges—*i.e.*, taxes for the support of the colonial government—for the space of three years ensuing.

2. The bounds of the plantation were restricted to four miles each side of the river, and six miles from the sea northward into the country, "till the court shall see cause and have encouragement to add thereto, provided they entertain none amongst them as inhabitants that shall be obnoxious to this jurisdiction, and that the aforesaid bounds be not distributed to less than forty families."

3. John Winthrop, Esq., with Thomas Miner and Samuel Lothrop as assistants, were to have power as a court to decide all differences among the inhabitants under the value of forty shillings.

4. Uncas and his tribe were prohibited from setting any traps, but not from hunting and fishing within the bounds of the plantation.

5. The inhabitants were not allowed to monopolize the corn trade with the Indians in the river, which trade was to be left free to all in the united colonies.

6. "The Courts commends the name of Faire Harbour to them for to be the name of their Towne."

7. Thomas Miner was appointed "Military Sergeant in the Towne of Pequett," with power to call forth and train the inhabitants.

"Cards and Shufflebords."—In 1664 "cards and shufflebords" were prohibited, and its inhabitants warned "not to entertane strange young men."

#### Early Accounts.

"1691.—To Sam<sup>l</sup> Raymond 5 dayes for fetching ye gunns—he went by land w<sup>th</sup> his horse, 16s.

"To Capt. Wetherell, 5 dayes do,—w<sup>th</sup> expense for himself and Raymond and provision for those yt went by water, £2 4s. 3d.

"To John Prentis, Jeremy Chapman, Oliver Manwaring, Nath<sup>l</sup> Chappell, Will<sup>m</sup> Miner, Thomas Crocker, Thomas Daniels,—for fetching ye gunns from Seabrook (from 15 to 18s. each).

"To Mr. Plumb for his horse boat to fetch ye gunns, &c., £1 10s. 6d.

"To Jonathan Hall pr himself and sloop for ye gunns, £1.

"To widow Mary Harris for 15 gls rum and 6<sup>lb</sup> sugar when the gunns were fetcht, £1 2s. 10d.

"To John Richards for searching ye gunns," etc.

"October, 1651.

"John Picket, Mr. Stanton enformed me (3 or 4 years agoe), desired a lott—now desires to renew it, and desires a lott by the Dutch Captains, a seaman,—granted.

"Mrs. Lake requests for npland and meddo to her house lott.

"Cowkeeper expects pay for Cowes he desires to know from us what every one must pay.

"About 66. to make up the mill dam.

"Another rate for the ministry.

"A rate for the new meeting-house.

"For the Lords days he is to keep them every 4th Lords day and to give one days notice to him that hath most cattle first to keep them upon the Lords day and whoever hath one more than another to warn him before he that hath fewer to keep them a Lord's day and after he that hath but one cow shall keep them his day, then to begin again with him that hath most, twice warning them that have double the cattle that their neighbors have before once warning him that hath but half that his neighbor hath.

"The keeper for his paines is to have 12s. a weeke—for his pay he is to have 1 pound of butter for every cow, and the rest of his pay in wampum or Indians Corne, at 2s. 6d. p. per bushell in the moneth of October."

The waste marsh, generally overflowed, was given to a company of undertakers,—*viz.*, Mr. Denison, Hugh Calkins, John Elderkin, and Andrew Lester,—who undertook to drain it, and were to have all the land "now under water forever." It was added:

"The undertakers have liberty to make a weare. They are to leave it open two nights every week for the coming up of the alewives. The town to have freedom to take what they please at the usual place, or to buy them at the weare at 20 alewives for a penny for their eating."

"The salt marshes were esteemed as the first class of lands by the planters. Those near the harbor's mouth were known by the Indian name of Quagana-poxet, and were mostly granted to the settlers from Gloucester, as a kind of bonus to induce them to remove, and as furnishing a ready-made food for the cattle they brought with them. They are often referred to as 'the marshes given to Cape Ann men.'"

"May 20.

"Water [Walter] Harries of Dorchester desires a house lot beyond the plot of land by John Coltes. Granted."

"Aug. 29.

"John Stoder [Stoddard] hath a house lot given him at Foxen's hill,—6 acres, highwales to be allowed to common land and to fetch stones."

The order for a town-meeting was given by the townsmen to the constable, who gave notice to the warner and drummer. The warner left a summons at every house; the drum began to beat half an hour before the time for business, and if a constable, two townsmen, and fifteen inhabitants appeared it was a legal meeting.

"June 2. Goodman Harries is chosen by the Towne ordinary keeper.

"June 20. Capt. Denison is chosen Commissioner and to him is chosen Mr. Brewster, Mr. Stanton, and Hugh Calkin to make a list of the state of the towne and the inhabitants, and to make the Country rate of Twenty pounds."

Aug. 28, 1652. The former law granting a tax of sixpence from every family for the killing of a wolf was repealed, and a bounty of twenty shillings substituted.

"The Towne having nominated and chosen Goodman Cheesebrooke, Obadiah Bruen, and Hugh Calkin whom to present to the Court, desire that they may have power, together with Mr. Winthrop and Capt. Denison, or any three of them, for the ending of small causes in the town."

This petition was not granted, and the inhabitants were obliged for some time longer to carry their law cases to Hartford for adjudication.

"Nov. 6.

"John Elderkin was chosen Ordinary Keeper.

"An order from the Court forbidding the sale of strong liquors by any but persons lycensed by the Court was published.

"Widdo Harris was granted by voat also to keep an ordinary if she will."

April 9, 1653. The order was re-enacted enforcing attendance upon town-meeting, and a fine of one shilling imposed upon absentees when lawfully warned.

"The aforesaid fyne also they shall pay if they come not within halfe an howre after the beating of the drum and stay the whole day or untill they be dismissed by a publick voate."

"April 25, 1653.

"Captain Denison, Goodman Cheesebrooke, Mr. Brewster, and Obadiah Bruen are chosen to make a list of the male persons in town 16 years old and upward, and a true valuation of all real and personal estate of the said persons according to order of the Court. Goodman Cheesebrooke is chosen Commissioner to carry th list to the Court in September next."

This was the first list of the town returned to the General Court, the inhabitants having been heretofore free from the colonial tax. The list amounted to £3384, which ranked the town sixth in the colony; the five river towns—Hartford, Windsor, Wethersfield, Farmington, and Saybrook—took the precedence.

#### GOODMAN CHEESEBROUGH'S TROUBLE.

"Whereas Goodman Cheesebrough is as we are informed hindered of John Leighton to fetch home his hals wee the townsmen of Pequot doe order that the said Goodman Cheesebrough shall have liberty to goe any way he shall see most convenient for him to bring it home without any let or hindrance from the said John Leighton. This is determined by us untill the Towne shall take further order to dispose both of the way and land.

"O. B., for writing and recording for the Towne, orders, agreements, petitions, letters, Court grants, rates, gathering and perfecting rates, writing before, at, and after town-meeting, covenants of cow-keeper and smith, &c."

"Feb. 6, 1660.

"For the settling, perfecting, and fairly recording of all records for the town's use and good of after posterity, wee agreed that there shall be a townes booke, with an Alphabet in it, wherein all acts passed, orders or agreements, shall hereafter be fairly recorded, whether past or to come, for the effecting hereof, we agree that all the old bookes of records shall be searched into for what is material concerning the public good, to be drawn out into a booke provided and paid for by the Recorder, who shall have 6d. paid him out of the town rate for every act, law or order recorded."

[Signed by the townsmen, Obadiah Bruen, Hugh Calkin, James Rogers, James Avery, William Nichols.]

"May 28, 1651.

"It is ordered that all dammage done by goates is to be vewed by three indifferent men, and as they shall judge the real dammage, double dammage is to be allowed."

"Aug. 15th, 1651.

"It is agreed that there shall be a common field fenced in; the fence beginning about Greene Harbor, and to run through the woods to Robin Hood's Bay.

"The Towne have sent to the Court by there Deputys Hugh Calkin and Thomas Mynor that the Towne's name *may be called London*.

"And to know there enlargement to Pockatuck.

"Also about Indians powther."

This second application concerning the name of the town was no more successful than the former had been. The court, in September, while it confirmed the enlargement of the bounds to Pawkatuck River, called the town by its old name, *Nameage*.

#### Memoranda for Town-Meeting, Sept. 20.

"To propound buying of Mr. Parks barne.

"A rate for Mr. Blynmans half year: chuse rater.

"Speak about new drum.

"Chuse one to run the lyne to Pockatuck.

"Read the Towne grant from the Court.

"A training day. A rate for the book of lawes.

"Amos Richerson is to have a lot."

#### Minutes from Society Records.

"Mr. Thomson to be cleared" [freed from paying rates].

"Mr. Tinker, James Morgan, and Obadiah Bruen are chosen to seat the people in the meeting-house, which, they doing, the inhabitants are to rest silent."

"Dec. 1, 1661. The towne have agreed with Goodman Elderkin and Goodman Waller to repare the turret of the meeting-house, and to pay them what they shall demand in reason.

"To know what allowance Mr. Tinker shall have for his tyme spent in exercising in publike.

"To return an account of contributions.

"May 5, 1662. Thomas Bowen hath given him by the towne forty shillings of the contribution wompum."

#### FORT HILL.

"Jan. 6, 1661-62.

"The highway to the water by Mr. Morton's is vouted to be 4 pole wide." [Now Blinman Street.]

"All the military officers are to lay out fort hill by the next meeting."

"Fort Hill was an elevated upland ridge on the eastern border of the present Parade, with an abrupt projecting slope to the water-side, which caused it to be called also a point. In the course of time it has been graded and rounded, so as to be no longer either a hill or a point. It was expressly reserved on the first laying out of the town for the purpose of fortification."

"Sept. '61.

"Mr. Thomsons request of 3 pole of land by the water side upon Mill Cove."

"Oct. 24. Mr. Lords request in writing.

"Mr. Savages request in writing.

"Mr. Lovelands request in writing.

"A Dutchman and his wife request of the towne."

"Dec. 1. Three men (Morgan, Latham, Avery) chosen by the town to vew the poynt of land and confirme it to Mr. Loveland, Mr. Tinker, Mr. Lane, and Mr. Stallon, in the best way they can, leaving sufficient way to the Spring for all neighbors."

"Sept. 24, '62.

"Mr. Pinstons request for a place for wharfrage and building and out land.

"Hugh Moles request for a place by the water side to build vessels on, and a wharfe.

"Consider to do something about the townes landing place."

"Jan. 26, '62-3. Mr. Pinstons request per Mr. James Rogers,—the towne doe give him three pole out of yt sixe pole yt is allowed for the towne a landing place, neere Sandie poynt, provided he build and wharfe within one yeere after this grant; the landing place to be but three pole wide."

#### MAKING OF BREAD AND BRUING OF BEERE.

"25 Feb., '61-2. Mr. Addis granted to sell beere."

"5 May, '62. Goodman Culver is chosen and allowed of by the towne for the making of bread and bruing of beere for the publicke good."

#### HOLDING THE CONTRIBUTION-BOX.

"15 Aug. 67. Myselfe [Douglas] chosen to hold the box for the contributions and this to be propounded to Mr. Bradstreet to have his advise therein. William Nickols is also chosen for that worke.

"It is vouted that the men chosen to call the collectors to account shall have a letter of attorney to impower them to do their work, and that Mr. Moryt shall write it."

#### THE JAIL.

"30, October. John Prentis chosen Townes attorney.

"9, December. It is vouted that the prison-house shall stand by ye meeting-house."

#### IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

"No man's person shall be kept in prison for debt but when there appears some estate which he will not produce." [See code of 1650 in Col. Rec., vol. 1.]

"1 July, 1669.

"Alexander Piggins hath given him some land at the head of Mill Cove, enough to make three or four pitts for dressing of leather amongst the springs.



"It is voted and agreed that Clement Miner have sold him six acres upland over against his house upon the north side the highway that goes to Miantick, and 8 acres of swampy land near Gopelman Houghs, which land is for consideration of 8 wolves by him killed. And the town doth order the Townsmen to give him a deed of sale for the same."

#### SALE OF POWDER TO INDIANS.

"Nov. 29.

"Left Avery, Mr. Rogers, James Morgan, Sen., and John Morgan chosen to lay out the King's highway between Norwich and Mystic.

"Wm. Hough, John Stebbins, Clement Miner, and Isaac Willey to lay out the King's highway between New London and the head of Niantick river.

"John Keeny is appointed to sell powder, shot, and lead to any Indian or Indians, he having purchased his liberty therein at 33s. to be paid to the town."

"Feb. 28, 1669 [70].

"Charles Hill chosen Recorder.

"Manasse Minor is admitted an Inhabitant in this Towne."

#### CHURCH REGULATIONS.

"18 Jan., 1670-1. Mr. Edward Palmes hath liberty granted to make a seat for himself and relations at ye north end of ye pulpit.

"Voted that there be 2 Galleries made on each side ye meeting-house—[the width of two seats]."

"The town desire Mr. Tinker to be by ye court conformed assistant for this year, and Oba: Bruen for the taking of oaths and making of warrants and attachments.

"The Book of Lawes is voted to be called for by the constable, Peter Blatchford, and to be delivered to O. Bruen, recorder, for the use of the towne."

#### INHABITANTS FINED.

"31 March, 1663.

"James Rogers, James Morgan, John Prentis, and Peter Blatchford, are chosen to draw a petition to the Court representing the grievances of the town.

"Whereas, Cary Latham and Mr. Douglas are by the Court fined for not fully presenting the town list, anno 1662, the town see cause to petition the Court as a grievance, not finding wherein they have failed except in some few houses. Voted, also that the rate of £358 s. 8d. as over-rated £1500, by the Court in March, '62-3."

"The fines were remitted in May, 1663."

#### THE STOCKS.

"16 April.

"The town agree with Robert Bartlet for the making of a pair of Stocks with nine holes fitted to put on the Irons for 13s. 4d."

"May 7. John Culver is chosen for this next yeere to drumm Saboth days and as formerly for meetings.

"Francis Hall<sup>1</sup> hath given him two pole of land by the water side, if it be there."

"June 9. Cary Latham, Mr. Douglas, and Ralph Parker were to make the Country rate by the list they made of the Town Rate in '62. Our rate according to our list being about 29l. 3s. 8d. Court says 35l. 8s. 9d.

"Cary Latham, with myself, O. B. voted to speake with the committy from Court sent to heare the Case, depending (as the Court expremeth it), betwixt Uncas and the Inhabitants of New London."

"July 20. Order from the Court to make the rate 31l. 5s. and to be sent by October next."

"16th Sept.

"Mr. Witherell, Lieut. Smith, James Morgan, and Oba. Bruen chosen to hear the grievances of the Inhabitants of wrong done by the Indians and draw a petition in the towns behalf."

"26 Oct. This being the town meeting, James Bemas should have acknowledged his offence against the Major—he came not to it.

"Mr. Skillinger propounded the sale of his land and house this day,—none offered anything."

"Dec. 14.

"Mr. Winthrop hath all his land at Niantick given him rate free for tyme to come. Also he hath given him a pond of water betwixt his land at Niantick and the land now in possession of John Printice. John Printice objects against this town grant of ye pond.

"George Chapple hath given him 6 acres of land for a house-lot betwixt the neck fence and Jordan river, part of it buting on Jordan river."

#### VOTES CONCERNING REV. MR. BUCKLEY.

"15 Jan: '63-4. James Rogers, Levi. Smith, Cary Latham, John Smith, and William Hough, are appoynted to goe to Mr. Buckley for the settling him amongst us."

"25 Feb. Old Mrs. Buckleys request, to be read.

"Mr. Buckley for enlarging maintenance yt he may keep a man and also take the getting of wood into his owne handes—if not let 10l. more be aded to our town rate for wood cutting and carting, and 4l. for raising the pulpet.

"Inhabitants not to entertane strange young men. Vide country order read.

"The order of cardes and order of shufflebords:—I read.

"It is agreed by the townes that henceforward Mr. Buckley shall have sixe score pound a yeere, in provision pay, good and marchandable, he freeing the townes from all other ingagements."

"April 18.

"A Country rate sent to us from Hartford,—this day was the first day I herd of it; 29l. 18s. 9d.

"3 or 4 Listers to be chosen, one of them a Commissioner; Mr. Wetherell, Commissioner."

"Sept. 21.

"To determine a more certain way for the ministry to be upheld amongst us.

"The Towne have agreed that there shall be a petition drawn in the behalf of the Towne, Mr. James Rogers, Ensigne Avery and Mr. Wetherell are chosen to see it be done with reference to Pockatuck pay of rates to our townes as formerly they did."

"Nov. 21.

"At this townes meeting it was voted that there should be an Atturney for the townes to see to the coming in of the ministers rate and other townes rates. Peter Blatchford chosen Attorney."

"Jan: 9, 1664-5.

"Peter Blatchford to be paid for a voyage to the River's Mouth, about the gunns, 12s."

"The General Court, in May, 1660, had ordered that two great guns, with shot convenient, then at Saybrook, should be lent to New London. The above charge was doubtless connected with the removal of these pieces. Under the same date is noticed a debt of 15s. to Richard Hartley, for providing a 'seat for the guard in the meeting-house,' an item showing that men still went armed to the house of worship, and that the fear of sudden attacks from Indians had not subsided."

#### THE FERRY.

"Goodman Burrose chosen ferryman for Mistick river, to ferry a horse, and a man for a groat."

#### THE SALE OF LIQUORS.

"Goodman Culver is allowed by the townes to sell liquors, provided he shall brew also, els not: provided also the court allow of it, ingaging always to have good beere and good dyet and lodging for man and horse, to attende also to good order."

"At a town meeting Feb. 25, 1664 [1665].

"The townes being desired to declare there myndes concerning Mr. Bulkley, it was propounded whether they were willing to leave Mr. Bulkley to the libertye of his conscience without compelling him or enforcing him to anything in the execution of his place and office contrary to his light according to the laws of the commonwelth.

"Voted to be there myndes."

"At a townes meeting, June 10.

"The Towne understanding Mr. Buckleys intention to goe into the Bay have sent James Morgan and Mr. Douglas to desire him to stay untill second day com seventnight which day the Towne have agreed to ask againe Mr. Fitch to speake with him in order to know Mr. Buckleys mynde fullye whether he will continue with us or no to preach the gospel."

"July 10—'65. In townes meeting.

"If it be your myndes yt Mr. James Rogers shall goe in the behalfe of the townes to Mr. Brewster to give him a call and to know whether he will come to us to be our minlater, and yt he shall interced to Mr. Pell first to be helpful to us herein, manifest it by lifting up your hands. Voted."

<sup>1</sup> Hall was of Stratford, but had commercial dealings in New London.

The person to whom this application was made is supposed to have been Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, of Brookhaven, L. I.

1665.

"24 July. John Packer desires that Leiftenant Avery and James Morgan may issue the busines yt is now in contest betwixt him and the Indians at Nawayuncke and to compound with them in the best way they can with land to satisfaction of the Indians and Goodman Packer. Voted."

"9 October. Mr. Douglas by a full voate none manifesting themselves to the contrary, was chosen to goe to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Elliot to desire there advice and help for the procureinge of a minister for the towne."

"Nov. 24. A town meeting concerning what Mr. Douglas hath done about a minister."

"Nov. 24, 1665. It is agreed at this town meeting that a letter be writ and sent from the town to Deacon Parke of Roxburye to treat with Mr. Bradstreet in the behalfe of the towne to come to us for this end to supply the towne in the worke of the ministry, in which letter sent full powre be given to Mr. Parke to act in our behalf, the towne expressing themselves willing to give 60lb and rather than that the work cease, to proceed to ten pound more, giving our trusty friend liberty to treat with others in case our desire of Mr. Bradstreet faile.

"A Court order for a brand-mark and horses to be branded, this day read.

"Mr. Douglas conferred in his place for the Townes packer of meat. And also he was voted and chosen to brand mark all horses with L on the left shoulder and is to record all horses soe branded."

"Jan: 12. 1665 ['66].

"The return of Mr. Brodstreet's letter to be read.

"Thomas Robinson to propound [for an inhabitant].

"A rate to underpin the meeting-house.

"Concerning messengers to goe for Mr. Bradstreet.

"Also for a place where he shall be when he comes. Also for provision for the messengers,—some course to be taken for 5 lb for them.

"The Town rate for Nihantick part . . . £26 6s. 6d.

"The East side ye River . . . £35 6s. 10d."

"Feb. 26. It is voted that Leift. Avery and James Morgan be chosen messengers to fetch up Mr. Bradstreet as soon as moderate weather presents.

"John Smith and goodman Nicholls shall receive Contribution every Lords daye and preserve it for ye publick good.

"It is voted and agreed that the townsmen shall have power to provide what is needful for the Messengers that are sent to Mr. Bradstreet and also to provide for him a place to reside in at his coming.

"Mr. Douglas and goodman Hough are voted by ye Towne to demand the 80 pound of Mr. Buckley which he stands ingaged to pay to ye towne.

"Voted by ye Towne that Leift. Avery and James Morgan have power to agree with any person that hath a serviceable horse to be employed in fetching up Mr. Bradstreet and what agreement they make the towne to allowe and make good the same."

[In the Towne accounts of the next year appears due

"To Goodman Prentice for his horse, 10s.

"To Goodman Boyce for ye ministers dyet, 15lb.]"

"Voted that a towne rate of 40lb. be made immediately for ye payment of Towne depts and providing to acomadate a minister and repairing the meeting house.

"It is voted and agreed that Mr. Buckley for his time and paines taken in prwaching the word of God to us since the time of his yeere was expired shall have thirty pounds to be gathered by a rate."

"June 1, 1666. Voted by a Vnanimous consent that Mr. Bradstreet is accepted in ye worke of ye ministry amongst vs, and that he have 80lb pr. yeare to encourage him in the worke, to be gathered by way of rate.

"Voted by the Towne that there shall be a house immediately built for ye ministry, the dimensions to be 36 foote in length and 25 in breadth and 13 studd betwixt ye joynits with a stack of stone chimneys in the midst. The house to be a girt house.

"The towne are free to give for ye building of the house one hundred pound and also to farther paye ye masons for building a stone chimney and glaze ye house windows.

"Voted by the towne that the house now agreed upon to be built for the ministry, and also the house and land bought of Mr. Douglass together with ye land which hitherto hath been reserved for the ministry shall so remaine both houses and lands for the ministry, both to us and our succeeding generations never to be sold or alienated to any other vse forever."

**Minority Rate Lists.**—In the list of 1664 the number of names is one hundred and five. This includes non-residents who owned property in the town. In this list the amount of each man's taxable property is given, and the rate levied upon it is carried out. The assessment of James Rogers is nearly double that of any other inhabitant. He is estimated at £548, and his rate £7 19s. 10d. "John Winthrop Squire," who heads the list, is set down at £185, and his rate at £2 14s. He was at this time a non-resident. Mr. Palmes, £224; John Picket, who is next highest to James Rogers, £299 10s.; James Morgan, £252; Robert Burrows, £246; James Avery, £236; Cary Latham, £217; George Tongue, £182; John Prentis, £176; Andrew Lester, Sr., £170; Edward Stallion, £169; Robert Boyce, £163. These are all the estates over £150. Between £75 and £150 are thirty-two. It must be remembered that *land* at this period was of little value, and estimated low. In the list of 1666 the number of names is one hundred and sixteen, and in that of the next year one hundred and twenty-seven. Of the whole number, four are referred to as deceased, viz., Sergt. Richard Hartley, Thomas Hungerford, William Morton, and Mr. Robert Parke. About seventeen may be marked as non-residents, consisting principally of persons who had removed, or merchants of other places who had an interest in the trade of the port. Mr. Blinman, the ex-minister, Mr. Thomson, the former Indian missionary, and Mr. Newman, minister of Wenham, are on the list. Mr. James Richards, of Hartford, is among the number. He was probably a land-owner by inheritance from Wm. Gibbons, who was his father-in-law, and had bought land at Pequonnuck. Mr. Fitch (probably Samuel, of Hartford), Samuel Hackburne, from Roxbury, and Robert Lay (of Lyme) are enrolled, as also Lord, Savage, Stilling, Revell, Richardson, who have been heretofore noticed.

#### EXCLUDING COLORED PERSONS.

"In town meeting, April 15, 1717.

"Voted that this town do utterly oppose and protest against Robert Jacklin a negro man's buyng any land in this town, or being an inhabitant within s'd town and do further desire the deputies yt shall attend the Court in May next yt they represent the same to the Gen. Assembly that they would take some prudent care that no person of yt colour may ever have any possessions or freehold estate within this government."

## CHAPTER XI.<sup>1</sup>

### NEW LONDON—(Continued.)

#### Early Settlers—Incidents, etc.

DURING the year 1650 grants were made to Robert Parke and his son Thomas, Robert Burrows, Richard Belden, Philip Kerwithy (Carwithy), Samuel Martin, William Taylor, Mr. Blynman, Obadiah Bruen,

<sup>1</sup> Condensed from Miss F. M. Caulkins' excellent "History of New London."

Hughe Cankin, Hugh Roberts, John Coite, Andrew Lester, James Averye, and Robert Isbell. The following received grants soon after: William Keeny, Ralph Parker, William Wellman, Robert Brookes, Thomas Stanton, and John Elderkin. Previous to the year 1652 the following had applied for house-lots: George Chappell, William Comstock, Thomas Doxey, John Gallup, Thomas Hungerford, Mrs. Lake, Ceystan Sybada, Edward Scott, Edward Stallion, Thomas Stedman, and Matthew Waller.

Inhabitants, 1651: Kary Latham, John Gallope, John Gager, Thomas Parke, John Stubbin, Longdon, Urquar, Chappell, Thomas Welles, Lewis, Bemas, Mudg, Keeny, Parker, Wellman, Brewster, Bartlet, Morton, Waterhouse, Hempstead, Fossiker, Stanton, Hungerford, Stallion Waller, Harwood, Burrows, Packer, Doxe, Burden, and Marshall. The above list was recorded by Obadiah Bruen, the first "Recorder of the Town of Pequot." Richard Aerie, Goodman Barker (of Charlestowne), Lieut. Bud, John Coale, Edward Codner, John Davies, Capt. Denason, Goodman Garlick, John Gesbie, John Ingason, Edward Messenger, John Pickworth, John Read, Thomas Roach, William Vincent, Thomas Roach.

The following were here previous to 1661:

- Addis, William.—Came from Boston 1658 or '59.  
 Bartlet, Robert.—Brother of William, first mentioned 1657.  
 Bloomfield, William, from Hartford, 1659.—Removed in 1663 to Newtown, L. I.  
 Bowen, Thomas, 1657.—Removed to Rehoboth, and there died in 1663.  
 Brooks, Thomas, 1659 and '60.—Afterwards removed.  
 Chapman, William, 1657.—Bought the house and lot that had been Capt. Denison's of Mr. Blinman, agent of John Chynners.  
 Cowdall, John.—A trader who became bankrupt in 1659, and left the place.  
 Crocker, Thomas.—Bought house in New Street, 1660.  
 Douglas, William.—From Boston, 1659.  
 Lenard, Thomas, 1657.—House-lot at Foxen's; removed in 1663.  
 Loveland, Robert.—Mariner and trader from Boston, 1658.  
 Moore, Miles, from Milford, 1657.—Purchased the homestead and other allotments of John Gager.  
 Raymond, Joshua, 1658.  
 Rogers, James.  
 Richards, John.—The first notice of him is in 1660, but he may have been in the plantation two or three years. He purchased on what is now State Street—the south side—two house-lots originally given to Waterhouse and Bruen. He built his house at the corner of the present Huntington Street, and this remained for more than a century the homestead of the family.  
 Royce, Robert, 1657.  
 Shaw, Thomas, 1656.—Was afterwards of Pawcatuck.  
 Smith, Edward, 1660.—Nephew of Nehemiah and John Smith.  
 Tinker, John.—A grave and able man from the Massachusetts colony.  
 Wetherell, Daniel.—From Scituate, 1659.  
 Wood, John, 1660.

1652.—Thomas Griffin, afterwards of Pawcatuck; William Rogers, from Boston; Nehemiah Smith, sometimes of New Haven; Richard Smith, from Martin's Vineyard (he bought the Mudge house-lot, but after a few years removed to Wethersfield); Nathaniel Tappin, grants forfeited.

The new inhabitants of 1654 were John Lockwood, William Roberts, William Collins, Sergt. Richard Hartley, and Peter Bradley. Hartley appears to have

come from England with a stock of English goods, which he opened in a shop on Mill Cove. Peter Bradley was a seaman, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Brewster, and bought the house-lot of John Gallop. John Chynners, of Watertown, at the same period bought Capt. Denison's homestead, the latter having previously removed to Mystic.

The following appear as settlers between the years 1661 and 1671: Robert Latimer, William Cotter, Goodman Hansell, John Borden, John Ells, Abraham Day, William Peake (of Pike), Edward Fanning (Gorton), Josiah Reed, Thomas Stafford, John Terrill, John Daniel, Samuel Chester, William Condy, Abraham Daynes, William Chapell, William Collins, George Codner, William Cooley, John Elce (Ellis), Charles Haynes, Thomas Marshall, William Measure, John Sullaven, William Terrall, Samuel Tubbs, Richard Dart, Benjamin Grant, afterwards of Lyme, Oliver Manwaring, son-in-law of Joshua Raymond, Thomas Martin, Samuel Starr, son-in-law of Jonathan Brewster, William Williams, a grantee on the east side of the river, and Capt. John and Wait Winthrop, the sons of the Governor.

In 1665, Charles Hill and Christopher Christophers appear on the roll of inhabitants. They were traders in partnership, and made their first purchases on Mill Cove, of warehouses and wharfage, where Richard Hartley and John Tinker had previously traded. The firm of Hill & Christophers was probably the first regular copartnership in the town. Mr. Christophers was a mariner, and engaged in trade with Barbadoes. He had an older brother, Jeffrey Christophers, also a mariner, who probably settled in the place at the same time, though his name does not occur so early. They both brought families with them.

In 1666 persons who are mentioned as inhabitants, but without any reference to date of arrival or settlement, are Benjamin Atwell, Thomas Forster, commanding a vessel in the Barbadoes trade, George Sharswood, Thomas Robinson, Peter Spicer (living east of the river), and Gabriel Woodmancy.

In 1667 appear John Baldwin, Peter Treby, Joseph Truman, and John Wheeler. About 1668, Philip Bill settled east of the river, near Robert Allyn and George Geer. Thomas Bolles, supposed to have come from Wells, in Maine, settled in the town plot. In 1670, Thomas Dymond and Benjamin Shapley, both mariners.

John Gard, George Garmand, Joseph Elliot, Henry Philips, and Nicholas Towson.

The following new inhabitants appear between 1670 and 1700:

Ames, John and David, probably brothers, and it is conjectured from Andover, Mass., settled east of the river about 1696. The name is often written Eams and Emms.

Ashby, Anthony; at Mystic 1688, and perhaps earlier.

Baker, Joshua; from Boston, not long after 1670.  
 Blake, Jeremiah; bought land in July, 1681; on the list of 1688, etc.

Bodington, or Buddington, Walter; east of the river in 1679.

Brookes, Henry; living at Nahantick in 1699.

Bucknall, or Buckland, Samuel; cattle-mark recorded in 1674. He married (1) the widow of Matthew Beckwith, Sr.; (2) the widow of Philip Bill, Sr.

Bulkley, Dr. Charles; son of Rev. Gershom; licensed by the County Court to practice physic, and settled in the town, 1687.

Butler, Thomas and John; before 1690, and perhaps much earlier.

Button, Peter; in the North Parish, probably before 1700.

Camp, William; in the Jordan District before 1690.

Cannon, Robert; accepted as an inhabitant in town-meeting, 1678.

Carder, Richard; east of the river, about 1700.

Carpenter, David; at Nahantick Ferry, 1680.

Chandler, John; licensed to keep a house of entertainment, 1698.

Cherry, John; a transient inhabitant about 1680.

Crary, Peter; east of the river; cattle-mark is recorded in 1680.

Darrow, George; between 1675 and 1680.

Davis, Andrew; east of river, about 1680.

Davie, John; bought farm at Pequonuck (Groton), 1692.

Denison, George; son of John, of Stonington; of New London, 1694.

Dennis, George; from Long Island, about 1680.

Dodge, Israel; on a farm in North Parish, 1694.

Ellis, Christopher; admitted inhabitant, 1682.

Edgecombe, John; about 1678.

Fargo, Moses; house-lot granted 1680.

Fountain, Aaron; son-in-law of Samuel Beeby. His house on the Great Neck is mentioned in 1683.

Foote, Pascoe; 1678; son-in-law of Edward Stallion.

Fosdick, Samuel; from Charlestown, Mass., 1680.

Fox, two brothers, Samuel and John, about 1675.

Gibson, Roger, and his son William; living on the Great Neck in 1680.

Gilbert, Samuel; in North Parish; on a list subscribing for the ministry of New London in 1688.

Green, Jonas; probably of the Cambridge family of Greens; commanded a coasting vessel, and fixed his residence in New London; in 1694 lived on Mill Cove, in a house sold by his descendants to John Colfax.

Hackley, Peter; erected a fulling-mill at Jordan, 1694.

Hall, Jonathan; in 1676 or 1677 he exchanged his accommodations in New Haven for those of John Stevens, in New London.

Halsey, William; 1689.

Harvey, John; at Nahantick, 1682.

Hatch, William; about 1690.

Hawke, or Hawkes, John; a serge-maker, 1698.

Haynes, Josiah; at Pequonuck (Groton), 1696.

Halloway, Jacob; about 1700.

Holmes, Thomas; he had wife, Lucretia. Their son John was born March 11, 1686.

Holt, Nathaniel; 1673.

Hubbard, Hugh; about 1670; from Derbyshire, England.

Hubbell, Ebenezer; from Stratfield, Fairfield Co. after 1690.

Hurlbut, Stephen; about 1695, probably from Windsor.

Hutchinson, George; about 1680. His wife, Margaret, obtained a divorce from him in 1686, on the plea of three years' absence and desertion.

Jennings, Richard; from Barbadoes, 1677.

Johnson, Thomas and Charles; before 1690.

Jones, Thomas; 1677, probably from Gloucester, Mass.

Leach, or Leech, Thomas; about 1680.

Leeds, John; from Kent Co., England, 1674.

Loomer, Stephen; 1687.

Mayhew, John; from Devonshire, England, 1676.

Maynard, Zachariah; "formerly living at Marlborough;" settled east of the river, beyond Robert Allyn, 1697.

McCarty, Owen; 1693.

Minter, Tobias; son of Ezer, of Newfoundland; married 1672, died 1673.

Minter, Tristram; his relict in 1674 married Joshua Baker.

Mitchel, or Mighill, Thomas; a shipwright, had his building-yard in 1696 near the Fort land.

Mortimer, Thomas; often Maltimore; a constable in 1680.

Munsell, or Munson, Thomas; on the Great Neck, 1683.

Mynard, or Maynard, William; about 1690, from Hampshire, England.

Nest, Joseph; 1678.

Pember, Thomas; 1686.

Pemberton, Joseph; from Westerly, after 1680.

Pendall, William; mariner and shipwright, 1676.

Persey, Robert; a transient inhabitant; bought a house 1678, sold it 1679.

Plimpton, Robert; 1681.

Plumbe, John; before 1680.

Potts, William; from Newcastle, England, 1678; married a daughter of James Avery; was constable east of the river, 1684.

Rice, Gershom; east of the river, before 1700.

Rose-Morgan, Richard; 1683.

Russell, Daniel; 1675.

Satterly, Benedict; after 1680.

Seabury, John; east of the river, before 1700.

Scarritt, Richard; 1695.

Singleton, Richard; east of the river; cattle-mark recorded 1686.

Springer, Dennis; land granted him east of the river in 1696.

Steer, Richard; 1690.

Strickland, Peter; probably about 1670.

Swaddel, William; east of the river; cattle-mark 1689.

Thorne, William; from Dorsetshire, England. He married, in 1676, Lydia, relict of Thomas Bayley. East of the river.

Turner, Ezekiel; son of John, of Scituate, 1678.

Walker, Richard; 1695.

Walworth, William; east of the river, about 1690.

Way, Thomas; about 1687.

Weeks, John; east of the river, before 1700; probably from Portsmouth, N. H.

Wickwire, John; 1676.

Willett, James; accepted inhabitant, 1681. He was from Swansea, and bought the farm of William Meades, east of the river.

Willett, John; 1682.

Williams, Thomas; 1670.

Williams, John; east of the river; his name is on the ministry subscription list of 1688.

Willoughby, William; about 1697.

Young, Thomas; from Southold, 1693; married Mary, relict of Peter Bradley, 2d.

Of the first comers, 1650, or before, John Stebbins, George Chappel, Thomas Parke, Thomas Roach, and three of the Beeby brothers lived into the eighteenth century; Thomas Beeby, the other brother, died but a short time previous. John Gager was living, but in another settlement. Alexander Pygan, Oliver Manwaring, and some others who had settled in the town before 1660 were yet upon the stage of life. The deaths that strew the way are thinly scattered, showing that life and health were here as secure from disease, excepting only one or two seasons of epidemic sickness, as in the most favored portions of New England.

Jarvis Mudge and Thomas Doxey. Mention has already been made of the decease of these two persons in the year 1652, the first deaths in the plantation. Jarvis Mudge had married at Wethersfield, in 1649, the relict of Abraham Elsing.

Walter Harris died Nov. 6, 1654. A vessel called the "William and Francis" came to America in 1632, bringing among its passengers Walter Harris,<sup>1</sup> who settled in Weymouth, where he remained about twenty years, and then came to Pequot Harbor. On his first application for a house-lot he is styled of *Dorchester*, which makes it probable that his last temporary abiding-place had been in that town. He had two sons, Gabriel and Thomas. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Fry,<sup>2</sup> survived him less than three

months; one inventory and settlement of estate sufficed for both.

The nuncupative will of Mrs. Harris will be given at large, omitting only the customary formula at the commencement. It is one of the oldest wills extant in the county, and is rich in allusions to costume and furniture. From a clause in this will it may be inferred that Thomas Harris had been betrothed to Rebecca, daughter of Obadiah Bruen. This young man, according to tradition, had been sent to England to recover some property that had fallen to the family, and was supposed to have been lost at sea, as he was never heard of afterwards:

"The last Will and Testament of Mary Harries, taken from her owne mouth this 19th of Jan., 1655.

"I give to my eldest daughter, Sarah Lane, the biggest brass pan, and to her daughter Mary, a silver spoon. And to her daughter Sarah, the biggest pewter dish and one silken riben. Likewise I give to her daughter Mary, a pewter candlestick.

"I give to my daughter, Mary Lawrence, my blew mohere petticoate and my straw hatt and a fether bolster. And to her eldest sonne I give a silver spoon. To her second sonne a silver whistle. I give more to my daughter Mary, my next braest pann and a thrum cushion. And to her youngest sonne I give a pewter bessen.

"I give to my youngest daughter, Elizabeth Weekes, a peece of red broad cloth, being about two yards, alsoe a damask livery cloth, a gold ring, a silver spoon, a fether bed and a bolster. Alsoe, I give to my daughter, Elizabeth, my best hatt, my gowne, a brass kettle, and a woollen jacket for her husband. Alsoe, I give to my daughter Elizabeth, thirty shillings, alsoe a red whittle,<sup>3</sup> a white apron, and a new white neck-cloth. Alsoe, I give to my three daughters aforesaid, a quarter part to each of them, of the dyaper table-cloth and tenn shillings apiece.

"I give to my sister Migges, a red petticoat, a cloth jacket, a silke hud, a quiffe,<sup>4</sup> a cross-cloth, and a neck-cloth.

"I give to my cozen Calib Rawlyns ten shillings.

"I give to my two cozens, Mary and Elizabeth Fry, each of them five shillings.

"I give to Mary Barnet a red stuff wascote.

"I give to my daughter, Elizabeth, my great chest. To my daughter, Mary, a ciffer<sup>5</sup> and a white neck-cloth. To my sister, Hannah Rawlin, my best cross-cloth. To my brother, Rawlin, a lased band. To my two kinswomen, Elizabeth Hubbard and Mary Steevens, five shillings apiece.

"I give to my brother, Migges, his three youngest children, two shillings six pence apiece.

"I give to my sonne Thomas, ten shillings, if he doe come home or be alive.

"I give to Rebekah Bruen, a pynt pott of pewter, a new petticoate, and wascote wch she is to spin herself; alsoe an old byble, and a hatt wch was my sonn Thomas his hatt.

"I give to my sonne Gabriell, my house, land, cattle, and swine, with all other goodes real and personall in Pequet or any other place, and doe make him my sole executor to this my will. Witness my hand,

"Witness hearunto,

The mark of M MARY HARRIES.

"John Winthrop,

"Obadiah Bruen,

"Willm Nyccoils."<sup>6</sup>

The Harris family ranked in point of comfort and accommodations with the well-to-do portion of the community. They had a better supply of *pewter* than is found in many early inventories, and such articles of convenience as a gridiron, chopping-knife, brewing tub, smoothing-iron, "four silver spoons, and two

<sup>1</sup> Savage (MS).

<sup>2</sup> See will of William Fry, in Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. II. p. 385.

<sup>3</sup> A kind of short cloak.

<sup>4</sup> A cap.

<sup>5</sup> Some kind of capor head-dress. Quiffe and ciffer are from the French *coiffe* and *coiffure*.

<sup>6</sup> New London Records, lib. 3.

cushions." The house consisted of a front room, lean-to, shop-room, and two chambers.

Gabriel Harris died in 1684; Elizabeth, his relict, Aug. 17, 1702.

The inventory of Gabriel Harris, compared with that of his father, illustrates the rapid march of improvement in the plantation. The homestead, consisting of a new house, orchard, cider-mill, and smith's shop, valued together at £200, was assigned to Thomas, the eldest son, for his double portion. The inheritance of the other children, six in number, was £100 each. Among the wearing apparel are:

- "A broad-cloth coat with red lining.
- "Two Castors [beaver hats].
- "A white serge coat: a Kersey coat.
- "A serge coat and doublet; a wash-leather doublet.
- "Two red weecotes—a stuff coat and breeches.
- "Four looms and tacking; a silk loom.
- "An Indian maid-servant, valued at £15.
- "Three Calicoes, etc.

Thomas Harris, oldest son of Gabriel, died in Barbadoes, June 9, 1691, leaving an estate estimated at £927. His relict, Mary (a daughter of Daniel Wetherell), married George Denison, grandson of George the first, of Stonington. His only child, Mary, born Nov. 4, 1690, was regarded as the richest heiress in the settlement. About 1712 she became the wife of Walter Butler.

Peter Collins died in May or June, 1655. He is generally styled Mr. Collins. His will and inventory are almost all that is known of him. Apparently he had no family and lived alone. He distributes his effects, appraised at £57, among his neighbors and friends, the house and land to Richard Poole.

Robert Isbell died about 1655. He may have been the Robert Isabell who had land granted him in Salem in 1637. He left relict Ann (who married William Nicholls) and two children, Eleazar and Hannah. Eleazar married, Nov. 1, 1668, Elizabeth French, and removed to Killingworth, where he died in 1677.

Hannah Isbell married, first, Thomas Stedman, Aug. 6, 1668, and, second, John Fox, both of New London.

Robert Hempstead died in June, 1655. The following memorandum is appended to his will:

- "The ages of my three children:
- "Mary Hempsted was borne March 26, 1647.
- "Joshua Hempsted my sonne was borne June 16, 1649.
- "Hannah Hempsted was borne April 11, 1652.
- "This I Robert Hempsted testifie under my hand."

The name of Robert Hempstead has not been traced in New England previous to its appearance on our records. It is probable that when he came to Pequot with Winthrop, in 1645, he had recently arrived in the country, and was a young, unmarried man. A report has obtained currency that he was a knight, and entitled to the address of "Sir." This idea is not countenanced by anything that appears on record. It originated probably from the rude handwriting of

the recorder, in which an unskillful reader might easily mistake the title of "Mr." for that of "Sir."

In regard to Mary Hempstead, the first-born of New London, we may allow fancy, so long as she does not falsify history, to fill up the brief outline that we find on record with warm and vivid pictures. We may call her the first fair flower that sprang of the dreary wilderness, the blessed token that families would be multiplied on these desolate shores and homes made cheerful and happy with the presence of children; we may think of her as beautiful and good, pure like the lily, fresh and blooming like the rose; yet not a creature of romance, too ethereal for earthly fellowship, floating a few years through bower and hall, and then exhaled to Eden, but a noble-hearted, much-enduring woman, prudent, cheerful, and religious, working diligently with her hands, living to a goodly age, and rearing to maturity a family of ten children, two sons and eight daughters,—an apt and beautiful symbol for the young country.

Mary Hempstead was united in marriage with Robert Douglas, Sept. 28, 1665. She had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. Having lived to see the other ten all settled in families of their own, she fell asleep Dec. 26, 1711. Her husband was gathered by her side Jan. 15, 1715-16.

Hannah Hempstead married, first, Abel Moore, and, second, Samuel Waller. Joanna, the relict of Robert Hempstead, married Andrew Lester. Joshua, the only son of Robert Hempstead, married Elizabeth, daughter of Greenfield Larrabee. This couple had a family of eight daughters and an only son, Joshua, who was born Sept. 1, 1678, and with him the male line of the family again commences. This person—Joshua Hempstead (2)—took an active part in the affairs of the town for a period of fifty years, reckoning from 1708. The "Hempstead Diary," repeatedly quoted in this history, was a private journal kept by him from the year 1711 to his death in 1758. A portion of the manuscript has been lost, but the larger part is still preserved. Its contents are chiefly of a personal and domestic character, but it contains brief notices of town affairs and references to the public transactions of the country.

Its author was a remarkable man, one that might serve to represent, or at least illustrate, the age, country, and society in which he lived. The diversity of his occupations marks a custom of the day: he was at once farmer, surveyor, house and ship-carpenter, attorney, stone-cutter, sailor, and trader. He generally held three or four town offices; was justice of the peace, judge of probate, executor of various wills, overseer to widows, guardian to orphans, member of all committees, everybody's helper and adviser, and cousin to half of the community. Of the Winthrop family he was a friend and confidential agent, managing their business concerns whenever the head of the family was absent.

The house now standing on the original homestead

of Robert Hempstead is undoubtedly the most ancient building in New London. It is nevertheless a house of the second generation from the settlement. The first houses, rude and hastily built, passed away with the first generation. The age of the Hempstead house is determined by the "Hempstead Diary." The writer occupied the dwelling, and, writing in 1743, says it had been built sixty-five years.

Other items from the diary that may be interesting in this connection are the following:

"April 26, 1729, my aunt Waller died, aged 77, youngest daughter of my grandfather Hempstead, and born near this house, in the old one built by my grandfather."

"Mary, wife of Robert Douglas, was my father's eldest sister, and born in New London in Jan: 1646-7,—the first child of English parents born in this town." (Mistake in the month, compared with the date in her father's will.)

"21 Jan: 1738-9—Cut down one-half of the great yellow apple-tree, east from the house, which was planted by my grandfather 90 years ago."

William Roberts died in April or May, 1657. Little is known of him. He had been in the service of Mr. Stanton, and had settled but recently in Pequot. He lived alone, in half a house owned in partnership with George Harwood, to whose wife and son he left his whole property, which was valued at only £26. A bear-skin and a chest are mentioned in the inventory, but no bed, table, or chair. He had two cows and some other stock, plenty of land, decent apparel, a razor, a pewter porringer, three spoons, and a glass bottle; but nothing else except tubs, trays, bags, and Indian baskets. This may be regarded as the inventory of a hermit of the woods, a settler of the simplest class, who had built a lodge in the thicket, on the outskirts of the plantation.

William Bartlett died in 1658. This person is sometimes called a shipwright, and again a seaman. He was a lame man, engaged in the boating trade along the coast of the Sound. A deed is recorded, executed by him in March, 1658, but he soon after appears to us for the last time at Southold, L. I., in company with George Tongue, William Cooley, and his brother, Robert Bartlett. He there traded with a Dutchman named Sanders Lennison, of whom he purchased a quantity of rum, in value £7 10s., and paid for it in "*wompum and inions*."

John Coit died Aug. 29, 1659. Mrs. Mary Coit died Jan. 2, 1676, aged eighty. This may be regarded as almost a solitary instance of protracted widowhood for that day, our ancestors, at whatever age bereaved, having been much addicted to second, and even third and fourth marriages. If the age of Mr. Coit equaled that of his wife they were more advanced in years than most of the early settlers of the town,—a couple to be ranked with Jonathan Brewster and wife and Walter Harris and wife, for whose birth we look back into the shadow of the sixteenth century. The will of John Coit (Aug. 1, 1659) provides for his son Joseph and two daughters, Mary and Martha; but he refers to four other children, two

sons and two daughters, *absent from him*, and leaves them a trifling legacy "in case they be living."

Jonathan Brewster died in 1661. No probate papers relating to his estate have been found, but bills of sale are recorded, dated in 1658, conveying all his property in the town plot, and his house and land at Poquetannuck, with his movables, cattle, and swine, "to wit, 4 oxen, 12 cows, 8 yearlings, and 20 swine," to his son, Benjamin Brewster, and his son-in-law, John Picket. Feb. 14, 1661-62, Mr. Picket relinquishes his interest in the assignment to his brother-in-law, stipulating only

"that my mother-in-law, Mrs. Brewster, the late wife of my father, Mr. Jonathan Brewster, shall have a full and competent means out of his estate during her life from the said B. B., at her own dispose freely and fully to command at her own pleasure."

Richard Poole died April 26, 1662. No grant to this person is on record, nor does he appear on any list of inhabitants, but his name is often mentioned. He is sometimes called *Mr. Poole*, and after his death is referred to as *Old Poole*.

Peter Bradley died in June, 1662. The wife of Bradley was Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Brewster, but of the marriage no record has been found. He was a mariner, and after his settlement in New London plied a sloop or sail-boat through the Sound.

William Redfield died in 1662. The earliest notice of him is in a deed of gift from Jonathan Brewster, of "ten acres of arable land at Mohegan, whereon the said Redfyne hath built a house."

Sergt. Richard Hartley died Aug. 7, 1662. The title of "sergeant" is derived from office held before he came to New London. He was an Englishman, and acted as agent to merchants in England, who consigned goods to him to sell.

Isaac Willey, Jr., died in August, 1662. He was a young man, probably not long married. His inventory, though slender, contains a few articles not very common, viz.: "tynen pans, a tynen quart pot, cotton yarn," etc., together with one so common as to be almost universal, a "dram cup," which appears in nearly every inventory for a century or more after the settlement.

John Tinker died at Hartford, in October, 1662. The General Court ordered that the expenses of his sickness and funeral, amounting to £8 6s. 4d., should be paid out of the public treasury.

Thomas Hungerford died 1663. Estate, £100. Children, three,—"Thomas, aged about fifteen; Sarah, nine; Hannah, four years old this 1st of May, 1663." The relict of Thomas Hungerford married Samuel Spencer, of East Haddam; one of the daughters married Lewis Hughes, of Lyme.

Robert Parke died 1665. Mr. Parke was called an aged man in 1662. His will is on the town book, dated May 14, 1660; proved in March, 1664-65. He names only three children,—William, Samuel, and Thomas. Of the second son, Samuel, we have no information, except what may be inferred from the clause

relating to him in the will. The oldest son, Deacon William Parke, of Roxbury, executor of the will, is directed to pay to Samuel £50,—

"provided my said son Samuel shall first come and demand the same in Roxbury within the time and space of seven years next and immediately after the date thereof."

James Bemas died in July, 1665. This date is obtained by inference. James Bemas had been chosen constable for the year 1665, but on the 24th of July, Joseph Coit was appointed in his place, and his wife was soon after mentioned as the Widow Bemas. She married, in 1672 or 1673, Edward Griswold, of Killingworth.

Andrew Longdon. This person was an early settler in Wethersfield. He was on the jury of the Particular Court, at Hartford, in September, 1643. In 1649 came to Pequot Harbor. In 1660 was appointed prison-keeper, and his house to be used as the town prison.

William Chesebrough died June 9, 1667. Though living at Pawcatuck, Mr. Chesebrough was chosen deputy from New London to the General Court five times between 1653 and 1657. No fact shows more clearly the identity of the two settlements.

John Picket died Aug. 16, 1667. It is much to be regretted that a full record of the early marriages, which were undoubtedly by Mr. Winthrop, was not preserved. The marriage of John Picket and Ruth Brewster belongs to the unrecorded list. Their children were: 1. Mary, who married Benjamin Shapley; 2. Ruth, who married Mr. Moses Noyes, first minister of Lyme; 3. William, who died about 1690; 4. John, born July 25, 1656; 5. Adam, born Nov. 15, 1658; 6. Mercy, born Jan. 16, 1660-61, married Samuel Fosdick.

Andrew Lester died June 7, 1669. Andrew Lester was licensed to keep a house of entertainment at Gloucester by the County Court, 26th of Second Month, 1648. He removed to Pequot in 1651; was constable and collector in 1668.

William Morton died 1669. A native of London, and proud of his birthplace, it is probable that the influence of William Morton had something to do with the persevering determination of the inhabitants to call their plantation New London. He was the first proprietor of that sandy point over which Howard Street now runs to meet the new bridge to Mamack. This was at first called Morton's Point, then Hog Neck, from the droves of swine that resorted thither to root up the clams at low tide, and afterwards Windmill Point, from the structure erected upon it. It has also at various times borne the names of its owners, Fosdick, Howard, etc., and is now a part of the larger point known as Shaw's Neck.

Robert Latimer died about 1671. This is ascertained from the proceedings on the settlement of the estate in 1693, when his relict Ann presented the inventory, and requested a legal distribution of the property of her husband, "who deceased twenty-two

years since." Mrs. Ann Latimer had two children by her first husband, Matthew Jones, of Boston. These were Matthew and Sarah. The children of Robert and Ann Latimer were also two.

Edward Codner died 1671. He appears to have been a mariner and trader; was of New London, 1651, with wife Priscilla; came from Saybrook; returned thither again, and there died, leaving a widow Alice. His possessions in New London accrued to his son, Laurence, or Laurent, who was administrator of the estate. He left also a daughter.

Laurence Codner was an inhabitant before 1664.

George Codner, of New London, 1662 and 1664, has not been further traced.

William Nicholls died Sept. 4, 1673. A person of this name, and probably the same man, had land given him in Salem, 1638. He was an early and substantial settler at Pequot, often on committees, and sustaining both town and church offices.

George Tonge died in 1674. The early records have his name written Tongue, but the orthography used by himself is given above. In the will of Peter Collins, in 1655, Capt. James Tong is mentioned as a debtor to the estate. This person was not of New London, but he may have been brother of George, of whom nothing is known until he appears in New London, about 1652.

Thomas Bayley died about 1675. Thomas Bayley married, Jan. 10, 1655-56, Lydia, daughter of James Redfield. The same month a grant was made to him by the townsmen, "with the advice and consent of Mr. Winthrop," of a lot lying north of Mr. Winthrop's land, upon the east side of the river. Relinquishing his house in the town plot, he settled on this grant, which by subsequent additions expanded into a farm.

William Keeny died 1675. He was aged sixty-one in 1662, and his wife Agnes (or Annis), sixty-three; his daughter Susannah, who married Ralph Parker, thirty-four; Mary, who married Samuel Beeby, twenty-two; and his son John, twenty-one. No other children are mentioned.

John Gallop. He was the son of John Gallop, of Massachusetts, and both father and son were renowned as Indian-fighters. Capt. John Gallop, of Stonington, was one of the six captains slain in the Narragansett fort fight, Dec. 19, 1675. His wife was Hannah, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Lake.

The Raymonds were also early settlers. Daniel married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Gabriel Harris, and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah; second, Rebecca, daughter of John Lay, by whom he had sons, Richard, Samuel, and perhaps others. He lived in Lyme; died 1696, and his widow married Samuel Gager, of Norwich.

Samuel married Mary, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, and settled in New London, where they both died after 1700, leaving a considerable estate, but no children.



Joshua married Elizabeth, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, Dec. 10, 1659. He purchased the Prentiss home-lot, in New London, and left it to his children, together with a valuable farm in Mohegan.

Joshua Raymond (2) married Mercy, daughter of James Sands, of Block Island, April 29, 1683.

It is this Mercy Raymond whose name has been connected, by a mixture of truth and fable, with the story of the noted pirate, Capt. Kidd.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Raymond died in 1704, "at the home-seat of the Sands family," which he had bought of his brother-in-law, Niles, on Block Island. It was a lonely and exposed situation by the sea-shore, with a landing-place near, where strange sea-craft, as well as neighboring coasters, often touched. Here the family dwelt, and Mr. Raymond being much of the time absent in New London, the care and management of the homestead devolved upon his wife, who is represented as a woman of great thrift and energy.

The legendary tale is that Capt. Kidd made her little harbor his anchorage-ground alternately with Gardiner's Bay; that she feasted him, supplied him with provisions, and boarded a strange lady whom he called his wife a considerable time; and that when he was ready to depart he bade her hold out her apron, which she did, and he threw in handfuls of gold, jewels, and other precious commodities until it was full, as the wages of her hospitality.

This fanciful story was doubtless the development of a simple fact that Kidd landed upon her farm, and she being solitary and unprotected, took the part of prudence, supplied him freely with what he would otherwise have taken by force, and received his money in payment for her accommodations. The Kidd story, however, became a source of pleasantry and gossip among the acquaintances of the family, and they were popularly said to have been *enriched by the apron*.

Robert Boyce died in 1676. This name is identical with *Rice*. The Robert Royce of New London is presumed to be the Robert *Rice* who was entered freeman in Massachusetts, 1684, and one of those disarmed in Boston, 1687, for adherence to the opinions and party of Wheelright and Hutchinson. When he left Boston is not known, but he is found at Stratford, west of New Haven, before 1650, and was there in 1656. In 1657 he came to New London, and the town granted him the original Post lot, on Post Hill. He was by trade a shoemaker, was constable in 1660, one of the townsmen in 1663, in 1667 appointed to keep an ordinary, and the same year "freed from training," probably on account of age. He was again townsmen in 1668.

Jacob Waterhouse died 1676. The date is obtained from the probate of his will, which was in September of this year. He was probably an old man, as all his children were of age, and he was released from militia duty in 1665.

The name Waterhouse was very soon abbreviated into Watrous, which is the orthography now generally used.

John Lewis died Dec. 8, 1676. The name John Lewis is found several times repeated among the early emigrants to New England. One came over in the "Hercules" from Sandwich in 1635, with wife, Sarah, and one child, and was enrolled as from Tenderden, in Kent.<sup>2</sup> This is probably the same that appears on the list of freemen in Scituate, Mass., 1637.<sup>3</sup> He afterwards disappears from the records of that town, and we suppose him to be the John Lewis who came to New London, 1648.

Another John Lewis, who was probably an original emigrant, settled in Saybrook or Lyme; his inventory was presented at the County Court in 1670.

Still another John Lewis was living at "Squumacutt" (Westerly) in 1673.

John Lewis, of New London, had a son John, who was a young man in 1670, constable in 1681, and after 1700 sergeant of the train-bands. He married Elizabeth Huntley, of Lyme, where his oldest son, John (8), settled. Sergt. John Lewis was himself instantly killed, as he sat on horseback, by the sudden fall of the limb of a tree which men were cutting, May 9, 1717.

Nathaniel and Joseph Lewis are names that appear on the rate-list of 1667 as partners in estate. They were transient residents, and probably sons of George Lewis, of Scituate,<sup>4</sup> brother of John, the freeman of 1637. If the latter, as we have supposed, was identical with John Lewis, of New London, these young men were his nephews.

Matthew Waller died in 1680. Of this person little is known. He was perhaps the Matthew Waller of Salem, 1637, and the Sarah Waller member of Salem Church in 1648 may have been his wife. He had two daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, who owned the covenant and were baptized in 1671. Rebecca married Thomas Bolles, and died in 1712, leaving no issue. Sarah was unmarried in 1699.

Ensign William Waller, of Lyme, was brother of Matthew. One of his sons, Samuel Waller, lived on a farm at Niantick, within the bounds of New London, where he died in 1742, very aged.

Matthew Beckwith died Dec. 13, 1681. His death being sudden and the result of accident, a jury was summoned, who gave their verdict that "he came to his death by mistaking his way in a dark night and falling from a clift of rocks." Estate £393. He left wife, Elizabeth, and children,—Matthew, John, Joseph, Benjamin, and two daughters, widows, the relicts of Robert Gerard and Benjamin Grant, both of whom were mariners and had probably perished at sea. No other children are mentioned in the brief record of the settlement of the estate, but Nathaniel Beck-

<sup>1</sup> Savage. *Gleanings in Mass. Hist. Coll.*, 3d series, vol. viii, p. 275.

<sup>2</sup> Deane's *Hist. Scituate*, p. 304.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 303.

<sup>4</sup> He is called Robert Kidd in the ballad, but William in history.

with, of Lyme, may upon supposition be included among his sons.

Matthew Beckwith, Jr., like his father and most of the family, was a seaman. The births of his two oldest children, Matthew and John, are registered in Guilford, where he probably married and resided for a time. The next three, James, Jonah, and Prudence, are on record in New London, and three more, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Sarah, in Lyme, where he fixed his abode in 1677. These were by his first wife. His second wife was Elizabeth, relict of Peter Pratt, by whom he had one daughter, named Griswold. All these children are named in his will except Sarah. He died June 4, 1727.

Joseph and Nathaniel Beckwith, sons of Matthew, Sr., settled in Lyme; John and Benjamin in New London. John Beckwith, in a deposition presented in County Court in 1740, stated that he had lived for seventy years near Niantick Ferry. He is the ancestor of the Waterford family of Beckwiths.

Richard Haughton died in 1682. This event took place at Wethersfield, while Mr. Haughton was engaged at work as a shipwright on a vessel there. Of his children no regular list has been obtained. Massapeag Neck, a fine tract of land on the river, within the bounds of Mohegan proper, was granted to Haughton by deed of the sachem Uncas, Aug. 19, 1658. The laws of the colony prohibited individuals from contracting with the Indians for land; nevertheless the General Court confirmed this grant upon certain conditions, assigning as one reason for their indulgence to Mr. Haughton "his charge of children." We infer from this that he had a young and numerous family. Eight children can be traced, of whom three sons, Robert, Joseph, and John, are supposed to belong to a first unknown wife, dating their birth anterior to the settlement of the family at New London.<sup>1</sup> Robert's name occurs as a witness in 1655. In 1675 he was a resident in Boston, a mariner, and in command of a vessel. He was afterwards at Milford, where he died about the year 1678, leaving three children, Robert, Sarah, and Hannah.<sup>2</sup> His relict married Benjamin Smith, of Milford. The daughter Sarah married Daniel Northrop, and in 1735 was apparently the only surviving heir to certain divisions of land accruing to her father from the family rights in New London.

Joseph Haughton was twenty-three years of age in 1662. He died in 1697, and apparently left no family.

John Haughton, shipwright, died in 1704, leaving wife and children.

The wife that Richard Haughton brought with him to New London was Katherine, formerly wife to Nicholas Charlet (or Chelet), whom he had recently married. She had two daughters by her former husband, Elizabeth (born July 15, 1645) and Mary, whose

joint portion was £100.<sup>3</sup> The remainder of Richard Haughton's children may be assigned to his wife, viz., sons Sampson and James, and three daughters,—Abigail, married Thomas Leach; Katherine, married John Butler; and Mercy, married Samuel Bill. Katherine, wife of Richard Haughton, died Aug. 9, 1670. He afterwards married Alice —, who survived him and became the wife of Daniel Crombe, of Westerly.

Massapeag Neck was sold by the Haughton heirs to Fitz-John Winthrop. Sampson Haughton, the ancestor of the Montville branch of the family, in 1746 settled in the neighborhood of Massapeag, on a farm which he purchased of Godfrey Malbone, of Newport, lying on both sides of the country road between New London and Norwich. Haughton's farm became a noted half-way station between the two places.

William Douglas died July 26, 1682, was made freeman of Massachusetts; of New London, December, 1659. From various depositions it appears that he was born in 1610. Mr. Douglas was one of the townsmen in 1663, 1666, and 1667; recorder and moderator in 1668; sealer and packer in 1673; and on various important committees, civil and ecclesiastical, from year to year. He had a farm granted him in 1660, "three miles or more west of the town plot, with a brook running through it;" and another in 1667, "towards the head of the brook called Jordan, about four miles from town, on each side of the Indian path to Nahantick."

William Hough, died Aug. 10, 1663, married Sarah, daughter of Hugh Calkin, Oct. 28, 1635.

John Baldwin, of Stonington, died Aug. 19, 1683. Among the original emigrants from Great Britain to the shores of New England were several John Baldwins.

John Baldwin's name appeared on the rate-list of 1667, and on the roll of freemen in 1668. He purchased two houses in the town plot, and had several grants of land.

His first wife died at Milford in 1658, leaving a son, John, born in 1657. This son came to New London with him, received adult baptism in 1674, and after that event is lost to our records. From some probate testimony given at a much later period, we learn that soon after arriving at maturity he sailed for England and never returned.

Benjamin Atwell died 1683. He settled in New London in 1666. He was constable of the town in 1675.

Daniel Comstock died 1683. William Comstock, the father of Daniel, came from Hartford in 1649, and lived to old age in his house upon Post Hill (near north corner of Williams and Vauxhall Streets).

John Lockwood died in 1683. We suppose this

<sup>1</sup> The name of Richard Haughton is found in 1646, among the settlers in Milford. Lambert's New Haven Colony, p. 91.

<sup>2</sup> Judd, of Northampton (MS.).

<sup>3</sup> They had the note and surety of their father-in-law for this sum, which in 1663 was indorsed by Elizabeth Charlet "satisfied." This was probably the period of her marriage.

person to have been the son of Elizabeth, wife of Cary Latham, by a former husband, Edward Lockwood, and the same whose birth stands on record in Boston, Ninth Month, 1632.<sup>1</sup> He dwelt on Foxen's Hill, at a place since known as a Wheeler homestead. In the settlement of the estate no heir appears but Edmund Lockwood, of Stamford, who is called his brother.

Ralph Parker died in 1683. He had a house in Gloucester in 1647. Sold out there "24th of 8 m. 1651," and was the same year a grantee at New London. He appears to have been wholly engaged in marine affairs, sending out vessels and sometimes going himself to sea.

Edmund Fanning died in December, 1683. It has been transmitted from one generation to another in the Fanning family that their ancestor, "Edmund Fanning, escaped from Dublin in 1641, in the time of the great rebellion, in which 100,000 Protestants fell victims to the fury of the Roman Catholics,"<sup>2</sup> and after eleven years of wandering and uncertainty he found a resting-place in that part of New London now called Groton, in the year 1652. On the town records the name is not mentioned till ten years later, but it is then in a way that denotes previous residence. In the inventory of goods of Richard Poole, April 25, 1662, one article is "two cowes and one steere now with Edmon fanning."

Charles Hill died in October, 1684. The first co-partnership in trading at New London of which we have any knowledge is that of Hill & Christophers, "Charles Hill, of London, guirdler, and Christopher Christophers, mariner." The earliest date respecting them is June 26, 1665, when they purchased a ware house that had been John Tinker's, on Mill Cove. Hill, though styled of London, had previously been at the South, for in 1668 he assigned to Robert Prowse, merchant, all right to a plantation in Maryland, with milch cows and small cattle, etc., which had been four years jointly owned and cultivated by them.

Mr. Hill was chosen recorder of the town Feb. 25, 1669-70, and held the office till his death.

Pasco Foote died probably in 1684. We can scarcely err in assuming that he was a son of Pasco Foote, of Salem, and that he was the Pasco Foote, Jr., of the Salem records who married, 2d tenth month, 1668, Martha Wood, and of whose marriage three sons are the recorded issue,—Malachi, Martha, and Pasco. He appears in New London as a mariner, engaged in the Newfoundland trade, and married, Nov. 30, 1678, Margaret, daughter of Edward Stallion.

Charles Haynes. His inventory was presented in 1685. This is all the information obtained respecting the period of his decease. His marriage is not recorded.

James and Jonathan Haynes settled in New London, and left descendants.

Edward Culver died in 1685. He had lived at Dedham, where the births of three children are recorded,—John, April 15, 1640; Joshua, Jan. 12, 1642-43; Samuel, Jan. 9, 1644-45; and at Roxbury, where the record of baptisms adds two more to the list of children,—Gershom, Dec. 3, 1648; Hannah, April 11, 1651. His arrival at Pequot is announced by a land grant in 1653. He purchased the house-lot of Robert Burrows, given to the latter by the town, and established himself as a baker and brewer.

Isaac Willey died about 1685. Willey's house-lot was on Mill Brook, at the base of Post Hill. He was an agriculturist, and soon removed to a farm at the head of Nahantic River, which was confirmed to "old goodman Willie" in 1664. It is probable that both he and his wife Joanna had passed the bounds of middle age, and that all their children were born before they came to the banks of the Pequot.

James Morgan died about 1685. He was about seventy-eight years of age. The earliest notice of him is from the records of Boston, where the birth of his daughter Hannah is registered, eighteenth day, fifth month, 1642. He was afterwards of Gloucester, and came with the Cape Ann company to Pequot, where he acted as one of the townsmen from 1653 to 1656, inclusive. His homestead, "on the path to New Street," was sold Dec. 25, 1657. He then removed east of the river, where he had large grants of land. The following additional grant alludes to his dwelling:

"James Morgan hath given him about six acres of upland where the wigwams were in the path that goes from his house towards Culver's among the rocky hills."

He was often employed by the public in land surveys, stating highways, and determining boundaries, and was nine times deputy to the General Court. His estate was settled in 1685 by division among his four children,—James, John, Joseph, and Hannah, wife of Nehemiah Royce.

Cary Latham died in 1685. Elizabeth, wife of Cary Latham, was daughter of John Masters, and relict of Edward Lockwood. Two children are recorded in Boston,—Thomas, born ninth month, 1639; Joseph, 2d of tenth month, probably 1642.<sup>3</sup> John Latham, who died at New London about 1684, is supposed to have been a third son. The daughters were four in number,—Elizabeth, wife of John Leeds; Jane, of Hugh Hubbard; Lydia, of John Packer; and Hannah, unmarried at the time of her father's decease. Mr. Latham served in various town offices; he was one of the townsmen or selectman for sixteen years, and was six times deputy to the General Court from May, 1664, to 1670. His large grants of land enriched his descendants.

Thomas Latham, oldest son of Cary, married, Oct.

<sup>1</sup> Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. II. p. 181, and vol. IV. p. 181.

<sup>2</sup> MS. information from the late Capt. John Fanning, of Norwich.

<sup>3</sup> Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. IV. p. 181.

15, 1673, Rebecca, daughter of Hugh Wells, of Wethersfield. He died before his father, Dec. 14, 1677, leaving an only son, Samuel. His relict married John Packer.

Joseph, the second son, had a numerous family. His marriage is not recorded at New London. His first child, Cary, was born at Newfoundland, July 14, 1668. He died in 1706, leaving seven sons and a daughter, Lydia, the wife of Benjamin Starr.

Thomas Forster died in 1685. Of this sea captain nearly all that is presented to our view is the registry of his marriage and birth of his children.

"Thomas, son of John Forster, of Kingsware, was married to Susanah, daughter of Ralph Parker, 27th of March, 1665-66."

Hugh Hubbard died in 1685. "Hugh Hubbard, of Derbyshire, Old England, was married to Jane, daughter of Cary Latham, in March, 1672-73."

Gabriel Woodmancy died in 1685. He is first introduced to our notice by the purchase of a homestead on what is now Shaw's Neck and Truman Street, in November, 1665.

Aaron Starke died in 1685. This name is found at Mystic as early as 1653. In May, 1666, Aaron Starke was among those who were to take the freeman's oath in Stonington, and in October, 1669, was accepted as freeman of New London. In the interim he had purchased the farm of William Thomson, the Pequot missionary, near the head of Mystic, which brought him within the bounds of New London.

John Stebbins died probably in 1685. In one deposition on record his age is said to be sixty in 1661, and in another seventy in 1675. Where the mistake lies cannot be decided. It is probable that he was the John Stebbins who had a son John born at Watertown in 1640.<sup>1</sup>

The name is almost invariably written in the earlier records Stubbin or Stubbing.

No clue has been obtained to the period of decease of Thomas Marritt, Nathaniel Holt, John Fish, and William Peake. Their names, however, disappear from the rolls of living men about 1685.

Thomas Marritt. The name is given in his own orthography, but it is commonly recorded Merrit. He was probably the Thomas Maryot made freeman of the Bay colony in 1636,<sup>2</sup> and the Thomas Merrit, of Cambridge, mentioned in the will of John Benjamin in 1645.<sup>3</sup> At New London his first appearance is in 1664; he was chosen custom-master of the port, and county marshal Dec. 15, 1668, and was for several years the most conspicuous attorney in the place.

Nathaniel Holt. William Holt, of New Haven, had a son, Nathaniel, born in 1647, who settled in New London in 1673, and married, April 5, 1680, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Beeby (2). Only two

children of this marriage are recorded,—William, born July 15, 1681; Nathaniel, July 18, 1682. From Thomas Beeby the Holt family inherited the original homestead granted by the town to Thomas Parké, lying southwest of Robert Hempstead's lot, with a highway (Hempstead Street) between them. Sergt. Thomas Beeby purchased this lot of five acres, and left it to his descendants. In the original grant it is said "*to run up the hill among the rocks.*" This description remained characteristic of the surface for nearly two hundred years, but its aptness is now fast melting away before an advancing line of neat dwelling-houses, from whose windows the occupants look out over the roofs of their neighbors upon a goodly prospect.<sup>4</sup>

John Fish. Probably identical with the John Fish who was of Lynn, 1637. In New London he appears early in 1655, with wife and children.<sup>5</sup>

William Peake, or Pike. His residence was west of the town plot, on the path leading to Fog Plain. Only three children are mentioned.

Christopher Christophers died July 23, 1687. Two brothers of the name of Christophers, both mariners, and engaged in the exchange trade with Barbadoes, settled in New London about 1665.

Jeffrey was aged fifty-five in 1676; of course born about 1621. Christopher was at his death aged fifty-six; born about 1631. That they were brothers conclusive evidence remains in documents upon record, wherein the relationship is expressed.

John Richards died in 1687. Of this person no account previous to his appearance in New London has been found. His marriage is not recorded, and it is probable that it took place elsewhere. He had seven children baptized March 26, 1671,—John, Israel, Mary, Penelope, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Hannah. David was baptized July 27, 1673. It is presumed that these eight form a complete list of his children.

Samuel Starr died probably in 1688. Mr. Starr is not mentioned upon the records of New London at an earlier date than his marriage with Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Brewster, Dec. 23, 1664. His wife was aged thirty-seven in 1680. Their children were Samuel, born Dec. 11, 1665; Thomas, Sept. 27, 1668; Comfort, baptized by Mr. Bradstreet in August, 1671; Jonathan, baptized in 1674; and Benjamin, in 1679.

The residence of this family was on the southwest corner of Bradley lot (corner of Main and State Streets, or Buttonwood corner). Mr. Starr was appointed county marshal<sup>6</sup> in 1678, and probably held the office till his death. No will, inventory, or record of the settlement of his estate has been found, but a deed was executed Feb. 2, 1687-88, by Hannah,

<sup>4</sup> About the year 1846, Mr. David Bishop with great labor succeeded in cutting a chamber out of the solid rock for a foundation, upon which he erected a handsome house. A street has since been opened over the hill, a number of neat houses built, and the name of Mountain Avenue given to it.

<sup>5</sup> Farmers' Register.

<sup>6</sup> Equivalent to sheriff.

<sup>1</sup> Farmers' Register.

<sup>2</sup> Savage's Whithrop, vol. II. p. 306.

<sup>3</sup> Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. III. p. 177. In Mass. Hist. Coll., 3d series, vol. x. p. 118, *Mr. Myrior* is probably a mistake for *Myriot*.

widow of Samuel Starr, and it is probable that her husband had then recently deceased.

Samuel Starr was undoubtedly a descendant of "Comfort Starr, of Ashford, chirurgion," who came to New England in the "Hercules," of Sandwich, 1635, with three children and three servants.<sup>1</sup> The coincidence of names suggests an intimate family connection. The three children of the chirurgion are supposed to have been Thomas, John, and Comfort. Thomas followed the profession of his father, is styled a surgeon, and was living in Yarmouth, Mass., from 1648 to 1670.<sup>2</sup> He had two children born in Scituate,—Comfort, in 1644, and Elizabeth, in 1646. It is probable that he had other children, and, according to our conjecture, one older, viz., our Samuel Starr, of New London. The church records of Ipswich state that Mary, wife of Comfort Starr, was admitted to that church in March, 1671, and in May, 1673, dismissed to the church in New London. She was received here in June, and her husband's name appears on the town record about the same period, but he is supposed to have removed to Middletown. This was probably the brother of Samuel, and identical with Comfort Starr, born in 1644.

Samuel Starr, Jr., is mentioned in 1685, and again in 1687. He then disappears, and no descendants have been found in this vicinity. Of Comfort, third son of Samuel, nothing is known after his baptism in 1671. It may be presumed that he died young. The second and fourth sons, Thomas and Jonathan, settled east of the river, in the present town of Groton, on land which some of their descendants still occupy. Thomas Starr is called a shipwright. In the year 1710 he sold a sloop called the "Sea Flower," which he describes as "a square-sterned vessel of sixty-seven tons and six-sevenths of a ton burden, built by me in Groton" for £180. This is our latest account of him till we meet with the notice of his death, which took place Jan. 31, 1711-12.

Thomas and Jonathan Starr married sisters, Mary and Elizabeth Morgan, daughters of Capt. James Morgan. Samuel, the oldest son of Jonathan, removed to Norwich, and is the founder of the Norwich family of Starrs. Jonathan, the second son, was the ancestor of the present Jonathan Starr, Esq., of New London, and of the late Capt. Jared Starr. Richard, another brother of this family, removed to Hinsdale, Mass., and was one of the fathers of that new settlement, and a founder of its infant church.

The descendants of Jonathan Starr have been remarkable for longevity,—eight of his children lived to be eighty, and most of them over eighty-five years of age. One of his daughters, Mrs. Turner, was one hundred years and seven months old. In the family of his son Jonathan, the father, mother, and four children averaged ninety years of age. The third

Jonathan lived to be ninety-five, and his brother, Capt. Jared Starr, to his ninetieth year. A similar length of years characterized their partners in marriage. Mrs. Mary (Seabury) Starr lived to the age of ninety-nine years, and Elizabeth, relict of Capt. Joseph Starr, of Groton (brother of Jonathan, 2d), died at the age of one hundred years four months and eight days.

Benjamin Starr, the youngest son of the first Samuel (born 1679), settled in New London, and has had many descendants here. He purchased in 1702 of the heirs of Thomas Dymond a house, garden, and wharf upon Bream Cove, east side, where the old bridge crossed the cove, which was then regarded as the end of the town in that direction. The phrase "from the fort to Benjamin Starr's" comprehended the whole length of the bank. The water at high tide came up to the base of Mr. Starr's house, and the dwellings southeast of it, known as the Crocker and Perriman houses, founded on the rocks, had the tide directly in their rear, so as to preclude the use of doors on the water side. The quantity of made land in that vicinity, and the recession of the water consequent upon bridging and wharfing, has entirely altered the original form of the shore around Bream Cove. A foot-bridge, with a draw, spanned the cove by the side of Mr. Starr, and connected him with his opposite neighbor, Peter Harris.

Philip Bill died July 8, 1689. Mr. Bill and a daughter named Margaret died the same day, victims of an epidemic throat distemper. He settled east of the river, in that part of the township which is now Ledyard, before 1670. Mr. Bradstreet baptized his son Jonathan, Nov. 5, 1671, and adds to the record that the father was member of the church at Ipswich. Another son, Joshua, was baptized in 1675. The older children, probably born in Ipswich, were Philip, Samuel, John, and Elizabeth. Hannah, relict of Philip Bill, married Samuel Bucknall. Philip Bill, Jr., was sergeant of the first company of train-bands formed in Groton. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Lester. Their oldest son, Philip, was lost at sea or died abroad. Sergt. Philip Bill, who "lived near the Long Hill, in Groton," died July 10, 1739, aged above eighty. "The church-bell" (says Hempstead in his "Diary") "tolled twice on that occasion." We infer from this that it was customary at that day to have only a death-bell to announce decease, but no passing-bell to solemnize the funeral.

Abel Moore died July 9, 1689. This event occurred at Dedham, Mass., and was caused by the extreme heat of the weather. He was constable of the town that year, and had been to Boston, probably on business connected with his public duties.

Smith. We find the name of Giles Smith at Hartford in 1639; at New London in 1647; at Fairfield in 1651. These three are doubtless one and the same person. At Fairfield he found a resting-place, and there remained till his death.

<sup>1</sup> Gleanings by Savage, in Mass. Hist. Coll., 3d series, vol. viii. p. 275.

<sup>2</sup> Deane's Hist. of Scituate, p. 347, and Thatcher's Medical Biography.

Ralph Smith was a transient resident in 1657, and again in 1659.

Richard Smith came to the plantation in 1652 from "Martha's Vineyard," but soon went to Wethersfield. Another Richard Smith was a householder in 1655, occupying the lot of Jarvis Mudge, near the burial-ground; but he also removed to Wethersfield, where the two were styled senior and junior, but they do not appear to have been father and son. This name, *Richard Smith*, was often repeated on the list of early emigrants.

Other early settlers of New London of the name of Smith were Nehemiah, John, and Edward. The first two were brothers, and the last named their nephew. Nehemiah had previously lived in New Haven, and the birth of his son Nehemiah, the only son that appears on record, was registered there in 1646. John Smith came from Boston, with his wife Joanna and daughter Elizabeth, who appears to have been his only child. Edward Smith is first named in 1660. He settled on a farm east of the river.

John Smith remained in the town plot, and after 1659 held the offices of commissioner, custom-master, and grand jurymen. His residence was in New, or Cape Ann Street.

"Feb. 1666-67. John Smith hath given him the two trees that stand in the street before his house for shade, not to be cut down by any person."

Walter Bodington died Sept. 17, 1689. He was a single man who had occupied for a few years certain lands east of the river which he purchased of the heirs of Thomas Bailey. The orthography of the name has since varied into Buddington.

John Packer died in 1689. With this early settler in Groton only a slight acquaintance has been obtained. He fixed his habitation, about the year 1655, in close proximity to the Pequot Indians, who had congregated at Naiwayonk (Noank).

William Chapell died in 1689 or 1690. This name is often in the confused orthography of the old records confounded with "Chappell," but they appear to have been from the first distinct names. Some clerks were very careful to note the distinction, putting an accent over the *a*, or writing it double, *Chaapel*. William Chapell, in 1659, bought a house-lot in New Street, in partnership with Richard Waring (Warren?). In 1667 he was associated with William Peake in the purchase of various lots of rugged, uncleared land, hill, ledge, and swamp, on the west side of the town plot, which they divided between them. William Peake settled on what has since been called the Rockdale farm, now James Brown's, and William Chapell, on the Cohanzie road, upon what is at present known as the Cavalry farm. A considerable part of the Chapell land was afterwards purchased by the Latimer family.

In February, 1695, William Chapell, aged eight years and a half, was delivered "to Jonathan Prentis, mariner, to be instructed in the mariner's art and navigation by said Prentis, or, in case of his death, by his *Dame*." This lad died in 1704. The descendants of

John and Joseph Chapell, the oldest and youngest sons of William and Christian, are numerous. There was a John Chapell, of Lyme, in 1678, and onward, probably brother of William, Sr., of New London.

Thomas Minor<sup>1</sup> died Oct. 23, 1690. Mrs. Grace Minor deceased the same month. A long stone of rough granite in the burial-ground at Wickutequack, almost imbedded in the turf, bears the following rudely-cut inscription: "Here lyeth the body of Lieutenant Thomas Minor, aged eighty-three years. Departed 1690." It is said that Mr. Minor had selected this stone from his own fields, and had often pointed it out to his family, with the request, "Lay this stone on my grave."

Mr. Minor bore a conspicuous part in the settlement both of New London and Stonington. His personal history belongs more particularly to the latter place.

George Miller died in 1690. This person had been a resident east of the river (in Groton) from the year 1679, and perhaps longer.

John Lamb. This name is found on the New London rate-list of 1664, and on the list of freemen in 1669. In December, 1663, he is styled "John Lamb, now of Pockatuck, alias Southerton."

John Bennet died Sept. 22, 1691. This person was at Mystic as early as 1658. He had sons,—William (born 1660), John, and Joseph.

John Prentis. No account of the death of this early member of the community has been found, but the probate proceedings show that it took place in 1691.

Valentine Prentis, or Prentice, came to New England in 1631, with wife Alice and son John, having buried one child at sea. He settled in Roxbury, where he soon died, and his relict married (April 3, 1634) John Watson.

John Prentis, the son of Valentine and Alice, became an inhabitant of New London in 1652, and probably brought his wife, Hester, with him from Roxbury. Though living in New London, he connected himself with the Roxbury Church in September, 1665, and thither he carried most of his children to be baptized.

It has been mentioned that John Prentis was by trade a blacksmith. He pursued his craft in New London for six or seven years, and then removed to a farm in the neighborhood of Robin Hood's Bay (Jordan Cove), near the Bentworth farm, but in a few years once more changed his main pursuit and entered upon a seafaring life. His sons also, one after another (according to the usual custom of New London), began the business of life upon the sea. In 1675, John Prentis, Jr., commanded the bark "Adventure" in the Barbadoes trade. In 1680 the elder John and his son Jonathan owned and navigated a

<sup>1</sup> This name is now commonly written *Minor*. We use in this work the original autograph authority.

vessel bearing the family name of "John and Hester." Thomas Prentis also became a noted sea-captain, making a constant succession of voyages to Newfoundland and the West Indies from 1695 to 1720.

Among these children the father in 1711 distributed the Indian servants of his household—Rachel and her children—in this order:

"To my son-in-law Thomas Hoemer, of Hartford, one black girl named Simone, till she is 30—then she is to be free. To my son-in-law John Bulkley, Bilhah—to be free at 32. To my daughter Sarah, Zilpha—to be free at 32. To my daughter Elizabeth, a black boy named Hannibal—to be free at 35. To my daughter Irene, a boy named York, free at 35. To Scipio I have promised freedom at 30. Rachel the mother, I give to Irene—also the little girl with her, named Dido, who is to be free at 32." To this bequest is added to the three youngest daughters, then unmarried, each "a feather bed and its furniture."

Stephen Prentis, son of John the elder, inherited the farm of his father, near Niantic Ferry, where he died in 1758, aged ninety-two. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of John Rogers, and granddaughter of Matthew Griswold.

John Wheeler died Dec. 16, 1691. No connection has been traced between John Wheeler, of New London, and Thomas and Isaac Wheeler, cotemporary inhabitants of Stonington. John is first presented to us as part owner of a vessel called the "Zebulon" in 1667. He entered largely into mercantile concerns, traded with the West Indies, and had a vessel built under his own superintendence, which at the period of his death had just returned from an English voyage.

Avery. Christopher Avery was one of the selectmen of Gloucester, Mass., between 1646 and 1654.<sup>1</sup> On the 8th of August, 1665, he is at New London, purchasing the house, orchard, and lot of Robert Burrows, in the town plot. In June, 1667, he was released from watching and training. In October, 1669, made freeman of the colony. Charles Hill, the town clerk, makes this memorandum of his decease:

"Christopher Avery's death, vide, near the death of mother Brewster."

The reference is to Lucretia, relict of Jonathan Brewster (mother-in-law to Mr. Hill), but no record of her death is to be found. James Avery in 1685 gives a deed to his four sons of the house, orchard, and land, "which belonged" (he says) "to my deceased father, Christopher Avery."

No other son but James has been traced. It may be conjectured that this family came from Salisbury, England, as a Christopher Avery of that place had wife Mary buried in 1591.<sup>2</sup>

James Avery and Joanna Greenslade were married Nov. 10, 1643. This is recorded in Gloucester. The records of Boston Church have the following entry:

"17 of 1 mo. 1644. Our sister, Joan Greenslade, now the wife of one James Averill, had granted her by the church's silence letters of recommendation to the Ch. at Gloster."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Babson of Gloucester.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Hist. Coll., 3d series, vol. x, p. 139.

<sup>3</sup> Savage (MS.).

The births of three children are recorded at Gloucester; these are repeated at New London, and the others registered from time to time. The whole list is as follows: Hannah, born Oct. 12, 1644; James, born Dec. 16, 1646; Mary, born Feb. 19, 1648; Thomas, born May 6, 1651; John, born Feb. 10, 1653-54; Rebecca, born Oct. 6, 1656; Jonathan, born Jan. 5, 1658-59; Christopher, born April 30, 1661; Samuel, born Aug. 14, 1664; Joanna, born 1669.

James Avery was sixty-two years old in 1682; of course born on the other side of the ocean about 1620. At New London he took an important part in the affairs of the plantation. He was chosen townsman in 1660, and held the office twenty-three years, ending with 1680. He was successively ensign, lieutenant, and captain of the only company of train-bands in the town, and was in active service through Philip's war. He was twelve times deputy to the General Court between 1658 and 1680; was in the commission of the peace, and sat as assistant judge in the County Court.

He removed to Pequonuck, east of the river, between 1660 and 1670, where both he and his wife were living in 1693. Deeds of lands to his sons, including the homestead farm, in February, 1693-94, probably indicate the near approach of death. His sons Jonathan and Christopher died young, and probably without issue. The descendants of James, Jr., Thomas, John, and Samuel, are very numerous, and may be regarded as four distinct streams of life. Groton is the principal hive of the family.

Capt. George Denison died Oct. 23, 1694. This event took place at Hartford during the session of the General Court. His gravestone at that place is extant, and the age given, seventy-six, shows that the date of 1621, which has been assigned for his birth, is too late, and that 1619 should be substituted. This diminishes the difference of age between him and his second wife, Ann, who, according to the memorial tablet erected by her descendants at Mystic, deceased Sept. 26, 1712, aged ninety-seven.

Peter Spicer died probably in 1695. He was one of the resident farmers in that part of the township which is now Ledyard. He was a landholder in 1666.

John Leeds died probably in 1696. The following extracts from the town and church records contain all the information that has been gathered of the family of John Leeds:

"John Leeds, of Staplehowe, in Kent, Old England, was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Cary Latham, June 25, 1678."

"Mr. Leeds' child John, baptized March 13, 1680-81.

" " daughter Elizabeth, baptized Oct. 16, 1681.

" " son William, baptized May 20, 1683.

"Widow Leeds' two children baptized, Gideon and Thomas, Aug. 1, 1697."

John Leeds is first introduced to us in 1674 as a mariner, commander of the "Success," bound to Nevis. He engaged afterwards in building vessels, and had a ship-yard on the east side of the river.

John Mayhew died 1696. This name appears after 1670, belonging to one of that class of persons who had their principal home on the deep and their rendezvous in New London.

"John Mayhew, from Devonshire, Old England, mariner, was married unto Johanna, daughter of Jeffrey Christophers, Dec. 28, 1678."

John Plumbe died in 1696. Plumbe is one of the oldest names in Connecticut. Mr. John Plumbe was of Wethersfield, 1636, and a magistrate in 1637. He had a warehouse burnt at Saybrook in the Pequot war. In February, 1664-65, he was appointed inspector of the lading of vessels at Wethersfield. He was engaged in the coasting trade, and his name incidentally appears in the records of various towns on the river and along the coast of the Sound. An account has been preserved among the Winthrop papers of a remarkable meteor which he saw one night in October, 1665, "I being then" (he observes) "rouing in my bote to groton," probably from Seabrook, where his account is dated. In 1670 he is noticed as carrying dispatches between Governors Winthrop, of Hartford, and Lovelace, of New York. We have no account of him at New London as an inhabitant of the town until he was chosen constable, in February, 1679-80. He was afterwards known as marshal of the county and inn-keeper.

Joseph Truman died in 1697. Joseph Truman came to New London in 1666, and was chosen constable the next year.

Joseph and Jonathan Rogers. These were the second and fifth sons of James Rogers, Sr., and are supposed to have died in 1697, at the respective ages of fifty-one and forty-seven, both leaving large families.

Ebenezer Hubbell died in 1698. He was a native of Stratfield, in Fairfield County; married Mary, daughter of Gabriel Harris, and purchased the homestead of Samson Haughton (corner of Truman and Blinman Streets).

The Beeby brothers. The phrase "John Beeby and his brothers," used in the early grants to the family, leads to the supposition that John was the oldest of the four. They may be arranged with probability in the order of John, Thomas, Samuel, and Nathaniel. They all lived to advanced age.

William Chapman died Dec. 18, 1699. This name first appears in 1657, when William Chapman bought the Denison house-lot on the present Hempstead Street, nearly opposite the jail. No record is found of his family. The children named in his will were John, William, Samuel, Jeremiah, Joseph, Sarah, and Rebecca.

Stephen Loomer died in 1700. This name is not found in New London before 1687. Mr. Loomer's wife was the daughter of George Miller. His children and their ages at the time of his death were as follows: John, sixteen; Mary, thirteen; Martha, eleven; Samuel, eight; Elizabeth, five.

David Carpenter died in 1700. The period of his

settlement in the town was probably coincident with his marriage to Sarah, daughter of William Hough; to both events the conjectured date of 1676 may be assigned.

Alexander Pygan died in 1701. On his first arrival in the plantation Mr. Pygan appears to have been a lawless young man of "passionate and distempered carriage," as it was then expressed,—one who, we may suppose, "left his country for his country's good." But the restraints and influences with which he was here surrounded produced their legitimate effect, and he became a valuable member of the community.

Thomas Stedman died in 1701. This name is found at New London at the early date of 1649, but it soon afterward disappears.

Butler. Thomas and John Butler are not presented to our notice as inhabitants of New London until after 1680. Probably they were brothers. No account of the marriage or family of either is on record.

Capt. Samuel Fosdick died Aug. 27, 1702. Samuel Fosdick, "from Charlestown, in the Bay," appears at New London about 1680. According to manuscripts preserved in the family, he was the son of John Fosdick and Anna Shapley, who were married in 1648; and the said John was a son of Stephen Fosdick, of Charlestown, who died May 21, 1664.

Joseph Pemberton died Oct. 14, 1702. James Pemberton had a son, Joseph, born in Boston in 1665, with whom we venture to identify the Joseph Pemberton here noticed. He resided in Westerly before coming to New London.

William Walworth died in 1703. William Walworth is first known to us as the lessee of Fisher's Island, or of a considerable part of it, and it is a tradition of the family that he came directly from England to assume this charge at the invitation of the owner of the island, Fitz-John Winthrop, who wished to introduce the English methods of farming.

Edward Stallion died May 14, 1703. When this person made his first appearance in the plantation, Mr. Bruen, the clerk, recorded his name Stanley. It was soon altered to Stallion, or Stallon. In later times it has been identified with Sterling, which may have been the true name.

Edward Stallion was at first a coasting trader, but later in life became a resident farmer in North Groton (now Ledyard).

Ezekiel Turner died Jan. 16, 1703-4. He was a son of John Turner, of Scituate, and grandson of Humphrey Turner, an emigrant of 1628. His mother was Mary, daughter of Jonathan Brewster. At New London we have no account of him earlier than his marriage with Susannah, daughter of John Keeny, Dec. 26, 1678.

Sergt. George Darrow died in 1704. From inferential testimony it is ascertained that George Darrow married Mary, relict of George Sharswood. The baptisms but not the births of their children are recorded.



Maj. Christopher Darrow, a brave soldier of the French and Revolutionary wars, who lived in the North Parish, and Elder Zadok Darrow, a venerable Baptist minister of Waterford, were descendants of Christopher and Elizabeth Darrow.

George Sharswood. Only flitting gleams are obtained of this person and his family. They come and go like figures exhibited for scenic effect. George Sharswood appears before us in 1666; is inserted in the rate-list of 1667; the next year builds a house, and apparently about the same time becomes a married man, though of this event we can find no record.

John Harvey died in January, 1705. The name of John Harvey is first noticed about 1682. He was then living near the head of Niantic River, and perhaps within the bounds of Lyme. He left sons, John and Thomas, and daughter, Elizabeth Willey.

Williams. No genealogy in New London County is more extensive and perplexing than that of Williams. The families of that name are derived from several distinct ancestors. Among them John Williams and Thomas Williams appear to stand disconnected; at least, no relationship with their contemporaries has been traced, or with each other. They are entirely distinct from the Stonington family of Williams, although the names are in many cases identical.

The first Williams in New London was William, who is in the rate-list of 1664. He lived on the east, or Groton side of the river, and died in 1704, leaving four sons, Richard, William, Henry, and Stephen, all of full age, and a daughter, Mary, wife of Samuel Packer.

Thomas Williams appears in the plantation about 1670. His cattle-mark was enrolled in 1680. He lived west of the river, at or near Mohegan, and died Sept. 24, 1705, about sixty-one years of age. He left a widow, Joanna, and eleven children between the ages of twelve and thirty-three years, and a grandchild who was heir of a deceased daughter. The sons were John, Thomas, Jonathan, William, Samuel, and Ebenezer.

John Williams, another independent branch of this extended name, married, in 1685 or 1686, Jane, relict of Hugh Hubbard and daughter of Cary Latham. No trace of him earlier than this has been noticed. He succeeded to the lease of the ferry (granted for fifty years to Cary Latham), and lived, as did also his wife, to advanced age. "He kept the ferry," says "Hempstead's Diary," "when Groton and New London were one town, and had but one minister and one captain's company." When he died, Dec. 3, 1741, within the same bounds were eight religious societies and nine military companies, five on the west side and four in Groton. He left an only son, Peter, of whom Capt. John Williams, who perished in the massacre at Groton fort in 1781, was a descendant.

John and Eleazer Williams, brother and son of Isaac Williams, of Roxbury, Mass., settled in Ston-

ington about the year 1687, and are the ancestors of another distinct line, branches of which have been many years resident in New London and Norwich. The genealogy of this family belongs more particularly to Stonington.

Ebenezer Williams, son of Samuel, of Roxbury, and cousin of John and Eleazer, settled also in Stonington, and left descendants there. He was brother of the Rev. John Williams, first minister of Deerfield, who was taken captive with his family by the French and Indians in 1701. A passage from "Hempstead's Diary" avouches this relationship:

"Sept. 9, 1733. Mr. Ebenezer Williams, of Stonington, is come to see a French woman in town that says she is daughter to his brother, the late Rev. Mr. Williams, of Deerfield, taken by the French and Indians thirty years ago."

This passage refers to a young daughter of the Deerfield family that was never redeemed from captivity, but lived and died among the Indians. She was probably often personated for sinister ends. The Frenchwoman mentioned above was unquestionably an impostor.

Capt. John Williams, of Poquetannock (Ledyard), was yet another original settler of the name. He is said to have come directly from Wales, and to have had no relationship with other families in the country. We quote a contemporary notice of his death:

"Jan. 12, 1741-2. Capt. John Williams died at Pockatannock of pleurisy, after 7 days' illness. He was a good commonwealth's man, traded much by sea and land with good success for many years, and acquired wholly by his own industry a great estate. He was a very just dealer, aged about 60 years."<sup>1</sup>

Brig.-Gen. Joseph Williams, of Norwich, one of the Western Reserve purchasers, was a son of Capt. John Williams.

Benjamin Shapley died Aug. 3, 1706. Benjamin, son of Nicholas Shapley, of Boston, was born, according to *Farmers' Register*, in 1645. We find no difficulty in appropriating this birth to Benjamin Shapley, mariner, who about 1670 became an inhabitant of New London.

Anthony Ashby. A person of this name kept a house of entertainment at Salem in 1670. It was probably the same man that afterwards came to New London and settled east of the river.

George Dennis. The period of his death is uncertain, but it was previous to 1708. He came to New London from Long Island, and married Elizabeth, relict of Joshua Raymond. They had but one child, Ebenezer, who was born Oct. 23, 1682. Ebenezer Dennis inherited from his mother a dwelling-house, choicely situated near the water, and commanding a fine prospect of the harbor, where about the year 1710 he opened a house of entertainment.

Peter Cray, of Groton, died in 1708. He married in December, 1677, Christobel, daughter of John Gallop. His oldest child, Christobel, was born "the latter end of February, 1678-79."

<sup>1</sup> Hempstead (MS.).

John Daniel died about 1709. This date is obtained by approximation; he was living in the early part of 1709, and in July, 1710, Mary, widow of John Daniels, is mentioned. His earliest date at New London is in April, 1663, when his name is given without the s, John Daniel.

George Chappell died in 1709. Among the emigrants for New England in the "Christian" from London, 1635, was George Chappell, aged twenty. He was at Wethersfield in 1637, and can be traced there as a resident until 1649, which was probably about the time that he came to Pequot, bringing with him a wife, Margaret, and some three or four children. Of his marriage, or of the births of these children, no account is preserved at Wethersfield. The whole list of his family, as gathered from various sources, is as follows: 1. Mary, married John Daniels; 2. Rachel, married Thomas Crocker; 3. John, removed to Flushing, L. I.; 4. George, born March 5, 1653-54; 5. Elizabeth, born Aug. 30, 1656; 6. Hester, born April 15, 1662; 7. Sarah, born Feb. 14, 1665-66; 8. Nathaniel, born May 21, 1668; 9. Caleb, born Oct. 7, 1671.

At the time of George Chappell's decease these nine children were all living, as was also his aged wife, whom he committed to the special care of his son Caleb and grandson Comfort. Caleb Chappell had previously removed to Lebanon, from whence his son Amos went to Sharon and settled in that part of the township which is now Ellsworth. The second George Chappell married, first, Alice Way, and second, Mary Douglas. He had two sons, George and Comfort; from the latter the late Capt. Edward Chappell, of New London, descended. Families of this name in New London and the neighboring towns are numerous, all tracing back to George for their ancestor. Branches from this stock are also disseminated in various parts of the Union.

Capt. Samuel Chester died in 1710. A sea-captain in the West India line, he receives his first grant of land in New London for a warehouse in 1664, in company with William Condry, of Boston, who was styled his nephew.

William Condry. In connection with Capt. Chester, a brief notice is due to William Condry. His wife was Mary, daughter of Ralph Parker. He had four children presented together for baptism, March 23, 1672-73,—Richard, William, Ebenezer, and Ralph. The family removed to Boston about 1680. A letter from Mr. Condry, dated June 14, 1688, to Capt. Chester is recorded at New London, requesting him to make sale of one hundred and fifty acres of land that had been given him by the town. He says,—

"LOVING UNCLE:

"I would desire if you can sell the land that lyeth on your side of the river to do me that kindness as to sell it for me at the best advantage, and send it down to me the next spring, and give a bill of sale for the same, and this shall be your discharge. If you sell it, take it in pork if you can, for that will be the best commodity here. I am now ready to sale for Barbadoes," etc.

Thomas Mortimer died March 11, 1709-10. This name was often written Maltimore and Mortimore. We have little information concerning the person who bore it, and with whom, apparently, it became extinct. He was a constable in 1680.

William Mynard died in 1711. This person was an original emigrant from Great Britain; he had a brother George, who died at Fording Bridge, in Hampshire, England, to whose estate he was an heir.

Thomas Pember, drowned Sept. 27, 1711, in Nahantic River, on whose banks he dwelt. He had three children baptized in 1692, viz., Mercy, Thomas, and Elizabeth; also Ann, baptized 1694, and John, 1696. At the period of his death only four children were living. He left a wife, Agnes, who was for many years famous as a nurse and doctress.

Richard Singleton died Oct. 16, 1711. The record of his death styles him *ferryman of Groton*. Originally he was a mariner, and probably took the ferry when the fifty years' lease of Latham expired, in 1705, in company with John Williams, or perhaps alternating with him. Both lived on Groton Bank, and were lessees of the ferry about the same time.

Wells. Thomas Wells was one of the early band of planters at Pequot Harbor; probably on the ground in 1648, and certainly in 1649. He was a carpenter, and worked with Elderkin on mills and meeting-houses.

Jacob Holloway died Nov. 9, 1711. He appears in the plantation a little before 1700. Left a son, John, and daughters, Rose and Ann. His wife died four days after the decease of her husband.

Joseph Nest died Dec. 8, 1711. Mr. Nest's wife deceased before him, and he lived apparently alone in a small tenement in the angle of the Lyme and Great Neck roads.

John Terrall died Feb. 27, 1712. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Terrall, died March 7th succeeding. No children are mentioned in the will of the latter, but she was probably a second wife.

John Wickwire died in March or April, 1712. This person was an early settler in Mohegan, or the North Parish (now Montville).

Thomas Short. "Here lyeth the body of Thomas Short, who deceased Sept. 27, 1712, aged thirty years." The small headstone in the old burial-ground which bears this inscription shows where the remains of the first printer in the colony of Connecticut are deposited. He had been instructed in his art by Bartholomew Green, of Boston, who recommended him to the authorities of Connecticut for a colony printer, in which office he established himself at New London in 1709.

Thomas Munsell died in 1712. We find this person mentioned in 1681. He was on a committee to lay out a highway in 1683. His wife was Lydia, and his children Jacob, Elisha, Mercy, and Deliverance. In 1723, Jacob was of Windsor, and Elisha of Norwich.

Stephen Hurlbut died Oct. 7, 1712. The Hurlbut family of Connecticut commences with Thomas Hurlbut, who was one of the garrison at Saybrook fort in 1636, and settled in Wethersfield about 1640. Stephen, who came to New London after 1690, was probably one of his descendants, and a native of Wethersfield.

William Camp died Oct. 9, 1713. He was an inhabitant of the Jordan district. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. His two sons, William and James, removed to the North Parish (now Montville).

Hallam. John and Nicholas Hallam were the sons of Mrs. Alice Liveen by a former marriage, and probably born in Barbadoes,—John in 1661, and Nicholas in 1664. John married Prudence, daughter of Amos Richardson, in 1682, and fixed his residence in Stonington, where he died in 1700. His possessions were large; a thousand acres of land were leased to him in perpetuity by John Richardson, of Newbury, in 1692, "for the consideration of five shillings and an annual rent of one pepper-corn;" and his inventory gives evidence of a style of dress and housekeeping more expensive and showy than was common in those days. It contains silver-plate, mantle, and coat of *broad-cloth*, lined with silk, "seventeen horse kind," four negro servants, etc.

Maj. Edward Palmes died March 21, 1714-15. The same day died Capt. John Prentis (2). They were both buried on the 23d, under arms, Capt. Prentis in the morning, and Maj. Palmes in the afternoon. The latter died on his farm at Nahantick, but was brought into town for interment. Mr. Hempstead's diary notices the extreme severity of the weather at the time, and says of Maj. Palmes, "He was well and dead in two hours and a half." His gravestone states that he was in his seventy-eighth year; we may therefore place his birth in the year 1638.

Guy and Edward Palmes were both traders in 1659 and 1660, the latter in New Haven, and the former in one of the towns west of it upon the Sound. In December, 1660, Edward had removed to New London. From various sources it is ascertained that he married Lucy Winthrop, daughter of Governor Winthrop of Connecticut, and after her death a Widow Davis, and that by his first wife he had a daughter Lucy, who married (first) Samuel Gray and (second) Samuel Lynde, of Saybrook, but of these successive events no explicit documentary evidence is to be found in New London. Dates therefore cannot be given. Two children of Maj. Palmes by his second wife are on Mr. Bradstreet's record of baptisms:

"Baptized Nov. 17, 1678, Maj. Palmes his child by his second wife who was Capt. Davis his relict, — Guy.

"Baptized Oct. 1, 1682, Maj. Palmes his child — Andrew.

The Bentworth farm of Maj. Palmes at Nahantick was mortgaged to Capt. Charles Chambers, of Charlestown, for £853. He left, however, five other valuable

farms. The Winthrop homestead in the town plot, and the Mountain farm, bought of Samuel Royce, he gave to his daughter, Lucy Gray, but the remainder of his estate went to his son Andrew. These are the only children mentioned in his will, and probably all that survived infancy.

Andrew Palmes graduated at Harvard College in 1703, and died in 1721. He had four sons—Guy, Bryan, Edward, and Andrew—and a daughter, Sarah, who married Richard Durfey. The name of Palmes is now extinct in New London. The Brainerd family is descended in the female line from Capt. Edward Palmes, the third son of Andrew.

Richard Jennings died Dec. 12, 1715. Richard Jennings and Elizabeth Reynolds were married "the beginning of June, 1678." They were both emigrants from Barbadoes. Their children were, first, Samuel, born March 11, 1679; second, Richard, 1680; third, Elinor, who married Richard Manwaring.

Thomas Crocker died Jan. 18, 1715-16. The descendants of this person are numerous and widely scattered. At the time of his decease he was eighty-three years of age, and had lived about fifty years in the town. His wife, Rachel, was a daughter of Geo. Chappell.

David Caulkins died Nov. 25, 1717. Hugh Caulkin(s) and his son John removed to Norwich in 1660. David, the younger son, remained in New London, and inherited the homestead farm given by the town to his father at Nahantick. Edward Palmes, John Prentis, David Caulkins, and William Keeny lived on adjoining farms, and for a considerable period occupied a district by themselves around the present Rope Ferry and Millstone Point.

Ensign George Way died in February, 1716-17. This was the period of the "great snow," famous throughout New England. Ensign Way lived at the West Farms, not far from Lake's Pond, and after his decease his remains were kept for eleven or twelve days, on account of the impassable state of the roads. He was finally interred on the 7th of March, being brought into town by men on snow-shoes.

The family of Ensign Way removed from New London. He had several children, but Lynne was probably the place of their nativity. His wife was Susannah, daughter of Joseph Nest.

Joshua Baker died Dec. 27, 1717. He was the son of Alexander Baker, of Boston, and born at the latter place in 1642. He came to New London about 1670, and married, Sept. 13, 1674, Hannah, relict of Tristram Minter.

Thomas Jones died Oct. 6, 1718. His wife was Catharine, daughter of Thomas Gammon, of Newfoundland, whom he married June 25, 1677. He lived at first near Alewife Cove, but removed into the North Parish, and his only son, Thomas, became a proprietor of the town of Colchester.

Daniel Wetherell was born Nov. 29, 1630, at the Free School-house, in Maidstone, Kent, Old England.

Daniel Wetherell, of New London, son of William Wetherell, clericus of Scituate, was married Aug. 4, 1659, to Grace, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Brewster.

Andrew Davis, of Groton, died April 23, 1719. John Davis was one of the planters of Pequot in 1651, and came probably from Ipswich. In 1662 he was master of a vessel. His death is not registered, but there is little hazard in assuming that his relict was the Widow Davis whom Maj. Palmer married for his second wife, and that Andrew Davis, of Groton, was his son. It is difficult to construct a family history out of the scanty materials afforded by early records.

Lieut. John Richards died Nov. 2, 1720. He was the oldest son of the first John Richards, and his wife was Love, daughter of Oliver Manwaring. He had a large family of ten or twelve children, of whom only four (John, George, Samuel, and Lydia) survived their father. His inventory, which comprises *gold buttons*, silver-plate, and gold and silver coin, shows that an advance had been made beyond the simple frugality of the first times. He owned the Bartlett farm on the river, one-half of which was prized at £315, which indicates a still greater advance in the value of lands. No spot in New London was more noted than the *corner* of Lieut. Richards (now opposite the court-house). It was for many years the most western dwelling in that direction, with only the school-house and pasture-lots beyond.

Col. John Livingston died 1720. "The inventory of Lieut.-Col. John Livingston, late of New London, taken at the house of Mrs. Sarah Knight, in Norwich, at the desire of Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, widow of ye deceased, who is appointed administratrix, March 10, 1720-21." The list of effects under this heading is slender. The principal items are 103 ounces of wrought-plate at 10s. 6d. per ounce, a japanned cabinet, and a field-tent. Col. Livingston died abroad. His residence in New London has already been noticed. He speculated largely in Indian lands. In 1705 he purchased "Pawmechaug," three hundred acres, of Samuel Rogers, and sold it subsequently to Charles Whiting. In 1710 he was one of the four purchasers of all Mohegan, the reservation of the Indians excepted. He had a farm on Saw-mill Brook (now Uncasville), of four hundred acres, which he cultivated as a homestead. Here he had his mills and dwelling-house, the latter standing on the west side of the road to Norwich. It was here that his first wife, Mrs. Mary Livingston, the only child of Governor Fitz-John Winthrop, died, Jan. 8, 1712-13. She was not interred till the 16th; the weather being very inclement and the snow deep, she could not be brought into town till that time.

Col. Livingston's second wife was Elizabeth, daughter and only child of Mrs. Sarah Knight. The marriage has not been found registered. To Mrs. Knight, Livingston first mortgaged and then sold the Mohegan farm. The title therefore accrued to Mrs. Livingston

from her mother, and not her husband. She sold it to Capt. Stephen Harding, of Warwick. Col. Livingston had no children by either wife. The grave of the first, the daughter of Winthrop, is undistinguished and unknown. A table of freestone, with the following inscription, perpetuates the memory of the second:

"Inter'd vnder this stone is the body of Mdm Elizabeth Livingston, relict of Col. John Livingstone of New London, who departed this life March 17th, A.D. 1735-6, in the 48th year of her age."

The following are items from the inventory of her effects:

A negro woman, Rose; man, Pompey.

Indian man named John Nothing.

Silver-plate amounting to £234 13s.

A damask table-cloth, 80s.

Four gold rings, one silver ring, one stoned ring.

A pair of stoned ear-rings, a stone drop for the neck.

A red stone for a locket, two pair of gold buttons.

A diamond ring with five diamonds (prized at £30).

John Edgecomb died April 11, 1721. His will calls him aged. His estate was appraised at £681, and consisted of a homestead in the town plot and two considerable farms.

Capt. Peter Manwaring died July 29, 1723. He perished by shipwreck on the south side of Montauk Point. This enterprising mariner is first named a little before 1700. His relationship with Oliver Manwaring has not been ascertained, but the probability is that he was his nephew. He followed the seas with great assiduity. His family consisted of a wife and three daughters.

Oliver Manwaring died Nov. 3, 1723. He was then ninety years of age, and had been an inhabitant of the town about sixty years. His house-lot of eleven acres was bought on the 3d of November, 1664. The nucleus of this homestead, consisting of the house-plot and garden, is still in the possession of a descendant in the direct male line from Oliver.

Sergt. Ebenezer Griffing died Sept. 2, 1723. His age was fifty years, and he had been about twenty-five in New London. His parentage and native place have not been ascertained.

Richard Dart died Sept. 24, 1724. This was sixty years and twelve days after the date of his first purchase in New London. He was eighty-nine years of age. His oldest son, Daniel, born May 3, 1666, married, Aug. 4, 1686, Elizabeth Douglas, and about the year 1716 removed to Bolton, in Hartford County.

John Arnold died Aug. 16, 1725, his gravestone says "aged about 73." His wife died November 28th of the same year. We assume with confidence that John Arnold was a son of Joseph Arnold, of Braintree, Mass., the latter having the birth of a son John registered April 2, 1650-51. He was a resident in Norwich in 1681 and later, but before 1700 removed to New London, where he married, Dec. 6, 1703, Mercy, relict of Samuel Fosdick.

Harwood. George Harwood can be traced as a resident in New London only between the years 1651 and 1657, inclusive.

Thomas Bolles<sup>1</sup> died May 26, 1727, aged eighty-four; Samuel Bolles died Aug. 10, 1842, aged ninety-nine. The person last mentioned was grandson to the former, and yet the time between the birth of the one and the decease of the other was one hundred and ninety-nine years, an immense space to be covered by three generations, and a remarkable instance for our country, where the practice of early marriages operates to crowd the generations closely together. The intervening link is John Bolles; Samuel was the son of his old age, born when his father had numbered sixty-seven years.

A family tradition states that Thomas Bolles came to this country with brothers, and that they arrived first upon the Kennebeck coast, but Winthrop, the founder of New London, having some knowledge of the family, invited them all to his plantation. Only Thomas answered the call, the others remaining where they first landed. It is some corroboration of this account that the name of Bolles is found among the early settlers of Wells, in Maine.

Thomas Bolles is found at New London about 1668. Of his marriage we have no account. He bought a house and land at Foxen's Hill, and there lived with his wife Mary and three children,—Mary, born in 1673; Joseph, in 1675;<sup>2</sup> and John, in August, 1677.

On the 5th or 6th of June, 1678, while Mr. Bolles was absent from home, a sudden and terrific blow be-reaved him of most of his family. His wife and two oldest children were found dead, weltering in their blood, with the infant, wailing but unhurt, by the side of its mother. The author of this bloody deed proved to be a vagabond youth, who demanded shelter and lodging in the house, which the woman refused. Some angry words ensued, and the reckless lad, seizing an axe that lay at the wood-pile, rushed in and took awful vengeance. He soon afterwards confessed the crime, was carried to Hartford, tried by the Court of Assistants, October 3d, condemned and executed at Hartford, Oct. 9, 1678.

The records of the town do not contain the slightest allusion to this act of atrocity. Tradition, however, has faithfully preserved the history, coinciding in important facts with the account contained in documents on file among the colonial records at Hartford. John Bolles, the infant thus providentially preserved from slaughter, in a pamphlet which he published in after-life concerning his peculiar religious tenets, alludes to the tragic event of his infancy as follows:

"My father lived about a mile from New London town, and my mother was at home with only three little children, I being the youngest, about ten months old. She, with the other two, were murdered by a youth about sixteen years of age, who was afterwards executed at Hartford, and I was found at my dead mother's breast."

<sup>1</sup> At first frequently written Bowles.

<sup>2</sup> In some papers at Hartford this child is called Thomas; at his baptism the name registered was Joseph.

Tradition states that the blood of the child Mary, who was killed as she was endeavoring to escape from the door, flowed out upon the rock on which the house stood, and that the stains long remained.

Samuel Fox died Sept. 4, 1727, aged seventy-seven. Samuel and John Fox were sons of Thomas Fox, of Concord. Samuel Fox married Mary, supposed to be daughter of Andrew Lester, and born in Gloucester in 1647, March 30, 1675-76. They had a son Samuel, born April 24, 1681.

Mrs. Sarah Knight. It is known that she was born about 1665, but where, of what parentage, when married, who was her husband, and when he was taken from her by death, are points not yet ascertained. All that is known of her kindred is that she was related to the Prout and Trowbridge families of New Haven. The few data that have been gathered respecting her in this vicinity will be rehearsed in order. In 1698 she appears at Norwich with goods to sell, and is styled widow and shop-keeper. In this connection it may be mentioned that among the planters in a settlement then recently commenced by Maj. James Fitch, of Norwich, at Peagscomtuck, now Canterbury, was a John Knight, who died in 1695. It is possible that Mrs. Knight was his relict; she appears to have had one child only, a daughter Elizabeth; and it is probable that John Knight had no sons, as the continuation of his name and family has not been traced. He is not the ancestor of the Knight family afterwards found at the West Farms, in Norwich, which originated with David Knight, who married Sarah Backus in 1692, had sons and daughters, and died in 1744.

Mrs. Knight remained but a short time in Norwich, perhaps three or four years. At the time of her celebrated journey from Boston to New York, in 1704, she was a resident of Boston. In 1717 she was again living at Norwich; a silver cup for the communion service was presented by her to the church, and the town by vote, August 12th, gave her liberty to "sit in the pew where she used to sit." In 1718, March 26th, Mrs. Knight and six other persons were presented in one indictment "for selling strong drink to the Indians." They were fined twenty shillings and costs. It is added to the record, "Mrs. Knight accused her maid, Ann Clark, of the fact." After this period Mrs. Knight appears as a land purchaser in the North Parish of New London, generally as a partner with Joseph Bradford; she was also a pew-holder in the new church built in that parish about 1724, and was sometimes styled of Norwich, and sometimes of New London. This can be easily accounted for, as she retained her dwelling-house in Norwich, but her farms, where she spent a portion of her time, were within the bounds of New London. On one of the latter, the Livingston farm, upon the Norwich road, she kept entertainment for travelers, and is called inn-keeper. At this place she died, and was brought to New London for interment.

George Geer died in 1727. The Isbell farm bought by George Geer, Oct. 31, 1665, was bounded north by the line between New London and Norwich (now Ledyard and Preston).

Fargo. The first of this name in New London was Moses, who became a resident in 1680. He had nine children, of whom the five youngest were sons,—Moses, Ralph, Robert, Thomas, and Aaron. Moses Fargo, or Firgo, as it was then often written, and his wife Sarah were both living in 1726.

Thomas Leach died Nov. 24, 1732. He was eighty years of age, and had dwelt in the town upwards of fifty years.

John Ames died June 1, 1735. He had been about forty years an inhabitant of New London, and had sons,—John, Robert, and Samuel.

## CHAPTER XII.

NEW LONDON—(Continued).

### War of the Revolution.<sup>1</sup>

Votes of the Town concerning the War—First Committees of Correspondence—Soldiers' Families—The First Naval Expedition—The Militia—Two Companies from New London at Bunker Hill—Nathan Hale—Cannonade of Stonington—Fort Trumbull—Officers on Duty—Enlistments—Marauders—Smugglers—Shaving Notes—Various Alarms—British Fleets in the Sound—Rumors and Alarms of 1779 and 1780—Sketches of Soldiers.

"So copious are the details connected with the Revolution that may be collected from one source and another, that even after the lapse of more than seventy years the historian is embarrassed by the affluence of materials. He is in danger of losing the thread of his narrative in the labyrinth of interesting incidents presented to him. In the present case, however, there can be no doubt but that it will be proper to notice first what was done by the town in its corporate capacity. This will not require a long article. The records are meagre. The Revolution, as it regards New London, was achieved by public spirit and voluntary action, rather than by organization and law. From the town records we learn but little of the contest in which the inhabitants were such great sufferers.

"A letter from the selectmen of Boston, inclosing the famous resolutions of Oct. 23, 1767, was laid before the town December 28th, and the subject referred to a committee of fifteen of the inhabitants, viz., Gurdon Saltonstall, Daniel Coit, William Hillhouse, Richard Law, Jeremiah Miller, Joseph Coit, James Mumford, Nathaniel Shaw, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Ezekiel Fox, Samuel Belden, Winthrop Saltonstall, Guy Richards, Russell Hubbard, Titus Hurlbut.

"This committee entered fully into the spirit of the Boston resolutions, and drew up a form of sub-

scription to circulate among the inhabitants, by which the use of certain enumerated articles of European merchandise was condemned and relinquished. These articles appear to have been generally adopted and faithfully kept.

"In December, 1770, the town appointed four delegates to the grand convention of the colony held at New Haven: Gurdon Saltonstall, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., William Manwaring.

"We find no further record of any action of the town relative to the political discontent of the country until the memorable month of June, 1774, when the edict of Parliament shutting up the port of Boston took effect, and roused the colonies at once to activity. Votes and resolutions expressive of indignation, remonstrance, and sympathy were echoed from town to town, and pledges exchanged to stand by each other, and to adhere with constancy to the cause of liberty. The town-meeting at Groton was on the 20th of June, William Williams, moderator. The Committee of Correspondence chosen consisted of seven prominent inhabitants,—William Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, Benadam Gallup, Amos Prentice, Charles Eldridge, Jr., Deacon John Hurlbut, Amos Geer.

"The meeting at New London was on the 27th, Richard Law, moderator, and the committee five in number,—Richard Law, Gurdon Saltonstall, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Samuel H. Parsons, Guy Richards.

"The declarations and resolves issued by these meetings were similar to those of hundreds of towns at that juncture. In December the town added two other members to the Committee of Correspondence, viz., John Deshon and William Coit. At this time, also, a Committee of Inspection was appointed, consisting of thirty persons, who had instructions 'to take effectual care that the acts of the Continental Congress, held at Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1774, be absolutely and *bona fide* adhered to.' Any seven of the members were to form a quorum, and in cases of emergency the whole were to be called together at the court-house. From this period almost all action relating to the contest with England was performed by committees, or by spontaneous combination among the citizens, or by colonial and military authority, and the results were not recorded.

"Committee of Correspondence for the year 1776: Gurdon Saltonstall, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Marvin Wait, John Deshon, John Hertell, William Hillhouse.

"Jan. 15, 1776.—'Voted, that if any person within the limits of this town shall at any time between now and the 1st of January next unnecessarily expend any gunpowder by firing at game or otherwise, shall for every musket charge forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings lawful money into the town treasury.'

"March 31, 1777.—A Committee of Supply was appointed to provide necessaries for the families of such soldiers as should enlist in the Continental battalions

<sup>1</sup> This account of the war of the Revolution is taken chiefly from Miss F. M. Caulkins' History of New London.

then raising in the State. This was in compliance with the orders of the Governor and Council of Safety, and a committee for this purpose was annually chosen till the conclusion of the war. The selectmen and informing officers were enjoined to search out and punish all violations of the law regulating the prices of the necessaries of life.

"At the same meeting the town clerk was directed to remove the books and files of the town to some place of safety, reserving only in his own custody those required for immediate use.

"In conformity with this vote the town records were removed into the western part of the township, now Waterford, and committed to the charge of Mr. George Douglass, by whom they were kept at his homestead until after the termination of the war. By this wise precaution they escaped the destruction which swept away a portion of the probate records, and probably all those of the custom-house, on the 6th of September, 1781.

"June 23, 1777.—Voted almost unanimously to admit of inoculation for smallpox, agreeably to a resolve of the General Assembly in May last."

"The Committee of Correspondence for the years 1777 and 1778 consisted of three persons only, the first three named on the list of 1776. The Committee of Inspection was reduced to nineteen, and in January, 1779, it was entirely dropped.

"The Articles of Confederation agreed upon by Congress in 1777, and referred to the several States for consideration, were in Connecticut ultimately presented to the inhabitants in their town-meetings for decision. The vote of New London was as follows:

"Dec. 29, 1777.—Gurdon Saltonstall, moderator. Voted in a very full town meeting, nem con, that this town do approve of and acquiesce in the late proposals of the honorable Continental Congress, entitled "Articles of Confederation and perpetual union between the United States of America," as being the most effectual measures whereby the freedom of said States may be secured and their independency established on a solid and permanent basis."

"In October, 1779, a State convention was held at Hartford; the deputies from New London were Gurdon Saltonstall and Jonathan Latimer.

"From year to year, as the war continued, the population decreased, estates diminished, and the burdens of the town grew heavier. The difficulty of furnishing the proper quota of men and provisions for the army annually increased. Large taxes were laid, large bounties offered for soldiers to serve during the war, and various ways and means suggested and tried to obtain men, money, clothing, provisions, and fire-arms, to keep the town up to the proportion required by the Legislature. Much of the town action was absorbed by this necessary but most laborious duty.

"June 27, 1780.—A bounty of £12 per annum over and above the public bounty was offered in hard money to each soldier that would enlist to serve during the war, £9 to each that would enlist for three years, and £6 to each that would enlist to serve till the 1st day of January next.

"In December, 1780, a committee was appointed to collect all the fire-arms belonging to the inhabitants and deposit them in a safe place, for the benefit of the town. Only extreme necessity could justify an act so arbitrary.

"So many of the inhabitants of New London had been trained as fishermen, coasters, and mariners that no one is surprised to find them, when the trying time came, bold, hardy, and daring in the cause of freedom. In all the southern towns of the county—Stonington, Groton, New London, Lyme—the common mass of the people were an adventurous class, and exploits of stratagem, strength, and valor, by land and sea, performed during the war of independence by persons nurtured on this coast, might still be recovered sufficient to form a volume of picturesque adventure and exciting interest. At the same time many individuals in this part of the country, and some, too, of high respectability, took a different view of the great political question and sided with the Parliament and the king. In various instances families were divided, members of the same fireside adopted opposite opinions and became as strangers to each other; nor was it an unknown misery for parents to have children ranged on different sides on the battle-field. At one time a gallant young officer of the army, on his return from the camp, where he had signalized himself by his bravery, was escorted to his home by a grateful populace, that surrounded the house and filled the air with their applausive huzzas, while at the same time his half-brother, the son of the mother who clasped him to her bosom, stigmatized as a Tory, convicted of trade with the enemy, and threatened with the wooden horse, lay concealed amid the hay of the barn, where he was fed by stealth for many days. This anecdote is but an example of many that might be told of a similar character.

"It would be of no service now to draw out of oblivion the names of individuals who at various times during the eight years of darkness and conflict were suspected of being inimical to the liberties of their country. Many of these changed their sentiments and came over to the side of independence, and all at last acquiesced in their own happiness and good fortune, growing out of the emancipation of their country from a foreign sceptre. It is an easier as well as more pleasing task to mention names that, on account of voluntary activity, sacrifice of personal interest, and deeds of valorous enterprise, exerted for the rights of man, lie prominent upon the surface, illuminating the whole period by their brightness.

"Those who came earliest forth in the cause demand our especial admiration, since it is emphatically true that they set their lives at stake. In a civil capacity the early names of note and influence were those of Deshon, Law, Hillhouse, Mumford, and Shaw.

"Capt. John Deshon served as an agent in erecting the fortifications at New London, and as commissary

in various enlistments of troops. This was under the authority of the Governor. In July, 1777, Congress appointed him one of the naval board of the Eastern Department.<sup>1</sup>

"Richard Law<sup>2</sup> and William Hillhouse were members of the Governor's Council, and each carried a whole heart into the Revolution. Hillhouse was also major of the second regiment of horse raised in the State.<sup>3</sup> Law had been nominated as a member of Congress, but in June, 1776, just at the critical period of appointment, he was confined in a hospital with the smallpox. His name was thus deprived of the honor of being affixed to the Declaration of Independence. In October, 1776, he was elected to Congress, and excused from further service in the Council.

"Thomas Mumford, of Groton, belonged to that company of gentlemen, eleven in number, who in April, 1775, formed the project of taking Ticonderoga. This undertaking, so eminently successful, was wholly concerted in Connecticut, without any authority from Congress. The company obtained the money requisite (£810) from the colonial treasury, but gave their individual notes and receipts for it. The Assembly, in May, 1777, canceled the notes and charged the amount to the general government.<sup>4</sup> In 1778, Mumford was one of a committee appointed to receive and sign emissions of bills, and also an agent of the secret committee of Congress.<sup>5</sup>

"Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was an enterprising merchant; we may add that he performed important service to the country during the Revolution, particularly in naval affairs. His judgment in that department was esteemed paramount to all others in the colony. He also acted as a general agent or friend of the country in various concerns, military and fiscal, as well as naval. His mercantile letters, though brief, and devoted to matters of business, contain allusions to passing events that are valuable as cotemporaneous authority. They have been already quoted, and further extracts will occasionally be made.

<sup>1</sup> "Council records in Hiuman's 'War of the Revolution,' p. 466. John Deshon was of French Huguenot extraction. His father, Daniel Deshon, was a youth in the family of Capt. René Grignon at the time of the decease of the latter, at Norwich, in 1715, and is mentioned in his will. After the death of his patron he settled in New London, where he married Ruth Christophers, and had several sons and one daughter, who married Joseph Chew. He died in 1781, at the age of eighty-four, which carries his birth back to 1697. Three of his sons were conspicuous in the Revolutionary war. Capt. Daniel Deshon was appointed in 1777 to the command of the armed brig 'Old Defense,' owned by the State, which was unfortunately taken by the British in January, 1778. John, mentioned in the text, was the second son, and born Dec. 25, 1727. Richard, another son, served in the army. The name is supposed to have been originally Deschamps.

<sup>2</sup> "Son of Governor Jonathan Law, and born in Milford, March 17, 1732-3. He was, after the Revolution, judge of the district of Connecticut, and chief justice of the Superior Court. The late Capt. Richard Law and Hon. Lyman Law, M.C., were his sons.

<sup>3</sup> "Maj. Hillhouse was subsequently for many years chief judge of the County Court. Tradition confirms the truth of the character engraved upon his monument:

"A judge and statesman; honest, just, and wise."

<sup>4</sup> "State Records, Hiuman, p. 31.

<sup>5</sup> "Ibid., p. 497.

"To P. Vandervoort, Oct. 22, 1773:

"In regard to the tea that is expected from England, I pray heartily that the colonies may not suffer any to be landed. The people with us are determined not to purchase any that comes in that way."

"We have here a hint that apprises us of the spirit of the inhabitants of New London in regard to the duty on tea. Aged people have related that some salesmen who had no scruples on the subject, having received small consignments of custom-house tea, as experiments to try the market and tempt the people to become purchasers, were either persuaded or compelled to make a bonfire of it upon the Parade; and that not only the tea-chests from the shops were emptied, but some enthusiastic housekeepers added to the blaze by throwing in their private stores. It is further related that parties were made and weddings celebrated at which all ribbons, artificial flowers, and other fabrics of British manufacture were discarded, and *Labrador tea*<sup>6</sup> introduced.

"Shaw to Vandervoort, April 1, 1775:

"Matters seem to draw near where the longest sword must decide the controversy. Our Gen. Assembly sets to-morrow, and I pray God Almighty to direct them to adopt such measures as will be for the interest of America."

"To Messrs. Wharton, Philadelphia, May 5th:

"I wrote to you by Col. Dyer and Mr. Dean, our colony delegates to congress, desiring you to let them have what money they should have occasion for to the amount of 4 or 500 pounds. I really do not know what plan to follow or what to do with my vessels."

"To the selectmen of Boston, May 8th:

"I have received from Peter Curtienius, treasurer of the com<sup>tee</sup> in New York, 10 bbls. of flour for the poor in Boston. He writes me he shall forward £300 in cash for the same use."

"To Capt. Handy, May 31st:

"I never met with so much difficulty to get hard money since I was in trade as within these two months past. I have large quantities of West India goods in store in Boston, in New York, and in Phila, but cannot raise a shilling."

"If such difficulties as are here described were experienced by men of large resources, it may easily be imagined that all the smaller mercantile concerns must have been harassed and impoverished to the last extremity. The stagnation of business was general. Neither cash nor merchantable bills could be obtained. The most lamentable destitution prevailed; everything was wanted, yet no one had the means to buy.

"To Messrs. Thomas and Isaac Wharton, Sept. 18, 1775:

"I shall set out to-morrow for the camp at Roxbury, and it is more than probable that I may come to Philadelphia on my return, and hope I shall be able to procure Adams' Letters, which I have never seen."

"To an agent in Dominica, Jan. 16, 1776:

"All our trade is now at an end, and God knows whether we shall ever be in a situation to carry it on again. No business now but preparations for war, ravaging villages, burning towns, etc."

"At a very early period of the contest Mr. Shaw took the precaution to secure supplies of powder from the French islands. In December, 1774, he had represented to the government of the colony the great destitution of New London, and other exposed places

<sup>6</sup> "This was probably the *Ceanothus Americanus*, a plant sometimes used during the Revolution as a substitute for tea, and usually called *Jersey tea*.



in this respect, and urged them to send without delay to the West Indies for a considerable stock, offering a fast sailing-vessel of his own to be used for this end. The Assembly acted on this advice, sending him an order to obtain six hundred half-barrels with all possible speed. In July, 1775, to the commander of a sloop fitted out with flour and pipe-staves for Hispaniola he gave the brief direction: 'Purchase gunpowder and return soon.' Again, in January, 1776, he writes to William Constant, his agent in Guadeloupe, requesting him to purchase powder 'to the amount of all the interest you have of mine in your hands;' and adds, 'make all the dispatch you can: we shall want it very soon.' We learn from his accounts that in 1775 he furnished the regiment of Col. Parsons with powder, ball, and flints, and that in June, 1776, at the order of the Governor, he forwarded an opportune supply of powder to Gen. Washington. July 22d he wrote himself to the commander-in-chief, stating that he had recently forwarded to him three cases of arms and a quantity of flints, adding, 'and now, by the bearer, John Keeny, I have sent two cases of arms, and one chest and bar of Continental arms and cutlasses, as per invoice.' July 31st he advises Robert Morris, chairman of the secret committee of Congress, that he has received another supply of powder: '13,500 cwt. arrived from Port-au-Prince and safe landed.'

"The first naval expedition under the authority of Congress was fitted out at New London in January, 1776. The command was given to Commodore Hopkins, sometimes styled 'admiral.' The fleet consisted of four vessels, the 'Alfred,' 'Columbus,' 'Andrea Doria,' and 'Cabot,' varying in armament from fourteen to thirty-six guns.<sup>1</sup> The preparations were made with great expedition and secrecy, no notice being given respecting it in any of the newspapers. It was destined to cruise at the South and annoy the British fleet in that quarter. Dudley Saltonstall, previously in command of the fort, or battery, on the Parade, was appointed senior captain; Elisha Hinman, a lieutenant; Peter Richards and Charles Bulkley, enterprising young seamen of the place, were among the midshipmen; eighty of the crew were from the town and neighborhood. The fleet sailed about the 1st of February to its rendezvous in Delaware Bay, less than a month from the time in which the first preparations were commenced. The only results of this expedition, from which apparently some great but indefinite advantage was expected, were the plunder of the British post of New Providence and a fruitless combat with the British ship 'Glasgow' on their homeward voyage, near the eastern end of Long Island.

"The commodore re-entered New London Harbor on the 8th of April;<sup>2</sup> he had taken seventy prisoners, eighty-eight pieces of cannon, and a large quantity of

military and naval stores. Many of the heavy pieces of ordnance had arrived previously in a sloop commanded by Capt. Hinman.

"Just at the period of the return of this fleet the American army was on its way from Boston to New York.<sup>3</sup> Gen. Washington met Commodore Hopkins at New London, April 9th. The brigade under Gen. Greene was then here, ready to embark in transports. Washington slept that night at the house of Nathaniel Shaw.

"Commodore Hopkins, immediately after his return, formed a plan for the capture of the 'Rose' man-of-war, commanded by Sir James Wallace, then cruising upon the coast. Gen. Washington consented to furnish two hundred men to assist the enterprise, and the Governor and Council ordered the 'Defence' and the 'Spy' to join the squadron for the cruise.<sup>4</sup> Thus reinforced, the commodore sailed to the eastward; but his plans were not accomplished. Neither the details of the project nor the cause of its failure are now understood. The disappointed fleet went into port at Providence.

"A large number of seamen belonging to the fleet were left behind in New London, sick, and in the charge of Mr. Shaw. To him also was confided the care of the stores that had been disembarked.

<sup>1</sup> *Mr. Shaw to Governor Trumbull, April 25th:*

"Inclosed is an invoice of the weight and size of thirty-four cannon received from Admiral Hopkins, ten of which are landed at Groton, viz.: three twenty-four-pounders, two eighteen, and five twelve. The remainder are at New London. He has landed a great quantity of cannon-ball. The mortars and shells Gen. Washington desired might be sent to New York, and the admiral has sent them. The remainder of the cannon are part sent to Newport, and part are on board the fleet, which he wants to carry to Newport. The nine-pounders are but ordinary guns, the others are all very good."

<sup>2</sup> *To Francis Lewis, Esq., at Philadelphia, June 19th:*

"I have received a letter from Commodore Hopkins, wherein he says that I was appointed by Congress as their agent for this port. I should be glad to have directions how to proceed. I am in advance at least a thousand pounds for supplies to the fleet and hospital in this town; one hundred and twenty men were landed sick and wounded, twenty of which are since dead; the remainder have all since joined the fleet at Providence."

<sup>3</sup> *To Hon. John Hancock, President of Congress, July 31st:*

"The cannon and stores delivered me by Commodore Hopkins amount to £4705 4s. 10d. L. M."

"Last Sunday a ship sent in as a prize by Capt. Biddle, in the "Andrew Doria," ran on the rocks near Fisher's Island, being chased by a British ship-of-war, and immediately a number of armed men from Stonington went on board, and, as they say, prevented the man-of-war from destroying her. The next day Capt. Hinman, in the "Cabot," went to their assistance, and has saved and brought into port ninety hogshheads of rum and seven of sugar; remainder of the cargo is lost. The "Cabot" has been lying here ever since Commodore Hopkins set out for Philadelphia, with a fine brave crew, waiting for orders."

"July 10, 1776, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was appointed by the Governor and Council of Safety 'agent of the colony for naval supplies and taking care of sick seamen.' From this period during the remainder of the struggle, as an accredited agent of Congress and the colony, he furnished stores, negotiated the exchange

<sup>1</sup> Cooper's Naval History.

<sup>2</sup> New London Gazette.

<sup>3</sup> Sparks' Life of Washington.

<sup>4</sup> Hinman, p. 356.

of prisoners, provided for sick seamen, and exercised a general care for the public service in his native town. He was also engaged on his own account, as were also other prominent citizens of the place, in sending out private armed vessels to cruise against the enemy. These for a time met with a success which stimulated the owners to larger adventures, but in the end three-fourths, and perhaps a larger proportion, of all the private cruisers owned in New London were captured and lost.

"At the May session of the Legislature in 1776 the Governor was placed at the head of the naval and custom-house business of the colony, with power to appoint subordinate naval officers for the ports of New Haven, New London, Middletown, and Norwalk. Duncan Stewart, the English collector, was still in New London, where he dwelt without other restraint than being forbidden to leave town except by permission from the Governor. That permission appears to have been granted whenever solicited. In 1776 he spent three months in New York upon parole, and in June, 1777, obtained leave to remove thither with his family and effects, preparatory to taking passage for England, to which country the Governor granted him a passport. Permission was also given him at first to take with him the goods of Dr. Moffatt, late his majesty's controller of customs; but this was countermanded, representations having been made to the Governor that Dr. Moffatt had withdrawn from America in a hostile spirit, and had since been in arms against her. His goods, which consisted only of some household stuff of trifling value, were therefore confiscated.

"The populace took umbrage at the courtesies extended to the English collector. At one time, when some English goods were brought from New York for the use of his family, the mob at first would not permit them to be landed, and afterwards seized and made a bonfire of them. The ringleaders in this outrage were arrested and lodged in jail; the jail-doors were broken down and they were released; nor were the authorities in sufficient force to attempt a recommitment. It was indeed a stirring season, and the restraints of law and order were weak as flax. It is, however, gratifying to know that Mr. Stewart was allowed to leave the place with his family without any demonstration of personal disrespect. He departed in July, 1777.

"[*Note on the Shaw Family.* The elder Nathaniel Shaw was not a native of New London, but born in Fairfield, Conn., in 1703, to which place, it is said, his father had removed from Boston. He came to New London before 1730, and was for many years a sea-captain in the Irish trade, which was then pursued to advantage. He had a brother, who sailed with him in his early voyages, but died on a return passage from Ireland in 1732. Capt. Shaw married in 1730, Temperance Harris, a granddaughter of the first Gabriel Harris of New London, and had a family of six sons and two daughters. Three of the sons perished at sea at different periods, aged twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two,—a degree of calamity beyond the common share of disaster, even in this community, where so many families have been bereaved by the sea. The other sons lived to middle age. Sarah, the oldest child, married David Allen, and died at the age of twenty-five. Mary, the youngest, has already been

mentioned as the wife of the Rev. Ephraim Woodbridge; though dying at the age of twenty-four, she was the only one of Capt. Shaw's family who left descendants. The parents lived to old age. Capt. Shaw died in 1778, his relict in 1796.

"Nathaniel Shaw (2d) was the oldest son, and born Dec. 5, 1735. He lived through the dark days of the Revolution, always active and enterprising, but was suddenly cut off by the accidental discharge of his own fowling-piece, before the nation had received the seal of peace, April 15, 1782. His wife preceded him to the grave; she died Dec. 11, 1781, of a malignant fever taken from some released prisoners, to whose necessities she ministered.]

"Early in the year 1775 an independent military company was formed in New London, under Capt. William Coit. It was well trained and equipped, and held itself ready for any emergency. Immediately after the news of the skirmish at Lexington was received this gallant band started for the scene of conflict. They encamped the first night on Norwich Green, the second on Sterling Hill, and the third in Providence. Another militia company went from those parts of the town which are now Waterford and Montville, under Maj. Jonathan Latimer; Capt. Abel Spicer with another from Groton. Fifty towns in Connecticut sent troops to Boston on this occasion. In May the General Assembly ordered remuneration to be made from the colonial treasury for expenses incurred in the Lexington alarm, and the quota of New London was £251 18s. 6d. This amount is the fifth highest on the list. Windham stands first; Woodstock, from whence Capt. Samuel McLellan turned out with forty-five mounted men, is next; then Lebanon, Suffield, New London.<sup>1</sup>

"Under the old organization the militia of New London belonged to the Third Connecticut Regiment, and in 1774 the field-officers of this regiment were Gurdon Saltonstall, of New London, colonel; Jabez Huntington, of Norwich, lieutenant-colonel; and Samuel H. Parsons, major. Maj. Parsons was of Lyme, but at that time residing in New London in the practice of the law, being king's attorney for New London County. In April, 1775, six new regiments were formed, and the promotions after this period were so rapid that it is difficult to keep pace with the grade of the officers. Every new requisition for volunteers was followed by changes among the commissioned officers, and generally by an advance in rank.

"In June one of the six newly-raised regiments, under the command of Col. Parsons, was reviewed in New London. This is believed to have been the first regimental training in this State east of Connecticut River. Two companies of this regiment, the fourth and fifth, were raised in New London, and of these William Coit and James Chapman, names which by their townsmen were considered synonymous with patriotism and hardy gallantry, were captains.<sup>2</sup>

"These two companies marched immediately to Boston, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> State Records (Hinman), p. 23.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 169.

<sup>3</sup> The following minutes of the day before the battle were copied from the originals preserved in the sergeant's family by the late Thomas

Of Capt. Coit's company, Jedediah Hide was<sup>1</sup> first lieutenant; James Day, second lieutenant; William Adams, ensign. Of Capt. Chapin's company, the corresponding officers were Christopher Darrow, John Raymond, and George Latimer. Capt. Coit, soon after the battle, entered into the navy, and was appointed by Congress to the command of the schooner 'Harrison,' fitted out in Boston Bay to cruise against the enemy.<sup>1</sup>

"In July two more regiments were raised in Connecticut, under Col. Charles Webb and Col. Jedediah Huntington. Of Webb's regiment, Jonathan Latimer, Jr., was major and captain of the third company, having for his first lieutenant Nathan Hale,<sup>2</sup> who at the time of receiving his commission sustained the office of preceptor of the Union Grammar-school in New London.

"It has been frequently asserted that when the news of the battle at Lexington arrived in town, Nathan Hale immediately dismissed his scholars, harangued the citizens, and, marching for Boston with the company of Capt. Coit, took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. This statement is not entirely accurate; his proceedings were marked with more calmness and maturity of judgment. He had taken an active part in all the patriotic measures of the inhabitants, but not till he had been tendered a commission in the army, which was subsequent to the battle of Bunker Hill, did he decide to relinquish his office of preceptor before the expiration of the time for which he was engaged. His letter to the proprietors of the school announcing his purpose was dated Friday, July 17, 1775. In this communication he observes that the year for which he had engaged would expire in a fortnight, but as he had received information that *a place was allotted to him in the army*, he asked as a favor to be excused immediately. Before the close of July the regiments of Webb and Huntington were ordered to Boston, where they were

placed under the commander-in-chief. Lieut. Hale shortly afterwards received a captain's commission.

"Those who knew Capt. Hale in New London have described him as a man of many agreeable qualities, frank and independent in his bearing, social, animated, ardent, a lover of the society of ladies, and a favorite among them. Many a fair cheek was wet with bitter tears and gentle voices uttered deep execrations on his barbarous foes when tidings of his untimely fate were received.

"As a teacher, Capt. Hale is said to have been a firm disciplinarian, but happy in his mode of conveying instruction and highly respected by his pupils. The parting scene made a strong impression on their minds. He addressed them in a style almost parental; gave them earnest counsel, prayed with them, and shaking each by the hand, bade them individually farewell.

"The summer of 1776 was noted for the large number of arrests of persons charged with Toryism. Many of these were brought to New London, and from thence sent into the interior of the State, to keep them from intercourse with the enemy. In August three vessels arrived in one week with persons arrested on Long Island and in New York City. After a short confinement in the jail they were forwarded to Norwich and Windham for safe-keeping. Green's newspaper sometimes announced them as 'gangs of miscreants,' and again as 'gentlemen Tories.' In the interior towns they were allowed to go at large within certain limits, and most of them after a few months were permitted to return to their homes.

"On the 25th of July three British ships-of-war came athwart New London Harbor and anchored. These were the 'Rose,' commanded by Capt. Wallace, the 'Swan,' and the 'Kingfisher.' This was a virtual blockade, and created much alarm. The town had no defense except the spirit of her inhabitants. The sole strength of the fort was its garrison, which consisted mostly of captains and mates of vessels that lay unemployed at the wharves. No other commander on this coast acquired a renown so odious as Capt. Wallace. He was the terror of the small ports and small vessels, capturing and plundering without discrimination, and threatening various points with attack. On the 30th of August he verified his threats by a cannonade of the thriving village of Stonington, Long Point. On this exposed peninsula, about half a mile in length, formerly a moiety of the Chesebrough farm, a hardy company of mariners and artisans had clustered together and acquired a creditable share of the trade of the Sound. The tender of the 'Rose,' whose business it was to destroy everything in the shape of keel or sail that came in its way, pursued one of its victims to the wharf of the village. The citizens eagerly collected for its defense. Capt. Benjamin Pendleton and other brave and true men were there, and the tender was soon driven from its prey. But the 'Rose' came up, and without summons or

Shaw Perkins. They are inserted here as memorials of one of the New London companies that fought at Bunker's Hill:

"Sergeant Fargo's report to the sergeant major of Capt. Coit's company—4th company, 1st regiment, under Col. Parsons of the Connecticut line.

"June 16, 1775. Morning Report.

"Main guard, 18. Barrack Guard, 7. Sick 9. Servants, 4. Present, 68. Total, 106. Signed, Moses Fargo. Orderly Sergeant.

"General Orders, June 16, 1775.

"Parole, Lebanon; countersign, Coventry.

"Field officer of the day, Col. Nixon.

"Field officer of the picket, Major Brooks.

"Field officer of the main guard, Lieut.-Col. Hutchinson.

"Adjutant to-morrow, Holden.

"Draft Capt. Coit's company—one subaltern, nine privates for the picket guard; one sergeant and seven privates for the advance guard to-night. Sergeant Edward Hallam is detailed to this service."

"Frothingham's Siege of Boston, p. 260. Capt. Coit claimed to be 'the first man in the States who turned his majesty's hunting upside down.' This was a current belief at the time, and has been preserved by tradition, but its correctness at this distance of time cannot be determined. The 'Harrison' was certainly one of the first vessels commissioned by Congress, and may have been the first to take a prize.

"State Records (Hilman), p. 186.

communication of any kind, opened her broadside upon the village. She continued firing at intervals for several hours, until the pursued vessel was cut out and conveyed away. Only round-shot were used, and therefore no houses took fire, though several were much shattered by the balls. One man was wounded but none killed.<sup>1</sup>

"On the 5th and 6th of August, 1775, a fleet of nine ships and several smaller vessels gathered around New London Harbor, and appeared as if about to enter. Expresses were sent forth to alarm the country, but it was soon ascertained that the object of the fleet was to secure the stock that was owned upon the fertile islands of the Sound. From Fisher's Island alone they took 1100 sheep, beside cattle and other provisions, for which they made a reasonable compensation to Mr. Brown, the lessee of the island; but from Gardiner's and Plum Islands they took what they wanted without payment.

"This incident probably operated as a spur upon the higher powers of the colony in regard to a subject much discussed in their councils, viz., the fortification of New London.

"Among the heads of inquiry<sup>2</sup> proposed by His Majesty's Secretary of State to the colony of Connecticut in 1773 was this:

"What forts and places of defense are there within your government and in what condition?"

"To which Governor Trumbull replied, October, 1774:

"A small battery at New London, consisting of nine guns, built and supported at the colony's expense."

"This was then the only fortification in Connecticut when the war commenced; but the defense of the coast was a subject to which the attention of the Legislature was soon called.

"April, 1775, a committee was appointed to examine the points of defense, and report on the best means of securing the country from invasion. Of this committee, Messrs. G. Saltonstall, D. Deshon, and T. Mumford reported in regard to New London that the battery was in a ruinous condition, and that the only effective cannon in the place consisted of six new pieces (four eighteens and two twelves). They proposed that three positions—Mamacock, Winthrop's Neck, and Groton Heights—should be fortified, and that fourteen new cannon (twenty-fours) should be procured.<sup>3</sup> This judicious advice was not adopted, probably on account of a void in the treasury. All that was obtained at this time was an order to repair

and complete the old fort. This was done during the summer, under the direction of Col. Saltonstall, who in effect rebuilt the works and mounted upon them all the cannon in the town. It will be recollected that this fortification stood near the water's edge, where is now the ferry wharf. Here was the battlement, the platform, the cannon, and the flag-staff; the magazine stood a little to the west. The garrison, from twelve to twenty men, had their meals at Potter's, near Bradley Street. Nathaniel Saltonstall, captain; Stephen Hemstead, lieutenant.

"On the Groton side of the river, with a spirit of enthusiasm that did not wait for legislative aid, the inhabitants voluntarily threw up intrenchments, excavated ditches, and erected breastworks at sundry exposed places, which, though they had no ordnance except a few pieces at the principal battery on the heights, obtained from the supply brought in by Commodore Hopkins, they resolved to defend to the last extremity.

"On the river below Norwich (at Waterman's Point) a battery was erected under the superintendence of Benjamin Huntington and Ephraim Bill, and furnished with four six-pounders. Such were the preparations made to receive the enemy in 1775.<sup>4</sup>

"Two enlisted companies were stationed at New London during the summer under Maj. Latimer and Capt. Edward Shipman, of Saybrook.<sup>5</sup> These were ordered to Boston the last of September, on the requisition of Gen. Washington. Their place was supplied by a new enlistment of seventy men, of whom Col. Saltonstall took the command.<sup>6</sup>

"The Governor and Council of Safety, acceding to the oft-repeated request of the inhabitants that something further might be done for them in the way of fortification, sent Col. Jedediah L. Durkin to New London in November, to view the premises and report what fortification was necessary. After a general survey and consultation with the principal men on both sides of the river, he confirmed the judgment heretofore given by the committee, and recommended the immediate fortification of the three points designated by them.

"The neck of land bounding New London Harbor on the south, now called Fort Neck, but then generally known by its Indian name of Mamakuk (or Mamacock), presented near the point a broad, irregular platform of rocks, rising twenty feet above the water, and connected with the mainland on the east by meadows and marshes. This rocky point seems to have been projected into its position purposely to protect the harbor. A more advantageous site for a fortification is scarcely to be desired. Could we allow

<sup>1</sup> "At the October session of the Legislature, 1775, the sum of £12 4s. 4d was allowed to Jonathan Weaver, Jr., a music-man in the company of Capt. Oliver Smith, who was dangerously wounded at Stonington, Long Point.—*Hinman*, p. 192.

"It is singular that when Stonington was again cannonaded by the British, Aug. 9, 1814, the result should have been so nearly the same,—buildings damaged, one man severely wounded, no one killed.

<sup>2</sup> "Heads of Inquiry, printed by order of the Governor and Company. T. Green, 1775.

<sup>3</sup> "Council Records (*Hinman*, App.), p. 545.

<sup>4</sup> "Council Records in *Hinman*, pp. 328, 331.

<sup>5</sup> "Ibid., p. 328.

<sup>6</sup> "At the same time thirty were ordered for New Haven, forty for Stonington, and fifteen for Lyme. The pay was the same as to Continental soldiers, which in 1775 was £2 per month for a private, and £5 for a captain; five shillings and threepence per week for billeting. *Ibid.*, p. 191.

that the benevolence of nature would concur in any of the plans of war, we might suppose that this use of it had entered into her design; for it is not only well adapted to this end, but seems nearly useless for any other purpose. On this point Col. Elderkin proposed the erection of a rampart fronting east eighty feet; south, eighty feet; north, eighty feet; but not at right angles; with five embrasures in each bank, to be defended by five cannon, eighteen or twenty-four-pounders.

"The point selected on the Groton side was nearly opposite the centre of the harbor. The ascent, within fifty rods of the water's edge, was one hundred and twenty feet. The summit was tolerably level. Here it was supposed that a breastwork of turf and gravel, with some ten pieces of cannon, would be all that was necessary.

"Winthrop's Neck lies northeast of the town, and projects more than half-way across the harbor; the southern extremity, facing the mouth of the river, presents a level, bold bluff twenty feet above the water. Here also it was recommended that a breastwork should be raised and planted with ten cannon. These various positions would expose an invading fleet to be raked at so many angles that it was thought the inhabitants might thus be rendered secure from all annoyance by sea.

"The report of Col. Elderkin was made to the Governor and Council November 15th,<sup>1</sup> and on the 22d orders were issued for the works to be commenced, under the direction of a committee of six persons,—Col. Saltonstall, Ebenezer Ledyard, John Deshon, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Peter Avery, and Josiah Watrous (or Waters).<sup>2</sup> Yet notwithstanding this early and earnest action of the government, more than a year elapsed before either of the posts could take rank as a fortification and merit a name. Even in December, 1776, when the two principal works were honored with the names of the Governor and Deputy Governor, Trumbull and Griswold, they were imperfect and unfinished.

"Nor is this a matter of surprise when it is considered that the labor was performed by relays of fresh recruits, changed every few weeks, who wrought under the direction of the civil authority and field-officers. These enlistments consisted in part of mere boys, with the spirit, indeed, but not the experience of men, and in part of aged persons, who had perhaps the judgment, but not the physical energy of maturity.

"It is interesting to note the difficulties which in those Revolutionary times stood in the way of public works. In the case of these small fortifications the Legislature must first discuss the matter and pass the resolves, the Governor and Council of Safety must take

it up, Col. Saltonstall must be consulted, Mr. Shaw must be summoned to Hartford to give advice, Col. Mott must be sent to New London to survey, Col. Dyer and Mr. Wales must examine and report. The works begin, stop, go on. The Governor and Council are at the trouble of directing just the number of sledges, hammers, shovels, spades, crow-bars, pickaxes, chains, etc., that are to be provided for the work. Timber, teams, tools, and other necessary materials are to be procured by Col. Saltonstall for Winthrop's Neck; by Ebenezer Ledyard for Groton; and Nathaniel Shaw for Mamacock. The timber was in the forests, and must be selected growing.

"The Assembly must now apply to Congress for cannon to furnish their works, asking for some of the brass pieces taken at St. John's. Again they apply to Admiral Hopkins for some of the New Providence ordnance." They cannot obtain the necessary complement, and it is decided that the heavy cannon must be cast in Smith's furnace at Salisbury. In order to accomplish this the furnace must be enlarged, new workmen obtained, higher wages given, woodland must be bought to obtain fuel for the furnace, and all these details must be performed by the executive officers of the State,—Col. Elderkin and others must make journeys to and forth from Salisbury to Hartford to manage the business.

"In the summer of 1777 the works were regarded as finished, though probably then very far from what military men at the present day would call complete.

"The engineer of Fort Trumbull was Col. Josiah Waters; of Fort Griswold, Col. Samuel Mott.<sup>3</sup> The first commanders of these forts were appointed in February, 1776, and were captains of companies stationed at each place,—John Ely, of Lyme, at Mamacock, and Edward Mott at Groton,<sup>4</sup>—but in July, before the forts were half completed, they were both promoted to the rank of major. Their successors were Martin Kirtland, of Saybrook, for Mamacock, and Oliver Coit for Groton. Two artillery companies, one for each fortress, were afterwards raised, and of these Nathaniel Saltonstall and William Ledyard were the first captains. These must be regarded as the first actual commanders of Forts Trumbull and Griswold. They were appointed July 3, 1776.<sup>5</sup> At the same date Adam Shapley was ordered to take command of the old fort at New London, in the place of Dudley Saltonstall, resigned.

"Aug. 2, 1777, orders were issued by the Governor and Council to remove the platform from the old fort to Fort Trumbull. The barrack also was soon transferred to the lower part of the town, and being subsequently used for a brewery, gave the name of Brew-

<sup>1</sup> "Council Records, p. 355, Hinman, where will be found authority for most of the particulars in this sketch.

<sup>2</sup> "Their appointment as engineers was in February, 1777, but Col. Waters had been previously on duty. His services commenced Nov. 23, 1776, and he was still at his post in April, 1777, as was also his assistant Josiah Waters, Jr.—Hinman, p. 430.

<sup>3</sup> "Hinman, pp. 346, 364.

<sup>4</sup> "Ibid., pp. 365, 366.

<sup>5</sup> Elderkin's report in Hinman's App., p. 551. The land at Mamacock was purchased of Nathaniel Shaw; an acre and a quarter for the works at Groton of Jonathan Chester and Elisha Prior. Groton fort was commenced Dec. 5, 1776.

<sup>6</sup> "Hinman, p. 337.

ery (now Brewer) to the street in which it was placed. The old battery was left to decay, and its site afterwards appropriated to the market and the ferry wharf.

"A redoubt on Winthrop's Neck was erected by Col. Saltonstall. The importance of the site was overrated, and in the course of a year or two the post was abandoned.

"For the garrisoning of the various posts at New London and Groton a regiment of foot was employed during a part of the year 1776, of which Col. Erastus Wolcott had the command. He was the superior military commander of the district, which included Stonington for that year. Dr. John Ely, of Lyme, performed a tour of duty here as captain and major, and also as physician and surgeon. In July he was sent to visit the Northern Army and employ his skill in arresting the smallpox, which was then raging in the camp with great virulence.

"In the various battalions raised for Continental service, New London was expected to furnish her full quota, though, as we look back upon her exposed situation, we might deem that the services of her sons were of pressing necessity at home. Mr. Shaw, in writing to Governor Trumbull, Aug. 7, 1776, when new enlistments were demanded, observes,—

"This town has been drained of men already, so that there is scarcely a sufficiency of hands left to get in the harvest."

"In addition to the regular militia then in service, in June a large volunteer company was recruited in the town, under Capt. Richard Deshon, and another in November, under Capt. Jonathan Caulkins. Groton was in a similar condition: nearly all its able-bodied men were in the army. In October, 1775, she had memorialized the Assembly, praying that her soldiers might be allowed to return and defend their own homes, for the British fleet was hovering near them, and the coast had been stripped of its men to recruit the army and navy. This was the sad truth, which might have been repeated every year of the war.

"How shall we describe the shifting scenes of plunder, stratagem, and atrocity exhibited on the bosom of Long Island Sound during the years 1776 and 1777? What fury possessed the minds of men that the inhabitants of the two shores, old neighbors and friendly associates, should thus become assassins and wolves, prowling for each other's destruction!

"Long Island having passed in a great measure into the occupation of the British, those inhabitants who had embraced the cause of liberty were obliged to seek safety by flight. The troops stationed at New London, with all the armament that the Governor could command, were ordered to cross the Sound and assist in removing them and their effects to the Connecticut coast. Many of these unfortunate patriots left all behind them, and, homeless and destitute, were thrown upon the mercy of the charitable. Long

Island was abandoned by the Genius of Liberty, and the British rule was spread over it far and wide. From that moment the two coasts were hostile, and an inveterate system of smuggling, marauding, plundering, and kidnapping took place on both sides, in comparison with which a common state of honorable warfare might be taken for peace and good neighborhood. Sheep, cattle, effects, and people were seized and carried off by either party. On the Connecticut side this was done under the covert of secrecy. Goods stolen from the island were carefully secreted, and if discovered by honest persons were advertised, and the owners desired to come and take possession. This condition of affairs was fraught with mischief, misrule, and villany. There was no end to the strays and the thieves. Akin to this marauding system was the contraband trade, an illicit dealing with the enemy, and furnishing them with supplies for the sake of their gold and their goods. This was not often carried on by the Tories, the professed friends of the British, for they were too narrowly watched to allow of the risk, but by men who were patriots in pretension, but yet lovers of money rather than lovers of their country. This trade was entered into by many people who were otherwise considered fair and honorable in all their dealings, but if discovered by their countrymen they were marked for opprobrium and insult. A more odious occupation could not be mentioned, nor could anything be said of a man better calculated to hold him up to public indignation than to call him a *Long Island trader*. The republican authorities were rigorous in their watch upon this trade.<sup>1</sup> Many houses were searched and men imprisoned, yet the contraband trade flourished. Goods that were bought for country produce might be sold cheap, and the temptation to buy was great. Fine Holland shirts, ready made, could be procured for half a Spanish dollar. Sloops and boats laden with provisions for the New York market were occasionally intercepted by the State cruisers, and the sad history of the day was often enlivened by ludicrous anecdotes that would gain currency respecting these night-traders. Thus a story was told of two men from the Great Neck shore of New London who put off one night in a whale-boat with a large fat ox on board. The animal got loose from its fastenings and became so unmanageable that the men, in danger of sinking, were glad to make towards a country sloop near by and meekly surrender their ox to confiscation and themselves to imprisonment.

"On the Long Island side the harbors were infested with bands of the lowest and vilest refugees, from whence many a plundering descent was made on the Connecticut coast and robbery and extortion of every kind committed. The small sloops and boats in which

<sup>1</sup>Shaw to Governor Trumbull, February, 1777: "I suppose Gen. Parsons has given you a history of the discovery we made of the correspondence carried on from our Neck on board the man-of-war."—*Shaw's Letter-Book* (MS.).

these piratical excursions were made had the familiar name of 'shaving mills.' They were the terror of the coast, often committing atrocious robberies.

"The present generation, living in peace and quiet, and looking round upon the goodly heritage that has fallen to their lot, think but little of those years of suffering through which these blessings were attained. They have no adequate conception of the scenes of alarm, panic, flight, destitution, poverty, bereavement, loneliness, and even famine through which their forefathers passed in the fierce struggle for liberty. During the whole war the inhabitants of New London could never lie down with any feeling of security that they might not be roused from their beds by the alarm-bell and the signal-fire, proclaiming the invader at hand. There was, indeed, in the early part of the war no spoil to allure an enemy; but the harbor, capacious, accessible, and secure, would furnish a fine winter refuge for their ships, and it would be a vast benefit to their cause to seal up the State and have the whole Sound to themselves.

'During the winter of 1776-77 the frigates 'Amazon' and 'Niger' were stationed most of the time near the west end of Fisher's Island, so as effectually to blockade the mouth of the river. Several British vessels also wintered in Gardiner's Bay, and the Sound was the common haunt of the enemy. On the 3d of December, 1776, eleven ships passed Montauk Point and anchored within sight of the town. The next morning they were joined by a fleet of transports and warlike vessels approaching eastward from New York, which gradually increased to one hundred in number. This fleet, which was under the command of Sir Peter Parker, while manœuvring in the Sound made a truly formidable appearance. They remained nearly three weeks, recruiting where they could on the shores and islands, often secretly supplied by faithless men from the coast, and stretching their wings from Gardiner's Bay to Fairfield. New London was in daily apprehension of a bombardment. The women and children and all valuable goods were removed. On Friday, December 20th, the admiral having collected together his transports and made his preparations, began to weigh anchor. At that moment the public consternation was greater, perhaps, than has ever been experienced before or since on this coast. When this magnificent fleet came abreast the mouth of the river it seemed sufficient to sweep the foundation of the town from its moorings. Astonishment and dismay filled the minds of the inhabitants as from hilltops and house-tops they gazed on the distant spectacle. After a short period of intense anxiety, a sudden relief was experienced as the leading ships passed off to the south and east of Fisher's Island, and it became apparent that Newport was to be the point of attack. The Governor had ordered out all the militia east of the river and three regiments from the west side, but

the orders were countermanded when the destination of the fleet was ascertained.<sup>1</sup>

"The 14th of March, 1777, brought another breeze of alarm along the coast. A fleet of ten sail—the 'Amazon,' 'Greyhound,' 'Lark,' and seven transports—came round the western point of Fisher's Island and anchored near the Groton shore. An immediate descent was expected, and tumult and terror reigned for a time in the town. The object of the squadron, however, was to obtain, as they had the year before, the stock of Fisher's Island, and this business they executed so thoroughly as almost to sweep the island clean of produce. They took not only sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, corn, potatoes, wood, and hay, but blankets, woolen cloth, sheeting, and other necessaries, for all which they made a reasonable compensation to Mr. Brown in British gold.

"While the enemy thus kept possession of the Sound the sloops and boats belonging to the coast melted away like summer snow. The 'Amazon' frigate kept a continual watch at the mouth of the river, capturing and destroying coasters and fishing-vessels without mercy. Through the whole year 1777 New London was blockaded almost with the strictness of a siege.

"April 12th, about thirty sail of armed vessels and transports passed along the mouth of the river; in fact, during the whole of this momentous summer the threatening aspect of a man-of-war was scarcely absent from the vision of the inhabitants, and from the high grounds twenty were frequently in view at one time, either at anchor or flying east and west, where, at the two extremities of the Sound, the strong forces of the enemy held undisputed possession of Newport and New York. May and June were months of almost continual alarm.

"On the 20th of July a squadron appeared on the coast, bending its course as if about to enter the mouth of the river. The alarm-guns were fired and the militia set in motion, but it proved to be a fleet of transports and provision-vessels bound to England under convoy of the 'Niger' frigate. They passed by without any hostile demonstration but that of firing several shot at the armed schooner 'Spy,' which they chased into the harbor. The next day the 'Spy' slipped out of the river and cut off from the fleet two vessels that had lingered to take in wood.

"In August the 'Cerberus' frigate lay for some time at anchor off Niantic Bay, west of New London. A line was one day seen from the ship floating upon the water at a little distance, which the tender of the ship was ordered to examine. It was drawn up with great caution, and found to be one hundred and fifty fathoms in length, and to have a machine attached to the end of it weighing about four hundred pounds. This, upon being hauled into the schooner, exploded

<sup>1</sup> "Col. John Douglass was encamped here with his regiment. In January, 1777, Col. John Ely's regiment, on duty at New London, was ordered to Providence. He was remanded with four companies in March.

on the deck, and, as was currently reported at the time, killed several men.<sup>1</sup> The machine was undoubtedly one of the marine torpedoes invented by Mr. Bushnell to blow up ships. This ingenious gentleman and patriotic soldier made other attempts to destroy a British vessel with his machine, but failed.

"In September thirty or forty sail of English vessels were at one time in the Sound, many of them taking in wood from the Long Island shore.

"In November, about the 14th, a fleet of vessels of all descriptions, passing from Newport to Gardiner's Bay, encountered a gale of wind, by which the 'Syren' frigate of twenty-eight guns was driven ashore at Point Judith and fell into the hands of the Americans, with her crew (two hundred men) and equipments. She was stripped of her guns, stores, and everything movable and burnt, Sunday, Nov. 15th.

"The military organization for the coast defense was arranged anew for the year 1777. The three posts of New London, Groton, and Stonington were placed under the command of Maj. Jonathan Wells, of Hartford. Two companies were raised and stationed at New London, one of artillery, consisting of fifty men, of which Nathaniel Saltonstall was captain; the other of musketry (seventy men), of which Adam Shapley was captain. Two corresponding companies stationed at Groton were commanded by Wm. Ledyard and Oliver Coit, and a company of musket-men was stationed at Stonington under Capt. Nathan Palmer. This was the stationary force for the year, but being totally inadequate to the necessity, a regiment was raised expressly to defend the coast of New London County. Before this could be enlisted, Cols. Latimer, Ely, and Throop and Maj. Buel and Gallop performed tours of duty at New London and Groton with parts of their respective regiments.

"In March, 1778, Capt. William Ledyard was appointed to the command of the posts of New London, Groton, and Stonington, with the rank and pay of major. Under his direction the works were repaired and strengthened and additional batteries erected. William Latham was captain of artillery at Groton, and Adam Shapley at New London. These appointments, it must be remembered, were not made by Congress or the commander-in-chief, but emanated from the Governor and Council of Safety.

"Early in this year a French ship called the 'Lyon,' Capt. Michel, came into port with a valuable assortment of West India goods. This cargo was very opportune, being mostly purchased by the naval agent for the State and Continental service. She had salt on board, which was then of pressing importance to the army, and linen and other articles useful for the clothing of soldiers. The 'Lyon' lay about three months in the harbor.<sup>2</sup> Several privateers were in at

the same time recruiting, and the collisions that took place among the seamen, soldiery, and populace kept the town in a state of riot and disorder. The jail was forced, prisoners released and recaptured, and mobs occasionally triumphant over the law. When a maritime war is raging what can be expected in a seaport but misrule and demoralization?

"Flags of truce engaged in the exchange of prisoners were often arriving and departing from New London. The return home of American prisoners excited very naturally a deep interest. Their appearance alone, without a word spoken, was sufficient evidence that they had borne a rigorous confinement under merciless keepers. In July, 1777, a flag that had been sent to Newport with a band of well-fed, healthy English prisoners to be exchanged returned with a company of Americans who were actually dying from starvation and close confinement. 'They had but just life enough remaining,' said the *Gazette*, 'to answer the purpose of an exchange.' Some were wasted to skeletons, others covered with vermin, or disfigured with eruptions, or dying of fever. Early in August two other exchanges were negotiated, and some fifty more arrived in the same condition. Unwholesome and scanty fare, crowded quarters, the want of fresh air, and uncleanness had brought them to the verge of the grave. Some indeed died in the cartel before they reached the harbor, and some soon after their arrival. The few that remained, meagre, pale, and tottering, crept slowly along the highways begging their way to their homes.

"In the month of December, 1778, by flags and cartels from New York, about five hundred prisoners arrived, released, said the *Gazette*, 'from the horrible prison-ships.' They were sick with various diseases, they had frozen limbs, and many were infected with the smallpox. They died all along the way through the Sound, and every day after their arrival for three weeks,—sixteen the first week, seventeen the next, and so on. About two hundred were Frenchmen, and of these fifteen died on the passage from New York. These poor foreigners were destitute of money and suitable clothing, and the high price of the necessities of life, the gloom of the winter season, and the loathsome diseases among them made it no light task to render them comfortable. The smallpox and malignant fevers brought in by the prisoners were communicated to those whose benevolent ministrations afforded them relief, and in this way were spread through the town. The prejudices against inoculation were so strong that, notwithstanding it had a resolve of the General Assembly and a previous vote of the town in its favor, it had never been allowed. Infected persons were carried apart and shut up by themselves, with the white cloth floating over them to betoken pestilence.

<sup>1</sup> "This incident is more minutely related in Thatcher's Military Journal, p. 123.

<sup>2</sup> "The 'Lyon' took in a cargo for Virginia and sailed June 14th. A little south of Long Island she had an engagement of four hours' dura-

tion with a British frigate, and then escaped. On her voyage from Virginia to France, laden with tobacco, she was captured by an English vessel of forty guns.



"With respect to American prisoners, historic justice calls upon us to state that those who were exchanged in later periods of the war gave evidence of a beneficial change in the mode of treatment. The British had learned a lesson of humanity. In August, 1779, when the crew of the 'Oliver Cromwell' were released, they came home in good health, and frankly acknowledged that though they had been confined in those odious prison-ships, the 'Jersey' and 'Good Hope,' they had been kindly treated, provided with good food, the sick attended by physicians, and nothing plundered from them.

"In the year 1778 a prison-ship was fitted up at New London by order of Congress for the reception of British prisoners, with a guard attached to it consisting of a lieutenant, sergeant, corporal, and twenty privates.<sup>1</sup> It was used only a short time.

"The events of the year 1779 seem like those of previous years rehearsed over, as in a scenic exhibition, with only slight changes of names and drapery. In February a detachment of Continental troops, under the command of Col. Dearborn, was sent to aid the militia in the defense of New London. Brig-Gen. Parsons had the superior military command of the district.

*"N. Shaw to the Marine Committee of the Eastern Department, March 14th, 1779:*

*"We are in such a wretched state in this town by reason of the small-pox, fever, and famine that I cannot carry on my business, and am laying up my vessels as fast as they come in, for every necessary of life is at such an extravagant price that whenever I employ persons to do anything they insist upon provisions, which it is not in my power to give them."*

"On the 23d of March several scouting-vessels came in with the startling intelligence that a fleet of twenty sail had passed Hellgate and were coming east, with flat-bottomed boats, row-galleys, and sloops of war in train; that a sixty-four and fifty-gun ship had left Sandy Hook to come south of Long Island around Montauk into the Sound; that twenty-six sail of vessels had previously congregated at Sag Harbor, and that Gen. Clinton had left New York, and was mustering a large body of troops at Southampton. The same day a considerable force was seen to go into Gardiner's Bay, and about sunset the frigate 'Renown' appeared off the mouth of the river and anchored. To what could all these preparations tend but an attack upon New London?

"And now, as on similar occasions, the alarm-bells were rung and the bale-fires lighted. Families were broken up, effects removed, and the neighboring militia came straggling in to the defense. But no attack was made. It was expected the next day, and the next, and a whole week passed of agitation and uncertainty. It was then ascertained that the transports from New York had gone to Newport; that the fleet under convoy, which had halted in Gardiner's

Bay, was bound to New York; that a part of the other fleet had gone on a plundering expedition to the Vineyard Sound and Falmouth (now Portland, in Maine), and that on the opposite coast of Long Island, from whence the invading army was expected to embark, all was quiet and peaceful. No flat-bottomed boats were there, nor had been. The only force collected on that side of the island consisted of five hundred foot and fifty horse at Southold, and one hundred men with two field-pieces at Sag Harbor, which was a stationary arrangement to guard and assist the English vessels in taking off wood and hay. It is a little singular that the troops at Southampton had been assembled in consequence of unfounded reports of a similar nature that had been flying through the British lines. It was confidently affirmed in New York that Gen. Parsons was at New London with a body of four thousand men, making hasty but secret preparations for a descent upon Long Island. In consequence of this report, Gen. Clinton had hastened from New York with a flying force, to prepare a reception for the expected invader. In this manner rumor flew from side to side imagining evil, asserting its existence, and actually causing it to exist. False report, though but a breath of air, has a mighty agency in aggravating the calamities of war.

"The militia on duty at this time in New London were employed in erecting a fortification of timber, sods, etc., on Town Hill, which it was supposed would be of use in checking the advance of an enemy that might land below the harbor and march to attack the town in the rear. Near this spot the gallows had stood on which Kate Garrett, the Pequot woman, had perished; it had likewise been noted for a large windmill. A breastwork was here thrown up and several field-pieces mounted. The inhabitants showed their appreciation of the work by the name which they bestowed on it, Fort Nonsense, the only name it ever received.

"The next alarm was on the 25th of June, when warning guns from Stonington gave notice of an approaching fleet. Forts Trumbull and Griswold took up the notes and echoed them into the country. In the afternoon a squadron of about fifty sail, of which seven were ships and the others of various size and armament down to row-galleys, came within sight of the town. They anchored near Plum Island for the night, and the next morning, instead of turning towards the town, as had been feared, they made sail to the westward. The militia had come in, as was observed, 'with even greater cheerfulness and alacrity' than on former occasions. The brigade of Gen. Tyler was on the ground, and being paraded, was dismissed with addresses and thanks.

"Only ten days later (July 5th) a similar alarm agitated the coast. Expresses from the westward to Maj. Ledyard brought information that a fleet had left New York with preparations for a descent on the coast, and was on its way through the Sound.

<sup>1</sup> "Council Records (Hinman), p. 531.

The point of attack at this time proved to be New Haven, but New London was closely watched. The frigates 'Renown' and 'Thames' and the sloop-of-war 'Otter' were plying in the neighborhood, and it was thought an attack would soon be made. A large body of militia remained three weeks encamped near the town or in Groton. Gen. Tyler's brigade, from Preston and Norwich, was again noted for its promptness and martial spirit. The counties of Berkshire and Hampshire, in Massachusetts, sent their militia to aid in the defense of the coast. No attempt was, however, made by the enemy to land, except upon Plum and Fisher's Islands, which the crews of the British ships plundered of everything valuable to them, and then wantonly set fire to the hay and buildings which they could not remove.

"The year 1780 shows but little variation of picture from the three preceding years. The cold months were seasons of pinching poverty and distress; sudden outbreaks of alarm and confusion were thickly scattered over the summer. Frigates and other vessels were continually passing up and down the Sound, and ships of the line were now hovering near Block Island, now anchoring at Point Judith, now running into Gardiner's Bay. On the 29th of July, the Governor having received information that twenty sail of shipping, with eight thousand troops on board, were in Huntington Harbor, Long Island, immediately ordered out a body of militia to the defense of New London, but on the 31st the much-dreaded fleet made sail for New York. On the 5th of August a fleet of fifteen vessels under the command of Admiral Graves anchored off the harbor, and there lay about twenty-four hours before running into Gardiner's Bay. This fleet had been on watch over the French at Newport, and came into the Sound to collect stock and recruit. In September another British fleet, said to be Admiral Arbuthnot's, came into Gardiner's Bay, and there remained through the months of October and November.

"It would be a laborious but pleasing task to go around among families with a talisman to gain their confidence, read private letters, inspect documents, converse with the aged, take notes of tradition, and thus gather up and revive the fading names of patriots and heroes who assisted in the achievement of American independence. It was an era of brave and self-denying men, and even confining our attention to the limited sphere embraced in this history, the number is not small of those who performed deeds worthy of remembrance. If only a few are here introduced, let it not be deemed that injustice is thereby shown to others who may be equally worthy but less generally known.

"Gen. Gurdon Saltonstall and three of his sons were employed in various grades of service during the whole war. The elder Saltonstall, before the close of 1776, was raised to the rank of brigadier-general, and sent with nine regiments of Connecticut militia

to take post in Westchester County, N. Y. He was then sixty-eight years of age. Winthrop Saltonstall, the oldest of the brothers, held the office of register of the Court of Admiralty. Dudley was a captain and then commodore in the navy. Gilbert, the youngest, was a captain of marines on board the ship 'Trumbull' in her desperate combat with the 'Watt.'

"Nathaniel Saltonstall, of another family, served in the war both as seaman and soldier. He was captain of the old fort on the Parade, and commander of the ship 'Putnam.'

"Maj. James Chapman, of Selden's regiment, Wadsworth's brigade, was a man of strength and stature beyond the common standard, and as a soldier steady and brave. But what avail these qualities against the aim of the marksman or the force of a cannon-ball! He was slain in what was called the orchard fight, near Harlem, when the army was retreating from New York, Sept. 15, 1776. His son James, a youth of only fifteen years of age, was with him when he fell. His brother, Lieut. Richard Chapman, was slain in Groton fort. John Chapman, a third brother, was first lieutenant of the ship 'Oliver Cromwell,' and after that was taken of the 'Putnam.' Joseph Chapman, a still younger brother, was an officer of the army.

"Col. Jonathan Latimer (of Chesterfield society) had served in several campaigns against the French upon the northern frontier, and during the war for independence was much of the time in the field.<sup>1</sup> Two of his sons, George and Jonathan, were also in the service. Maj. Christopher Darrow (of the North Parish) fought bravely at Monmouth and on other battle-fields during the war. The Gallops of Groton, Ben-Adam and Nathan, were engaged in some of the earliest struggles, and both field-officers in 1777.

"William and Alexander P. Adams, grandsons of the former Minister Adams, Richard Douglas, Thomas U. Fosdick, Edward and George Hallam, Stephen Hempstead, George Hurlbut, John and William Raymond, William Richards,—these were all young men, starting forth impulsively at the commencement of the struggle, with high heroic purpose to serve their country, and if the sacrifice should be demanded, to suffer and die in the cause of liberty. William Adams served in the army during the siege of Boston, but afterwards enlisting in a private armed vessel, he died at Martinique, April 4, 1778. His brother, purser of the ship 'Trumbull,' was cut off at sea before the close of the war. Douglas, Fosdick, Hempstead, and Richards were in the service from 1776 to the disbanding of the army. The last named, Capt. William Richards, was stationed in 1780 at Fairfield, and while

<sup>1</sup> "Col. Latimer was the father of ten sons; himself and six of them measured forty-two feet. An ancient Mumford family of Groton approached the same mark, having six members of the average height of six feet,—according to familiar report, 'thirty-six feet of Mumford in one family.'

there was engaged in the expedition against Fort Slongo, on the opposite shore of Long Island. They crossed by night with muffled oars, took the works by surprise, and demolished them. Maj. Tallmage was the commander of the party. Capt. Richards led the attack upon the battery. Edward Hallam, after a tour of duty at Boston, and another at New York, was appointed commissary of troops at New London. William Raymond, taken prisoner in an early part of the contest, was carried to Halifax, and died while immured in Mill Island prison.

"George Hurlbut and Robert Hallam, with a multitude of others, shouldered musket and knapsack and started for Boston immediately after intelligence was received of the skirmish at Lexington. They subsequently joined Capt. Coit's company, and fought at Bunker Hill, one nineteen years of age, and the other twenty-one. Hallam's commission from Congress, giving him the rank of captain in Col. Durkee's regiment, was dated July 3, 1777, the very month that he was twenty years of age. He fought at Trenton, Princeton, Germantown, and Monmouth, but withdrew from the army at the close of the campaign of 1779.

"Capt. Hurlbut remained in the service till disabled by a mortal wound at Tarrytown, in the summer of 1781. For the exploit that cost him in the end his life he received the thanks of Washington in the public orders of the army. It merits a particular relation.

"A vessel in the river containing a considerable quantity of stores for the American army had been set on fire by the guns of the enemy. Capt. Hurlbut being an excellent swimmer, volunteered his service, swam to the vessel, and amidst a severe fire from the British ships extinguished the flames, cut the cable that the wind might drift her to the side where the Americans were encamped, and then took to the water again. Before reaching the shore, being much fatigued, he threw himself on his back, as swimmers often do for repose, and just then was struck in the groin by a grape-shot. The ball was successfully extracted, and after a long confinement he so far recovered as to appear abroad. He belonged to the Second Regiment of Light Dragoons, and the first time that he was able to resume his post the troops honored him with a salute. Unfortunately his horse became restive, reared, and threw him. The old wound was broken up, he languished many months in severe pain, and at last was brought home to die. The commander-in-chief himself gave orders that every requisite care and attention should be used in his removal. His friend, Mr. Colfax, and the surgeon, Dr. Eustis (afterwards Governor of Massachusetts), accompanied him to New London, where he expired 8th of May, 1783.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Many of these particulars are taken from a certificate given in December, 1783, by Gen. Washington to Mrs. Welsh, a widowed sister of Capt. Hurlbut.

In this connection another army incident may be mentioned, which, though in result a failure, illustrates the daring spirit of adventure for which the New London men of that day, whether sailors or soldiers, were remarkable.

"On the 16th of August, 1776, Commodore Tucker, lying at New York, sent two fire-vessels, a sloop and a schooner, up the river to make an attempt to burn the British frigate 'Phoenix' in the night. Of the eighteen men detached on this expedition a large proportion were from New London. Stephen Hempstead and Thomas Updike Fosdick were two of the number. Fosdick, who was then an ensign in the company of Capt. Nathan Hale, had command of the sloop. Owing to accidental circumstances the enterprise failed, but it was well conceived, and, as far as it went, executed with boldness and skill."

## CHAPTER XIII.

### NEW LONDON—(Continued).

#### WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

Privateering—Sea-Captains—The Schooner "Spy"—Brig "Defiance"—"Old Defiance"—The "Oliver Cromwell"—Brig "Resistance"—The "Hancock"—The Privateer "Governor Trumbull"—Ship "Confederacy"—The "Deane"—The "Putnam"—Continental Ship "Trumbull"—Benedict Arnold—He Marches on New London—Flight of the Inhabitants—Burning of the Town—Arnold's Official Account—Estimate of the Loss—List of New London Sufferers—Washington's Visit to New London.

"WHILE humanity, reason, and religion concur in deprecating the whole practice of war, and look forward with ardent aspiration to the time when other modes of accommodating the difficulties of nations shall prevail, we must not withhold from the brave soldier and adventurous seaman that species of fame and merit which is their due. If we would write history faithfully we must go back to the era and live and breathe the scenes described. We must not look at the war of the Revolution by that light which has but just began to dawn on the Christian world in regard to the folly and iniquity of war. Men fought under an exalted impulse for their homes and firesides, their liberties and their altars. It was the way in which the age manifested its devotion to truth, freedom, law, and religion. Yet blessed will be the period when these sacred principles shall find a holier expression.

"It has been customary to make a distinction between the regular navy of the country and those private armed vessels called letters-of-marque, or privateers, as if the former were an honorable service and the latter but little removed from piracy. The distinction is unjust, one was as fair and lawful as the other; both were sanctioned by the custom of nations, the object of each was the same. The Continental vessels no less than the privateers seized upon peaceful

merchantmen, and as much historical credit should be awarded to the brave privateersman as to the commissioned officer.

"It is a fact also that has not been sufficiently noticed in respect to the seamen of the Revolution that often with undaunted spirit they went into battle against fearful odds, and in these unequal combats were not unfrequently successful, such power has Providence given to those who manfully contend for the right.

"The British, after gaining possession of New York, fitted out a host of privateers from that port and from Long Island that infested the Sound and the whole New England coast, and in the course of a few months nearly every packet, coaster, and fishing smack belonging to New London was captured or destroyed. The inhabitants were driven in self-defense to build privateers and to arm as cruisers whatever craft they had left or could seize in their turn from the enemy and set them afloat to defend their property.

"Aggression, leading to retaliation, and swaying back and forth over an increasing space with accelerated fury, is the diagram of war.

"A place whose great and almost sole advantage consists in commercial aptitude is necessarily dependent upon peace for prosperity. From the beginning to the close of the Revolutionary contest a cloud of depressing gloom hung over New London. Her mariners and artisans were deprived of employment; her shopmen and merchants were impoverished or bankrupt; religion, education, and morals were at a low ebb, and the shadows grew deeper from year to year.

"It may be doubted whether any two places in New England exhibited a greater contrast in these respects than those near neighbors, but by no means intimate friends, Norwich and New London. Norwich suffered in her commerce as well as New London, but she was not kept in continual jeopardy; extraordinary inroads excepted, she was safe from invasion. Her growth was scarcely checked by the war, and, setting aside the suffering from scarcity in the first years of the conflict and the family privations resulting from the drain on the male population for the army, her prosperity was but little diminished. It was a place of refuge for many families from Boston, Newport, and other exposed situations on the coast, and this influx of residents kept her currency easy. With a wise foresight and a prompt enterprise, favored by her situation and natural advantages, she early turned her attention to manufactures. These came in to fill the vacuum occasioned by her lost commerce.

"New London had no such wholesome resource. The privateering business very naturally stepped in, and, as far as bustle and excitement went, filled the void, but as a path to gain it was fraught with hazard and uncertainty. Neither merchants nor adventurers

acquired wealth by privateering. Even the most fortunate commanders barely obtained a competent livelihood for the time being for their families. The history of the most successful is comprehended in two or three profitable voyages, a few brilliant exploits, and then capture and imprisonment.

"The alternations in this warfare succeeded each other like cloud and sunshine on an April day. The excitement of hazardous undertakings and the sudden changes continually taking place gave to life a romantic and vivid interest. Often when the Sound was apparently pervaded by British vessels a letter-of-marque would seize a favorable opportunity, push out of port, and return with a prize. As connected with New London, sea skirmishes and naval disasters were prominent features of the war. A band of sea-captains, prompt, valiant, experienced, and danger-loving, had their rendezvous in this port. Some were natives of the town, others belonged in Groton, Norwich, Middletown, and Saybrook.

"Capt. Elisha Hinman was the youngest of three brothers who came from Woodbury, Conn., before or about 1760 and established themselves in New London. He was a veteran of the sea before the commencement of the Revolution, and took an early part in the contest. He commanded the 'Cabot,' a Continental brig in the squadron of Commodore Hopkins, and afterwards succeeded Paul Jones in the ship 'Alfred,' which he was unfortunately obliged to surrender to the 'Ariadne' and 'Ceres,' on a return voyage from France, March 9, 1778. Being carried a prisoner to England, after a short confinement he found friends who aided his escape to France, from whence he returned home, and engaged for a time in private adventures. In 1779 he went out in the privateer sloop 'Hancock,' owned by Thomas Mumford, and had a run of brilliant, dashing success. In 1780 he took command of the armed ship 'Deane.'

"Peter Richards, Charles Bulkley, and John Welsh, the lieutenants of Capt. Hinman in the 'Alfred,' were confined in England for several months in Fortune prison, near Portsmouth, from whence they escaped by digging under the outward wall, and reaching the coast of France in safety, returned home in the spring of 1779. These all went out subsequently in private armed vessels.

"William Havens, Nicoll Fosdick, Samuel and Lodowick Champlin, William Leeds, Daniel Deshon, Nathaniel Saltonstall, seamen more brave and skillful than these to harass an enemy or defend a coast cannot be found at any period of our country's history. The merchant service was not wholly abandoned during the war. Several of the commanders that have been named and others made occasional voyages to French ports, though in general with some armature. Capt. William Rogers made a safe voyage to France and back again in 1779. Several cases occurred in which vessels that sailed before the war unarmed were long detained in foreign ports, and

even laid up till the return of peace. Capt. John Lamb, sent by Nathaniel Shaw in the ship 'America' to Gibraltar in 1774, was absent three years, the owner in the mean time receiving no remittances.<sup>1</sup> Capt. James Rogers, arrested by the war in a foreign port, suffered a detention of six years, but arrived in safety with his vessel in September, 1781.

"New London Harbor was the recruiting-ground of the State schooner 'Spy,' Capt. Robert Niles, a fortunate vessel with a skillful commander, which performed good service during the whole war, and closed her accounts in neat and beautiful style by carrying safely to France the first copy of the ratified treaty of peace. This vessel was of fifty tons burden, carried six guns (four-pounders), and from twenty to thirty men. Her cruises were short, but she was continually upon the lookout, ever ready, ever serviceable, alert in discovering smugglers, intercepting unlawful communications, taking prizes, and giving notice of the movements of the enemy. She sailed from Stonington with a copy of the ratified treaty, and arrived at Brest in twenty-one days, having passed undiscovered through a British fleet that lay off that port, owing her safety, probably, to her diminutive size, which prevented her character from being suspected.

"The brig 'Defence,' fourteen guns, built by the State in 1775 at the ship-yard of Capt. Uriah Hayden, in Connecticut River, was brought around to New London to be equipped and to enlist her crew of one hundred and twenty men. She sailed on her first cruise in May, 1776, under Capt. Seth Harding, and in the course of it took two transport-ships and a brig, all bringing Highland recruits to the British army. The 'Defence' enjoyed a couple of years of prosperity, often dropping into New London Harbor to recruit. Three of her lieutenants, Leeds, Angel, and Billings, had been sea-captains, sailing from the Thames. In 1778 this vessel was altered into a ship at Boston, and the command given to Capt. Samuel Smedley; but her career was closed March 10, 1779, on Goshen Reef, within sight of New London. She struck, bilged, upset, and went to pieces as she was about to enter the harbor from a successful cruise. Several of her crew perished in the hold.

"Another State brig, called the 'Old Defence,' under the command of Capt. Daniel Deshon, was taken in January, 1778, by the enemy and carried into Jamaica.

"The 'Oliver Cromwell,' a twenty-gun ship, built at Saybrook in 1776 by the State, was also fitted out from New London. Her first commander was Capt. William Coit, and she was expected to sail in October, but difficulties existed among her people, and the British kept a constant watch over the harbor, so that

she was detained through the winter. The next spring Capt. Harding was transferred to her from the 'Defence,' and she succeeded in getting out in May, 1777.<sup>2</sup> In June she took a merchant brig, called the 'Medway,' and in July the brigantine 'Honor,' which sold, with her cargo, for £10,692. In September she captured the 'Weymouth Packet,' a brig of fifteen guns, which was fitted up for a cruiser and called the 'Hancock.' The 'Cromwell,' after two and a half years of faithful republican service, was destined to pass into the ranks of royalty. She sailed from New London in May, 1779, in command of Capt. Timothy Parker, of Norwich, a seaman of tried gallantry and experience. She was absent twelve days, sent in four prizes, two of them armed vessels, and touched in herself to land her prisoners. She sailed again the 1st of June, and on the 5th, off Sandy Hook, had a sharp engagement with the British frigate 'Daphne.' Her mainmast being shot away, three men killed, and another ship coming up to the aid of the 'Daphne,' Capt. Parker surrendered his ship. She was soon cruising again under the royal ensign, and bearing the new name of 'Restoration.'<sup>3</sup>

"The Continental armed brig 'Resistance,' ten guns (four), Capt. Samuel Chew, was fitted out at New London at the suggestion and under the orders of Nathaniel Shaw.<sup>4</sup> The officers were mostly New London men. On the 4th of March, 1778, in a desperate conflict in the West India seas with a letter-of-marque carrying twenty guns, Capt. Chew and Lieut. George Champlin, of New London, were killed.<sup>5</sup> The two vessels parted, and the brig was carried into Boston by Lieut. Leeds. She was taken by the British in November and burnt.

"The 'Governor Trumbull,' a privateer ship of twenty guns, built in Norwich by Howland and Coit, was considered a very fine vessel. She went to sea on her first cruise in March, 1778, Capt. Henry Billings commander, and left the harbor for the last time in December of the same year. In March, 1779, while cruising in the West Indies, she was captured by the 'Venus' frigate, which had formerly belonged to Massachusetts, and was originally called the 'Bunker Hill.'

<sup>1</sup> "In March, 1777, on the day of the marriage of Capt. Elisha Hinman, the officers of the 'Oliver Cromwell' ordered a complimentary salute to be fired from the ship. Some mischief-lover among the crew charged the cannon with a hand-grenade, which 'whistled through the town the like was never known.' The terrified inhabitants caused the offender to be arrested and put in irons.

<sup>2</sup> "From a New York (royalist) paper of July 24, 1779: 'The frigate "Restoration" (formerly the "Oliver Cromwell") is now fitting for sea, and will be ready in six days to join the associated refugee fleet lying in Huntington Harbor, and intending soon to pay a visit to the rebel coast.'

<sup>3</sup> "It gives me pleasure to hear of Capt. Chew's success, as the fitting him out was a plan of my own."—Letter to the Marine Committee of Congress, Feb. 2, 1778 (MS.).

<sup>4</sup> "Capt. Chew was a brave and skillful officer, an emigrant from Virginia to New London, and brother of Joseph Chew, heretofore mentioned. The two brothers, like many others in that day of divisions, took opposite sides in the contest. Joseph Chew had been obliged to leave the place on account of his adherence to the royal cause.

<sup>5</sup> "Lamb arrived at Boston from Martinico in December, 1777, in a brig called the 'Irish Gimblet.' Among his lading were seventeen brass cannon, with other warlike stores, for Congress, shipped by William Bagham, of St. Peter's, Martinico.

"Early in 1779 three privateers lying in New London Harbor determined to attempt the capture of the brig 'Ranger,' a refugee privateer of twelve guns that infested the Sound and had taken many prizes and plundered the coast in some instances. The brig 'Middletown' and sloops 'Beaver' and 'Eagle,' under Capts. Sage, Havens, and Conkling, fell upon her as she lay by the wharf at Sag Harbor, cut her out, and came back with her in triumph. This was on the 31st of January. The next day the same associated trio made a bold but unsuccessful attack on seven vessels which had put into Sag Harbor. In this affair the 'Middletown' grounded and was abandoned to the enemy.

"May 27, 1779, Capt. Richard McCarty, of New London, in a sloop bound for the West Indies, was wrecked in a snow-storm on Plum Island, and himself and crew, six persons, all lost.

"The 'Confederacy,' a Continental ship of thirty-two guns, built on the Thames, near Norwich, and equipped at New London, sailed on her first cruise May 1, 1779, under Capt. Seth Harding. This ship was popularly said to have been built of Tory timber. Most of the wood for her hull was cut in Salem, Conn., on the confiscated estate of Mr. Brown, a royalist, and the trunnels of the ship were from locust-trees that grew on land near the harbor's mouth, New London, which had belonged to Capt. Oliver, a former officer of the king's customs. To make up the complement of men for her crew it was necessary to have recourse to the odious practice of impressment.<sup>1</sup> Able-bodied men were becoming scarce upon the coast through the constant drain for army and navy. The call for 'gentlemen volunteers,' which was the customary soothing address of the recruiting-officer, had been so frequently reiterated that it had ceased to be answered with alacrity.<sup>2</sup>

"The privateering business was at no time so active, so daring in exploit and brilliant in success as in 1779. Both parties, the patriots and the refugees, pursued it with eager rivalry. Between the 1st of March and 13th of June nine New York or Tory privateers were captured and brought into New London. One of them, the 'Lady Erskine,' a brig of ten guns, was taken within sight of the harbor by the sloops 'Hancock' and 'Beaver,' Capts. Hinman and Havens, who cut her off from a fleet of twenty-one sail which was passing towards Rhode Island under convoy of the 'Thames' frigate of thirty-six guns.

<sup>1</sup> "Monday night last, about fifty seamen and landmen were pressed by a gang from the ship 'Confederacy,' now lying in the harbor, and carried on board; a part of them have been since released."—*Green's Gazette* of April 29th.

<sup>2</sup> "The last advertisement of the 'Oliver Cromwell' will serve as a specimen of this alluring style:

"The ship, 'Oliver Cromwell,' Timothy Parker, commander, ready for a cruise against the enemies of the United Independent States. All gentlemen volunteers that have a mind to make their fortunes are desired to repair immediately on board said ship in the port of New London, where they will meet good encouragement."

"A vivid illustration of the life and bustle which this fitful business created at intervals in the town is furnished by *Green's Gazette* of June 3d. In that paper were advertised for sale at auction on the 8th instant the following prizes: brig 'Bellona,' one hundred and sixty tons, sixteen guns; schooner 'Mulberry,' seventy tons; sloop 'Hunter,' ninety; sloop 'Charlotte,' sixty; sloop 'Lady Erskine,' sixty, ten guns—all prizes to the 'Beaver' and 'Hancock,' schooner 'Sally,' fifty tons, ten guns; sloop 'Despatch,' fifty, eight swivels; schooner 'Polly,' forty—prizes to the 'American Revenue,' also three other prize sloops with all their cargoes and tackle.

"In the Court of Admiralty held at New London a week later than the above (June 10th), eighteen prizes were libeled, all taken in the month of May.

"The refugee adventurers from New York and Long Island, if less enterprising, were far superior to the Americans in number and resources. If unsuccessful in one undertaking they had means to urge forward another. Capt. Samuel Rogers, the most noted privateersman on that side of the Sound, was three times captured, brought to New London and confined in jail, between March and October, 1779. It was said that during this summer forty refugee privateers had their rendezvous in Huntington Bay. In the end they swept the Sound, as with a besom, of everything American; at the close of the year scarcely a sail was left on the Connecticut coast. Everything in this line was to begin anew at the keel.

"The fate of Capt. Edward Conkling was peculiarly heartrending. Cruising off Point Judith in the sloop 'Eagle,' he captured and manned six prizes in succession, which left the number of his crew less than that of the prisoners on board. The latter, seizing a favorable opportunity, rose upon their captors, and obtaining command of the vessel exhibited the most savage ferocity. The brave captain and several of his men were cut down after they had surrendered, and their bodies brutally mangled. Only two boys were spared. This was on the 9th of May. The 'Eagle,' before the close of the month, while preparing for a cruise against her former flag, was destroyed by an accidental explosion in the harbor of New York. 'Several persons on board at the time,' says the newspaper notice of the event, 'lost their lives, and among them the infamous Murphy, who murdered Capt. Conkling.'

"In October, 1779, three large French ships, the 'Jonatas,' 'Comte d'Artois,' and 'Negresse,' came into the harbor under jury-masts, with valuable cargoes of West India produce. They had sailed with the usual autumnal fleet of merchantmen from Cape François for Europe, but on the 15th of September were dismasted in a violent hurricane, and so much damaged that they bore away for the American coast. By singular good fortune they escaped the British cruisers, but were obliged to sell their damaged cargoes at a low rate and to winter at New London. In

the 'Negresse,' which sailed for France early in May, went as passenger Col. John Trumbull, the son of the Governor, and since well known as an historical painter. The 'Jonatas' was purchased of the French owners, and fitted out by individual enterprise as a private cruiser. She carried twenty-nine guns,—twenty-four nines and five fours,—and sailed on a cruise June 1, 1780, under the command of Capt. Hinman.<sup>1</sup>

"The extreme severity of the winter of 1779-80 is well known. On the 2d of January a violent storm commenced; the tide and wind together raised the waves till they dashed over Beach or Water Street like a flood, filling the lower stories of the houses and damaging the shipping and goods. To this succeeded about five weeks of extreme cold. The Thames was closed up as far down as the light-house, a sight which the oldest natives do not see more than twice, and seldom but once in their lives. A storm on the 7th of February opened the harbor at the mouth, but opposite the town it remained shut till the second week in March. The day previous a barbecue had been served upon the Isle of Rocks, midway between New London and Groton; but at night a furious southeast storm broke up the ice, and the next morning a dashing current was running where sleighs had crossed and people had feasted the day before.<sup>2</sup>

"The 'Putnam' was built on Winthrop's Neck by Nathaniel Shaw in 1778. Her armament consisted of twenty nines. Capt. John Harman was her first commander. In the spring of 1779 she was fitted for a six months' cruise under Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall. After being out three months, and sending in six prizes, she went into Boston harbor, and was there impressed into the Continental service, with her crew and equipments, and sent with the fleet under Commodore Dudley Saltonstall, of the ship 'Warren,' against the British post at Penobscot. The issue of that expedition was extremely disastrous. The 'Putnam' was one of the vessels driven ashore and burnt to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy. The officers and crew fled to the woods and escaped capture.

"The frigate 'Trumbull,' twenty-eight guns, built by order of Congress at Chatham, in Connecticut River, during the winter of 1779-80, was brought into the Thames to be equipped and to enlist her crew. Capt. James Nicholson was her commander. On the 2d of June, 1780, she had an action with the letter-of-

marque 'Watt,' thirty-four guns and two hundred and fifty men, which is judged, all things considered, to have been the best contested, the most equally matched, equally well-fought, and equally destructive battle during the war. In this engagement several from New London and its vicinity were among the killed and wounded. Daniel Starr, second lieutenant, Jabez Smith (of Groton), lieutenant of marines, died of their wounds. Gideon Chapman went overboard on the maintop and was drowned. Gilbert Saltonstall, captain of marines, Pygian Adams, purser, David Pool and Samuel Hearn, boatswains, were wounded. Three of the midshipmen were of New London. One of these, Capt. Richard Law, who died Dec. 19, 1845, was the last survivor of the crew.

"In concluding this account of naval affairs, it may be observed in general terms that during the whole war New London was as a den of serpents to the British, constantly sending out its sloops and schooners, well manned by skillful and daring seamen, to harass the boats and tenders along the shore, or to cut off merchant vessels on the high seas. Rich prizes, in spite of their vigilance, would run into this open port, and if pursuit was apprehended they might be hurried up to Norwich, entirely out of reach.

The year 1777 forms, indeed, an exception to the universality of this assertion. So great was the vigilance of the British squadron on the coast, that between the summer of 1776 and that of 1778 not a single prize was brought into the harbor of New London.

"Although New London has been repeatedly threatened, no direct attack was made upon the town till near the close of the war in 1781. Gen. Arnold, on his return from a predatory descent upon the coasts of Virginia, was ordered to conduct a similar expedition against his native State. A large quantity of West India goods and European merchandise brought in by various privateers was at this time collected in New London; the quantity of shipping in port was also very considerable, and among the prizes recently taken was the 'Hannah' (Capt. Watson), a rich merchant ship from London bound to New York, which had been captured a little south of Long Island by Capt. Dudley Saltonstall, of the 'Minerva' privateer. The loss of this ship, whose cargo was said to be the most valuable brought into America during the war, had exasperated the British, and more than any other single circumstance is thought to have led to the expedition. At no other period of the war could they have done so much mischief, at no other had the inhabitants so much to lose.

"The expedition was fitted out from New York, the headquarters of Sir Henry Clinton and the British army. The plan was well conceived. Arnold designed to enter the harbor secretly in the night, and to destroy the shipping, public offices, stores, merchandise, and the fortifications on both sides of the river with such expedition as to be able to depart be-

<sup>1</sup> "She was called the 'Deane,' but must not be confounded with the Continental frigate 'Deane,' which had previously taken the name of the 'Hague.'—*Osper's Naval Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 190.

<sup>2</sup> "Thomas Mumford, of Groton, was then recently married, and the night before the thaw gave an entertainment which many guests from New London attended, crossing the river in sleighs. The banquet and dance continuing late, and the storm coming on suddenly and furiously, the party were not able to return as they went, and the next morning the swollen river, full of floating ice, rendered crossing in any way a hazardous attempt. Some of the guests were detained two or three days on that side of the river.

fore any considerable force could be collected against him. Candor in judging forbids the supposition that the burning of the town and the massacre at Groton fort entered into his original design, though at the time such cruelty of purpose was charged upon him and currently believed. As flowing from his measures and taking place under his command, they stand to his account, and this responsibility is heavy enough without adding to it the criminal forethought.

"Late in the evening of the 5th of September information was received in town that a British fleet was lurking under the shore of Long Island, nearly opposite the mouth of the river. So many false demonstrations of attack had been made during the war that this intelligence caused but little alarm. No public notice was given of it, and no unusual precautions were taken against surprise; soldiers and citizens alike retired to rest. As soon as it was dark the hostile fleet got under way, and arriving on the coast at one o'clock, would undoubtedly have accomplished their design and made themselves masters of the town and forts without opposition had they not been counteracted by Providence. The wind suddenly shifted to the northward, blowing directly out of the mouth of the river, so that the larger vessels were obliged to stand off and the transports to beat in.

"According to the uniform testimony of eye-witnesses, the British fleet consisted of thirty-two sail of all classes of vessels; and the troops were landed from twenty-four transports, eight hundred on the Groton side, and nine hundred or a thousand on the New London side. Arnold, in his report of the expedition, says,—

"At ten o'clock the troops, in two divisions and in four debarkations, were landed, one on each side the harbor, about three miles from New London, that on the Groton side, consisting of the 40th and 54th Regiments and the Third Battalion of New Jersey volunteers, with a detachment of yeagers and artillery, were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Eyre. The division on the New London side consisted of the 38th regiment, the Loyal Americans, the American Legion, refugees, and a detachment of sixty yeagers, who were immediately on their landing put in motion."

"In the mean time confused and hasty preparations had been made to receive them. At early dawn the fleet had been discovered lying off becalmed, but the transports making preparations to beat in to the mouth of the river. Col. Wm. Ledyard was the military commander of the district which comprised the two forts, the harbor, and the towns of New London and Groton. Capt. Adam Shapley commanded at Fort Trumbull and the Town Hill battery; Capt. William Latham at Fort Griswold. An alarm was immediately fired from Fort Griswold; it consisted of two regular guns at fixed intervals; this was the signal to call in assistance from the neighboring country, while three guns was the signal of rejoicing, to give notice of a victory or a prize. It was evident that these signals had been communicated to the enemy, for when the two distress guns were fired, one of the large ships in the fleet added a third, so as to

alter the import. This stratagem had some influence in retarding the arrival of militia.

"In the town consternation and fright were suddenly let loose. No sooner were the terrible alarm-guns heard than the startled citizens, leaping from their beds, made haste to send away their families and their portable and most valuable goods. Throngs of women and children were dismissed into the fields and woods, some without food, and others with a piece of bread or a biscuit in their hands. Women laden with bags and pillow-cases, or driving a cow before them, with an infant in their arms, or perhaps on horseback, with a bed under them, and various utensils dangling at the side; boys with stockings slung like wallets over their shoulders, containing the money, the papers, and other small valuables of the family; carts laden with furniture; dogs and other household animals, looking strange and panic-struck; pallid faces and trembling limbs,—such were the scenes presented on all the roads leading into the country. Many of these groups wandered all day in the woods, and at night found shelter in the scattered farm-houses and barns.

"Amid the bustle of these scenes, when each one was laden with what was nearest at hand or dearest to his heart, one man was seen hastening alone to the burial-ground, with a small coffin under his arm. His child had died the day before, and he could not leave it unburied. In haste and trepidation he threw up the mould and deposited his precious burden, then covering it quickly, and setting up a stone to mark the place, he hurried away to secure other beloved ones from a more cruel spoiler.

"Such was the confusion of the scene that families in many cases were scattered upon different roads, and children eight or ten years of age were sent off alone into the country, their parents lingering perhaps to bury or conceal some of their effects. Yet no one was lost, no one was hurt. The farm-houses were full, and unbounded hospitality was shown by their occupants. At Gen. Miller's, a little off from the Norwich road, orders were given to open the dairy and the larder, to prepare food constantly, and to feed everybody that came. When the house was overflowing, the servants carried out milk, cheese, and bread, or porringers of corn-beans to the children, who sat under the trees and ate. This will serve as an example of the general hospitality. A number of families found shelter among friends and relatives in the North Parish. Groups of fugitives gathered on the high hills afar off, watching with intense interest the movements of the enemy, whose course might be traced by their gleaming arms and scarlet coats until clouds of smoke hid them from their view.

"Some sick persons were removed from town with great difficulty and at the hazard of their lives, others who could not be removed were guarded with solicitous care by wife, daughter, or mother, who resolved to remain with them and depend on Providence to



soften the heart of the foe and protect them from danger.

"Col. Ledyard having visited the town and Fort Trumbull and made the best disposition of what force he could find, and having dispatched expresses to Governor Trumbull at Lebanon, and to commanders of militia in the neighborhood, returned to Fort Griswold.

"As he stepped into the boat to cross the ferry he said to some friends whose hands he pressed at parting, in a firm tone, 'If I must lose to-day honor or life, you who know me can tell which it will be.'

"The garrisons under Col. Ledyard were small, barely sufficient to keep the posts in order, and in cases of emergency they depended on volunteers from the neighborhood or details of militia. These were now coming in, and the commander confidently anticipated the arrival of sufficient aid to warrant a defense.

"In the mean time great efforts were made to secure the shipping in the harbor by getting it up the river, but at first neither wind nor tide favored the attempt. Towards noon, however, before the enemy had got possession of the town, a favorable breeze came in from the water, and a considerable number of vessels escaped. The warehouses were full of merchandise, only a small proportion of which could be sent off. Shaw's warehouse on Water Street in particular was packed with goods, and among them was the rich cargo of the 'Hannah.' A sloop-load of these were saved.<sup>1</sup>

"Such confusion reigned in the town, every householder being engaged in the care of his family and effects, that it was difficult to form any concerted plan of action. But when the women and children had departed the men began to gather in groups and consult respecting the course to be pursued. They could muster but few effective men, and flight and concealment seemed the only prudent course for them to adopt; but about one hundred, hastily armed, and indignant at the thought of abandoning their homesteads without a blow, collected on Town Hill, with a view of obstructing the course of the enemy. They were without a commander, and as the advancing files of regular soldiers, in firm array, with glistening steel, appeared in sight they saw the rashness of their design, and scattering into the fields, concealed themselves behind rocks and fences, and annoyed the troops whenever they could find a chance.

"Arnold had debarked his forces a little west of the light-house, and came up in a straight course, through what is called Brown's Gate, into the Town

Hill road. The division under his command, as already stated, consisted of the Thirty-eighth British Regiment<sup>2</sup> and the regiment of loyal Americans (Col. Beverly Robinson's), with several companies from other refugee regiments, among whom were one hundred and twenty New Jersey loyalists, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Upham, and a band of sixty yagers (Hessian light infantry).<sup>3</sup>

"The armed vessels 'Association' and 'Col. Martin' went close into the shore, and covered the landing on the New London side." (Upham's Report.)

"When the troops arrived at the cross-road leading down to the shore, which Arnold says was at eleven o'clock, Capt. Millett, of the Thirty-eighth, with four companies, was detached to march that way and attack the fort, and at the foot of this cross-road he was joined by Capt. Frink with a company of refugees, who had marched up by a different route nearer the shore.

"Fort Trumbull was a work of very little strength, a mere block of batteries facing the water on three sides, open behind, and only designed to act against a naval force. Capt. Shapley had with him twenty-three men, and his orders were, in case of a direct attack, to retreat to Fort Griswold. He saluted the invaders with one volley well discharged, and then, having spiked the guns, retreated to the shore, where he embarked his men in three boats to cross the river. The enemy's fleet was so near that they reached and over-shot them with their muskets; seven men were wounded and one of the boats captured.

"In the mean time Gen. Arnold, pressing forward with the main body of troops, arrived at the breast-work of earth and sods whose insignificance had obtained for it the name of Fort Nonsense, but of which in his dispatch he speaks with great exaggeration as a redoubt that kept up a brisk fire upon them for some time, but was evacuated at their approach. 'In it,' he says, 'we found six pieces of cannon mounted and two dismounted.'<sup>4</sup> On this commanding height Arnold paused to survey the scene on which he was about to operate, a scene familiar to his eyes in early life, with houses and shops compact and sails spread in the offing, all indicative of thrift, enterprise, and comfort, but which he was now, with sword and fire-brand, about to scathe and blacken. His thoughts, however, were intent on the present object, and not discoursing with the past or future. He observes in his report,—

"I had the pleasure to see Capt. Millett march into Fort Trumbull, under a shower of grape-shot from a number of cannon which the enemy had turned upon him, and by the sudden attack and determined bravery of the troops the fort was carried with only the loss of four or five men killed and wounded."

"So well it sounds in official language for five companies of fresh, well-armed British soldiers to

<sup>1</sup> "Mr. Shaw was himself absent from town at the time of the invasion. This was very much deplored at the time. He had gone out on a fishing-excursion towards Montauk Point, and after discovering the fleet and its destination, could not get in before them, but was obliged to run into Pequonnock Creek to escape capture. Dr. Simon Wolcott was with him.

<sup>2</sup> "This was Sir Robert Pigot's regiment, but it is not known whether he was with the expedition. The uniform was red, faced with yellow.

<sup>3</sup> "These wore a dark uniform, with bright red trimmings.

<sup>4</sup> "Iron pieces, four and six-pounders.

drive twenty-three Americans from an open, defenseless fortress.

"It was from this point that Arnold dispatched an order to Lieut.-Col. Eyre, who had landed on the Groton side, to attack the fort as soon as possible, in order to prevent the escape of the shipping up the river. The general continues,—

"No time on my part was lost in gaining the town of New London. We were opposed by a small body of the enemy with one field-piece, who were so hard pressed that they were obliged to leave the piece, which, being iron, was spiked and left."

"This field-piece was a four or six-pounder which stood upon Manwaring's Hill, where it had been used for rejoicings, trainings, and alarms. It was not at this time manned, but some three or four resolute persons discharged it several times upon the advancing foe as they came down Town Hill, and then fled. A detachment of the British was sent up Blackhall Street to silence this solitary gun, which in truth they effected, but were much annoyed by random shot from behind the rocks and fences. Manwaring's house was then the only dwelling in that quarter. This they ransacked, and having wantonly destroyed some of the furniture, set fire to it by leaving heaps of burning brands and combustibles upon the floor. One of the townspeople entering the house soon after they left it extinguished the flames with a barrel of soap. When the owner returned to his house that night he found lying on one of the beds a dying British soldier piteously calling for water. He had been left for dead by his comrades on the roadside, and being found by some of the returning citizens weltering in his blood, they had carried him into the house. He lived several hours and was able to give his name, and to request that intelligence might be sent to his parents of his death. He was about eighteen years of age, a refugee, and the son of refugees then in Nova Scotia. He was interred in a corner of the lot on the opposite side of the street. Two or three other soldiers found dead on the hill were buried on the side of the road in William Street.

"Lieut.-Col. Upham, who commanded the New Jersey loyalists, says in his report to Governor Franklin,—

"We proceeded to the town of New London, constantly skirmishing with rebels, who fled from hill to hill and stone fences which intersected the country at small distances. Having reached the southerly part of the town, the general requested me to take possession of the hill north of the meeting-house, where the rebels had collected, and which they seemed resolved to hold. We made a circle to the left, and soon gained the ground in contest. Here we had one man killed and one wounded. This height being the outpost, was left to us and the yagers. Here we remained exposed to a constant fire from the rebels on the neighboring hills and from the fort on the Groton side until the last was carried by the British troops."

"Col. Upham's party defiled through Cape Ann Street and Lewis Lane, and a flanking guard set fire to the house of Pickett Latimer,<sup>1</sup> on the old Colchester road, now Vauxhall Street. This house was full

of goods, hastily deposited there by the inhabitants for safe-keeping, the distance from the town leading them to suppose that it would not be visited. It was, however, the first building consumed. The main body came on through Vauxhall Street, and at their approach the group of half-armed citizens that had collected on the beautiful height above the old burial-ground, after a few discharges, retired, scattering to other hills and woodlands, where, unseen, they could watch the motions of the enemy. It was about noon when Col. Upham, with the refugees and Hessians, took possession of the hill and planted the field-piece which they had brought from Fort Nonsense, directing its fire against the shipping which had been obliged to anchor above the town. But a change of wind and tide operating in favor of the vessels, they spread their sails and escaped up the river. One of the cannon-balls sent after them went through the front door of the house on Norwich road just above the mill, since known as Capt. Robert Hallam's.

"Arnold made his arrangements to enter at both ends of the town, to follow the line of the water-side, and complete the work of destruction at the centre. He appears himself to have accompanied the party that gained the north end of the town (probably through Hempstead Street) under cover of Col. Upham's advance post. He mentions in his report that he ascended a height of ground in the rear of the town, from whence he had a good prospect of Fort Griawold, and of the shipping that was endeavoring to escape up the river. Two or three persons, inhabitants of the town, were secreted in the vicinity, and who were well acquainted with the person of Arnold, saw him as he sat on horseback, above the meeting-house, with a small spy-glass in his hand, surveying the scene, and pointing out objects to an officer by his side, probably Lord Dalrymple, who acted as his aide in this expedition. They turned their horses down Richards Street, through which a part of their force had preceded them.

"At the north end of the town the torch of destruction was first lighted at the printing-office and the town mill. From thence a detachment of the enemy went on to Winthrop's Neck and set fire to the Plumb house, scouring the whole Point, destroying the battery, shipping, warehouses, and every species of combustible property on that side, except the Merrill house, which escaped. On Main Street south of the printing-office a considerable number of old family homesteads were consumed. The most valuable was that of Gen. Gurdon Saltonstall. The house of Capt. Guy Richards, at the foot of Richards Street, was marked out for destruction, but a daughter of Capt. Richards lying ill at the time, the English officer listened to the supplications of those who attended upon her and spared the house. It was an act too barbarous even for incursive hostility, the most barbarous kind of war, to set fire to a house over the heads of sick and helpless females.

<sup>1</sup> "Nearly opposite the residence of Thomas Fitch.

"On the east side of the street several private houses, with the custom-house and collector's dwelling near it, various shops of merchandise, mechanic shops, and warehouses, with all the wharfing, boating, and lumber, were involved in a long line of destruction. Below Hallam's corner in this street no buildings were burnt. At this point the main body of the enemy turned towards Beach or Water Street, where several noted warehouses and shops were situated and a part of the shipping lay. It is said that Arnold himself, with extended sword, pointed out the way to the troops, with this emphatic command, 'Soldiers, do your duty!'

"Of course vengeance and destruction had no check; shops, stores, dwellings, piles of lumber, wharves, boats, rigging, and vessels were soon enveloped in smoke and flame. Hogsheads were knocked in; sugar and coffee lay in heaps; and rum and Irish butter, melted in the fire, trickled along the street and filled the gutters. The prize ship 'Hannah,' partly unladen, lay at Shaw's wharf. When burnt nearly to the water's edge she drifted away and sunk near the end of Winthrop's Neck.<sup>1</sup>

"Bradley Street, containing eight or ten houses, was left unharmed. When the regulars came to this street, their guide, one of those 'friends to government in the town' whom Arnold mentions as aiding and furnishing information, said to the leader of the party, 'In this street there are no shops, no stores; it is the Widows' Row.' The words were literally true, and the humane officer commanded his men not to enter the street.

"On the Parade all was destroyed. The market-wharf, the old magazine and battery, the court-house, jail and jail-house, the Episcopal church, and several contiguous shops and dwelling-houses were soon a heap of ashes. The western part of this street was left unhurt. The ancient, dilapidated building still extant near the corner of Green Street was then, as it since has been, a well-known tavern stand. The landlady, like many other American women in those disastrous times, had her nearest friends arrayed on opposite sides. Her husband, as sergeant in the militia, was at his post in the field annoying the invaders, and her brother was one of those invaders, an officer under Arnold's command. Before mounting her horse to escape she had her table spread and furnished bountifully with provisions. Though fleeing with her patriotic husband, she could not refrain from leaving a dinner for her Tory brother. That officer eagerly sought the threshold of his relative, and, though he found her not, refreshed himself and his brother-officers with the collation. After the close of the war this refugee captain, being in declining health, obtained leave to return home, and died in the same house.

"The enemy, however, did not in, general, spare the dwellings of their reputed friends. This, instead of being a favor, would have marked them out for patriot vengeance. Arnold himself took some refreshment that day at the house of an old acquaintance in Bank Street, but even before they rose from the table the building was in flames over them. It has been often stated that some whose property was destroyed received in the end double compensation,—that is, from the British on account of their loyalty, and from Congress in the grant of fire lands by which reparation was made to the sufferers. Arnold was born within fourteen miles of New London, and had lived so long in the vicinity that he had many old acquaintances in town; some of these, it was well known, had held secret intercourse with him and officiated as counselors and guides in this expedition.

"At the south end of the town the ravage was coincident with the destruction at the north. All the boats and fishing craft around the coves were burnt. A house and shop belonging to a person who held a commission in the garrison of the fort were singled out and burnt, showing that the guides of the enemy were familiar with the locality. An old fisherman ventured from his hiding-place and pathetically entreated them to leave him his boat, but he was told that their orders allowed of no exceptions and must be obeyed. A woman living near the water on the point (Shaw's Neck), seeing a company of the red-coats approaching, concealed her well-grown boys in the cellar, and gathering her little children around her went out to meet them. Dropping on her knees before the captain, she told him that her husband had been gone several long years and she knew not what had become of him; she had nothing left but a group of helpless children and yonder house with its simple furniture, which she entreated him not to destroy. The officer raised her from the ground, and brushing a tear from his eye, said, 'Go in, good woman; you and your property are safe; none of my men shall disturb you.'

"Very little havoc was made in this part of the town until the enemy came to Bank Street. Here the work of destruction was commenced at the stone dwelling-house of the Shaw family, in different parts of which ignited combustibles were placed and left to do their work; but after the troops had passed on a near neighbor, who had remained concealed in the

<sup>1</sup> "The story of this woman was literally true; we are tempted to continue the tale. Her husband was a sea-captain and trader, who being in Europe when the war broke out, and meeting with reverses and difficulties, had continued there, trading and waiting for an opportunity to return home. The very day Arnold was burning New London he arrived with his vessel in the Sound, and discovering the hostile fleet in season put back and lay close till the next day. When the enemy had departed he slipped into the harbor in the dusk of evening, and landing, made his way through the smouldering streets to his own threshold, where, lifting the latch, he paused, and before speaking to wife or children fixed his eyes on two ancient portraits of his ancestors hanging upon the wall, and with a humor peculiar to his character saluted them and expressed his satisfaction at finding them still on duty at their post.

<sup>1</sup> "The old hull of the 'Hannah' was dragged out in 1815 by Amasa Miller, to whose ship-yard it was an obstruction.

vicinity, entered the house and extinguished the fires. An ancient dwelling-house of wood, adjoining the stone mansion, and used by Shaw as an office and store-house, was burnt to the ground, and in it a chest of valuable papers was consumed. The flame from this building caught the roof of the stone house, but was extinguished by the same adventurous neighbor that quenched the fires within the house. Finding a pipe of vinegar in the garret, he knocked in the head, and dipping from this fountain poured the convenient liquid from the scuttle down the roof till the fire was subdued. By this timely exertion not only this house but the houses below it, which would probably have been involved in its destruction, escaped.

"In this part of the harbor were the spar and ship-yards and a considerable number of unemployed vessels, which were all given to the flames. Old hulls half sunk in the water, or grounded on the flats here and there, are remembered by persons who were then children as having been left for years afterward lying about the shores. A privateer sloop, fitted for a cruise and in fine order, that lay swinging from a cable fastened to a ring in the projecting rock where is now Brown's wharf, was set on fire, and her cable burning off she drifted across the harbor a mass of flame. Through the whole of Bank Street, where were some of the best mercantile stands and the most valuable dwelling-houses in the town, the torch of vengeance made a clean sweep. No building of any importance was left on either side of the street; all combustible property of every description was consumed. This entire devastation was in part owing to circumstances not entering into the plans of the enemy, though it might have been anticipated as a natural consequence of their measures. Several of the stores in this and other parts of the town contained gunpowder in large quantities, which exploding, shook the whole country round and scattered the flames in every direction.

"The general says in his report, 'The explosion of the powder and the change of wind soon after the stores were fired communicated the flames to part of the town, which was, notwithstanding every effort to prevent it, unfortunately destroyed.' Sir Henry Clinton, also, in his official letter to England, expresses his concern that the town was burnt, but says it was unavoidable, and occasioned by the explosion of gunpowder.

"It ought to be stated as a general fact that Arnold's orders appear to have been given with some reference to humanity and the laws of civilized warfare. Private houses were to be spared, unless in some few instances where the owners were particularly obnoxious. It was afterwards well understood that most of the spoil and havoc in private houses was the work of a few worthless vagrants of the town who prowled in the wake of the invaders, hoping in the general confusion not to be detected. The English soldiers were expressly forbidden to plunder or to molest the

helpless.<sup>1</sup> In several cases where females courageously remained to protect their dwellings they were treated with marked civility and respect. In one instance a soldier having entered a house and forcibly seized some clothing, the woman went to the door and complained to an officer on guard in the street, who not only restored the articles, but chastised the culprit on the spot for disobeying his orders.

"Instances of tender commiseration for the sufferers were also exhibited in various parts of the town. In one house a female had remained with an aged, decrepit father, too infirm to be removed. Seeing so many buildings in flames, and expecting her own soon to be kindled, she dragged her parent in his arm-chair to the extremity of the garden, and there stood over him awaiting the result. The officer on guard observing her situation, went up and conversed with her, bidding her banish fear, for her house should not be entered; he would himself watch over its safety.

"Yet no one can be certain that an excited soldiery will not transcend their orders, and scenes of distress must be expected in the train of a reckless invasion. An aged and infirm man, living alone, with no one to care for him and convey him to a place of safety, had crept to the back part of his little inclosure, and when the soldiers were marching by he stood among the bushes, leaning upon his staff, a peaceable looker-on. One of the party, seeing perhaps only a hat and head, and supposing it might be an armed man lurking there to get a favorable aim, raised his musket and shot the old man dead in his garden.

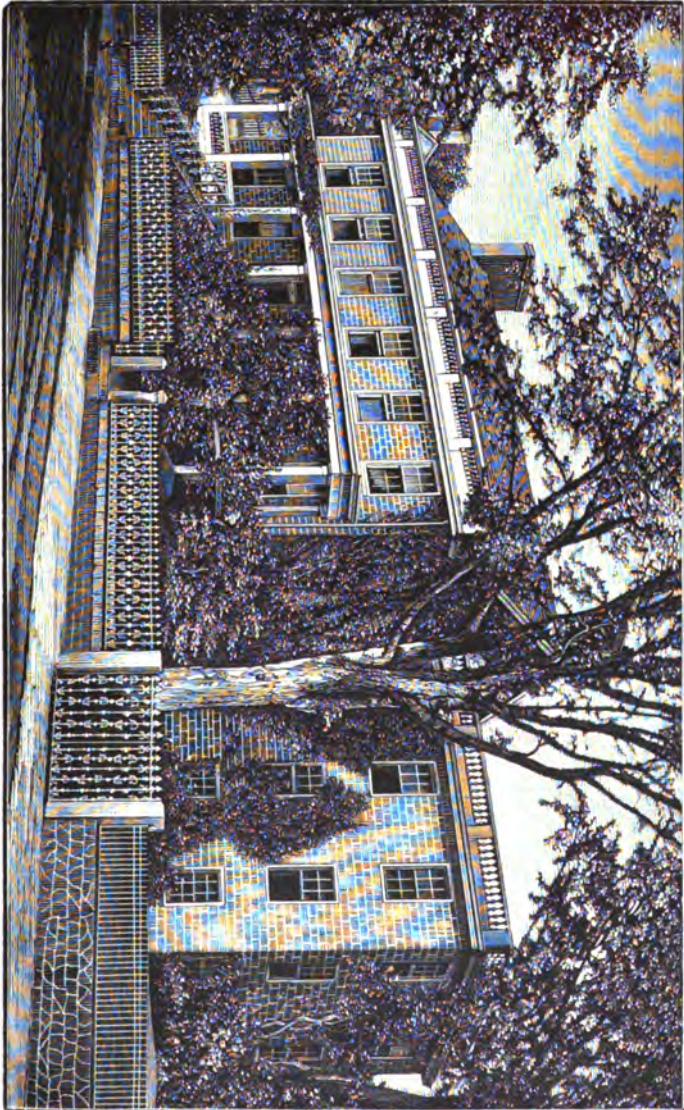
"But the work of destruction in New London was a mere sportive sally in comparison with the tragic events that were passing on the opposite side of the river. The division of Lieut.-Col. Eyre, which landed on that side, consisted of two British regiments and a battalion of New Jersey volunteers, with a detachment of yagers and artillery. The British regiments, however, were the actors in the scenes that followed, for the Jersey troops and artillery, who were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Buskirk, being the second debarkation, and getting entangled among the ledges, copses, and ravines, did not reach the fort until after the conflict had ceased."<sup>2</sup>

A brief account of the destruction of the town by the invaders appeared in the *New London Gazette* the next day, giving the following description of the attack:

"About daybreak on Thursday morning last, twenty-four sail of the enemy's shipping appeared to the westward of this harbor, which by many were supposed to be a plundering party after stock. Alarm-guns were immediately fired; but the discharge of cannon in the harbor has become so frequent of late that they answered little or no purpose.

<sup>1</sup> "Arnold warmly commends the conduct of Capt. Stapleton, who acted as major of brigade, 'for his endeavors to prevent plundering and the destruction of private buildings.'

<sup>2</sup> "Arnold's report."



**HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. WASHINGTON.**

*Fired by the British at the Burning of New London, Sept. 6, 1781. Quenched with Vinegar*

The defenseless state of the fortifications and the town are obvious to our readers; a few of the inhabitants who were equipped advanced towards the place where the enemy were thought likely to make their landing, and manœuvred on the heights adjacent until the enemy, about nine o'clock, landed in two divisions, and about eight hundred men each, one of them at Brown's farm, near the light-house, the other at Groton Point. The division that landed near the light-house marched up the road, keeping up large flanking parties, who were attacked in different places on their march by the inhabitants, who had spirit and resolution to oppose their progress. The main body of the enemy proceeded to the town and set fire to the stores on the beach, and immediately after to the dwelling-houses lying on the Mill Cove. The scattered fire of our little parties, unsupported by our neighbors more distant, galled them so that they soon began to retire, setting fire promiscuously on their way. The fire from the stores communicated to the shipping that lay at the wharves, and a number were burnt; others swung to single fast and remained unhurt.

"At four o'clock they began to quit the town with great precipitation, and were pursued by our brave citizens with the spirit and ardor of veterans, and driven on board their boats. Five of the enemy were killed and about twenty wounded. Among the latter is a Hessian captain, who is a prisoner, as are seven others. We lost four killed and ten or twelve wounded, some mortally.

"The most valuable part of the town is reduced to ashes, and all the stores. Fort Trumbull, not being tenable on the land side, was evacuated as the enemy advanced, and the few men in it crossed the river to Fort Griswold, on Groton Hill, which was soon after invested by the division that landed at the Point. The fort having in it only about one hundred and twenty men, chiefly militia hastily collected, they defended it with the greatest resolution and bravery, and once repulsed the enemy; but the fort being out of repair could not be defended by such a handful of men, though brave and determined, against so superior a number, and after having a number of their party killed and wounded, they found that further resistance would be in vain, and resigned the fort. Immediately on the surrender the valiant Col. Ledyard, whose fate in a particular manner is much lamented, and seventy other officers and men were murdered, most of whom were heads of families. The enemy lost a Maj. Montgomery and forty officers and men in the attack, who were found buried near the fort. Their wounded were carried off.

"Soon after the enemy got possession of the fort they set fire to and burnt a considerable number of dwelling-houses and stores on Groton bank and embarked about sunset, taking with them sundry inhabitants of New London and Groton. A Col. Eyre, who commanded the division at Groton, was wounded,

and it is said died on board the fleet the night they embarked. About fifteen sail of vessels, with the effects of the inhabitants, retreated up the river on the appearance of the enemy and were saved, and four others remained in the harbor unhurt. The troops were commanded by that infamous traitor, Benedict Arnold, who headed the division which marched up to the town. By this calamity it is judged that more than one hundred families are deprived of their habitations, and most of their all. This neighborhood feel sensibly the loss of so many deserving citizens, and though deceased, cannot but be highly indebted to them for their spirit and bravery in their exertions and manly opposition to the merciless enemies of our country in their last moments.

"The following savage action, committed by the troops who subdued Fort Griswold, on Groton Hill, on Thursday last, ought to be recorded to their eternal infamy. Soon after the surrender of the fort they loaded a wagon with our wounded men, by order of their officers, and set the wagon off from the top of the hill, which is long and very steep. The wagon went a considerable distance with great force, till it was suddenly stopped by a tree; the shock was so great to these faint and bleeding men that some of them died instantly. The officers ordered their men to fire on the wagon while it was running."

The buildings burned at New London in this expedition by the British troops were sixty-five dwelling-houses, containing ninety-seven families, thirty-one stores, eighteen shops, twenty barns, and nine public and other buildings, among which were the courthouse, jail, and church,—in all, one hundred and forty-three.

"In many instances where houses were situated a great distance from the stores, and contained nothing but household furniture, they were set on fire, notwithstanding the earnest cries and entreaties of the women and children in them, who were threatened with being burned in them if they did not instantly leave them. Indeed, two houses were bought off for £10 each of an officer who appeared to be a captain, upon condition, however, that he should not be made known; and where the houses were not burned they were chiefly plundered of all that could be carried off. At the harbor's mouth the houses of poor fishermen were stripped of all their furniture of every kind, the poor people having nothing but the clothes that they had on."<sup>1</sup>

The following extracts are from Arnold's official account of his expedition to New London:

"SOUND, off Plumb Island, 8th Sept., 1781.

"Sir,—I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the transports with the detachment of troops under my orders anchored on the Long Island shore on the 5th instant, at two o'clock P.M., about ten leagues from New London, and having made some necessary arrangements, weighed anchor at seven o'clock P.M. and stood for New London with a

<sup>1</sup> The Connecticut Gazette of Sept. 7, 1781.



fair wind. At one o'clock the next morning we arrived off the harbor, when the wind suddenly shifted to the northward, and it was nine o'clock before the transports could beat in. At ten o'clock the troops in two divisions, and in four debarkations, were landed, one on each side of the harbor, about three miles from New London, that on the Groton side, consisting of the Fortieth and Fifty-fourth Regiments and the Third Battery of New Jersey volunteers, with a detachment of yagers and artillery, were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Eyre. The division on the New London side consisted of the Thirty-eighth Regiment, the Loyal Americana, the American Legion, refugees, and a detachment of sixty yagers, who were immediately on their landing put in motion, and at eleven o'clock, being within half a mile of Fort Trumbull, which commands New London Harbor, I detached Capt. Millett, with four companies of the Thirty-eighth Regiment, to attack the fort, who was joined on his march by Capt. Frink with one company of the American Legion. At the same time I advanced with the remainder of the division west of Fort Trumbull, on the road to the town, to attack a redoubt which had kept up a brisk fire upon us for some time, but which the enemy evacuated on our approach. In this work we found six pieces of cannon mounted and two dismantled. Soon after I had the pleasure to see Capt. Millett march into Fort Trumbull, under a shower of grape-shot from a number of cannon which the enemy had turned upon him; and I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency that by the sudden attack and determined bravery of the troops the fort was carried with the loss of only four or five men killed and wounded. Capt. Millett had orders to leave one company in Fort Trumbull, to detach one to the redoubt we had taken, and join me with the other companies. No time was lost on my part in gaining the town of New London. We were opposed by a small body of the enemy, with one field-piece, who were so hard pressed that they were obliged to leave the piece, which, being iron, was spiked and left.

"As soon as the enemy were alarmed in the morning we could perceive they were busily engaged in bending sails and endeavoring to get their privateers and other ships up Norwich River out of our reach, but the wind being small and the tide against them they were obliged to anchor again. From information I received before and after my landing, I had reason to believe that Fort Griswold, on Groton side, was very incomplete, and I was assured by friends to government, after my landing, that there were only twenty or thirty men in the fort, the inhabitants in general being on board their ships and busy in saving their property.

"On taking possession of Fort Trumbull, I found the enemy's ships would escape unless we could possess ourselves of Fort Griswold. I therefore dispatched an officer to Lieut.-Col. Eyre with the intelligence I had received, and requested him to make an attack upon the fort as soon as possible, at which time I expected the howitzer was up and would have been made use of. On my gaining a height of ground in the rear of New London, from which I had a good prospect of Fort Griswold, I found it much more formidable than I expected, or than I had formed an idea of, from the information I had before received. I observed at the same time that the men who had escaped from Fort Trumbull had crossed in boats and thrown themselves into Fort Griswold, and a favorable wind springing up about this time, the enemy's ships were escaping up the river, notwithstanding the fire from Fort Trumbull and a six-pounder which I had with me. I immediately dispatched a boat with an officer to Lieut.-Col. Eyre to countermand my first order to attack the fort, but the officer arrived a few minutes too late. Lieut.-Col. Eyre had sent Capt. Beckwith with a flag to demand a surrender of the fort, which was peremptorily refused, and the attack had commenced. After a most obstinate defense of near forty minutes, the fort was carried by the superior bravery and perseverance of the assailants. On this occasion I have to regret the loss of Maj. Montgomery, who was killed by a spear in entering the enemy's works; also of Ensign Whitlock, of the Fortieth Regiment, who was killed in the attack. Three other officers of the same regiment were wounded. Lieut.-Col. Eyre, and three other officers of the Fifty-fourth Regiment, were also wounded, but I have the satisfaction to inform your Excellency that they are all in a fair way to recover.

"Lieut.-Col. Eyre, who behaved with great gallantry, having received his wound near the works, and Maj. Montgomery being killed immediately after, the command devolved on Maj. Bromfield, whose behavior on this occasion does him great honor. Lieut.-Col. Buskirk, with the New Jersey volunteers and artillery, being the second debarkation, came up soon after the work was carried, having been retarded by the roughness of the country. I am much obliged to this gentleman for his exertions, although the artillery did not arrive in time.

"I have enclosed a return of the killed and wounded, by which your

Excellency will observe that our loss, though very considerable, is short of the enemy's, who lost most of their officers, among whom was their commander, Col. Ledyard. Eighty-five men were found dead in Fort Griswold and sixty wounded, most of them mortally; their loss on the opposite side must have been considerable, but cannot be ascertained. I believe we have about seventy prisoners, besides the wounded who were left paroled.

"Ten or twelve ships were burned, among them three or four armed vessels, and one loaded with naval stores; an immense quantity of European and West India goods were found in the stores, among the former the cargo of the 'Hannah,' Capt. Watson, from London, lately captured by the enemy, the whole of which was burnt with the stores, which proved to contain a large quantity of powder unknown to us. The explosion of the powder and change of wind, soon after the stores were fired, communicated the flames to part of the town, which was, notwithstanding every effort to prevent it, unfortunately destroyed."

The following is a list of the New London sufferers:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Walter Welch.....	59	19	0	Joshua Hempstead.....	62	15	3
Ebenezer Way.....	15	16	1	Nathaniel Saltonstall.....	146	9	6
John Ward.....	17	5	4	John Thomson.....	56	16	9
Lucratia Wolfe.....	4	16	0	Spere Douglass.....	8	15	7
Anthony Wolfe.....	4	14	0	Chapman Simmons.....	22	18	0
Simson Walcott.....	1083	4	1	Elizabeth Beebe.....	16	6	0
Elizabeth Westcott.....	87	6	0	John Hallam.....	0	0	0
James Young.....	13	2	0	Benjamin Harris.....	300	0	0
Temperance Moore.....	24	3	0	Mary Ward.....	28	0	0
Samuel Belden.....	1771	15	6	Stephen Culver.....	3	16	0
Joanna Short.....	276	14	0	Mehitable Leek.....	124	0	0
James Thomson.....	350	7	0	Joseph Deshon.....	100	1	6 1/2
Michael Melally.....	94	4	7	Roger Gibson.....	884	18	6 1/2
John Way.....	580	3	11	Mary Gardiner.....	123	16	0
Thomas Bowker.....	49	17	1				

**Washington's Visit to New London.**—Gen. Washington visited the town twice during March, 1756, halting a night both in going and returning from Boston.

"March 8th. Col. Washington is returned from Boston and gone to Long Island in Powers' sloop; he had also two boats to carry six horses and his retinue, all bound to Virginia. He hath been to advise with Governor Shirley, or to be directed by him, as he is chief general of the American forces." (Hempstead.)

## CHAPTER XIV.

### NEW LONDON—(Continued).

#### ECCLIASTICAL HISTORY.

First Church of Christ—The Second Congregational Church—St. James' Church—Methodist Episcopal Church—Bethel Church—First Baptist Church—Second Baptist Church—Huntington Street Baptist Church—Universalist Church—St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church.

**First Church of Christ.**—This church was organized in 1650, and the first church edifice was a large barn which stood on what was then called Meeting-house Hill.

The following are extracts from the records concerning the first place of worship:

"Aug. 29, 1651.

"For Mr. Parke's barne the towne doe agree for the use of it untill midsummer next, to give him a day's work a peece for a meeting-house, — to be redy by the Saboth come a moneth.

"Mem. Mr. Parke is willing to accept of 3l.

"[Same date.] Goodman Elderkin doth undertake to build a meeting-house about the same demention of Mr. Parke's his barne, and clapboard for the sum of eight pounds, provided the towne cary the tymbre to the place and find nales. And for his pay he requires a cow and 50s. in peege."

"30 June, '52. Wee the townsmen of Pequot have agreed with Goodman Rogers for the meeting-house for two years from the date hereof, for the summe of 3*l*. per annum. If we build a leantoo he is to allow for it in the rent, and if it come to more he is to allow it, and for flooring and what charges the town is at he is willing to allow when the time is expired."

In the mean time a rate of £14 was levied to build a new meeting-house, and the site fixed by a town vote, Dec. 16, 1652, which Mr. Bruen thus records:

"The place for the new meeting-house was concluded on by the meeting to be in the highwale, taking a corner of my lot to supply the highwale."

It was undoubtedly a building of the simplest and plainest style of construction, yet full three years were consumed in its erection. Capt. Denison and Lieut. Smith were the building committee, and collected the rate for it.

At this period the time for service was made known by beat of drum.

"March 22, 1651-2.

"The towne have agreed with Peter Blatchford to beat the drum all saboth dayes, training dayes, and town publike meetings for the summe of 3*l*., to be paid him in a towne rate."

"As a *finale* to the history of the barn so long used for a church, we may here notice a fact gleaned from the County Court records of some fifteen or eighteen years' later date. William Rogers, the owner of the building, had returned to Boston, and on his death the heirs of his estate claimed that the *rent* had not been fully paid; and Hugh Caulkins, who had been the town's surety, then a proprietor in Norwich, finds himself suddenly served with a writ from Mr. Leake, a Boston attorney, for £3 10*s*., the amount of the debt. He accordingly satisfied the demand, and then applied to the town for redress. The obligation was acknowledged, and a vote passed to indemnify the surety."

"Feb. 27, '72-3.

"Upon demand made by Hugh Calkin for money due to Mr. Leake, of Boston, for improvement of a barn of Goodman Rogers, which said Calkin stood engaged for to pay, this town doth promise to pay one barrel of pork to said Calkin some time the next winter."

On the north of the meeting-house was the lot reserved for purposes of sepulture. The ordinance which describes its bounds and legally sets it apart for this use is dated June 6th, 1653, and declares "it shall ever bee for a Common Buriall place, and never be impropriated by any." This is the oldest graveyard in New London County.

"March 26, 1656.

"Goodman Cumstock is chosen to be grave-maker for the town, and he shall have 4*s*. for men and women's graves, and for all children's graves 3*s* for every grave he makes."

"Feb. 25, 1661-2. Old Goodman Cumstock is chosen sexton, whose worke is to order youth in the meeting-house, sweep the meeting-house, and beat out dogs, for which he is to have 40*s*. a year: he is also to make all graves; for a man or woman he is to have 4*s*., for children, 2*s*. a grave, to be paid by survivors."

The earliest notice of the first pastor, Mr. Blinman, in this country is from the records of Plymouth colony, March 2, 1640.

Governor Winthrop mentions Mr. Blinman's arrival and settlement without giving the date.

"One Mr. Blinman, a minister in Wales, a godly and able man, came over with some friends of his, and being invited to Green's Harbour [since Marshfield], near Plymouth, they went thither, but ere the year was expired there fell out some difference among them, which by no means could be reconciled, so as they agreed to part, and he came with his company and sat down at Cape Anne, which at this court [May, 1642] was established to be a plantation and called Gloucester."

It is not known that Mr. Blinman was ever inducted into office, or that any church organization took place under his ministry, yet he is uniformly styled "pastor of the church," which is strong evidence that a church association of some kind had been formed in the town. The period when he relinquished his charge can be very nearly ascertained, for in January, 1657-58, he uses the customary formula, "I, Richard Blinman, of Pequot," and in March of the same year, "I, R. B., at present of New Haven."

The second pastor was Rev. Gershom Bulkley, in 1661. Mr. Bulkley was a son of the Rev. Peter Bulkley, the first minister of Concord, Mass. His mother, the second wife of his father, was Grace, daughter of Sir Richard Chitwood. It has been often related concerning this lady that she apparently died on her passage to this country. Her husband supposing land to be near, and unwilling to consign the beloved form to a watery grave, urgently entreated the captain that the body might be kept one day more, and yet another and another day, to which, as no signs of decay had appeared, he consented. On the third day signs of vitality were observed, and before they reached the land animation, so long suspended, was restored, and though carried from the vessel an invalid, she recovered and lived to old age. Her son, Gershom, was born soon after their arrival, Dec. 26, 1635. He graduated at Harvard College in 1655, and married, Oct. 26, 1659, Sarah Chauncey, daughter of the president of that institution. His father died in 1659. His widowed mother, Mrs. Grace Bulkley, followed her son to New London, where she purchased the homestead of William Hough, "hard below the meeting-house that now is," and dwelt in the town, a householder, so long as her son remained its minister.

Mr. Bulkley, after having freed the town from their engagement to build a parsonage, purchased the homestead of Samuel Lothrop, who was about removing to the new settlement of Norwich. The house is said to have stood beyond the bridge over the mill brook, on the east side of the highway towards Mohegan. Here Mr. Bulkley dwelt during his residence in New London.

The second meeting-house was built near the old one, on the southwest corner of what was called the meeting-house green (now Town Square).

The contract for building the meeting-house was made with John Elderkin and Samuel Lothrop. It was to be forty feet square, the studs twenty feet high, with a turret answerable, two galleries, fourteen win-



dows, three doors, and to set up on all the four gables of the house pyramids comely and fit for the work, and as many lights in each window as direction should be given; a year and a half allowed for its completion; £240 to be paid in provisions, viz., in wheat, peas, pork, and beef, in quantity proportional; the town to find nails, glass, iron-work, and ropes for rearing; also to boat and cart the timber to the place, and provide sufficient help to rear the work.

The old Blinman edifice,—the unadorned church and watch-tower of the wilderness,—decayed and dismantled, was sold to Capt. Avery in June, 1684, for six pounds, with the condition annexed that he should remove it in one month's time. According to tradition, he took it down, and transporting the materials across the river, used them in building his own house at Pequonuck. This house is still extant, a view of which may be seen in the history of Groton.

The appointment of deacons is not registered. William Douglas may have been the first person that held the office after Mr. Bradstreet's ordination. He was at least active in the church economy, and held the box at the door for contributions. He died in 1682. In 1683, William Hough and Joseph Coite were deacons; the former died August 10th of that year, before Mr. Bradstreet's decease, and no other deacon except Coite is mentioned during the next ten years. Mr. Bradstreet died in 1683.

"At a Towne meeting November ye 19, 1683.

"Voted, that Maj. John Winthrop, Maj. Edward Palmer, Capt. James Avray, Mr. Daniel Wetherell, Mr. Christo. Christophers, Tho. Beebe, Joseph Coite, John Prentiss Senr., Clement Miner, Charles Hill, are appointed a committee in behalf of the town to send a letter by Capt. Wayne Winthrop to the reverend Mr. Mather and Mr. Woollard (Willard) ministers at Boston for their advice and counsell in attayneing a minister for the town to supply the place of Mr. Bradstreet, deceased, and that the sd Capt. Winthrop shall have instructions from the sd Committee to manage that affaire wth them."

This Bradstreet church building was destroyed by fire in 1694, and replaced by what was known as the Saltonstall meeting-house in 1698. This was occupied until 1786, when a building was erected on the site of the present church, which was occupied in 1787. The present massive and elegant stone edifice was erected in 1850 at a cost of about \$50,000.

The following is a list of pastors from Mr. Bradstreet to the present time: Gurdon Saltonstall,<sup>1</sup> from November, 1691, to August, 1707; Eliphalet Adams, July, 1708; Mather Byles, November, 1757, to April, 1768; Ephraim Woodbridge, October, 1769; Henry Channing, May, 1787, to May, 1806; Abel McEwen, D.D., October, 1806; Thomas P. Field, June, 1856; Edward W. Bacon, 1877, present incumbent.

The Second Congregational Church of New London is a daughter of the First Church of Christ, in the same city. With the hearty good wishes of the pastor, Rev. Abel McEwen, D.D., the colony went out to be constituted into a church Tuesday, April 28, 1835. The confession of faith and covenant in

use by the parent church had been previously adopted, April 21st, by nineteen persons. During the repairs of the First church the mother worshiped for six months in her daughter's new house. This stood on the corner of Jay and Huntington Streets, and was completed Aug. 3, 1834. Thursday, April 23, 1835, this house was formally dedicated to God. The Rev. E. W. Baldwin, D.D., afterwards president of Wabash College, preached the sermon from the text, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Abel McEwen, D.D. The concluding prayer was pronounced by the venerable Dr. Samuel Nott, of Franklin. On the evening of this impressive day—which but one of the original members is alive among us to recall—Henry C. Smith and Charles Butler were elected deacons, and ordained thereto with prayer by Rev. Edward Bull. The following Sunday, April 26th, the first service of the new congregation was held in the new temple. The Rev. Joseph Hurlbut preached in the morning from the text, "Who is sufficient for these things." In the afternoon the Rev. Daniel Huntington followed with a sermon based on the Scripture, "Take heed how ye hear." The same day a Sunday-school, with fifteen teachers and forty-two scholars, was organized under the superintendency of Thomas S. Perkins. The first celebration of the Lord's Supper took place on the first Sunday in June, 1835, and was made precious by the confession of Christ of the late Henry P. Haven and of the wife of the senior deacon, Dr. Isaac G. Porter.

Thus inaugurated, and in co-operation with an ecclesiastical society constituted April 14th, at the house of one of the original members, Hon. T. W. Williams, the Second Congregational Church began her life with the benediction of God.

The Rev. Joseph Hurlbut preached and administered the ordinances till a stated pastor could be obtained. This was about two years, till March 6, 1837. His labors were gratuitous. They were marked by the ingathering of one hundred and thirteen members. Mr. Hurlbut had also borne one-quarter of the expense of building the first house of worship. He prayed at the last sacrament in the new house before his death, which occurred suddenly, June 5, 1875.

The Rev. Daniel Huntington, though never an acting pastor, like Mr. Hurlbut, was for a number of months acting preacher in the third Sunday service. He led the service of song. He baptized five out of forty-eight children of the church. His long ministries at Bridgewater, Mass., before and after this date are written on earth.

The Rev. James M. Macdonald, D.D., became now the first installed pastor of the Second Congregational Church, Dec. 13, 1837. He came from the Third Church of this order in Berlin. The public exercises at his installation included a sermon by Rev. H. Bushnell, D.D., of Hartford; installing prayer by Rev.

<sup>1</sup> Subsequently Governor of Connecticut.

Mr. Tuttle, of Groton. He drew in forty-three members to the fold. He was conservative on slavery and temperance, and his health suffered from the collision with more radical views. At his own request he was dismissed by a Council, Jan. 7, 1840. Dr. Macdonald died in the harness as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, April 19, 1876.

The Rev. Artemas Boies was the second pastor installed, March 10, 1841. The installing prayer was pronounced by Rev. Timothy Tuttle, Ledyard, the moderator. Mr. Boies had been in delicate health from childhood, yet there was nothing of sombreness in his pastoral zeal. His alertness of wit and affectionateness of manner made him a favorite among the young. During three and one-half years he added to the church one hundred and four members. In his last sickness he thought and prayed much for his flock.

The Rev. Tryon Edwards, D.D., was the third pastor settled by this church. This was March 6, 1845. At the public services of installation the Rev. Joel Hawes, D.D., of Hartford, preached the sermon, and Dr. Thomas Bond, of Norwich, gave the right hand of fellowship. Dr. Edwards was dismissed, at his own request, Aug. 4, 1857. His was the longest pastorate in the church's brief history.

Dr. Edwards baptized thirty-seven children and received two hundred and one members. He exerted and still exerts an influence in the line of his learned and pious ancestry with the pen of authorship no less than the voice of preaching.

Rev. G. Buckingham Wilcox succeeded to the pastorate April 20, 1859. Rev. Edwards A. Parks, D.D., preached the sermon before the Council; Dr. McEwen was moderator. The charge to the pastor was by Rev. William H. Wilcox, of Reading, Mass. The right hand of fellowship was by Rev. T. P. Field, D.D., of the First Church. The charge to the people was given by Rev. Dr. J. P. Gulliver, of Norwich.

Mr. Wilcox baptized twenty-nine children and gathered two hundred and seven members in his indefatigable pastorate of ten years and seven months.

He established the Bradley Street Mission, Sept. 2, 1859. He laid the corner-stone of the new church, Oct. 28, 1868. Nov. 23, 1869, at his own request, he was dismissed to accept a call to the First Congregational Church in Jersey City.

The Rev. Oliver Ellsworth Daggett, D.D., became the fifth pastor of this church, being installed by Council Feb. 21, 1871. The sermon was preached by Rev. S. G. Buckingham, D.D., of Springfield, Mass. The installation prayer was by Rev. Thomas L. Shipman, of Jewett City. A responsive reading from Psalm xlviii. and Isaiah lii. was given by Rev. Thomas M. Boss, of Putnam, and the Sunday-school and congregation.

In his edifying and acceptable pastorate of nearly seven years Dr. Daggett baptized twenty-six children

and received one hundred and fifty-five members. On May 25, 1875, he preached a sermon, reviewing the first forty years of the church, from the text, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'" To this admirable discourse the compiler of the present notice is largely indebted. Dr. Daggett was dismissed, at his own request, Sept. 5, 1877, by a saddened and reluctant Council of the neighboring ministry and laity.

The Rev. John Phelps Taylor became the sixth and present pastor of this church by installation of a Council met May 29, 1878. The sermon was preached from 2 Timothy ii. 24, by Rev. A. J. F. Behrends, D.D., of Providence, R. I., and the installing prayer offered by Rev. William S. Palmer, of Norwich. Rev. A. W. Hazen, of Middletown, gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Edward Woolsey Bacon, of the First Church of Christ, the right hand of fellowship.

*Deacons.*—The two original deacons of the church already mentioned are fallen asleep. Of these, Henry C. Smith died Oct. 31, 1865; Charles Butler died March 13, 1878; Robert Coit, elected Dec. 29, 1841, died Oct. 18, 1874; Henry P. Haven, elected June 7, 1857, died April 30, 1876. Still surviving and in active usefulness are Dr. Isaac G. Porter, elected June 7, 1857; William H. Chapman, elected May 28, 1875; Edmund B. Jennings, elected May 28, 1875; William M. Tobey, elected April 26, 1878.

*Ecclesiastical Society.*—The Second Ecclesiastical Society was organized April 14, 1835. From the first it has co-operated efficiently and harmoniously with the church it was designed to aid. The current expenses of the society are met by the rental of the slips. In the building of two houses of worship within less than forty years the society's committee have been sorely taxed in resources of purse and of spirit, but they have risen to the occasion with an enterprise and liberality worthy of all praise.

*Houses of Worship.*—The first was a white wooden structure with a square belfry and four-pillared portico, with a fine stone basement, built at a cost of twelve thousand dollars. It stood on the south corner of Huntington and Jay Streets. Friday morning, March 13, 1868, it was burned to the ground. Ten thousand dollars had just been expended in repairs. Rev. Mr. Wilcox preached to the homeless flock the next Sunday, March 15th, in the First church, from the text, "Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised thee is burned up with fire." Scraps of the scorched Bible and fragments of the old bell were guarded by the older members. The Sunday-school recited Isaiah lxiv. 11 and 2 Cor. v. 1 during the sessions of a year. In this hour of trial the hospitality of the Universalist society gave us a shelter which can never be forgotten.

The second and present edifice was begun by the laying of the corner-stone, Oct. 28, 1868. Rev. Mr. Hurlbut, Elder Swan, Dr. Field, Dr. Smith, of the

building committee, and Rev. Mr. Wilcox took part in the public exercises. The church was finished and dedicated June 1, 1870. Rev. Dr. Arms read the Scriptures, and Rev. Noah Porter, D.D., president of Yale College, preached the sermon from 2 Chron. vi.

The concluding prayer was made by Rev. Joshua Coit, a son of the church.

The chapel was dedicated July 22, 1870, with appropriate responsive readings and recitations, prayers and praises. The main address was by Deacon Haven, the superintendent.

The house thus built is of granite, with a stone spire surmounted by a cross, with stained windows and horse-shoe galleries. The architects were Nichols & Brown, of Albany, N. Y. The building committee were Seth Smith, M.D., chairman, Robert Coit, Jr., Jonathan N. Harris, O. Woodworth, Richard H. Chapell, Frederick H. Harris, A. G. Douglas. George Prest was the master-mason, and the late Timothy S. Daboll the master-joiner. The entire cost was one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

The first sermon preached in this beautiful edifice on the Lord's day was by Rev. Joshua Coit, from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

**St. James' Church.**—Among the first settlers of New London no trace is to be found of any attachment to the Church of England. A second company of settlers came in 1650 from Gloucester, Mass., bringing with them their minister, the Rev. Richard Blinman, a clergyman in the orders of the Church of England, who had been ejected for non-conformity from his cure at Chepstow, in the county of Monmouth. He is reckoned the first minister of New London, and seems to have comprehended in his charge all the inhabitants of the place. But neither he nor his people manifested any attachment to the church from which a misguided conscience had led them to withdraw. For the accommodation of this new party of settlers a new piece of land was taken up southwest of the town lot, which was called Cape Ann Lane, from Cape Ann, Mass., one of the two points within which Massachusetts Bay is included, a name which it still retains, though it remains even yet thinly settled, and has ever been an inferior and unimportant portion of the town. But neither in Winthrop's company nor among the followers of Mr. Blinman is to be found any indication of attachment to the ancient Catholic Church of the English race. To find any such trace we must pass over a period of a little more than a half-century. There are no extant indications of the presence in New London of any avowed members of the Church of England until 1723, when a child of William and Mary Norton was baptized there by Mr. Pigot, the missionary of the Propagation Society in Stratford and the parts adjacent, by the name of John. This took place on the 17th of April in that year. In the year following, Oct. 25, 1724, the Rev. Samuel Johnson baptized

Sarah, infant daughter of the same parents; and in recording this baptism in his parish register Mr. Johnson makes this note: "N.B.—Mr. Talbot baptized Lauzerne, son of Richard and Elizabeth Wilson, at New London, Oct. 15, 1724." Thus it appears that John Norton was the first person Episcopally baptized in New London, and these are the earliest signs of the church's presence here. The name of William Norton appears among those who subscribed to the erection of a church in 1725, and is appended, with those of others, to a letter addressed to Dr. McSparran on the subject in 1726. But who he was or how he came to be a churchman does not appear. And of Richard Wilson nothing is known but the record of the baptism of his son by the extraordinary and certainly very un-Puritan name of Lauzerne. All honor to their memories. It appears thus that the attention of the missionaries of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" had thus early been directed to New London as a suitable field for their pious labors, and that they sometimes visited it and gave it a portion of their services.

Churchmen came here churchmen, and naturally sought to provide themselves with the institutions and services which churchmen love. Of those whose names appear in connection with the first steps towards the formation of a congregation and the erection of a church here, several are known to have been Englishmen, and perhaps it is safe to infer that others whose origin is unknown were such also. At any rate, none of them can be traced by their name to the company of Winthrop or of Blinman. I think we are warranted in believing that the church in New London grew up out of the wants of a class of its inhabitants who had been drawn thither by commerce or business, and who, having brought their Episcopal predilections and preferences with them, were glad to bring them into action as soon as an opportunity was presented. Neither Narragansett on the east nor Stratford on the west planted the seed. Both gladly lent their aid to cheer and strengthen the growing blade when it began to shoot forth. The first founders of the parish, then, were English, not of the Puritan stock.

It is evident, moreover, that the young shoot starting into life and growth at New London did not wholly depend for its nurture on the care of Dr. McSparran. Dr. Johnson, at Stratford, still continued to care for it, and extend to it a measure of his active service. In a letter to the secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, of the date of June 11, 1724, he says, "I have since preached in New London, where I had sixty hearers, and where there is a good prospect of increase if they had a minister." And in a postscript to a letter written Aug. 14, 1725, he writes, "New London people are likewise going to build with all expedition. I have got considerable subscriptions, and a piece of ground to set it on." Hence it is evident that he continued to interest

himself in the rising parish, and exert himself in its behalf. So that while there is no disposition to derogate from the value of Dr. McSparran's services, it may well be doubted whether he does not rather overstate matters in calling himself, in so unqualified a way, its founder. Nearer and more accessible than any other minister of the English Church, they naturally resorted to him for advice and help. This he willingly afforded them, and the more readily because by a matrimonial alliance he was connected with some of their ablest friends and supporters.

Not till after the completion of the church and the establishment of a missionary do the records of the parish assume a continuous shape and afford materials for an unbroken narrative.

The Rev. James McSparran, D.D., was in these early times the missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Narragansett Bay and all the southern and western part of Rhode Island, and in the early part of the eighteenth century his services began to be extended to the incipient parish at New London.

But to neither of these sources, the Narragansett nor the Stratford mission, can the origin of the church in New London be properly traced, though both aided in fostering and strengthening it to the extent of their power. The church was rather the offspring of the early commercial importance and promise of the settlement. Of those whose names remain as the active founders of the congregation, most are known to have been Englishmen who were members of the Established Church before their coming, and were never Puritans or Puritanically inclined. Early in the century vessels began to be built and fitted out at New London, and an active trade was carried on with Newfoundland and the West Indies. There was a port of entry here and a collector of the customs. The gentlemen by whom this maritime and commercial business was carried on were churchmen for the most part, by whom the ministers of their mother-church were gladly welcomed and assisted; and as their numbers grew and their means increased the idea of erecting a church and making provision for the regular maintenance of Episcopal ministrations sprang up and strengthened till it reached consummation. Miss Caulkins, in her history, after describing the early mercantile adventures and achievements of the place, and the English influence by which they were promoted, adds, "The residence of these English families in the town was not without its influence on the manners of the inhabitants and their style of living. These foreign residents gradually gathered around them a circle of society more gay" (she means less Puritanically precise and austere), "more in the English style, than had before been known in the place, and led to the formation and establishment of an Episcopal Church." This is the true story of our beginning. The nucleus of the church was English, made up not of Puritans converted to

Episcopacy, but of Englishmen, to whom the Church of England was their natural mother, whom they had loved and honored from their childhood, and gladly welcomed when she presented herself among them. Of this church of the fatherland, missionaries from the East and West alike contributed to establish, encourage, and strengthen; but they cannot be said to have introduced it in New London.

The first decided movement toward the very desirable object of giving the incipient congregation a local habitation and a name was made in the summer of 1725. The earliest paper extant is one which bears date June 6, 1725, and runs as follows:

"COLONY OF CONNECTICUT, NEW LONDON, June 6, 1725.

"Wee, The Subscribers, doe oblige ourselves To pay the Rev. Mr. James Mc Sparran, or to his Substitute, he being Treasurer, The Particular Sums affixed to our names, for the Building and Erecting a Church for the Service of Almighty God according to the Liturgie of the Church of England as by Law Established. And doe further oblige ourselves to pay the sd Sums as the Treasurer shall have occasion for the same: John Merritt, £50; Peter Buor, £50; John Braddick, £25; John Gildley, £10; James Stirling, £25; Walter Butler, £10; John Bennett, £3; James Tilley, £10; George Smith, £3; Nathaniel Hay, £20; James Packer, £5; Giles Goddard, £5."

This engagement was not acted on directly. The reason of the failure or postponement, whichever it may have been, is now undiscoverable. But that the purpose was not abandoned, but apparently only deferred to be put into a more practical and effective form, appears from a second paper drawn up a few months later, which, as it was followed by the accomplishment of the object it contemplated, has been considered the true beginning of the parish. Accordingly, Sept. 27, 1725, is considered the parish birthday, the day it began to have that visible being in the world which has now continued without breach or interruption through all the vicissitudes and trials of a century and a half. This second document is as follows:

"NEW LONDON, September the 27th, 1725.

"Whereas Sundry Pious and Well Disposed Gentlemen in and around New London, in the Colony of Connecticut, being Earnestly Desirous of Erecting a Church for their more convenient and Decent Worshipping of God, according to the Usage and Liturgie of the Church of England as by Law Established, Did Subscribe to the payment of Sundry Sums Towards Erecting and Furnishing a Church in said Town of New London, as by a paper Bearing date June Sixth, 1725, may Appear, Reference thereto being had;

"In order, Therefore, to begin and Carry on ye Building of said Church, The Following Gentlemen, viz., John Shackmaple, Peter Buor, Esq., Maj. John Merritt, Capt. James Sterling, Mr. Thoms Mumford, and Mr. William Norton, have formed, and doe by these Presents Incorporate and form Themselves into a Standing Committee to Agree for, Buy, Sett up and finish said Building, as well as to Purchase a convenient Place to Erect said Fabric upon, and Themselves Do Oblige Every Several Sum and Sums Contributed by well Disposed Christians for that good Work faithfully to lay out and Expend According to the Consent, Voice, and Directions of the Major part of Said Committee at their Several Meetings; In Witness whereof, the Gentlemen to these presents have Voluntarily and Unanimously Affixed their names ye Day and Year above written.

"JOHN SHACKMAPLE,  
"PETER BUOR,  
"JOHN MERRITT,  
"WALTER BUTLER,  
"JAMES STIRLING,  
"THOS. MUMFORD,  
"WILLIAM NORTON."

Along with this document is another of the same date, as follows:

"New London, September 27th, 1725.

"The Major part of said Committee being present at the House of John Shackmaple, Esq., Proceeded to choose a Treasurer to receive and Pay out such sum or sums as are to be drawn out of the Treasurer's hands by an Order or Orders under the hands of a major part of so many of the Gentlemen as shall be present at such meeting whence such order or Orders shall Issue; and further, it is agreed that such Treasurer as shall be chosen by said Committee shall have full Power and Authority to constitute one or more to Act for or under him in said affairs, that said Committee may, upon any failure of said Treasurer, proceed to a new choice of a New Treasurer, as well as upon ye Demise, Removal, or Refusal of any member to act, proceed to a new choice of a new member in the room and place of any Dead, Removed, or Refusing member.

"At the aforesaid Committee meeting, the members then present chose the Rev. Mr. McSparran, of Narragansett, Treasurer, to Receive the Subscriptions for Building said Church.

"JOHN SHACKMAPLE,  
"JOHN MERRITT,  
"WALTER BUTLER,  
"THOS. MUMFORD,  
"WILLM. NORTON,  
"JAMES STERLING."

The committee began negotiations with Trinity Church, Newport, for their church edifice, which it was proposed to remove to New London and rebuild. This project, however, failed, and the committee then determined to proceed without further delay to the erection of a church. For this purpose a lot of land was purchased, and a contract entered into with Mr. John Hough to place a suitable building upon it. This lot was situated on the north side of the lower part of State Street, that broad space which is still called the Parade, so called, it is supposed, because it had formed the parade-ground of a fortification which lay to the east of it, on the bank of the river. It contained about twenty square rods, and was of a wedge-like form, the east side coinciding with the west line of Bradley Street, tapering to a point in the west, and leaving a passage of considerable width between the church and the north side of State Street. It stood out apparently uninclosed and surrounded on all sides by the public street. The area of the church itself was used for the purposes of burial, the graves being made beneath the floor, after the custom prevailing in England.

The edifice which John Hough contracted to build was to be in its interior length fifty feet, by thirty-two in width, to have two double doors at the west side, and there was also a door on the south side, "the roof half flat, and the other arched on each side,"—a description not very clear. It was to have five windows, one in the rear and two each side. As it was constructed, according to the custom of the time, of stout oak timber from the model farm of Maj. Buor, and well-seasoned stuff, it might have remained for centuries had not the ruthless hand of war swept it prematurely away. It stood facing west, and though a very simple structure, it was a respectable and not uncomely edifice according to the ideas of the day.

It had a bell, and, of course, a belfry to contain it. Tradition ascribes to it a steeple, but whether this was

an original appendage or was subsequently added does not appear, there being no mention of it in Mr. Hough's contract. All we know of the bell is that in 1740 a subscription was solicited "to procure a new and larger bell; by accident the bell belonging to the church having become useless, and being too small for our purpose." Such, so far as we can ascertain, was the first Episcopal church erected in New London. The beautiful photographic art was not then at hand to preserve and hand down to us its "counterfeit presentment," and without this our notions of it are but vague and indistinct. But doubtless the little flock that first "went into its gates with thanksgiving, and into its courts with praise," were as proud and exultant as those who, more than a hundred years after, hailed the completion of its present noble and costly successor. That happy consummation was not reached, however, till 1732, the intervening period, long for so simple a work, being filled up doubtless by unknown and unrecorded struggles and anxieties. The first missionary writes to "the Society" at home in 1742 that on June 20, 1726, a carpenter was agreed with for a wood frame; that on the 9th of August following the timber was brought to the ground; on the 1st of October the frame was raised and completed, and on the 28th of November, 1727, the house was inclosed, glazed, the under floor laid, a neat desk and pulpit finished. In this condition he found the building when he arrived at New London, Dec. 9, 1730, "in the service of the honorable Society." Miss Caulkins speaks of the building as completed and opened for worship in the autumn of 1732. Mr. Seabury came in 1730. Till that time, and in the years preceding his arrival, services were held, it would seem, more or less frequently by Dr. McSparran, and probably also by Dr. Johnson, in the house of Mrs. Shackmaple.

Miss Caulkins preserves a tradition of this old church which may not be without interest, and should properly have a place in this history:

"The steeple or belfry terminated in a staff which was crowned with a gilt ball. In this ball an Indian arrow was infixed, which hung diagonally from the side, and remained till the destruction of the building. A delegation of Indians passing through the town stopped to look at the church, to them, no doubt, a splendid specimen of architecture. The leader of the party drew an arrow from his quiver, and taking aim at the ball, drove it into the wood, so that it remained firmly fixed, and was left permanently adhering there."

In 1775 the regular parish-meeting was holden on Easter Monday, and Thomas Allen and John Deshon chosen church-wardens. There was no choice of officers again till 1779. During the most, if not all, of the intervening time the services seem to have been intermitted.

The history of this period is obscure and imperfect. Mr. Graves remained in New London, and continued to occupy the parsonage, and doubtless to discharge

such official functions as were needed, but held no public services. The public odium, the increasing bitterness of political sentiment, and the division of opinion in his own congregation, joined to his own unbending sense of duty, which would not let him yield to solicitations of interest or appeals of affection, led him to the conclusion that retirement and silence were for him the path of prudence and of usefulness. An outspoken and impulsive man, restraint must have been hard for him, but we hear of nothing done or said by him to exacerbate displeasure or inflame hatred. There is no evidence that the church was closed by any formal action of the parish. It was probably acquiesced in as the dictate of ordinary prudence and a sort of moral necessity. In the heated atmosphere of the times religion of any form sunk to a low ebb, and in turmoil and contention about worldly interests, there was little room in men's minds for concern about things unseen. The period of the Revolution was a period of great religious deadness. The parish-meeting of Aug. 17, 1775, was adjourned to August 25th, but the adjourned meeting was never held, at least there is no record of it. A meeting was held Nov. 14, 1778. What led to it is not known. We may conjecture that the fact that several of the Episcopal clergy had by this time found a way to reconcile their consciences with the omission of the prayer for the king had awakened a hope that Mr. Graves might be induced to follow their examples and put an end to the unhappy stoppage.

At that meeting this resolution was introduced: "Voted, that no persons be permitted to enter the church, and as a pastor to it, unless he openly prays for Congress and the free and independent States of America, and their prosperity by sea and land; if so, he may be admitted to-morrow, being Sunday, 15th November." On putting the resolution to vote, it appeared that there were fourteen in the affirmative and eleven in the negative, and then, as there were four votes challenged and rejected on the one side and one on the other, it left the vote a tie; still, the affirmative sense of the congregation had been pretty distinctly given. But the meeting went on to "vote that the church-wardens wait on the Rev. Mr. Graves and let him know of the foregoing vote, and if it be agreeable to him, he may re-enter the church of St. James and officiate as pastor thereof, he praying and conforming to said vote."

The church-wardens fulfilled their duty and made this report: "Agreeably to the above, we, the church-wardens, waited on the Rev. Mr. Graves, and acquainted him of the resolution of the parishioners, to which he replied that he could not comply therewith." The church-wardens who signed this report were Thomas Allen and John Deshon, both stanch Whigs. The Sunday came, however, and Mr. Graves, perhaps encouraged or urged by injudicious friends, determined to brave the consequences, and read the service with the obnoxious prayers. The result was

a painful and disgraceful scene, which put a speedy end to his ministry in New London, and perhaps expedited his death.

The first meeting of churchmen after the war of the Revolution was held on Easter Monday, April 25, 1783; just as soon as the independence of the country was established and peace restored, their usual annual meeting was holden. William Stewart, son of that Matthew whose remains lay beneath the relics of their former church, and Jonathan Starr, Jr., the second of that name, were chosen wardens, and it was "Voted, that Capt. John Deshon, Nichol Fosdick, Roswell Saltonstall, Giles Mumford, Joseph Packwood, Thomas Allen, James Penniman, Ebenezer Goddard, Henry Truman, Dr. Samuel Brown, and Jesse Edgecomb be a committee to join the church-wardens to solicit donations for building a new church, to treat with the selectmen of the town, to see if the ground where the old church stood can be disposed of or exchanged for other ground suitable to erect the building on, and to get the plan of a church procured, and make report of their doings as soon as may be. It was also voted that the church-wardens rent the parsonage-house for the highest rent it will fetch, always giving the preference to one of the parishioners, and that the house be repaired by the wardens in the most frugal manner, and that all back rent be immediately collected, and the residue be appropriated as the church shall direct." The following year an offer of the Rev. John Graves, of Providence, brother of their late minister, to supply them with a clergyman was declined, on the ground that they were destitute of a building in which to celebrate the worship of Almighty God. The effort to provide such a building seems, meanwhile, though not relinquished, to have gone on slowly. That the work dragged is not so much to be wondered at as that, under the circumstances, it was projected. In 1784 a committee was appointed to ascertain on what terms a lot could be purchased from Mr. Edgecomb, or some other proprietor, on which to erect a church. This church was consecrated Sept. 20, 1787. It was enlarged from time to time, and at a parish-meeting held Sept. 7, 1846, it was voted to build a new church edifice, and November 3d of the following year the corner-stone of the new building was laid. The church was consecrated June 11, 1850.

The rectors since Dr. McSparran have been as follows: John Seabury, Matthew Graves, Samuel Seabury, Solomon Blakslee, Bethel Judd, Isaac W. Hallam, R. A. Hallam, and W. B. Buckingham, the present incumbent.

The following is a list of wardens from 1732, when the first choice was made, to the present time:

1732, Thomas Mumford, John Braddick; 1733-35, John Braddick, John Shaknaple; 1736-37, John Shaknaple, Matthew Stewart; 1738, Matthew Stewart, Samuel Edgecomb; 1739, Samuel Edgecomb, Giles Goddard; 1740, Giles Goddard, Guy Palmes; 1741, Guy Palmes, Nathaniel Green; 1742, Nathaniel Green, Edward Palmes; 1743-44, Edward Palmes, Merritt Smith; 1745, Merritt Smith, Thomas Mum-

ford; 1746-51, Thomas Mumford, Samuel Edgecomb; 1752-53, Thomas Manwaring, Nicholas Lechmere; 1754, Samuel Edgecomb, Guy Palmes; 1755, Samuel Edgecomb, Edward Palmes; 1756, Samuel Edgecomb, Jonathan Starr; 1757, Jonathan Starr, James Mumford; 1758-60, James Mumford, Thomas Mumford; 1761-62, Samuel Edgecomb, Jonathan Starr; 1763-64, Jonathan Starr, Thomas Foddick; 1765, Ebenezer Goddard, Jonathan Starr; 1766-67, Ebenezer Goddard, Samuel Bill; 1768, William Stewart, George Mumford; 1769, William Stewart, Jonathan Starr, Jr.; 1770-71, Jonathan Starr, Jr., Thomas Allen; 1772, Thomas Allen, John Deshon; 1773-74, Thomas Allen, David Mumford; 1775, Thomas Allen, John Deshon; 1776-78, no choice; 1779-80, Thomas Allen, John Hertel; 1781-85, William Stewart, Jonathan Starr, Jr.; 1786-1802, Jonathan Starr, Jr., Roswell Saltonstall; 1803-10, Jonathan Starr, Jr., Samuel Wheat; 1811-18, Jonathan Starr (3d), Edward Hallam; 1817-18, Jonathan Starr (3d), Isaac Thompson; 1819-29, Jared Starr, Isaac Thompson; 1830-38, Edward Hallam, Jonathan Starr (3d); 1839-52, Jonathan Starr (3d), Francis Allyn; 1853-56, Francis Allyn, Enoch V. Stoddard; 1857-58, Enoch V. Stoddard, Stanley G. Trott; 1859-63, Enoch V. Stoddard, Charles A. Lewis; 1864-67, Enoch V. Stoddard, Isaac C. Tate; 1868-73, Isaac C. Tate, Hiram Willey; 1874-78, Isaac Tate, Benjamin Stark; 1878-81, C. A. Williams, Mason Young; 1881, Mason Young, J. Ivers Lewis.

**BISHOP SAMUEL SEABURY** was born in North Groton (now Ledyard) the 30th of November, 1729, the son of Samuel Seabury, the first minister of New London, born while his father was officiating at North Groton as a Congregational licentiate. He passed the days of his youth in New London, where his father was ministering. At an early age he entered Yale College, and graduated with credit in 1748. He went to Scotland and studied medicine in the University of Edinburgh, whether with a view of devoting his life to the medical profession or merely as an amateur is not known. But it is known that in his ministry he made large use of his medical knowledge as a means of doing good. He soon, at any rate, put aside medicine for the study of theology, and after acquiring the requisite proficiency, was ordained deacon by Dr. John Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln, acting for the Bishop of London, Dec. 21, 1753, and priest by Dr. Richard Osbaldeston, Bishop of Carlisle, acting for the same prelate, Dec. 23, 1753, Dr. Thomas Sherlock, Bishop of London, being then disabled by infirmity and near the close of life. On his return to America he served several parishes in succession in New Jersey and New York, and settled finally in Westchester, where he continued to officiate till the breaking out of the Revolution. His loyalty, founded on the deepest convictions of duty, drove him from his parish, and during the remainder of the war he resided in New York, serving as chaplain to the king's forces, and eking out his living by the practice of medicine. Soon after the establishment of independence the clergy of Connecticut moved to obtain the episcopate, and made choice of Dr. Seabury for their bishop. To obtain consecration he sailed for England in 1783. He had been honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of Oxford, 1777. Political difficulties prevented his success in England; the English bishops were unable to dispense with the oath of allegiance to the sovereign which their ordinal contained, and the British Parliament was backward to pass an en-

abling act, for fear of exciting the displeasure of the young republic, jealous of any encroachment on its newly-acquired nationality. Under these circumstances, Dr. Seabury bethought himself of the Scotch bishops, identical in polity and authority with the English bishops, but disconnected with the State in consequence of the disestablishment of their church for its fidelity to the House of Stuart, and lying under the ban of political proscription. By them he was cordially welcomed, and by them, Nov. 14, 1784, consecrated at Aberdeen, in Bishop Skinner's oratory, the consecrators being Robert Kilgour, Bishop of Aberdeen and Primus; Arthur Petrie, Bishop of Moray and Ross; and John Skinner, coadjutor Bishop of Aberdeen. With these prelates, representatives of the Episcopal remainder in Scotland, he entered into a concordat to maintain in America, as far as in him lay, the peculiarities of the Scottish Church, and in particular the prayer of consecration in the communion office. With his divine commission he returned to this country, and landed at Newport June 20, 1785, preaching on the following Sunday the first sermon of a bishop in this country, in old Trinity church, from Hebrews xii. 1, 2. He was soon established at New London as the rector of St. James' Church, which was then in process of erection, where he continued to dwell, in the faithful discharge of his duties as bishop and priest, till his very sudden death, Feb. 25, 1796.

In the formation of our institutions and the establishment of our Prayer Book he acted a conspicuous and influential part. True to his engagement with the Scottish Church, he resisted the tendency to innovation that in many quarters displayed itself, and steadfastly exerted himself to procure the insertion of the consecration prayer in the communion office, and with success, most men will now admit, conferring a decided benefit on the church. He set his face firmly against what was termed the Proposed Book, and fought for the retention of the Catholic creeds and the preservation of their integrity. For a few years prejudice and misunderstanding and diversity of views on some points of polity kept him and his diocese separate from the body of the church. But the difference was at last happily settled, and it was his honor to die the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

He married, early in life, Mary, the daughter of Edward Hicks, of New York, who died before his consecration. He did not marry again. His house in New London was under the charge of his daughter Maria. At last, after a tour of visiting in his parish, he remained to take tea at the house of Mr. Roswell Saltonstall, a warden of the parish, whose daughter Ann had married his son Charles. When he had just risen from the tea-table, he fell with an attack of apoplexy, and soon expired. His funeral was attended without pomp, the only record of it in the register-book of the parish being the simple words: "Febru-

ary 28, 1796. Buried, by the Rev. Mr. Tyler, of Norwich, Right Rev. Samuel Seabury, D.D., Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island." Soon after his entrance upon the discharge of his episcopal functions in Connecticut the churches in Rhode Island placed themselves under his jurisdiction, whence he derived the double designation of Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island, which is often applied to him. He was buried in the public burying-ground in New London, and a table of gray marble placed over his grave, with the following inscription, written by the Rev. Dr. Bowden, of Columbia College, N. Y. :

Here lieth the body of  
**SAMUEL SEABURY, D. D.,**  
 Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island,  
 Who departed from this transitory scene, February 25, 1796,  
 In the sixty-eighth year of his age.  
 Ingenious without pride, learned without pedantry,  
 Good without severity, he was duly qualified to discharge the duties  
 of the Christian and the Bishop.  
 In the pulpit, he enforced religion; in his conduct,  
 he exemplified it.  
 The poor he assisted with his charity; the ignorant he  
 blessed with his instruction.  
 The friend of man, he ever desired their good;  
 The enemy of vice, he ever opposed it.  
 Christian! dost thou aspire to happiness?  
 Seabury has shown the way that leads to it.


This table, since the removal of the bishop's remains, has been placed within the inclosure on the north side of the present church. Within the church a tablet, in the form of an obelisk, stood originally at the left side of the pulpit, afterwards directly over it, bearing the following inscription :

**SACRED**  
 May this marble long remain  
 (The just tribute of affection)  
 to the memory  
 Of the truly venerable and beloved  
 Pastor of this Church,  
**THE RIGHT REVEREND SAMUEL SEABURY, D.D.,**  
 Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island,  
 Who was translated from earth  
 to heaven,  
 February 25, 1796,  
 In the sixty-eighth year of his age and twelfth of his consecration;  
 But still lives in the hearts of a grateful diocese.

This tablet now stands in the basement chapel of the present church. The epitaph is not to be much admired, and one expression in it is justly open to criticism. When, in 1849, the bishop's remains were placed under the chancel of the church, then in process of erection, at the joint expense of the diocese and parish, a handsome monument of freestone in the form of an altar-tomb underneath a canopy surmounted by a mitre was placed over his final resting-place. On the slab above the tomb this simple record was engraven :

The Right Rev. Father in God,  
**SAMUEL SEABURY, D.D.,**  
 First Bishop of Connecticut,  
 And of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States;  
 Consecrated at Aberdeen, Scotland, Nov. 14, 1784;  
 Died Feb. 25, 1796; aged 67.  
 The Diocese of Connecticut recorded here  
 its grateful memory of his virtues and services,  
 A.D. 1849.

And on a brass plate inserted in its upper surface this inscription :

A  D

Sub pavimento altaris  
 Ut in loco quietis ultimo usque ad magni dei iudicium  
 Exuvise mortales praeuileis admodum reverendi nunc restant,  
**SAMUELIS SEABURY, S.T.D. Oxon.,**  
 Qui primus in rempublicam novi orbis Anglo Americanam  
 successionem apostolicam,  
 E. Scotia transtulit XVIII. Kal. Dec. A.D. **CLXIX**.  
 Diocesis sua  
 laborum et angustiarum tam chari capitis nunquam oblitus  
 in ecclesia nova S. Jacobi majoris Neo Londinensi olim sedis sua  
 hoc monumentum nunc demum longo post tempore honoris causa  
 anno salut. nostr. **CLXXIX** ponere curavit.

Of which the following is a translation :

Under the pavement of the altar, as in the final place of rest until the judgment of the great day, now repose the mortal remains of the Right Rev. Prelate, Samuel Seabury, D.D., Oxon., who first brought from Scotland into the Anglo-American Republic of the New World the Apostolic succession, Nov. 27, 1784. His diocese, never forgetful of the labors and trials of so dear a person, in the new church of St. James the Greater, of New London, formerly his See, now at last, after so long a time, have taken care to place this monument to his honor, in the year of our salvation 1849.

He, perhaps as much as any one, some would say more, has left his impress on the service and offices of the American church. His was the distinguished honor of bringing the episcopate into the New World, and planting on the shores of this Western Continent a genuine branch of that apostolic tree whose "leaves are for the healing of the nations," and whose spreading boughs have now stretched from sea to sea. He was to a large extent the conservative element in the church in his day, useful to restrain the impetuosity of some and stiffen the flexibility of others, and so keep the church from drifting away from those ancient landmarks which the fathers had wisely set. Yet, while he was a firm man, he was not an obstinate man. While he could frankly and earnestly adhere to his settled convictions, and hold unflinchingly to them in all matters of essential truth, he knew how to yield gracefully when his views were overborne, and not waste his time in whimpering over losses, and wound himself and the church by ineffectual resistance and defiance. Such a man deserves respect from all, whether they sympathize with his opinions or dissent from them. Bishop White, than whom it would be difficult to find a man wider from him in constitution of mind and habits of thought, bears testimony of the most honorable sort to his worth when he says, in his "Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church," "To this day there are recollected with satisfaction the hours which were spent with Bishop Seabury on the important subjects which came before us, and especially the Christian temper which he manifested all along." Yet this great and good man it has been the habit, in some quarters,—alas that it should be in our own household of faith!—to decry and ridicule, to make the butt of obloquy and detraction, to represent as a weak and vain man, vapor-



with the conceit of his dignity, aping English state, strutting in the paraphernalia of office, holding with a blind and unreasoning tenacity to obsolete traditions, and imposing his own personal convictions on men with a narrow and bigoted imperiousness. It was the fortune of the writer to be born and grow up among his contemporaries, while his memory was yet fresh in many hearts. Not one of these imputations was ever heard among those who knew him best. True, he sometimes wore a mitre, and wrote himself "Samuel Connecticut;" but in the latter particular he did but conform to the ordinary usage, and the mitre he did not use at first, nor did he bring one with him when he came home after his consecration; but when he found many of the non-Episcopal ministers about him were disposed to adopt the title of bishop, in derision of his claims, he adopted a mitre as a badge of office which they would hardly be disposed to imitate. The mitre worn by the bishop is still preserved in the library of Trinity College. This mitre is a bifurcated cap of black satin, displaying on its front a metallic cross.

He was at home, among his parishioners and fellow-citizens, a man of simple, quiet, unpretending ways, performing the humble duties of a parish minister with exemplary assiduity and faithfulness, social and affable, sometimes witty and jocose, benevolent and charitable, always ready to use the medical skill which he had acquired in early life gratuitously for the benefit of the poor and needy, doing good with his narrow income to the utmost extent of his ability, so that when he died he had "a tune of orphans' tears wept over him," sweetest and most honorable requiem that can attend the bier of any man. Yet he possessed a native dignity of appearance and manner that constrained universal respect and repressed every attempt at undue or flippant familiarity. He was always the minister of God, and, as a Congregational gentleman once said to me, every whit a bishop. An honest, brave, fearless, conscientious man was the first Bishop of Connecticut.

The remains of Bishop Seabury, at the time of his death, were interred in the public burying-ground. It seemed a proper thing, especially as he had been rector of the parish as well as bishop of the diocese, that they should now, upon the erection of the church building, be transferred to the church and a suitable monument to his memory be placed over them. The idea found favor, both in the parish and in the diocese at large. The convention of the diocese, held June 8, 1847, passed the following vote: "That a committee of three be appointed to collect, through private donations, a sum sufficient for the erection of a monument of suitable stability and beauty to the memory of the first bishop of this diocese, to be placed, with the consent of the vestry, within the walls of the new church of his former parish, St. James', New London."

The Rev. Wm. F. Morgan, the Rev. Wm. Jarvis, and

Richard Adams, Esq., were appointed as this committee. The following persons—the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, the Rev. Dr. Hallam, the Rev. A. C. Coxe, the Rev. Dr. Burgess, and the Rev. Dr. Mead—were appointed a committee to carry the design into effect. The parish, on its part, though heavily taxed for the erection of the church, met the call handsomely and liberally. The work of preparing a design of the monument and attending to its execution was intrusted to Mr. Upjohn. In the summer of 1849 the church was so far advanced as to be ready to receive the monument, which was built into the eastern wall of the chancel, and on the 12th day of September the ceremony of removing the bishop's remains and placing them in their final resting-place was performed with appropriate solemnities. The minute made at the time in the register-book of the parish is here subjoined:

"The remains of Bp. Seabury were removed from the Second Burying-ground and deposited beneath the chancel of the new church, in a grave lined with brick and covered with flagging-stones, directly under the monument in the church and before the north window on the east side of the chapel, below the floor. His bones were found perfect, but no part of the coffin, except a portion of the lid, surrounded by brass nails, in the form of a heart, containing within it, in brass nails also, these letters and figures:

S. S.  
Æ. 67.  
1796.

"The remains were placed in a new coffin, which was borne from the ground to the church, on a bier covered with a pall, by the Rev. Messrs. J. Williams, D.D., A. C. Coxe, T. H. Vall, H. F. Roberts, T. C. Pitkin, J. M. Wiley, C. E. Bennett, and E. O. Flagg. The rector, attended by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, met the remains at the church. The rector read the first two sentences of the burial service and Dr. Jarvis the anthem, the persons present responding. The rector read, for the lesson, Wisdom, fifth chapter to the seventeenth verse. Dr. Jarvis pronounced the sentence, 'Blessed are the dead,' etc., and the rector read the last prayer but one in the burial service, the prayer for all persons in the 'Visitation of the Sick,' the collect for 'All Saints,' the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction. The coffin was then lowered into the grave, after which the psalm '*Dona Exurgat*' and the Nicene Creed were repeated, led by the rector, and Dr. Jarvis said the closing benediction. The place of deposit was a brick grave underneath the floor, covered by heavy flagstones carefully mortared together. There may they rest, in the language of Dr. Jarvis' epitaph in the chancel, '*Us in loco quietis ultimo usque ad magni dñi judicium.*'"

**Methodist Episcopal Church.**—Methodism was introduced into New London in 1789, by Rev. Jesse Lee. On the 2d of September of that year he preached in the court-house, twenty-three years after the first Methodist sermon was preached in New York by Philip Embury. Mr. Lee continued to visit the city for about three years. New London first appears on the minutes of the Conference for 1793, when George Roberts, Richard Swain, and F. Aldrich were the preachers and the circuit called New London circuit.

The Methodist Church was organized in New London, at the house of Mr. Richard Douglass, Oct. 23, 1793, with eleven persons, but soon after, within a few months, at the close of the Conference year, consisted of the following persons: Richard Douglass, Ann Douglass, Nancy Douglass, Peter Griffing, Geunett Hall, Annah Moore, Sally Lewis, Mary Lewis, Jones Rogers, George Potter, Elizabeth Potter, Ann Smith,

Mercy Smith, Freelove Miller, Luther Gale, Susannah Stockman, Abigail Potter, Epaphras Kibby, Jemima Perry, Nabby Bleckly, P. Champlain, Ruth Crocker, Josiah Bolles, Hannah Brown, Henry Harris, and Sarah Clark.

The following is a list of pastors from the organization of the church to the present time: George Roberts, Richard Swain, F. Aldrich, Wilson Lee, David Abbott, Zadoc Priest, Enoch Mudge, A. G. Thompson, Lawrence McCombs, Nathaniel Chapin, Timothy Meritt, S. Bostwick, John Nichols, N. Chapin, Shubal Lamb, Abner Wood, David Brumley, Alex. McLean, Peter Vannest, Phineas Peck, James Annis, Michael Coate, Aaron Hunt, John Nichols, William Pickett, Benjamin Hill, Nathan Emory, Thomas Branch, E. Washburn, G. R. Norris, Daniel Perry, Theo. Smith, Isaac Bonney, E. Streeter, John Lindsay, Joel Winch, E. Marble, A. Stebbins, Jon. Chaney, Benjamin Sabin, J. Lewis, W. Bannister, Robert Bowser, Joel Steele, William Nichols, Francis Dane, V. R. Osborn, Nathan Paine, E. Blake, Daniel Dorchester, J. W. McKee. In 1818 New London became a station, and the following is a list of the pastors from that time to 1824: Asa Kent, 1818-19; Elijah Hedding (afterwards bishop), 1820; V. R. Osborn, 1821; Thomas W. Tucker, 1822-23. In 1824 the society, having become reduced in numbers and financial strength, was again united with a circuit under the pastorate of Daniel Dorchester, G. W. Fairbank, and J. W. Case.

It was again made a station in 1825, with Isaac Stoddard as pastor; N. S. Spaulding, 1826; Le Roy Sunderland, 1827. In 1828 the church was again connected with the circuit, and Amasa Taylor and George Sutherland were the preachers; Reuben Ranson, L. B. Griffing, 1829; Reuben Ranson, C. D. Rogers, 1830.

In 1831 the society was again made a station, with James Porter pastor, who remained two years; Ebenezer Blake, 1833-34; S. B. Haskell, 1835-36; Daniel Webb, 1837; A. Halloway, 1838; John Lovejoy, 1839-40; R. W. Allen, 1841-42; Sanford Benton, 1843-44; John Howson, 1845-46; M. P. Alderman, 1847-48; G. M. Carpenter, 1849-50; Samuel Fox, 1851; Thomas Ely, 1852-53; M. P. Alderman, 1854-55; John B. Gould, 1856-57; John D. King, 1858-59; Paul Townsend, 1860-61; V. A. Cooper, 1862-63; F. J. Wagner, 1864-65; William J. Robinson, 1866-67; John D. Bntler, 1868-69; Charles S. Macready, 1870-71; A. W. Page, 1872-73; John Gray, 1874-76; George W. Anderson, 1877-79; H. D. Robinson, 1880-81.

The first church edifice was erected in 1798, and dedicated the same year, Bishop Asbury preaching. This house was occupied until 1818, when a new building was erected. Discussions subsequently arose in the church, and in 1840 a number withdrew and organized a new body. This body, after holding services in the conference-room of the Congregational church and court-house, in 1842 erected a church edi-

fice on Washington Street, which was subsequently sold for a piano-factory. The Federal Street church edifice was erected in 1855, and dedicated in 1856.

There is also a Bethel Church, organized under its present name in 1851, but we have been unable to secure further data for its history.

**First Baptist Church.**—The Baptists of New London for some years were members of the First Baptist Church in Waterford, and nothing like an organization is known to have existed until after the great revival in 1794, when the Waterford Church was districted, New London proper constituting one district, and the Harbor's Mouth another.

Immediately after this revival, and probably on account of it, the Waterford Church was divided into four divisions, as follows: Niantic, New London, Great Neck, and Harbor's Mouth. Each division had its own leader, but all were under the pastoral care of him who for fifty-two years was the efficient and revered pastor of that church, the Rev. Zadock Darrow, who died at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, and who was the grandfather of the Rev. Francis Darrow, of precious memory.

Thus, besides prayer-meetings, preaching services were held in New London by Baptists in the court-house, and in other places as they could be obtained, and as preachers could be secured, from the year 1794.

In 1802, or two years before the formal organization of this church, arrangements were made by the Waterford Church, in accordance with which communion services were to be held in New London every two months; and about this time arrangements were made by the brethren in New London for the Rev. Samuel West, who was then an assistant of the aged and infirm pastor, Zadock Darrow, to preach and administer the ordinances for them part of the time, the church at large engaging him for the rest of his time.

During these years it was agreed between the church at Waterford and the branch here in the city that at each communion service held in Waterford at least two brethren from the city should be present to represent the members here, and, after the same manner, that at least two brethren from Waterford should be in attendance at communion services held here, to represent that part of the church. Thus by sending representatives from one part of the church to meetings held by the other part they sought to co-operate with each other, and to maintain Christian fellowship and a thorough acquaintance between all. At the same time it was mutually agreed that if any members living in New London should prefer to attend services at Waterford, or if any living in Waterford should prefer to attend in this city, they should have full liberty so to do.

On the 11th of February, 1804, "the brethren and sisters of the Baptist denomination in the city of New London accepted and subscribed" to the "covenant

articles and principles" which are still used by the church. The meeting for the organization of the church was held in the house of Mr. Samuel Coit, whose name is attached to the letter just read.

The body was fellowshipped as a church of Christ by a Council which convened in the Baptist meeting-house in Waterford, Feb. 22, 1804. About fifty brethren and sisters were dismissed from the Waterford Church, and they, with a few others from other Baptist Churches, united to form "The First Baptist Church of New London." Rev. Samuel West, who had been preaching for them part of the time for two years previous, was chosen as the first pastor, at a meeting of the church held April 9, 1804. At the same meeting, as the record states, "it was agreed to receive Henry Harris as a deacon of this church." John Lewis and Noah Mason were also appointed "on trial in the office of deacon," but no record is found of their ever having been ordained or fully recognized as deacons. Jan. 25, 1809, Jonathan Sizer was ordained deacon, and he, with Henry Harris, seem to have been the first deacons.

In October, 1804, the church applied for membership in the Stonington Union Association, and was received, and remained a member of that body till 1817, when the New London Association was formed and it withdrew to unite with it. Up to this time their preaching and communion services seem to have been held in the court-house, and their meetings for prayer and conference in private houses; but in the spring of 1805 preparations were made for the erection of a house of worship. This was to them an undertaking of no little magnitude.

In the first place, they were few in number. Besides this, they were poor in the goods of this world, however rich they may have been in faith. But these were by no means the greatest difficulties to be encountered and overcome by them. The chief obstacle in their way was the intense and persistent opposition, and, I may say, the bitter persecution, of what was then the ruling order.<sup>1</sup> Such was this bitterness of feeling against Baptists and against Baptist principles that it was impossible for the newly-organized church to purchase land anywhere in the city on which to erect a meeting-house. It was determined that they should not have an inch of ground on which to rest their feet. As a last resort, one of the brethren, John Lewis by name, acting in a private and individual capacity, and without making known his intentions, purchased that piece of property now familiarly known as "the Baptist Rocks," and after he had secured the deed then deeded it over to one whom the church had appointed to receive it. Thus in a roundabout way the church secured a solid rock foundation.

The first baptisms into the fellowship of the church of which we find any record occurred on the 6th of

July, 1806, when seven persons, one brother and six sisters, were thus received.

The first decade in the history of the church had now passed, the Rev. Samuel West having served the church during these years faithfully, efficiently, and to the entire satisfaction of the members. During this time the church had been worshipping in the meeting-house "on the rocks," "which was still in an unfinished state, the beams and rafters left naked, and with loose, rough planks for seats." In 1807 the church petitioned the Legislature for permission to hold a lottery for the purpose of raising funds to aid in completing their house of worship, the pastor being requested to attend and present the petition in person. The petition was never granted.

The pastors from Mr. West to the present time have been as follows: Nehemiah Dodge, Ebenezer Loomis, Henry Wightman, Daniel Wildman, Chester Tilden, Alvin Ackley, Nathan Wildman, C. C. Williams, H. R. Knapp, Jabez Swan, William Reid, J. R. Baumes, J. C. Wightman, J. E. Ball, A. B. Burdick,<sup>2</sup> N. P. Foster, Byron A. Woods.

In 1839 the "house on the rocks" had become too small to accommodate the congregation, and what were afterwards known as "the wings" were then put on, other and important improvements being made.

Early in 1854 preparations were begun for the building of a new house of worship. In March, 1856, this building was completed and dedicated, at a total cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. Sermons were delivered on the day of dedication by Rev. Drs. Ives and Turnbull.

In the spring of 1875 this house of worship was repaired and refurnished at an expense of three thousand dollars, that amount being raised by subscription and paid when the work was done.

The church has had fourteen deacons, viz.: Henry Harris, Jonathan Sizer, Thomas West, Ira R. Steward, W. A. Weaver, Richard Harris, Clark Daniels, W. P. Benjamin, D. Latham, J. Congdon, P. C. Turner, W. P. Benjamin, D. W. Harris, G. A. Lester, and C. A. Weaver.

**Second Baptist Church.**—For a considerable period previous to December, 1840, efforts were in contemplation for forming a second Baptist Church in New London. In the success of Baptist principles, the house of worship of the First Baptist Church became too strait for an increasing congregation; and although subsequently enlarged, it did not remove the convictions of those who believed that the general cause of religion in the city would be promoted by the erection of another house and the establishment of another Baptist Church.

About the 1st of April, 1840, several brethren, together with other individuals in the city of Baptist sentiments, commenced a separate meeting in the court-house, and engaged the services of C. C. Wil-

<sup>1</sup> Rev. B. A. Woods, in his historical address, June 29, 1879.

<sup>2</sup> Supply.

liams, formerly pastor of the First Church. Immediately active measures were taken to secure a lot and erect a second Baptist meeting-house, with the expectation of the formation of a second Baptist Church. A contract for this object was signed June 10, 1840, by Jonathan Smith, William Champlin, John Carroll, Jr., George W. Wheeler, L. H. Tracy, and Charles and Joseph Bishop. The house was completed in December of the same year. The early struggles to obtain letters for the purpose of forming the church we would willingly pass over, but a brief outline is necessary to show the origin of the church.

After all attempts had failed of obtaining letters of dismission from the First Church, for the purpose of forming a second interest, and Mr. Williams and six of the movers of the enterprise had been excluded for the part they had taken in the establishment of a separate meeting, and when a petition of thirty members in good standing in the First Church for the same object had also been rejected, the friends interested called a Council to investigate the whole matter, which, after a prayerful and laborious session and examination, advised the organization of the church. The thirty members then of the First Church constituted themselves into the "Second Baptist Church of New London," and, agreeably to advice of the same Council, immediately received five brethren and sisters having letters from the First Baptist Church of Waterford, and C. C. Williams and the six brethren who had been excluded with him previously from the First Church. The Council still remaining in session, the church was then publicly recognized, Dec. 31, 1840. C. C. Williams became the first pastor. A protracted scene of trial followed the organization. The difficulties with the First Church, growing in part out of the reception of excluded members of that body, which unfortunately continued for a considerable period, were subsequently removed and adjusted during the pastorate of Lemuel Covell, through the voluntary, kind, and affectionate labors of Elders Bolles, of Colchester, and John Peck, of the State of New York. Harmony was restored, which has continued unbroken to this day.

C. C. Williams resigned his charge of the church Sept. 13, 1841, and Elder A. Bolles, of Colchester, was engaged as a supply till a pastor should be obtained. Jan. 5, 1842, the church gave Lemuel Covell a call. Mr. Covell signified his acceptance of the call, Feb. 28, 1842, and entered upon his pastoral duties in April of the same year. Mr. Covell resigned his charge Dec. 28, 1843, and removed to New York in January, 1844. John Blain succeeded Mr. Covell in the pastorate, and continued till the spring of 1845, having resigned January 6th of the same year. March 10, 1845, the church invited L. G. Leonard, of Thompson, to become their pastor, who accepted, and commenced his pastoral labors the 1st of May of the same year. Mr. Leonard continued his useful labors with the church till November, 1848, when he resigned.

Edwin R. Warren, of Albany, N. Y., succeeded Mr. Leonard in the pastorate. He accepted the invitation, and subsequently the call of the church to become their pastor, and entered upon its duties the 1st of January, 1849.

The following is a list of pastors from Mr. Warren to the present time: Revs. O. T. Walker, 1853-59; J. S. Swan, 1859-61; U. B. Guiscard, 1861-62; from 1862 to 1866, supplies, no pastor; Revs. S. B. Bailey, 1866-67; J. C. Foster, 1867-68; W. W. Case, 1868-69; E. K. Fuller, 1869-70; J. P. Brown, 1871-77; Latham Fitch, 1877 to present time.

**Baptist Church, Huntington Street.**—At the annual meeting of the First Baptist Church in the city of New London, in January, 1849, a resolution was passed to give letters to those who desired to form another Baptist Church in the city, to be in fellowship with the First Church. March 14th, the same year, one hundred and eighty-five brethren and sisters of the said First Church met, and after prayer and solemn deliberation constituted themselves into a church, and having previously purchased the Universalist meeting-house in Huntington Street, agreed to be known as "The Huntington Street Baptist Church," adopting articles of faith and covenant. Elder Jabez Swan was elected pastor, and William P. Benjamin and Isaac Harris deacons.

March 29, 1849, the house recently bought of the Universalist society was dedicated to the worship and praise of Almighty God, and the church was publicly recognized, and the deacons elect were ordained with appropriate services. Sermons were preached this day by Elder J. S. Swan appropriate to the dedication of the house, and by Elder B. Cook on the recognition of the church. Elder P. G. Wightman preached in the evening. The following is a list of pastors: J. S. Swan, S. B. Grant, A. P. Buel, J. B. Barry, J. J. Townsend, J. S. Swan, and J. K. Wilson.

**The Universalist Church.**—A Universalist society was formed in New London in the year 1835, and occasional services held, but no church was erected or regular ministry established till 1843, when an edifice of brick was erected on Huntington Street, and dedicated March 20, 1844. Rev. T. J. Greenwood was its pastor for four years. In 1849 it was sold by the trustees in order to liquidate the debts of the society, and was purchased by the Third Baptist Church. In August of the same year the Universalist society purchased the former Episcopal church on Main Street for three thousand five hundred dollars. This was subsequently sold, and services have since been held in Allyn Hall. A church edifice is now in process of erection. Among the pastors are mentioned the names of Rev. J. C. Waldo, Mr. Campbell, and George W. Gage. The church has no pastor at present.

**St. Mary Star of the Sea, Roman Catholic Church.**—The holy sacrifice of the mass was first celebrated in this city on Washington Street, in about the year 1840, by Father Fitton, the great pioneer of

New England Catholicity, then stationed in Worcester, Mass. The second place in which mass was celebrated by this honored divine was at the corner of Bank and Blinman Streets. He soon noted indications of success, and at once commenced the erection of a church edifice, which was soon after completed. This was located on Jay Street. Father Fitton was soon succeeded by Father Brady, who in 1848 was followed by Father James Gibson, the first resident pastor. From this date, 1848, New London has been a distinct parish. He remained until 1850, when Rev. Peter Blenkinsop became pastor; in 1851 Rev. P. Duffy, who was soon succeeded by Rev. F. Stokes, who officiated until October, 1852. He was followed by Rev. Thomas Ryan, during whose pastorate a church was erected on Truman Street. The Jay Street church was still held by the parish and used for Sunday-school purposes.

In 1858, Father Ryan was succeeded by Rev. P. A. Gaynor, who organized St. John's Literary Society. Rev. Father Gaynor remained until 1866, and was followed by Rev. B. Tully, who stayed but a short time. He purchased the lot on the corner of Washington and Huntington Streets. In August, 1867, Rev. P. Grace, D.D., became pastor and commenced the erection of the present church. His service here was brief. His successor was Rev. E. A. O'Connor, who had as an assistant Father Furlong. St. Mary's Benevolent Society was organized by Father O'Connor.

Father O'Connor died in 1871, leaving Father Furlong in temporary charge. Father M. Tierney became pastor in May, 1872, and remained until some time during the year 1873. He organized the Star of the Sea Total Abstinence Society. About Jan. 1, 1874, Rev. P. P. Lalor assumed the pastoral charge, and during his pastorate the present beautiful and substantial church edifice was completed, one of the finest in New England. It was dedicated in May, 1876, with elaborate ceremonies. He remained until 1879. Father Lalor was a very popular man, and had a high reputation for executive ability.

In losing Father Lalor the Catholics of New London have been singularly fortunate in his successor, the present popular incumbent, Rev. T. Broderick. His priestly zeal, his self-sacrificing spirit, his glad-some temperament and engaging manners quickly gained for him the affections of his people. Father Lalor's mantle of popularity fell on worthy shoulders. Immediately after taking possession of the parish, Father Broderick commenced to beautify the grounds about the church and pastoral residence, and is still making improvements. St. Mary Star of the Sea is now in a prosperous condition, and is one of the strongest parishes in Connecticut.

## CHAPTER XV.

### NEW LONDON—(Continued).

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Commerce—Whaling—The Port of New London—Custom-House—List of Collectors—The Ferry—New London in 1800—Societies—Incorporation of the City—First Charter Election—Officers Elected—Mayors from Organization to Present Time—Schools—The Yellow Fever—The Old Militia—City Hall—Manufactures—Cedar Grove Cemetery—Gas Company—Water-Works.

**Commerce<sup>1</sup>—Whaling.**—As a commercial town, New London became early noted in the colony. Ever sagacious and on the alert, the people were not slow to improve the facilities offered by the natural advantages of the place for engaging in commercial pursuits.

As early as 1659 nine persons were appointed by the General Court, one for each of the small ports in the colony, to enter and record such goods as were subject to customs. John Smith was appointed custom-master for New London. The office was unimportant in point of fees, as an order of the General Court in 1654 allowed all articles, except wine and liquors, to be received free of duty. Under the term *liquors*, however, the spirit called *rum*, which was then a recent product of the English West India Islands, was not included, but strictly prohibited.<sup>2</sup> Daniel Wetherill was subsequently appointed to the office, and was the last person who held it by colonial authority. He was, however, reappointed by the surveyor-general of the plantations, under commission from the Treasury Board of the mother-country, "as deputy collector and searcher for Connecticut" in 1685, the whole colony being thrown into one district for the collection of customs, and held his office about twenty years.

The building of vessels commenced about 1660 by John Coit, or Coite, and was continued by Joseph Coit, Hugh Mould, John Stiness, and others. The barks "Speedwell," "Hopewell," and "Endeavour" were among the first vessels constructed, and in 1661 the "New London Tryall," the first merchant vessel in the place, was built by John Elderkin, and was regarded a remarkable affair, "costing, exclusive of iron-work, spikes, and nails, two hundred pounds."

The early coasting trade was principally with Boston. Household goods, clothing, powder, lead, and military accoutrements, also implements of husbandry, were obtained, and returns made in "peltins and wampum." Small vessels and boats trafficked with Long Island, Rhode Island, and elsewhere, and soon the trade extended to New York, and as far as Vir-

<sup>1</sup> By William H. Starr.

<sup>2</sup> It is recorded in New London, lib. 3, "that whatsoever Barbadoes liquors, commonly called rum, kill-devil, or the like, shall be landed in any place in this jurisdiction, drawne or sold in any vessel lying in any harbor or roade in this commonwealth, shall be all forfeited and confiscated to the commonwealth."—*Mrs. Cushman's History*, p. 230.

ginia. Dry hides and buckskins constituted the principal commerce with the latter place.<sup>1</sup>

During the year 1660 a circumstance of some note occurred in the town. The ship "Hope," from Malaga, Spain, came into harbor in want of provisions. She had been chartered for Virginia, and was loaded with wine, raisins, and almonds, destined for that port. But her voyage had been long and the weather tempestuous, and the storm-beaten vessel was leaky and obliged to put into this port for repairs. Her cargo was found to be damaged, and the state of affairs in Virginia was not favorable for its shipment to that colony. As the vessel needed "trimming and sheathing," and required the discharge of the cargo for that purpose, it was sold at New London, and the supercargo of the vessel, Mr. Robert Loveland, became a resident of the town. He entered fully into commercial affairs of the place, and prosecuted a voyage to Newfoundland for the purpose of trade and barter. He afterwards purchased a tract of land at Green Harbor, intending to build wharves and warehouses, and to make it a port of entry for the town. Finding the spot unfavorable for the purpose he abandoned the project, and after a few years died, assigning all his estate, "whether lands, houses, horses, cattle, debts due by book, bill, or bond, either in New England, Virginia, or elsewhere," to Alexander Pygan.

Commercial relations between New London and Newfoundland were early established. Pork, beef, and other provisions were shipped there, and dry fish, and frequently West India produce were taken in return. This trade continued until after 1700.

Between New London and Barbadoes an early commercial intercourse was established. A regular voyage was made twice a year to that island with horses, cattle, beef, pork, and frequently pipe staves, which were exchanged for sugar and molasses. This trade was the most lucrative business of the period. Merchants of Hartford, Middletown, and Wethersfield made shipments from this town. Captains from the river towns often took in their cargoes at New London.<sup>2</sup>

In 1666, Mould and Coit, previously referred to as the leading ship-builders in New London, launched the ship "New London," a seventy-ton vessel, being larger than any vessel heretofore constructed in the place. The "New London" was designed for and

employed in European voyages. In 1678 the same builders completed the largest, undoubtedly, of all the vessels built by them, viz., the "John and Hester," of about one hundred tons burden, which made several successful voyages under the command of John and Jonathan Prentis, who were part owners of the vessel.

The West India trade assumed quite an important place in New London. On the 26th of June, 1724, six vessels sailed at one time for the West India Islands, all freighted with cargoes of horses, which at that time constituted a principal article of export from the town. Eight years previous, in 1716, mention is made by Miss Caulkins of a shipment by one vessel of forty-five horses to Barbadoes.

In 1728 "Jeffrey's great ship" was commenced, and launched in October, 1725. Its burden was seven hundred tons, and it was the largest vessel at that time ever built this side of the Atlantic, and excited much interest and attention throughout the colony. New London at that period had acquired a reputation for building large ships. This port is noticed by Douglas, in his history of the British settlements, published previous to 1750, in which he describes Connecticut as having eight commercial shipping ports for small crafts; but "all masters," he remarks, "can enter and clear at the port of New London, having a good harbor and deep water." He adds also, "here they build large ships."

The commercial enterprises of New London continued to increase, and were generally successful until British aggressions and the war of the Revolution interrupted and finally closed all its commercial relations.

**Collectors of the Port—Custom-House.**—The first collector of the port of New London was Gen. Jedediah Huntington. He was, as before stated, at one time one of Washington's aides and a special favorite under his command. He performed his duties as collector with promptness and fidelity from the close of the Revolutionary war to the second rupture with Great Britain. It is said that at least eighty coasters were owned principally at Norwich and New London, and one hundred and fifty sail of merchant vessels entered and cleared at the port of New London. The receipts of the office were from fifty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars annually. Mr. Huntington performed this large amount of business in a single room, the office being in the second story of a store at the corner of Bank Street and the Parade.

He was succeeded in 1815 by Gen. Thomas H. Cushing, who held the office until his death in 1822. He had served in the Revolutionary war, and in 1790 held a commission as captain in the army of St. Clair. During the second war with Great Britain, in 1813, he attained the rank of brigadier-general.

Capt. Richard Law was appointed his successor, and continued in office eight years, followed by In-

<sup>1</sup> The least buckskin was to weigh was four pounds and a half. A pound and a half of hides was equal in value to a pound of buckskin, one pound of hides equalled two pounds of old iron, two pounds of hides equalled one pound of old pewter. Here are old iron and old pewter having a fixed value as articles of barter and merchandise!—*Miss Caulkins*.

<sup>2</sup> The following receipt shows the comparative value of two prime articles of exchange.

"Barbadoes:—I underwrit, do hereby acknowledge to have received of Mr. Jeffrey Christophers one bl. of pork, per account of Mr. Benjamin Brewster, the which I have sold for 300 lbs. of sugar.—*Elihu Sanford*, Aug. 18, 1671.

"True copy of the receipt which was sent back to Barbadoes by Mr. Giles Hamlin in the ship 'John and James,' Oct. 29, 1671. Charles Hill, Recorder."—*Miss Caulkins' History*, p. 236.

goldaby W. Crawford, eight years; Charles P. Lester, four years; Wolcott Huntington, a short term; Lester again until his decease in 1846; after which Thos. Muzzey and Nicholl Fosdic, the latter receiving his appointment in 1849. More recently the office has been successively filled by Henry Hobart, J. P. C. Mather, Edward Prentiss, George T. Marshall, and John A. Tibbits, the present incumbent.

In 1833 the present fine granite structure on Bank Street was erected by the government as the custom-house for this district, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. Its accommodations are ample and convenient, quite in contrast with the little cramped-up loft occupied by the early collectors. Its door has peculiar interesting historical associations, being constructed of oak from the old frigate "Constitution," reserved for that purpose.

New London was noted for the early steam navigation of the Sound. In 1816, one year after the close of the war, the first trip from New York was made by the "Connecticut," Capt. Bunker, on the 28th of September, in twenty-one hours, considered a remarkable and triumphant success in steam navigation at that time. Afterwards she commenced running in regular line to New Haven twice a week, connecting with the "Fulton" at that place for New York. The fare then established to the latter place was nine dollars for each passenger. In 1844 freight-boats propelled by steam were introduced, and have since been very largely employed as propellers in the freight department of the transportation lines between New York and Boston.

New London is also distinguished in this and foreign countries in connection with the early history of steam navigation. Capt. Moses Rogers, commander, and his brother-in-law, Capt. Stevens Rogers, sailing-master of the steamship "Savannah," both natives of New London, were the first to navigate a steam-vessel across the Atlantic. Their little ship of three hundred and fifty tons burden sailed from Savannah May 26, 1819, and made the passage to Liverpool in twenty-one days. From Liverpool she proceeded to Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Sweden. Her arrival at each of the ports produced great excitement. The little American steam craft was heralded in the public journals and visited as a wonder of the age. "Bernadotte, King of Sweden, and the Emperor of Russia, with their nobles and public officers, not only came on board to examine the vessel, but tested her performance by short excursions in the neighboring waters." She left Arundel, in Norway, and made her passage back to Savannah in twenty-five days. Capt. Moses Rogers was presented with an elegant silver tea-urn and other costly gifts by the Emperor of Russia, and Capt. Stevens Rogers received from Lord Lynddocks, an English nobleman, who was a passenger in the steamer from Stockholm to St. Petersburg, a massive gold snuff-box. This is now in the possession of the family.

The whaling business of New London has been one of importance and success. The enterprise, energy, and seamanship of so large a portion of her citizens were important qualifications for this hardy and somewhat perilous occupation. As early as 1647 the General Court at Hartford passed a resolution granting a monopoly and exclusive privilege "for the taking of whale" within its jurisdiction to one Mr. Whiting for seven years.<sup>1</sup> We hear nothing further of Mr. Whiting's project, and the probability is that it did not prove a success. It was not unusual, however, that whales were often seen in and outside the Sound, and sometimes were pursued and caught by the hardy fishermen of the place.<sup>2</sup>

At first the only whaling expeditions were small sloops fitted and sent out for a few weeks' voyage, the extent of which rarely or never extended beyond the banks of Newfoundland, but the business increased, and larger vessels and longer voyages became common. After 1770 voyages were made to the Brazil banks, and the number of vessels from various parts employed in the business increased until, in 1775, Nantucket alone had one hundred and fifty vessels and two thousand men employed in whaling.<sup>3</sup> In 1784 the *New London Gazette* announced the sailing of the sloop "Rising Sun" on a whaling voyage. In 1794 the ship "Commerce," owned and fitted out at East Haddam, sailed from New London, and in 1800 a small ship called the "Miantonomoh" was sent out by Norwich parties, and sailed from New London and passed around Cape Horn. She was, however, seized at Valparaiso by Spanish authorities and condemned.

In 1802 the ship "Dispatch," Howard, was fitted out at New London to cruise in the South Seas after whales, but the voyage was not repeated. In 1805 the "Dauphin" was purchased by Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee, through whose efforts a company was formed and the vessel fitted out for the Brazil banks. She made a successful voyage, and returned with her cargo in June, 1806. After this the business was continued and increased until the embargo, followed by the war of 1812, completely broke up the business.

After the return of peace to the country the West India trade never revived, but in 1819 the whaling interest recommenced under the late Hon. Thomas W. Williams and Daniel Deshon, who engaged with their characteristic energy in the new enterprise. Messrs. N. & W. W. Billings followed in 1827, and fitted out three ships in the business. These enterprising pioneers in the whaling interest were soon fol-

<sup>1</sup> "If Mr. Whiting, with any others, shall make trial and prosecute a design for the taking of whale within those liberties, and if upon trial within the term of two years they shall like to go on, no other shall be suffered to interrupt them for the term of seven years."—*Colonial Records*.

<sup>2</sup> "The whale-fishery on the south side of Long Island has considerably increased. Latterly it has been much neglected. But last winter a number of whales were caught and killed by the inhabitants, who attacked them in boats launched from the shore."—*New York Daily Advertiser*, published 1802.

<sup>3</sup> History of Nantucket.

lowed by others,—Benjamin Brown & Sons, Miner, Lawrence & Co., Perkins & Smith, Williams & Barnes, Lyman Allyn, Frink & Prentiss, Thomas Fitch (2), E. V. Stoddard, Weaver, Rogers & Co., and several others, including Williams, Haven & Co., more recently Haven, Williams & Co., all of whom have contributed largely by their energy and enterprise to the wealth and growth of the city. In 1845 the number of ships, brigs, and other vessels employed was seventy-eight, the tonnage of which exceeded largely that of any other port in the United States, New Bedford only excepted. Many of these vessels made remarkable voyages. That of the "Clematis," Capt. Benjamin, fitted out by Williams & Barnes, which returned in 1841, made her voyage in little less than eleven months, sailed round the globe, and brought home two thousand five hundred and forty-eight barrels of oil,—a voyage worthy of historic record. Of the scores of hardy, enterprising men commanding the numerous vessels engaged in the whaling business we might add very largely, but the foregoing record must suffice. Capt. John Rice, the oldest in commission whaling-captain of the port, died in 1873, at the age of seventy-five years.

The late Hon. H. P. Haven, with Richard H. Chappell, were among the first and most active originators of the Alaska Commercial Company, one of the most important and successful enterprises in the country, developing the resources of this newly-acquired territory, and yielding to the government annually two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in rent and royalty. Mr. Haven was one of the trustees of the company, and to his influence and efforts may in a good degree be attributed the wise and humane provisions of its lease from the government providing for the education and protection of the natives of that remote region.<sup>1</sup>

A circumstance of considerable note occurred during the winter of 1855 in connection with the whaling interest of the town. This was the arrival in the harbor of the English ship "Resolute" from the Arctic regions, brought in by Capt. James M. Buddington, of the whale-ship "George Henry," of this port. The "Resolute" was a vessel of six hundred tons burden, stanch and strongly built in England with reference to encountering the hazards of polar navigation, and fitted with special regard for that purpose. She was one of a fleet of five vessels sent out by the British government to search for Sir John Franklin and his crew, under command of Sir Edward Belcher. The effort, it will be recollected, was unsuccessful. The "Resolute," in the vicinity of Melville Island, was separated from her consorts, became entangled in the ice, and, unable to extricate herself, was soon surrounded by an ice-field hundreds of miles in extent. After remaining in this condition several months,

with no prospect of release, she was abandoned by the captain and crew, who returned home in the other vessels of the expedition in safety, leaving their own ship to her fate, imprisoned beyond escape, as they supposed, in the impenetrable ice-fields of the North.

In September, 1855, sixteen months after her abandonment, Capt. Buddington and his crew found this vessel while in Davis Straits, and took possession of the abandoned ship. She had drifted at least eleven hundred miles from the place where she had been left by her crew nearly a year and a half previous. Everything on board was precisely in the condition in which they had been left. The furniture of the officers' room was undisturbed. The lamps, bottles, wine-glasses, and other articles stood on the table as they were left after their final parting health was drunk, apparently to the discoverers but a few hours previous. In the cabin books lay open just as they were laid down from their last perusal, and everything appeared as though but left for the briefest absence. Capt. Buddington transferred a part of his own crew to the abandoned vessel, and after a rough and perilous voyage of about one hundred days brought her safely into New London Harbor. The "Resolute" lay at New London seven months, and was visited by thousands of people from our own and other towns, some far distant, with the greatest interest. The government, however, very properly paid a liberal redemption for her to the rescuers and took possession of the vessel. After having her fully repaired and put in the best condition, she was returned to the British government as a present, under the command of Capt. Hartstene, of the United States navy. Capt. Hartstene was the officer that in 1853 had been sent to the Polar seas to relieve Capt. Kane, who commanded the "Second General Expedition to the Arctic Regions."

**The Ferry.**—The ferry privilege between New London and Groton was first leased to Edward Messenger, Nov. 6, 1651, for the period of twenty years. The lease, however, was surrendered in two or three years, and in 1654, Mr. Winthrop and the townsmen entered into an agreement with Cary Latham, granting him a lease of "the ferry over Pequot River at the town of Pequot for fifty years from the twenty-fifth of March, 1655. The said Cary to take 3d. of every passenger for his fare, 6d. for every horse or great beast, and 3d. for a calf or swine; and to have liberty to keep some provisions and some strong liquors or wine for the refreshment of passengers. No English or Indians are to pass over or near the ferry-place that they take pay for; if they do, the said Cary may require it."

The ferry is now operated by the Thames Ferry Company, which was organized in 1875. Its present officers are: President, Julius T. Shepard; Secretary, Charles W. Butler; Treasurer, Frederick H. Harris; Directors, Julius T. Shepard, Edwin A. Delano, George W. Goddard, Leonard Smith, Frank H. Chappell.

<sup>1</sup> The present tonnage employed in the whale and seal-fishing in New London is 1673.56. Thirteen vessels are engaged in the business.



**New London in 1800.**—At that time but few comparatively of the present streets were opened. Main Street (then the "town street") extended from Mill Brook on the north, along the west margin of Winthrop's Cove, down to State Street; Water Street (or the beach), from near the present site of Chappell's upper wharf down to the Parade. These were the principal business streets of the town. Bank Street continued along the river-bank south to the Shaw mansion, and was connected with Hempstead Street, one of the earliest laid out streets in the town. These, with some others of lesser note, comprised the entire populated portion of the place. The whole of the rocky ridge extending from the old burial-ground on the north to the present site of the residence of the late Hon. H. P. Haven was entirely unoccupied and called Meeting-house Hill. The Congregational church stood alone on its extreme northern limits. West of this ridge very few, if any, dwelling-houses had been erected, and that portion, now a pleasant and important part of the city, was a wild, uncultivated waste. The old fort, the Episcopal church, and two or three other buildings of note occupied the "Parade." The custom-house and residence of the collector were located on Main Street near the "Cove." The almshouse was situated on an open lot near what is now the corner of Truman and Blinman Streets, while the family residences were mostly located at the lower part of the town.

**Free and Accepted Masons.**<sup>1</sup>—The antiquity of Freemasonry is, in its principles, coeval with the creation, but in its organization as a peculiar institution (such as it now exists) we dare not trace back farther than the building of King Solomon's temple.

The existence of the order in Tyre at the time of the building of the temple is universally admitted.

The first notice we have of Freemasonry in the United States is in 1729. In the year 1733, "St. John's Grand Lodge" was opened in Boston, having been granted a charter by Lord Viscount Montacutt, Grand Master of England.

Tradition informs us that a Masonic lodge existed in New London many years previous to the Revolutionary war, working sometimes in New London and sometimes in Colchester, but there is no recorded proof of the existence of such a lodge, except the following in the history of St. John's Grand Lodge at Boston, Mass., held under date of Jan. 12, 1753, to wit: "The petition of several brethren residing at New London, in the colony of Connecticut, for dispensation to erect a lodge there, was granted." This dispensation was granted by the Right Worshipful Thos. Oxnard, then Provincial Grand Master of New England. There is no further record either of the forming or workings of this lodge, neither is mention made in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut of there being a subordinate lodge in New London

until the October session of the Grand Lodge in 1795, when we find the name of Elias Perkins as a member from Union Lodge, New London.

The original charter of Union Lodge, No. 31, F. and A. M., bears the date of May 20, A.D. 1795, and of Masonry, 5795, being granted upon the application of Amasa Learned, Elijah Bingham, Elias Perkins, Lyman Law, Moses Warren, William Richards, Richard Law, Jr., Lemuel Lee, and bore the names of John Mix, Secretary, William Judd, Grand Master.

The Worshipful Masters have been as follows: 1795, William Richards; 1796-98, Elias Perkins; 1799, Ebenezer Perkins; 1800-4, Lyman Law; 1805-6, Thos. H. Rawson; 1807-10, James Baxter; 1811-14, Hubbell Brooks; 1815-17, John French (2); 1818-21, Lyman Law; 1822, Thos. H. Cushing; 1823, Samuel Green; 1824, John French (2); 1825-26, Dyer T. Brainard; 1827, Ephraim H. Babcock; 1828, Dyer T. Brainard; 1829-30, Lyman Law; 1831, Wm. F. Brainard; 1832, Hezekiah Goddard; 1833, John French (2); 1834-36, Joshua Hamilton; 1837-39, Nathan S. Perkins; 1840-41, Dyer T. Brainard; 1842-44, Elisha Douglas; 1845, Samuel Barry; 1846-48, Elisha Douglas; 1849, Joshua Hamilton; 1850-51, Edw. Clark; 1852, George W. Goddard; 1853, Aaron E. Stone; 1854, Edward Clark; 1855-56, Seth Smith; 1857, James M. Latham; 1858, John Gordon; 1859, Wm. W. Stark; 1860-61, Fred. L. Allen; 1862-63, David Sprague; 1866, E. B. Rowe; 1867, Philo B. Hovey; 1868, Joseph F. Vodwarka; 1869-70, Alden W. Hewitt; 1871, Wm. B. Tubbs; 1872-75, Joseph F. Vodwarka; 1876-77, Owen C. Williams; 1878-79, Dudley B. Chapman.

The officers for 1880 were as follows: Edward E. Winslow, W. M.; Henry G. Woodworth, S. W.; Philip Dewire, J. W.; C. J. Shepard, Treas.; C. C. Jeffery, Sec.; James E. Comstock, S. D.; A. F. Anderson, J. D.; Charles Bentley, Marshal; Anthony Jerome, Tyler.

**BRAINARD LODGE, No. 102.**—The charter of above lodge was granted June 1st, in the year of our Lord 1867, and of Masonry 5867, upon the petition of Brothers Edward B. Rowe, John H. Heath, George W. Bentley, Charles M. Wilcox, Christopher Culver, Samuel W. Caulkins, Benjamin P. Watrous.

The Past Masters have been Edward B. Rowe, 1867-73; Samuel W. Caulkins, 1873-74; George W. Potter, 1874-77; James McMoran, Jr., 1877-78; John Miller, 1878-79; William E. Greene, 1879-80.

The officers for 1880 were Edward Prentiss, Jr., M.; Benjamin H. Lee, S. W.; John G. Crump, J. W.; Charles W. Strickland, Jr., Treas.; Philip C. Dunford, Sec.; L. S. Olmstead, S. D.; Horace H. Daboll, J. D.; W. A. Gaillard, S. S.; A. Wagner, J. S.; Gætz Bachert, Marshal; John H. Brown, Tyler; I. W. Dow, L. S. Olmstead, D. D. Latham, trustees.

**UNION CHAPTER, No. 7, R. A. M.**—The charter of Union Chapter, No. 7, was granted to Elepham Bulkley as High Priest; James Baxter, Scribe; Allen

<sup>1</sup> By C. B. Ware.

King, King, Sept. 1, 1801, A.L. 5801; but there is no further record of the forming or working of this chapter until 1805, when Union Chapter was represented at a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at the city of Hartford, Oct. 9, A.D. 1805.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization up to 1855 having never been printed, and as the manuscripts are the only records in the office of the Grand Secretary, it is impossible to trace the connecting links from the time the charter was granted until that year.

The officers for 1881 are as follows: Companions D. B. Chapman, H. P.; P. B. Hovey, K.; J. Griffin Ely, Scribe; Edward Winslow, C. H.; Orlo Atwood, P. S.; Alfred Fenwick, Sec.; Alexander Merrill, Treas.; John Miller, R. A. C.; John Salter, M. 3d V.; C. W. Churchill, M. 2d V.; T. P. Biudlass, M. 3d V.; Anthony Jerome, Tyler.

CUSHING COUNCIL, No. 4, R. and S. M.—The council takes its name from Thos. H. Cushing, Worshipful Grand Master of Union Lodge in 1822, who did much to advance Cryptic Masonry among New London brethren, and through whose teachings was the formation of above council from a charter granted May 10, A.D. 1855, A.L. 2855, Royal and Select Masters, dating from the year in which King Solomon's temple was completed. Royal Arch Masons commence their era with the year in which the second temple was commenced, which was five hundred years before Christ.

The officers for 1881 are Alfred Fenwick, T. I. M.; John Miller, Rt. I. D. M.; E. Winslow, I. P. C.; John Salter, C. G.; Alex. Merrill, Comp. Treas.; Chas. B. Ware, Comp. Rec.; Orlo Atwood, Comp. Cond.; F. P. Kenyon, Comp. Steward; Anthony Jerome, Comp. Sen.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 4, K. T.—The charter of Palestine Commandery bears date of May 10, A.D. 1855, A.O. 1123, being granted by the Grand Commandery, but bears only the signature of the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The officers for 1881 are Sir Knight Philo B. Hovey, E. C.; Sir Knight Wm. H. Tubbs, C. G.; Sir Knight Wm. H. Bentley, Gen.; Sir Knight Chas. B. Ware, S. W.; Sir Knight C. W. Strickland, J. W.; Sir Knight F. W. Smith, Prelate; Sir Knight Alfred Fenwick, Sentinel.

Knights Templar were the most celebrated and powerful of the mediæval military orders of Christendom. Their origin dates from the early ages of the Christian Church, when a holy veneration for the scenes which had been consecrated by the Founder of our religion led thousands of pious pilgrims to visit Jerusalem, for the purpose of offering up their devotions at the sepulchre of the Lord. But when Palestine was conquered by the Arabs the dangers attending the pilgrimage were eminently increased, and to protect the pious pilgrims (in 1064 not less than seven thousand pilgrims assembled around the tomb

of Christ) thus exposed to plunder and death, a band of noble knights, who had distinguished themselves at the siege of Jerusalem, united in a brotherhood and bound themselves to protect the pilgrims through the passes and defiles of the mountains to the Holy City. The order as it now exists in the United States is a lineal descendant of the ancient order.

There are several Odd-Fellow and other lodges in the city, but we have been unable to secure a history of them.

**Incorporation of New London.**—New London was incorporated as a city in January, 1784, and the first meeting for the election of officers was held on the 8th of the following March, with Winthrop Saltonstall as moderator. The following officers were chosen: Mayor, Richard Law; Treasurer, Guy Richards; Clerk, John Owen; Aldermen, John Deshon, David Mumford, Winthrop Saltonstall, and Thomas Shaw; City Sheriff, Col. Wm. Richards. The city seal is a full-rigged ship with spread sails and the motto *Mare Liberum*. Richard Law, the first mayor, continued in office twenty-two years, and Jeremiah G. Brainard, his successor, twenty-three years. The following is a list of their successors: Elias Perkins, Coddington Billings, Noyes Billings, Jirah Isham, Francis Allyn, George C. Wilson, Caleb J. Allen, Andrew M. Frink, J. P. C. Mather, Andrew C. Lippitt, Henry P. Haven, Jonathan N. Harris, Hiram Willey, Frederick L. Allen, Augustus Brandegee, Thomas M. Waller, and Robert Coit, the present incumbent.

**Schools.**—The first mention in the old town-book concerning schools is under date of Dec. 14, 1698, when it was "Vouted that the Town Grants one halfe peny in mony upon the List of Estate to be raised for the use of a free schoole that shall teach Children to Reade, Write, and Cypher, and ye Latin Tongue, which School shall be kept two-thirds of the yeare on the west side and one third part of the yeare on the East side of the river. By Reading is intended such Children as are in their psalters."

In 1713 a school-house was built, twenty feet by sixteen, and seven feet between joints, expense defrayed by a town rate. This building, the first school-house in town of which we have any account, stood on what is now the southwest corner of Hempstead and Broad Streets. This spot was then the northeast corner of an ecclesiastical reservation; the street running west had not been opened beyond this point, and the school-house stood at the head of it. When the lot was sold in 1738, the deed expressly mentions that it took in the site of the old school-house. To this school it is understood that girls were not admitted promiscuously with boys, but attended by themselves on certain days of the week, an hour at a time, at the close of the boys' school, for the purpose of learning to write.

"Oct. 1, 1716. Voted that Mr. Jeremiah Miller is well accepted and approved as our School-master."

Mr. Miller graduated at Yale College in 1709. He was engaged as principal of the grammar school in New London in 1714, and continued in that situation for twelve or fifteen years. After this we find the following masters mentioned before 1750: Mr. Cole, in 1733; Allan Mullins, 1734; Nicholas Hallam, 1735; Jeremiah Chapman, 1738; Thaddeus Betts, 1740; Jonathan Copp, 1747.

As early as 1763, Mr. Robert Bartlet, a gentleman of handsome property but no family, bequeathed his entire estate to the town for educational purposes. For several years this estate remained in the hands of trustees. In 1678 the General Assembly passed a law requiring the maintenance of a school to teach children to read and write by every town of thirty families in the colony. In 1698 the town voted a tax for a free school to teach children reading, writing, arithmetic, and the Latin language, and in 1701 a grammar school was established, and the revenue of the Bartlet estate was directed to be used for the benefit of the poor who attended the school. In 1713 the first school-house of which there is any account was built near the present site of the house of the late Hon. H. P. Haven, and the school taught there was denominated the "New London Grammar School," which in after-years was changed to the "Bartlet School," or "Bartlet Grammar School."

The designation "Bartlet School" was not used until a very recent period. During the whole of the eighteenth century it had no name but "New London Grammar School."

The Free Grammar School, located first on Hempstead Street, was afterwards removed and placed in the highway for the convenience of the pupils. Probably not an individual now remains who attended Master Owen's school in that low, one-story, quaint frame structure. In 1795 this was abandoned, and a large and more commodious brick building erected in the highway south of the court-house. This remained nearly forty years, and was superseded by another and more eligible edifice on Union Street. The two most noted teachers in this school were Master John Owen and Dr. Ulysses Dow, each of whom occupied the position about forty years. Some of our present citizens will recollect the many eccentricities of Dr. Dow, and his peculiar mode of administering his various prescriptions to his pupils.

The Union School, established in 1774, was intended to furnish facilities for a thorough English education and a classical preparation for college. A building was erected for this purpose on State, near Union Street,<sup>1</sup> the latter of which was not then opened. Its first preceptor, the lamented Nathan Hale, before alluded to, occupied it in 1775.<sup>2</sup> After his voluntary enlistment and appointment in the American army, his successors were Seth Williston, a graduate of Dartmouth College, who afterwards

attained celebrity in the ministry; Jacob Gurley, afterwards a lawyer of note in New London; Ebenezer Learned, a graduate of Yale College, then but nineteen years of age; afterwards, Knight, of the Medical College of New Haven; Olmstead, of Yale; Mitchell, of the University of North Carolina, and others who have since been men of note in the community.

The building was afterwards removed, the land on which it stood was sold, a new charter obtained, and a reorganization took place. A brick building was erected on Huntington Street, and the school flourished for a few years, but in 1850 it was discontinued and the building sold.<sup>3</sup>

In 1799 a female academy was incorporated by the Legislature, and a building erected by the proprietors on Green Street. This was continued about thirty years. In 1834 a new and commodious building was erected on Broad Street, and placed under charge of Rev. Daniel Huntington, and was sustained several years under Mr. H. P. Farnsworth, who succeeded him. The school has since been consolidated with all the other district schools of the place, and is sustained by the town, and, under the title of the Young Ladies' High School, maintains an excellent reputation for the intelligence and proficiency of its pupils.

In 1849, Leonard Bulkeley left with trustees a large portion of his estate for the purpose of founding a free school for boys, and this fund, increased by the Bartlet, with some subsequent appropriations and other additions, has given the city the fine building and excellent educational institution now occupying the old Town Square. In addition to this, the appropriations of the city for our well-conducted and flourishing district schools amount to eighteen thousand dollars annually.

**The Yellow Fever.**—That terrible and fatal epidemic, the yellow fever, that swept through many of our most populous cities with such fatal malignity in the autumn of 1798, fell upon New London also. Its ravages were not general throughout the town, but more particularly confined to a district about two hundred rods in extent from north to south, taking the market as a centre. The northern portion of Bank Street suffered the most severely. From the market to Golden Street, a distance of about one hundred rods, Mr. Holt, the editor of the *Bee* newspaper, printed at that time, states that, except the few persons that fled at the first alarm, but two persons over twelve years of age of the regular inhabitants escaped the infection. The first case of the disease occurred in August. By the middle of October it began to abate, and by the end of the month entirely disappeared. Nearly four hundred cases occurred, more than ninety of which proved fatal.

The ravage of the pestilence was at last arrested

<sup>1</sup> The present site of the Crocker House.

<sup>2</sup> Still standing.

<sup>3</sup> This is now occupied as the Bethel Church.

by the flight of the inhabitants. The place was almost depopulated, and the adjoining towns were thrown into a state of alarm and consternation lest the fugitives that found shelter under their roofs should spread the infection through their families. For a few weeks silence and solitude reigned in the deserted streets. Shops were closed, the hum of industry ceased, vessels hovered far away from the harbor, countrymen avoided the place. Even the "mourners ceased to go about the streets," and the funeral rites were performed only by the sexton and his assistants. To those who remained in their houses taking care of the sick it was a sad spectacle to see the frequent hearse bearing away its burden from the door.

Yet there were cheering circumstances in the midst of this general dismay. Humanity was active, charity was open-hearted, benevolence was untiring and self-forgetful. The noble members of the health committee never shrank from their duties, but spent their whole time in going from house to house to relieve and assist the sick and necessitous. Dr. S. H. P. Lee, the principal physician of the city, visited and supplied with medicine from thirty to fifty patients daily, and only omitted these services when he had himself a severe but short struggle with the disease, when the gratuitous aid of one or two country physicians in part supplied his place. It was a dreadful scourge for the city, almost entirely suspending its business during the remainder of the year. Since that period, with the exception of a few cases in 1803, this epidemic has been unknown in the place.

**The Old Militia.**—The following is a list of the members of the first company of infantry of the Third Regiment Connecticut State Militia in 1842. For this list we are indebted to the *New London Telegram* :

"NEW LONDON, Sept. 9, 1842.

"Sir,—You are hereby directed to give legal warning to all the members of the First Company of Infantry, Third Regiment Connecticut State Militia, to appear armed and equipped, as the law directs, at the store of Anson Chase, in Golden Street, on Saturday, the 24th day of September, A.D. 1842, at ten o'clock P.M. precisely, for inspection and drill, preparatory to regimental review, and make due return of this order on or before the 30th day of September.

"Also, in pursuance of an order from the colonel of the Third Regiment (Orrin F. Smith), you are commanded to give legal warning to all the members of said company to appear armed and equipped, as the law directs, near the Presbyterian meeting-house in the town of Lyme, on Thursday, the 6th day of October, A.D. 1842, at seven o'clock A.M., for regimental inspection, review, and exercise, and make due return of this order on or before the 3d day of October.

"Also, to notify all persons residing in the town of New London between the ages of sixteen and eighteen of their enrollment in the First Company of Infantry, Third Regiment, and make due return of this order on or before the 3d day of October.

"CHARLES E. HOLT,  
"Captain First Company of Infantry, to  
"W. M. SMITH,  
"O. S. of said Company."

"NEW LONDON, Sept. 20, 1842.

"Sir,—In consequence of an order from you, I gave legal warning to the following persons named to appear as per militia order.

"(Attest) "W. M. SMITH,

"O. S. First Comp., Third Regt., Third Brigade, Conn. State Militia,

"To CHARLES E. HOLT,

"Capt. First Comp., Third Regt., Third Brigade, Conn. State Militia.

"Sergeants, Franklin Potter, Henry Bishop, Wm. B. Kirby, Wm. Briggs, Samuel Barry, John McKeeler, John Frink, Daniel B. Hempstead, John Young; Corporals, Julius T. Shepard, Nathaniel Richards, David Lyscom, Ephraim Corder; Drum, Lucius Sperry; Fife, John C. Daniels, John Mattoon; Privates, Thomas Riley, John McMoran, Leonard McMoran, James McMoran, John T. Nichols, David Cornald, James Willis, Joseph Anderson, Andrew Lawrence, Wm. Bishop, Abram Anderson, Joseph Richards, Charles Bolles, Wm. W. Green, James Austin, Isaac Champlin, James Fenner, Henry Manning, George Rathbone, Lyman Wade, Joseph Bailey, Samuel Loyd, Franklin Cornell, Jared Smith, Christopher Prince, George T. Shepard, Wm. Starr, Daniel Starr, Henry Hagan, T. D. Eddock, Moses Darrow, George P. Rogers, Wm. B. McEwen, James B. Hubbard, Wm. North, Charles Ames, Luther P. Fisher, Sabin P. Smith, Stephen Babcock, Henry Bill, George Darrow, Albert A. Gillott, Lathrop Boyington, James Greenfield, John Brandegee, Stephen Buddington, Perry Green Turner, Allen Peudleton, Wm. Boyington, Adam F. Prentiss, Daniel Ayres, James Crocker, Mr. Claflyn, Elias Perkins (2), John Ames, John Douglass, Calvin Colvert, Franklin Skinner, Alexander Skinner, James Sweet, Franklin Beebe, Edwin Lamphere, Joseph Bishop, Franklin Green, Gad Smith, Jacob A. Geer, David Walker, Charles Dennis, Ebenezer Payne, Nemiah Smith, Joseph Crumb, Mr. Swain, John Fennel, John Warreu, John Lewis, Charles Pollard, Nelson Baldwin, Gurdon Smith, Ezra Vargason, James Miller, Wm. B. Tate, Wm. E. Peckham, Martin K. Cady, Ansel Cady, Washington Smith, C. L. Daboll, John Brownell, Franklin Preston, Mr. Holdridge, Joseph Beebe, Goodley E. Godfrey, Charles Hempstead, Leander B. Williams, Thomas Prentiss, George Holmes, Paul A. C. Rogers, Joshua Wheeler, William Chaplain, Matthew Saunders, Wm. Bolton, Jr., Jared Chappel, Franklin Rogers, Mr. Leeds, Wm. S. Wiley, Edward Gardner, William Maloney (2), Eleha Forsyth, Joseph Chapman, Albert Whipple, Jason Beckwith, David Maynard, Mr. Osborn, James Lawson, Miroch Beckwith, Marvin Ames, Richard Fengar, William Clark, Ebenezer Allen, John L. Crocker, Hamilton Daniels, Henry Smith, Walter French, Matthew Stillman, President M. Rogers, Joseph Rogers, Mr. Tucker, Thomas M. Guley, Asa Davis, Chauncey Beech, Nathan Beebe, Shaw Perkins, Syral Hughes, Lewis Wilson, James Nichols, Franklin Moore, Charles Armstrong, Joseph Howard, Henry Barker, Samuel Hurlbut, Jr., Ephraim H. Goff, John Crystal, Joseph Gray, John Dearborn, Francis Fox, Acore Smith, John Shelley, Ebenezer H. Watrous, Stephen Brown, Samuel Lepard, George Learned, George Cobb, Raymond Penhallow, Luke Flynn, James Gromley, John Crocker, Jonathan Douglass, Peter Mason, Leonard Simmons, Daniel Penhallow, Jr., Charles Squires, Levi Teft, Orlando Rogers, James Rogers, Erastus Huntley, William Rogers, Mr. Treat, Mr. Strong, Richard Cross, John Bulkeley, David Hutchinson, Oliver W. Armstrong, John Maynard, Caleb Kenyon, Caleb Burrows, William Wilson, William H. Clark, William Berry, George Stillman, Charles Darrow, James Hall, Oliver Simon, Benjamin Adams, Gurdon Jeffrey, Daniel W. Whipple."

"STATE OF CONNECTICUT,  
"County of New London.

"Be it known, That on the 20th day of September and 3d day of October, 1842, personally appeared William M. Smith, and made oath in due form of law that the persons above named were duly warned by him, as directed, by leaving a true and attested copy of the original order at their usual place of abode.

"Sworn and subscribed, the day and year mentioned, before me.

"(Attest)

"CHARLES E. HOLT,

"Capt. First Comp., Third Regt. Conn. State Militia."

**City Hall.**—The hall of records, completed in 1856, under the supervision of a judicious committee appointed by the town, is a neat and substantial structure, fifty-two by fifty-four feet in size, built of polished freestone, and occupies a very eligible position on the corner of State and Union Streets. The basement affords ample accommodations for the post-office in all its departments. The first story, approached by an easy flight of freestone steps, is occupied for the Probate and Police Courts, the office of the water commissioners, and the recorder's office. The other apartments are the very convenient and

well-arranged Common Council room, occupying the third story, and other public offices. The cost of the building and lot was thirty-three thousand dollars.

**Burial-Grounds.**—The first burial-place in the town, and the oldest in the county, occupied a plot north of the "meeting-house on the hill." This ancient place of sepulture is still preserved, and its mossy headstones<sup>1</sup> and crumbling tablets are regarded with deep interest by many of our citizens. The spot will long remain sacred as the peaceful resting-place of the early honored and revered dead of the colony.

The second burial-ground was purchased by tax on the ratable estate of the citizens, and opened in 1793. For several years it was the principal place of interment in the town. Here originally were deposited the remains of Bishop Seabury, Gen. Jedediah Huntington, Hon. Richard Law, Hon. Lyman Law, Gen. Burbeck, Capt. Elisha Hinman, Capt. N. Fosdic, John F. C. Brainard, the lamented poet, and many others of equal note; the most of these, however, have since been removed to Cedar Grove Cemetery, and interments here are now discontinued.

The third ground is located in the outskirts of the city, and is still occupied as a family burial-place.

Cedar Grove Cemetery, about one mile from the city limits, is now the present principal hallowed place of sepulture. This pleasant and retired location was purchased and consecrated to its sacred use in 1851. Its natural beauty, commanding prospect, sequestered dell, quiet lakelet, and shadowing evergreens all combine to render it a most appropriate and hallowed spot, where the loved and departed may peacefully rest beneath its quiet shades. The many monumental tributes of affection, beautiful in design and rich in architectural adornment, already erected give ample evidence of the strong hold that this sacred "garden of the dead" has upon the affections of the inhabitants.

**Manufactories.**—The manufacturing companies of New London consist mainly of the *Albertson & Douglass Machine Company*, now occupying their extensive works on Main Street, and doing a large business in boilers and steamboat machinery and machine-work generally. The *Brown Cotton-Gin Company*, on Shaw's Neck, incorporated in 1869, engaged exclusively in the cotton-gin business, and noted as turning out some of the most perfect and beautiful gins in the country. The *Wilson Manufacturing Company*, having a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, with extensive works occupying two full city blocks in the heart of the city, are engaged largely in the manufacture of mowing-machines, brass-work, tools, and other implements.

The *Brainerd and Armstrong Company*, silk manufacturers, located at No. 1 Water Street, was organized

under the laws of the State of Connecticut, Sept. 22, 1879, with a capital of sixty thousand dollars, all paid in, contributed by James P. Brainerd (of Hartford, Conn.), Benjamin A. Armstrong (of New London), and Leonard O. Smith (of Philadelphia), in equal sums of twenty thousand dollars. The officers since the date of organization are James P. Brainerd, president; L. O. Smith, vice-president; Benjamin A. Armstrong, treasurer. The annual production is valued at three hundred thousand dollars; hands employed at New London, Conn., one hundred and twenty-five. This company is also interested in silk manufacturing at Florence and Leeds, Mass. They have salerooms, etc., at 469 Broadway, New York; 238 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; 35 Sharp Street, Baltimore, Md.; and 4 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The *Acid Pump and Syphon Company* is located in Bank Street, and manufacture Nichols' acid pumps.

The *Livesey Manufacturing Company* is a new firm engaged in the manufacture of steel-roller bushings and cast-iron sheaves.

*Orlo Atwood & Son*, formerly engaged in making silk-twist, now making trams and organzines.

The *Quinnebaug Fertilizer Company* is also doing a large business. In addition to the above is the immense establishment of C. D. Boss & Son (see biography of C. D. Boss), cracker manufacturers, and the New London Woolen-Mills.

**Gas.**—The New London Gas Company was incorporated in April, 1853, with a capital of seventy thousand dollars, and the privilege of increasing the same to one hundred thousand dollars. The company obtained from the city exclusive privilege for fifteen years on condition of furnishing fifty lamp-posts and supplying the city with gas at two dollars and fifty cents and individuals four dollars per thousand feet, the price afterwards to be modified according to circumstances.

**Water-Works.**—In its supply of water for the city for all purposes New London surpasses most New England towns. An act of the General Assembly, passed at the May session in 1871, "To provide the city of New London with pure and wholesome water," was promptly carried into effect by a city appropriation of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in bonds and the appointment of an efficient Board of Commissioners, composed of William H. Barns, J. T. Shepard, Charles M. Daboll, J. C. Learned, and R. H. Chapell. Lake Konomoc, a beautiful sheet of water about six miles distant from the city, with about ninety acres of the adjoining lands, was purchased, a massive and substantial dam of earth, concrete, and mason-work constructed, raising the water ten feet above its natural level, and enlarging the lake to two hundred acres, insuring a most abundant supply of water at all times for the city. The works were designed by J. T. Fanning, consulting engineer, and

<sup>1</sup> A few years since the city authorities built a new wall of inclosure and replaced and reset the fallen headstones, and in a measure renovated this ancient burial-ground.

built under the direction of W. H. Richards, civil engineer, who has ever since been in charge. As a bountiful supply for the city for the next half-century it may be said to be inexhaustible. Lake Konomoc's estimated capacity is 600,000,000 gallons; its annual supply is 530,286,000 gallons, or 50 gallons per day each for 29,000 persons. It has a head of from eighty to one hundred and seventy feet, rendering the city steam fire-engines entirely useless.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### NEW LONDON—(Continued).

#### THE PRESS—THE BANKING INTERESTS.

The New London Summary—New London Gazette—The Connecticut Gazette—The Weekly Oracle—The Bee—The Republican Advocate—The Connecticut Sentinel—The People's Advocate—The Morning Daily News—The Daily Chronicle—The Weekly Chronicle—The State Temperance Journal—The Repository—The New London Democrat—The Morning Star—The New London Telegram—The Day—The Union Bank—The New London City National Bank—The National Whaling Bank—The National Bank of Commerce—The Savings-Bank of New London—The Mariners' Savings-Bank.

THE first New London newspaper was established by Timothy Green<sup>1</sup> in August, 1758. This was a small half-sheet paper, published weekly, and called the *New London Summary*. After a continuance of five years its editor died, and its issue was suspended until 1763, when it was revived under the title of the *New London Gazette*. This was continued a few years, was enlarged, and the name changed to the *Connecticut Gazette*, the name of the first newspaper in the colony, but which had then been discontinued. The *Gazette* was continued by Timothy Green & Son, Samuel Green, Cady & Eells, again by Samuel Green, John J. Hyde, S. H. Green, and A. G. Seaman, until at the expiration of more than eighty years its existence ceased. The *Weekly Oracle* appeared in 1796, printed and published by James Springer. The *Bee* was printed and published by Charles Holt from 1797 to 1802, and then transferred to Hudson, N. Y. The *Republican Advocate*, by Clapp & Francis, was established in 1818, and continued to 1828, when it was succeeded by the *Connecticut Sentinel*, which was soon discontinued. The *People's Advocate* was commenced in August, 1840, published by Benjamin P. Bissell, and continued, under the editorship of John J. Hyde, Thomas P. Trott, J. G. Dolbear, and W. D. Manning, until April, 1848, when it was merged into the weekly and daily *Chronicle*. The *Morning Daily News*, the first daily paper published in New London, was established by Mr. Dolbear, and was afterwards merged in the *Daily Chronicle*. The New London weekly and daily *Chronicle* was pub-

lished by C. F. Daniels and F. H. Bacon from 1848 to 1858, when it passed into the hands of William O. Irish and Charles Butler, and afterwards into the possession of William H. Starr, and after a short time was merged in the *State Temperance Journal*, and the *Chronicle* was discontinued. In 1858, *The Repository*, a family paper, was established by W. H. Starr, and continued four years. In 1845 the *New London Democrat* was established by J. M. Scofield, who in 1848 issued in connection with it a small daily, the *Morning Star*. This passed into the hands of D. S. Ruddock, who continued the publication until 1853, when an association of gentlemen, under the title of the "New London Printing Company," purchased the paper and office, and are now the publishers of the *Gazette*, a well-filled weekly sheet, and the *Evening Telegram*, a daily paper, both of which are having a very liberal circulation.

**The New London Telegram and the Connecticut Gazette.**—The initial number of the *New London Telegram* was issued Saturday, May 10, 1873. It was published by the New London Printing Company, and the editorial staff was composed of Courtland I. Shepard, business editor and manager; John A. Tibbitts, political and supervising editor; and John C. Turner, city editor. It began its existence as an independent Republican journal, and has retained this position. Previous to its appearance the papers published in New London had been noted for their inability to exist, and for a paucity of news and enterprise. The *Telegram* has endeavored to reverse this experience. It has striven to give its patrons a complete and entertaining summary of all telegraphic news, and to place before its readers a thorough history of local events. In all matters concerning the welfare of the city and the widening of its business relations it has taken pronounced and advanced ground, holding that the facilities possessed by the harbor and the city have never been appreciated or utilized, and that these were peculiarly adapted to the needs of manufactures and ocean commerce. It has fostered local improvements and upheld all wise and beneficial sanitary measures. It has collected and produced faithful reports of all meetings and events falling within its radius, and has sought to be a useful and entertaining member of the newspaper fraternity.

By its enterprise and generous outlay it soon so increased its circulation that it was forced to add to its editorial staff Mr. Turner, taking charge of the general news, and Mr. Gilbert Fox, assuming the post of city editor. Ill health and business changes have caused the usual calling in of new men. Mr. Fox was succeeded by Mr. W. A. Carroll, Mr. Carroll by Mr. John G. Crump, and Mr. Crump by Mr. Walter Fitzmaurice. Mr. Turner and Mr. Tibbitts both sought new editorial fields, and were succeeded by Mr. Julius T. Shepard (2) and Mr. Crump. The editorial staff at present, July, 1881, is as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Timothy Green was the progenitor of the famous line of Greens, distinguished as printers and publishers in New London for nearly a century, Col. Samuel Green being the last of the family.

Mr. C. I. Shepard, business editor; Mr. John G. Crump, political and editorial; Mr. Julius T. Shepard (2) general news; Mr. Walter Fitzmaurice, city.

In the matter of occasional contributors the *Telegram* has been peculiarly fortunate. It has always extended a ready welcome to home talent, and has made the encouragement of the literary element a specialty. It was the first to make prominent that choice series of poems by Dr. H. S. Cornwell of which "The Bee" and "The Grasshopper" were a part, and it has mingled with other able productions of this author striking poetical works by Mrs. Ida Whipple Benham and Mr. T. S. Collier.

In the department of fiction it has been so fortunate as to secure a number of original short stories by Dr. H. S. Cornwell, Mr. T. S. Collier, and Mr. O. F. Hewitt, and several valuable historical papers have been contributed by the Hon. William H. Starr.

Its selected miscellany has always been of an entertaining and pleasing variety, and its political selections will compare favorably with those of any paper in the State.

Ever striving to stand abreast with the advance and thought of the time, to furnish its patrons with a full equivalent for their favor, it has steadily increased its circulation, until in this matter it has left all of its predecessors far behind.

It is a four-page sheet, twenty-two by thirty-one in size, with an average daily circulation of twelve hundred copies. Prompt in its business contracts, accommodating in the matter of its columns, honest in its endeavors for the public good, it has won a well-merited and distinctive favor.

The *Connecticut Gazette* is the weekly edition of the *Telegram*, and is under the same management. It is twenty-one by forty-one in size, and has an average weekly circulation of thirteen hundred copies. It was begun as a four-page sheet at the same time as the *Telegram*, but was changed to an eight-page Oct. 31, 1873. The matter in the *Gazette* is carefully selected from the daily issues of the *Telegram*, local and national affairs and news occupying a prominent place. To these are added a comprehensive telegraphic summary and a large miscellaneous department. It is specially prepared to meet the needs of those whose means do not admit of a daily journal, and of farmers and old residents whose homes are now in the new States and territories of the West.

It has striven to be a journal for the family, and one that will afford entertainment and instruction to each member of a household, and much care is bestowed on the matter that is gathered in its columns. Its liberal supply of news and other reading matter—an attribute in which it leads all of its contemporaries—have won it many stanch friends and made it a welcome visitor in all homes.

One point of the *Gazette's* history should not be lost sight of. It is the direct successor of one of the earliest colonial newspapers, taking the name and fol-

lowing in its general characteristics a paper whose first issue appeared in New London in the late summer or early autumn of 1763. Though there have been lapses in the appearance of this journal, they have not been of long duration, and the *Connecticut Gazette* of 1763 is worthily represented by the *Connecticut Gazette* of 1881.

**The River Thames.**—From "The Edelweiss," a poem by John G. Bolles now in press, the following extract is taken, illustrative of the river Thames, and of incidents in the history of New London and vicinity:

"But I do love my own fair Thames,  
E'er fed by living fountains  
And noble streams of Indian name  
Upspringing in the mountains.

"All gliding through the valleys sweet  
To that delightful river,  
By airy wing of sephyr touched,  
I've seen its waters quiver,  
While jauntily upon its breast  
My little skiff would rock and rest;  
And I have seen its quiet depths  
Reflecting cloud and sky,  
And gazed along its winding course  
Far as could reach the eye,  
Where, nestled 'mid the distant hills,  
Its cradled waters lie.  
I ne'er beheld a lovelier scene,  
Or skies more bright, or hills more green,  
Or blissful morning more serene,  
While islands in the distance rest  
As emeralds on the water's breast.  
The traveler, with admiring eyes,  
Exclaims, 'Can this be Paradise?'

"There towers that lofty monument  
On Groton's tragic height,  
To mark the spot where martyrs fell  
Undaunted in the fight.

"There Ledyard sleeps, and many a score  
Of heroes each renowned,  
Who midst the battle's wildest roar  
Were firm and foremost found.

"Amid the storm of fire they sang  
'Columbia shall be free,'  
And every whizzing bullet rang  
For honor, liberty.

"Allynes and Edgecombs left their plow  
To win immortal fame,  
And glory sets on many a brow  
I need not call by name.

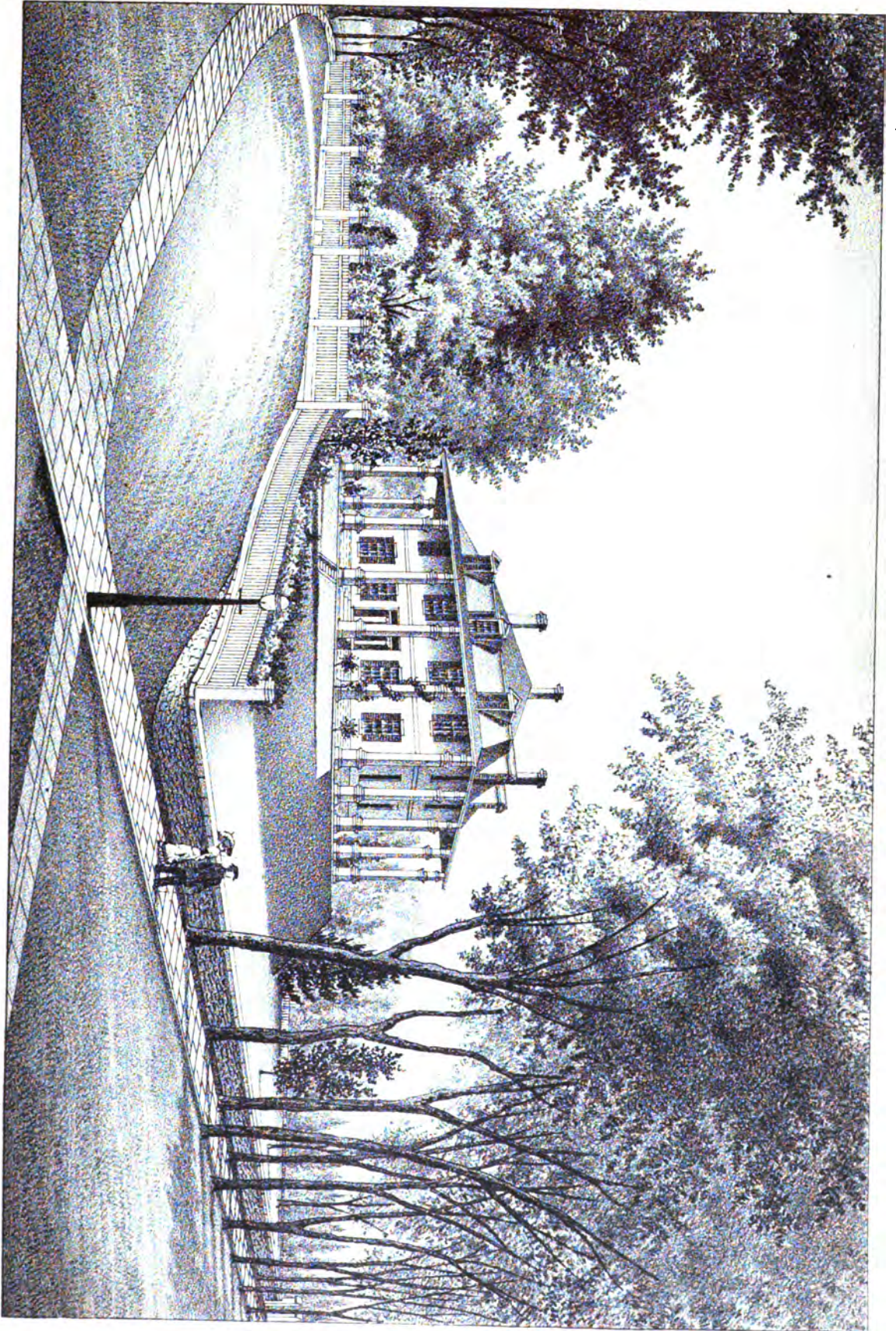
"Let Hempstead's memory be bright  
Who wrote the battle's story,  
Wounded and bruised and down the steep  
Hurled in that wagon gory;

"And left for dead among the dead  
Till, touched by gentle hand,  
He saw his wife and rose again  
To live long in the land.

"'Twas there Decatur with his fleet  
Held hostile ships at bay,  
And guarded well the sacred place  
Where patriot ashes lay.

"And fresh upon that famous shore  
Shall live the name of one  
Who gave the garment that she wore  
As wadding for the gun.





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ORIGINALLY BUILT AND OCCUPIED BY GENL. JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON.



- "There Uncas darted his canoe,  
A friendly Indian power,  
And there the Pequot warrior drew  
His bow in evil hour,
- "And fell beneath the white man's wrath,  
As falls a stately tower,  
Yet from the reddened earth looks up  
To heaven the dew-bright flower.
- "And there that quaint old city stands,  
New London on the Thames,  
With Groton looking from the east,  
All bearing British names.
- "There may be found that ancient well  
In its perpetual flow  
Where a whole family once fell  
By the assassin's blow  
But one, who in the cradle lay,  
And father, who was far away;  
And from that little one have sprung  
Thousands who live to-day.  
Nobly for conscience' sake he fought,  
And kept his foes at bay;  
And still the light upon that shore  
Is bright with freedom's ray.
- "The first to cross the Atlantic's wave  
By Fulton's proud invention;  
All honor to those sailors brave,  
And of their deeds make mention.
- "Their name upon the roll of fame  
A lofty place shall hold,  
More brilliant set in memory  
Than all the gifts of gold  
Bestowed by titled hands upon  
The navigators bold.
- "A ship on fire! a ship on fire!"  
The sea-born Briton cried,  
Seeking to render friendly aid  
With canvas spreading wide.
- "Our Yankees looked at them and laughed,  
And sped away their little craft  
Without a sail, without an oar,—  
Its like they had not seen before;  
And ere he touched the royal wharf,  
With pennant proudly streaming,  
'Take down your banner!' cried John Bull,  
'A commodore you're seeming;  
Take down the pennant and put up  
A broader in its place.'  
The captain answered, with an air  
Defiant in his face,  
'Get ready the hot-water pipes:  
Be sure you aim them right.'  
The Englishman took lively hint  
And vanished out of sight.
- "To wondering nations forth they go,  
Their memory enshrine;  
The world moves on—move as it may,  
America is mine.
- "Within its Thames a harbor lies  
Smooth as a summer lake,  
Where like white swans the vessels speed,  
Their safe repose to take,  
When the dark omens of the sky  
Their fearful signals make.
- "Oft in the deep, secure recess,  
Sheltered by islands near,  
As darkness draws its curtains round  
By hundreds they appear,—  
A phantom city of the sea  
With lanterns burning clear!"

**The Publishing Interest.**—The bookselling and publishing business had been conducted in New London on a small scale by Samuel Green until about the year 1827, when it passed into the hands of William Bolles, the author of a spelling-book which he published, and which was a popular work for a while, until superseded by Webster's "Elementary." The subsequent firms of W. & J. Bolles and Bolles & Williams greatly enlarged the business, publishing or manufacturing for New York houses "Walker's Octavo Dictionary," "Scott's Bible," "Life of Napoleon," by Walter Scott, "Kirkham's Grammar," "Daboll's New Arithmetic," "Complete Evangelist," etc. "Bolles' Phonographic Dictionary," royal octavo, edited by William Bolles, was also published by them. It is a fact worthy of notice, as displaying the originality and versatility of New England thought and enterprise, that the paper-mill at Bolles' Cove, a few miles north of New London, was erected by William Bolles, who made the paper for his dictionary, which was also printed and bound by the concern of which he was senior partner. The bookselling and publishing business of the firm above named is now in the hands of Mr. Charles Allyn, editor and publisher of "The Centennial History of the Battle of Groton Heights."

**The Union Bank** of New London was chartered in May, 1792, and was the first bank organized in the State. The first recorded movement for obtaining a charter was at a meeting of a number of persons in New London, Feb. 10, 1792, at which a plan was agreed upon for instituting a bank, and commissioners appointed to obtain subscriptions for stock in the same to the amount of \$100,000. Such commissioners were directed to present their proposals for subscription to all those persons whose property, interest, business, or situation should, in the opinion of the commissioners, more particularly entitle them to become subscribers; but, to prevent subscriptions on speculation by persons not intending to permanently continue stockholders, they were authorized to reject all subscriptions that appeared to be made in that way. At a further meeting, held on the 5th of March succeeding, it appeared that the full amount of stock required had been subscribed, no one person having taken more than thirty shares of \$100 each. At this meeting, termed on the record "a stockholders' meeting," the earliest such meeting known to have been held, Hon. Richard Law, Esq., was chosen moderator, and William Leffingall clerk. The following persons were then elected to be directors of the bank when chartered, viz., Gen. Jedediah Huntington, Joshua Lathrop, Marvin Wait, Joseph Howland, Guy Richards, Joseph Williams, Samuel Wheat, William Stewart, Daniel L. Coit, Edward Hallam, Samuel Woodbridge, Joseph Perkins, and George Phillips, and these directors the same day appointed Jedediah Huntington president, and John Hallam cashier. The name of the bank as first proposed was "The Bank of New Lon-

don and Norwich," the leading citizens of both towns having united in the effort to establish it, and the directors having been taken in about equal proportions from each town; but it appears to have been changed on further consideration to the simpler but equally expressive name of "The Union Bank." The amount of the capital stock was fixed in the charter at \$100,000, but with liberty to increase the same at any future time to \$500,000. The legal rate of interest to be taken was established by the charter at six per cent., and there is no record that the bank has at any time ever taken more than the legal rate. At the first meeting of the directors after the act of incorporation, held June 5th, the president was authorized to provide an office, seal, desk, scales, weights, and the necessary books; also to procure from Philadelphia sixteen reams of paper, paper mould, and plates for bank-notes. Gold was directed to be received and paid out at the bank at the rate of eighty-nine cents the pennyweight. Notes to be discounted were required to have two witnesses to the signature of the maker, and no loan was to be on longer time than sixty days. It was further directed that evidence of the funded debt of the United States might (if desired) be received as a pledge for loans instead of other security, viz., the six per cents. at sixteen shillings on the pound, and the three per cents. at ten shillings. A vote was also passed, and public notice of the same given, that all payments by the bank must be examined at the time, as no deficiency suggested afterwards would be admitted. In August of the same year it was further voted that for the purpose of furnishing change, then much wanted in common dealing, there be issued by the bank small bills of the denominations of *one penny, twopence, and threepence*, to the amount of £576 lawful money. Subsequently this amount was increased, and other denominations, varying from four to twelvepence, were issued.

At a later period in the same year the cashier was directed to send to Dr. Joshua Lathrop, in Norwich (one of the directors there), \$500 in specie, to be used by him in redeeming their notes in that town, the same being with a view to the convenience of such persons as should be under the necessity of so exchanging them, and also to the establishing the credit of the notes in that quarter. In October, 1794, at a meeting of the directors, it was voted that having heard there was a large sum of this bank's paper in the Union Bank, Boston, and that it was inconvenient to those holding it, the cashier be directed to send about \$1000 to Boston for the redemption of such paper. In December following he was directed to send them, for the same purpose, about \$1400 more. Nothing further is known as to any difficulty in redeeming notes until April, 1796, when a letter was addressed to the bank by David Green, an officer (probably president) of the Union Bank, Boston, in which he says that the banks in that town (of which

there were then three) had experienced so much inconvenience from the increase of foreign bills that they had agreed not to receive the bills of any bank out of Boston (except the Bank of the United States) after the 1st of May ensuing; that they regretted extremely the operation of the rule in the case of the Union Bank, New London, for if the other banks had been as attentive to redeeming their bills as that had been no such regulation would have been necessary. He then added that the board had been very desirous of making the New London Union Bank an exception to the rule, but no practical mode of doing so had occurred to them. They would be ready, however, to embrace any opportunity that might offer of accommodating the bank, or making any arrangement with it that should be mutually advantageous. This was soon after followed by a correspondence, the result of which was that Mr. Green was constituted the agent of the bank for the redemption of its bills in Boston, he being furnished by it with a deposit on the Union Bank, Boston, for that purpose. This is referred to as being the forerunner and probably the origin of that plan of redemption in Boston by the New England country bank which was afterwards so systematically and rigorously enforced through the agency of the Suffolk Bank. In addition to the small bills of one, two, and threepence, etc., issued, as before stated, for the purposes of change, the bank during the war of 1812, and perhaps earlier, issued bills for fractional parts of a dollar, such as six and a half, twelve and a half, twenty-five cents, etc. They also issued, as early as 1795, bills of the denominations of four, six, and eight dollars, many of which continued in circulation until some time after the war. There is nothing tending to show that post-notes were ever issued by the bank. Nor is there any recorded action of the bank in regard to the suspension of specie payment during the war of 1812, or the resumption of the same after it. The only matter of record indicating a disturbed condition of the currency at that period is found in a vote of the directors passed February, 1815, by which a dividend was declared *payable in New York bills*. The bank redeemed its own bills all through the war, but probably conducted most of its transactions as did the country generally, in the depreciated currency of the times. The business of the bank was from the outset reasonably prosperous. Its first semi-annual dividend was two per cent. From that it advanced by degrees to four per cent. semi-annually, until 1812, when there were two regular dividends of four and a half per cent. each and an extra one of four and a half per cent., making for the year thirteen and a half per cent. In 1813 there were regular and extra dividends amounting in the aggregate to nineteen and a half per cent. But from what causes the bank was then able to make such does not now appear. From its commencement the bank never passed a dividend, nor, after the first year, ever paid less than six per cent. annually. Its first

president, Gen. Huntington, continued in office twenty-six years. His successors have been George Hallam, William P. Cleveland, Jonathan Starr, Robert Coit, and William H. Chapman.

The following is a list of presidents and cashiers from 1792 to 1882:

*Presidents.*—1792, Jedediah Huntington; 1818, George Hallam; 1825, William P. Cleveland; 1834, Jonathan Starr; 1853, Robert Coit; 1858, William H. Chapman, present incumbent.

*Cashiers.*—1792, John Hallam; 1800, Robert Hallam; 1827, Ebenezer Learned; 1836, Joseph C. Sistare; 1851, Charles G. Sistare; 1860, Leonard C. Learned, present incumbent.

The present directors, 1881, are as follows: William H. Chapman, Robert Coit, Charles Prentiss, Nathan Belcher, Julius W. Eggleston, George F. Tinker, Israel Matson, E. Clark Smith, Horace Coit.

**New London City National Bank.**—The New London Bank was chartered at the May session of the General Assembly in 1807, and held its first meeting of directors July 18, 1807, when Elias Perkins was chosen president, and Anthony Thatcher cashier. The first board of directors consisted of Elisha Denison, Elias Perkins, Edward Chappell, Isaac Thompson, William Williams, Jacob B. Gurley, Edward Hallam, Cushing Eells, and William Noyes. In July, 1808, Elias Perkins resigned, and Elisha Denison was chosen president, and held that office until 1828, when Jacob B. Gurley was chosen and continued in office until 1847, when he resigned and Ezra Chappell was chosen president. In 1833, Anthony Thatcher resigned the office of cashier and E. F. Dutton was elected, and continued as cashier until 1853, when he was chosen president, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of E. Chappell, and R. N. Belden was chosen cashier. In 1856, E. F. Dutton resigned and A. N. Ramsdell succeeded him as president, which office he held until his death in 1873. During his administration the bank was organized into the national bank system, in 1865. Henry P. Haven was chosen president in 1876, and continued until his death, which occurred three months after his election. He was succeeded by J. N. Harris. In 1878, William H. Rowe was chosen cashier, in place of R. N. Belden, resigned, he having held the office for twenty-eight years.

The present board of directors are J. N. Harris, E. D. Avery, R. N. Belden, William Belcher, H. L. Crandall, Walter Learned, W. H. H. Comstock, D. D. Latham, E. T. Brown. The present officers are J. N. Harris, president; R. N. Belden, vice-president; William H. Rowe, cashier. Capital stock, \$100,000; surplus fund, \$13,000.

**The National Bank of Commerce.**—On the 31st of August, 1852, books were opened for subscription to the stock of this bank, and on the 9th of the following month the first board of directors was chosen, as follows: Acors Barns, Lyman Allyn, Henry P. Haven,

Martin K. Cady, Daniel Latham, Benj. F. Brown, F. W. Holt, Chas. W. Strickland, and G. L. Ford. Of this board the latter two only are living, April 18, 1881.

At the same meeting Acors Barns was chosen president, and remained as such until his death, which occurred Nov. 18, 1862. Jan. 5, 1863, his son, W. H. Barns, was chosen to fill the vacancy, and is the present incumbent of the office. Oct. 4, 1852, Charles Butler was chosen cashier, and officiated in that capacity until his death, in March, 1878. On the 25th of the same month Mr. Charles W. Barns was chosen his successor, and is the present cashier. Mr. Barns at the time of his election was the youngest cashier except one in the State of Connecticut. The present teller is Mr. George B. Prest. Jan. 5, 1863, the following directors were chosen: Daniel Latham, Henry P. Haven, Chas. W. Strickland, Martin K. Cady, C. C. Comstock, Chas. Miner, John Dennis, W. H. Barns, and Henry R. Bond. The bank was organized with a capital of \$100,000, which was increased, Jan. 17, 1853, to \$150,000; July 7th, same year, to \$207,200; and Jan. 14, 1873, to \$300,000, its present capital.

At a directors' meeting held Nov. 28, 1864, it was voted "that in the opinion of this board it is desirable to change this association from its present State organization to a national bank, and they recommend the stockholders to take such action as is required to effect this change immediately." The vote was passed unanimously, all the directors being present. At the same meeting the following-named gentlemen were appointed a committee to obtain the necessary number of signatures of stockholders to the articles of incorporation, to draft by-laws, and to purchase the necessary United States bonds: William H. Barns, Daniel Latham, and Henry W. Bond. At a meeting held Dec. 5, 1864, the articles of association of the National Bank of Commerce were signed by all the directors. The customary oath required by act of Congress from directors of national banks was taken by all the directors before Abiel Converse, notary public, and signed and certified to and stamped before him. The certificate of officers and directors of the amount of capital paid up was signed and sworn to before Abiel Converse, notary public, by president, cashier, and directors. The organization certificate was also signed by the directors, stamped and acknowledged before Abiel Converse. Henry R. Bond was clerk.

At a meeting of the stockholders held Jan. 2, 1865, papers from the comptroller of the currency authorizing the National Bank of Commerce to commence the business of banking were read in the meeting by the chairman, after which the following directors were chosen: W. H. Barns, Daniel Latham, H. P. Haven, M. K. Cady, Charles Miner, C. C. Comstock, John Dennis, H. R. Bond, and C. W. Strickland. At a directors' meeting held May 13, 1872, it was voted to increase the stock 1036 shares, amounting to

\$103,600, and at a meeting of the stockholders of the bank, Jan. 14, 1873, the chairman reported verbally the fact of increase of capital stock fifty per cent., and the subsequent reduction of the same seventy-two shares, so that the stock should stand at the sum of \$300,000. It was also reported at this meeting that rooms in the new hotel building (Crocker House) had been rented for a term of fifty years, to be occupied in connection with the Mariners' Savings-Bank. A report was also made concerning the new safe.

Upon the death of the first cashier, Deacon Charles Butler, who had served the association so long and faithfully, the following minute was adopted at a meeting held March 18, 1878: "Deacon Charles Butler died at his residence in New London on the 13th day of March, 1878, after a life of quiet, unostentatious discharge of every duty as a man, merchant, and a citizen, at the advanced age of seventy-five years. He was brought up in the mercantile house of the late Maj. Thomas W. Williams, of this city, where by a long experience and accurate business discipline, brought to bear upon a character singularly pure, simple, and truthful, he became what he has been universally recognized in this community for more than a generation to be,—a man of unimpeachable character and spotless integrity. A safe counselor, a faithful officer, a true friend, and an humble and devoted disciple of his Master, this board, with whom he has been associated for more than a quarter of a century, has its peculiar sorrow added to the general affliction. He was known to and loved by each of his associates, who bear their lasting testimony to his capacity, his gentleness, his scrupulous honor, and his faithfulness to every duty. Desiring to express our sense of his virtues and of our loss in some enduring form, we order these minutes to be entered upon the permanent records of this association, and tender to his mourning family our sincere sorrow and sympathy."

The bank is located in rooms built expressly for the purpose in the Crocker House Block, and is considered one of the most complete and commodious banking offices in this section. The bank is furnished with all the modern safeguards against fire and burglars. The safe is an improved pattern, weighs twenty tons, and, in addition to its capacity for the banking business, contains one hundred and ninety-nine tills, which are leased as safe deposits. The vault was built at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. Business was first commenced in the second story of the Union Bank Building, and was continued there until May, 1873, when it was removed to its present location.

**The Whaling Bank** was organized in 1833, and reorganized in 1865 as a national bank. The present officers of the bank are as follows: President, S. D. Lawrence; Cashier, B. A. Copp; Clerk, John W. Tinker; Directors, S. D. Lawrence, Sidney Miner, A. Brandegee, F. W. Lawrence, Richard M. Jerome, W. D. Pratt.

**The Savings-Bank of New London** was incorporated in May, 1827. Its incorporators were Wm. P. Cleaveland, Ebenezer Learned, Robert Coit, Edward Learned, Isaac Thompson, Ephraim Chesebrough, Archibald Mercer, Jirah Isham, Nathaniel I. Perkins, Nathaniel Saltonstall, Peter Richards, Ezra Chappell, Increase Wilson, Wm. P. Cleaveland, Jr., Thomas West, Charles I. Stockman, Guy Turner, Thomas W. Williams, and Jacob B. Gurley.

The presidents from organization to the present time have been as follows: Ebenezer Learned, Ezra Chappell, Robert Coit, Wm. H. Chapman.

The office of secretary and treasurer from incorporation to the present time has been held by Jos. C. Sistare, Francis C. Learned, Joshua C. Learned.

The present board of trustees are Wm. C. Crump, Wm. H. Chapman, Jos. B. Congdon, Wm. H. Barns, Charles Prentiss, John Darrow, Joshua C. Learned, J. W. Eggleston, Charles Baras, Robert Coit, J. Lawrence Chew, George F. Tinker, Erasmus D. Avery, Israel Matson, Samuel Green, William Smith, Arnold Rudd, Walter Learned, James Griswold, Chris. L. Avery, C. A. Williams, Horace Coit, D. B. Hempsted, F. H. Chappell, David A. Daboll, and Daniel L. Browning.

The first deposit was made on the 2d of July, 1827, by Robert Jones, and amounted to \$10.

The present deposits are \$3,114,108.51. This bank was the fourth incorporated in the State, the earliest being the Society for Savings in Hartford in 1819, Norwich Savings Society in 1824, and the Middletown Savings-Bank in 1825; it is now the seventh in size.

The first depositor was a colored man, and his account remained open until his death a few years ago.

**The Mariners' Savings-Bank** was incorporated by act of the General Assembly at its May session, 1867. The following is the list of its incorporators: William H. Allen, Ebenezer Morgan, Christopher Allyn, Henry R. Bond, Erasmus D. Rogers, George G. Benjamin, F. L. Allen, T. M. Waller, John M. Chapman, C. S. Holt, John Dennis, John A. Tibbits, A. N. Ramsdell, Theophilus Brown, William G. Gorton, Daniel Latham, Samuel Green, Henry P. Haven, Charles D. Boss, Jr., C. W. Strickland, Rial Chaney, Elias F. Morgan, Charles Miner, Richard H. Chapell, Benjamin Stark, C. C. Comstock, James Griswold, J. N. Harris, J. T. Shepard, Robert A. Morgan, William H. Barns, O. Woodworth, Leander Williams, Charles Howard, Erasmus L. Avery, Samuel P. Smith, Richard P. Huntley, Edward Church, William L. Peckham, Henry Williams, Charles M. Daboll, and J. C. Avery, by which will be seen that both the marine and mercantile interests of the city were well represented, as well as the interests of adjoining communities.

The following is a list of its first officers: President, Daniel Latham; Vice-Presidents, Henry P. Haven, A. N. Ramsdell, Julius T. Shepard, James Griswold, Fred-

erick L. Allen, C. C. Comstock, W. H. Allen, Ebenezer Morgan, Oliver Woodworth; Directors, Henry R. Bond, Benjamin Stark, Rial Chaney, William H. Barns, and Richard H. Chapell; Treasurer, The National Bank of Commerce; Secretary, Charles Butler; Attorney, Thomas M. Waller.

Usually when institutions of the nature of savings-banks commence business it is necessary that it be done under the fostering care of some corporation or bank already established, and in this instance it was the National Bank of Commerce which assisted this young savings-bank, in order to relieve it from rent and other incidental expenses as much as possible. Hence arose the appointment at the first of the National Bank of Commerce as its treasurer. At the annual meeting held in July, 1869, John E. Darrow was chosen its secretary and treasurer, and has so continued to the present. The first deposits were made by two sailors, Aug. 8, 1867, the first, Manuel Roderique, \$194.08, and the second, Lewis DePena, \$167.58. This seems to have constituted the first day's business. At the meeting of the Legislature in May, 1868, the next Legislature after it began business, its report, under date of Jan. 1, 1868, was in brief as follows:

Whole amount of deposits.....	\$11,915.46
Present number of depositors.....	80
Amount since organization.....	\$13,700.46
Amount drawn since organization.....	1,785.00

Reports were made annually thereafter under date of January 1st of each year, until the time of the meeting of the Legislature was changed to January instead of May, and which occurred in 1877; since then the reports are dated October 1st in each year.

The last annual report, Oct. 1, 1880, gives

Whole amount of deposits.....	\$1,163,266.45
Present number of depositors.....	2,274
Amount deposited during the year.....	\$267,046.90
Amount withdrawn during the year.....	159,707.80

Daniel Latham, the first president, continued from organization to May 15, 1870, when he resigned, and Henry R. Bond was elected to the presidency, and so continued until the annual meeting, July 26, 1876, when, he declining a re-election, Mr. William H. Barns was elected president, and has so continued to the present date.

The present list of officers is as follows: President, William H. Barns; Vice-Presidents, Julius T. Shepard, William H. Allen, Ebenezer Morgan, James Griswold, C. C. Comstock, Erasmus D. Avery, Samuel Green, Wm. L. Peckham, E. Clark Smith; Directors, Benjamin Stark, Robert A. Morgan, Eldridge P. Beckwith, James Fitch, David D. Latham; Secretary and Treasurer, John E. Darrow; Attorney, Thomas M. Waller.

The bank has not failed in paying a dividend every six months of its existence, beginning March 1, 1868. Its business was done in the same rooms occupied by the National Bank of Commerce, in the second story of the National Union Bank Building, until May 17,

1874, when it removed to the commodious rooms under the Crocker House, on State Street, which were expressly fitted up for it and the National Bank of Commerce, and used by them jointly.

**The Equitable Trust Company** was chartered in 1869 and organized in 1872. Its exclusive business is the negotiation and sale of loans secured by mortgage on real estate. Loans are made in Western States, and sales effected for the most part in Europe. Its capital is \$1,500,000. The officers are as follows: President, Jonathan Edwards. Trustees, John Jacob Astor, New York; Charles Barns, Williams & Barns, New London; William H. Barns, president National Bank of Commerce, New London; Henry R. Bond, New London; Augustus Brandegee, New London; Willett Bronson, New York; Charles Butler, New York; George C. Clark, Clark, Dodge & Co., bankers, New York; Robert Coit, president New London N. R. R. Co., New London; Jonathan Edwards, New York; J. N. Harris, president New London City National Bank, New London; Adrian Iselin, A. Iselin & Co., bankers, New York; A. Iselin, Jr., A. Iselin & Co., bankers, New York; Eugene Kelly, Eugene Kelly & Co., bankers, New York; Robert Lennox Kennedy, New York; J. D. Leffingwell, Clinton; George DeForrest Lord, Lord, Day & Lord, New York; A. A. Low, A. A. Low & Co., New York; Francis V. Parker, Parker & Stackpole, bankers, Boston; Joseph Patterson, president Western National Bank, Philadelphia; Henry E. Pierrepont, New York; William Remsen, New York; George A. Robbins, New York; James A. Roosevelt, Roosevelt & Son, New York; Alfred Roosevelt, Roosevelt & Son, New York; J. Gregory Smith, president Central Vermont Railroad, St. Albans, Vt.; Gustav Stellwag, Kessler & Co., New York; C. A. Williams, C. A. Williams & Co., New London; Samuel Willets, Willets & Co., New York; Charles Stewart Wurts, Philadelphia. Executive Committee, Adrian Iselin, Samuel Willets, Gustav Stellwag, William Remsen, Willett Bronson, James A. Roosevelt, Eugene Kelly, Charles Butler, A. Iselin, Jr., Francis V. Parker, and the officers of the company, *ex officio*.

**W. W. Perkins Post, G. A. R.**, was organized Sept. 10, 1879, with the following officers: George Havens, C.; Edward N. Crocker, S. V. C.; John C. Bliss, J. V. C.; Daniel Penbullen, Surg.; Goetz Bachertz, Q.M.; Samuel H. Lloyd, Adj.; George Saunders, Chap.; Jeremiah J. Jones, O. D.; H. C. W. Rogers, O. G. The present officers are C. S. Darrow, C.; Goetz Bachertz, S. V. C.; Charles E. Searles, J. V. C.; Ambrose E. Lester, Surg.; Edward N. Crocker, Q.M.; William Douglass, Adj.; Daniel R. Stevens, Chap.; George A. Buddington, O. D.; Edward Sullivan, O. G.

There was a post here called Strickland Post, No. 2, formed in 1868, but gave up their charter in 1874 or 1875.

**Fire Department.**—The present organization of

the fire department is as follows: Chief Engineer, William B. Thomas; First Assistant, Peter McMullen; Steamer No. 1, Niagara; No. 2, Nameaug; Hand-Engine No. 3, Relief; Hook-and-Ladder Company No. 1, F. L. Allen Truck Company; Hose Companies, No. 3, W. B. Thomas, Williams, near Main; No. 4, Konomoc, Church, near Union.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### NEW LONDON—(Continued).

#### CIVIL AND MILITARY.

#### Representatives from 1670 to 1882.

- 1670.—May, James Morgan, Cary Latham; October, David Witherby, John Prentice.
- 1671.—May, Edward Palmes, David Witherby; October, Capt. John Winthrop (*absent*), Edward Palmes.
- 1672.—May, Edward Palmes, Wm. Dowglass.
- 1673.—May, Capt. Edward Palmes; October, Capt. Edward Palmes.
- 1674.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes; October, Maj. Edward Palmes.
- 1675.—October, Lieut. James Avery (*absent*), Charles Hill (*absent*).
- 1676.—May, William Dowglass; October, Capt. James Avery, Daniel Witherell (*absent*).
- 1677.—May, Daniel Wetherell, Capt. James Avery; October, Maj. Edward Palmes, Capt. James Avery.
- 1678.—May, Maj. John Winthrop, Capt. James Avery; October, Maj. Edward Palmes, Charles Hill.
- 1679.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes, Daniel Witherill; October, Capt. James Avery, Charles Hill.
- 1680.—May, Daniel Witherby, Charles Hill; October, Capt. James Avery, Charles Hill.
- 1681.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes, Daniel Witherby; October, Daniel Witherby, Charles Hill (*absent*).
- 1682.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes, Capt. James Avery; October, Maj. Edward Palmes, Capt. James Avery.
- 1683.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes, Capt. James Avery; October, Daniel Witherell, Christo. Christophers.
- 1684.—May, Capt. James Avery, Daniel Witherell.
- 1685.—May, Daniel Witherell, Capt. James Avery; October, Christo. Christophers, James Avery.
- 1686.—May, Maj. Edward Palmes, Daniel Witherell.
- 1688.—Sir Edward Andross, Governor.
- 1689.—May, Capt. James Avery, Lieut. Daniel Witherell; October, Daniel Witherby, Ensign James Morgan.
- 1690.—May, James Avery, John Morgan; October, Nehemiah Smith, William Douglass.
- 1691.—May, Richard Christopher, William Douglass; October, Capt. James Morgan, Nehemiah Smith.
- 1692.—May, Lieut. James Avery, William Douglass; October, Capt. James Morgan, Ensign Clement Minor.
- 1693.—May, Richard Christophers, Samuel Avery; October, Andrew Leicester.
- 1694.—May, James Avery, Nehemiah Smith; October, Samuel Foedick, Capt. Thomas Avery.
- 1695.—May, James Avery, James Morgau; October, Alexander Pigon, Andrew Leicester.
- 1696.—May, Clement Minor, Samuel Foedick; October, Andrew Lester.
- 1697.—May, Andrew Lester, William Douglass; October, James Avery, Samuel Foedick.
- 1698.—May, Richard Christophers, Ensign Nehemiah Smith; October, Lieut. Nehemiah Smith, Capt. Samuel Foedick.
- 1699.—May, Capt. Samuel Foedick, Lieut. Nehemiah Smith; October, Capt. James Morgan, Nehemiah Smith.
- 1700.—May, Samuel Foedick, William Douglass; October, Lieut. Nehemiah Smith, Ensign John Hough.
- 1701.—May, Lieut. Nehemiah Smith, Samuel Rogers; October, Nehemiah Smith, Ensign John Hough.
- 1702.—May, Nehemiah Smith; October, Lieut. James Avery, Jonathan Prentiss.
- 1703.—May, Lieut. John Hough, Capt. John Frenke; October, Nehemiah Smith, William Douglass.
- 1704.—May, Wilt Douglass, Sergt. John Burr; October, Capt. John Frenke, Samuel Rogers.
- 1705.—May, Andrew Lester, Robert Lattimer; October, Nehemiah Smith, Wilt Douglass.
- 1706.—May, Lieut. John Hough, John Richards; October, Capt. John Livingstone, Ensign John Richards.
- 1707.—May, Lieut. John Hough; October, John Richards, Capt. John Livingstone.
- 1708.—May, Lieut. John Richards, William Douglass; October, Thomas Boles, James Rogers.
- 1709.—May, Thomas Boles, James Rogers; October, James Rogers, Joshua Hempstead.
- 1710.—May, William Douglass, John Prentiss; October, John Richards, James Rogers.
- 1711.—May, William Douglass, James Rogers; October, John Richards, James Rogers.
- 1712.—May, William Douglass, John Plum; October, James Rogers, Jr., Stephen Prentiss.
- 1713.—May, John Richards, James Rogers; October, James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1714.—May, John Richards, James Rogers; October, James Rogers, Capt. John Hough.
- 1715.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards; October, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1716.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards; October, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1717.—May, Capt. James Rogers, John Richards; October, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1718.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Joshua Hempstead; October, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1719.—May, James Rogers, Jonathan Hill; October, Capt. James Rogers, Lieut. John Richards.
- 1720.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Jonathan Hill; October, Capt. James Rogers, Jonathan Hill.
- 1721.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Jonathan Hill; October, Capt. James Rogers, Capt. C. Christophers.
- 1722.—May, Capt. John Rogers, Stephen Prentiss; October, Capt. John Rogers, Stephen Prentiss.
- 1723.—May, C. Christophers, Esq., Thomas Prentiss; October, Capt. James Rogers, Capt. Thomas Prentiss.
- 1724.—May, Joshua Hempstead, Solomon Coltt; October, Capt. James Rogers, Solomon Coltt.
- 1725.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Joshua Hempstead; October, Capt. James Rogers, Solomon Coltt.
- 1726.—May, Capt. James Rogers, Joshua Hempstead; October, Capt. James Rogers, Capt. Joshua Hempstead.
- 1727.—May, Capt. Joshua Hempstead, John Pickett; October, Capt. Joshua Hempstead, Richard Christophers.
- 1728.—May, Capt. Joshua Hempstead, Solomon Coltt; October, Solomon Coltt, Stephen Prentiss.
- 1729.—May, Richard Christophers, Solomon Coltt; October, Solomon Coltt, Stephen Prentiss.
- 1730.—May, Richard Christophers, John Richards; October, Capt. Joshua Hempstead, John Richards.
- 1731.—May, Capt. Stephen Prentiss, John Richards; October, Stephen Prentiss, Solomon Coltt.
- 1732.—May, Jeremiah Miller, John Richards; October, Solomon Coltt, Daniel Coltt.
- 1733.—May, Richard Christophers, George Richards; October, Daniel Coltt, George Richards.
- 1734.—May, Richard Christophers, Daniel Coltt; October, Daniel Coltt, John Richards.
- 1735.—May, John Richards, Jeremiah Miller; October, Daniel Coltt, Wm. Whiting.
- 1736.—May, Daniel Coltt, John Richards; October, John Richards, Joshua Raymond.
- 1737.—May, John Richards, Jeremiah Miller; October, Capt. Daniel Coltt, Capt. Robert Denuison.
- 1738.—May, Capt. Daniel Coltt, Joshua Raymond; October, John Richards, Jeremiah Miller.
- 1739.—May, John Richards, Jeremiah Miller; October, Nathaniel Saltonstall, Jeremiah Chapman.

<sup>1</sup> Names of deputies without towns are given in 1706, but these are probably.

- 1740.—May, Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall, Thomas Fordick; October, Nathaniel Saltonstall, Thomas Fordick.
- 1741.—May, Capt. John Richards, Capt. Daniel Coit; October, Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall, Jeremiah Chapman.
- 1742.—May, John Richards, Jeremiah Miller; October, Joshua Raymond, Capt. Robert Denison.
- 1743.—May, Jeremiah Miller, John Richards; October, Jeremiah Miller, John Richards.
- 1744-45.—May, Jeremiah Miller, Richard Durfee; October, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Jeremiah Chapman.
- 1746.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Jeremiah Miller; October, Jeremiah Miller, Jeremiah Chapman.
- 1747.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Jeremiah Miller; October, Jeremiah Miller, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall.
- 1748.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Jeremiah Miller; October, Jeremiah Chapman, Jeremiah Miller.
- 1749.—May, Jeremiah Miller, Jeremiah Chapman, Jr.; October, Jeremiah Miller, Jeremiah Chapman, Jr.
- 1750.—May, Capt. Stephen Lee, William Manwaring; October, Capt. Stephen Lee, William Manwaring.
- 1751.—May, Capt. Stephen Lee, William Manwaring; October, Capt. Stephen Lee, Capt. Robert Denison.
- 1752.—May, Capt. Stephen Lee, Jeremiah Chapman; October, Capt. Stephen Lee, Jeremiah Chapman.
- 1753.—May, Capt. Pygan Adams, Capt. Stephen Lee; October, Capt. Pygan Adams, Capt. Adonijah Fitch.
- 1754.—May, Capt. Stephen Lee, Capt. Pygan Adams; October, Capt. Pygan Adams, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall.
- 1755.—May, Capt. Stephen Lee, William Manwaring; October, Capt. Stephen Lee, William Manwaring.
- 1756.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Maj. Robert Denison; October, William Manwaring, William Hillhouse.
- 1757.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, Col. Stephen Lee; October, Col. Stephen Lee, Joshua Raymond, Jr.
- 1758.—May, Col. Stephen Lee, Joshua Raymond, Jr.; October, David Gardner, William Hillhouse.
- 1759.—May, David Gardner, Capt. Pygan Adams; October, David Gardner, Capt. Pygan Adams.
- 1760.—May, Col. Stephen Lee, William Hillhouse; October, Capt. Jeremiah Miller, Capt. Pygan Adams.
- 1761.—May, Capt. Jeremiah Miller, Maj. Charles Bulkly; October, Capt. Jeremiah Miller, Maj. Charles Bulkly.
- 1762.—May, Capt. Jeremiah Miller, Maj. Charles Bulkly; October, Capt. Pygan Adams, Capt. Jeremiah Miller.
- 1763.—May, Capt. Pygan Adams, Capt. Jeremiah Miller; October, Capt. Pygan Adams, William Hillhouse.
- 1764.—May, Capt. Pygan Adams, William Hillhouse; October, Capt. Pygan Adams, William Hillhouse.
- 1765.—May, Capt. Pygan Adams, William Hillhouse; October, names of deputies not recorded.
- 1766-67.—May, Jeremiah Miller, William Hillhouse; October, Richard Law, William Hillhouse.
- 1768.—May, Richard Law, William Hillhouse; October, Richard Law, William Hillhouse.
- 1769.—May, Richard Law, William Hillhouse; October, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, William Hillhouse.
- 1770.—May, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., William Hillhouse; October, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, William Hillhouse.
- 1771.—May, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., William Hillhouse; October, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., William Hillhouse.
- 1772.—May, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, William Hillhouse; October, Col. Gurdon Saltonstall, William Hillhouse.
- 1773-75.—May, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., William Hillhouse; October, Richard Law, William Hillhouse.
- 1776.—Richard Law, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.
- 1777.—Winthrop Saltonstall, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.
- 1778.—George Gordon, Winthrop Saltonstall, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.
- 1779.—William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.
- 1780.—David Mumford, William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Timothy Green.
- 1781.—William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.
- 1782.—William Hillhouse, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Capt. John Deshon.
- 1783.—William Hillhouse, Capt. John Deshon.
- 1784.—William Hillhouse, Joshua Coit, Capt. John Deshon.
- 1785.—William Hillhouse, Joshua Coit, Amasa Learned.
- 1786.—David Mumford, J. G. Brainard, Daniel Bodman, Amasa Learned.
- 1787.—John Deshon, Daniel Bodman, Amasa Learned.
- 1788.—John Deshon, Marvin Wait, Joshua Coit, Amasa Learned.
- 1789.—J. G. Brainard, Marvin Wait, Joshua Coit, Amasa Learned.
- 1790.—Marvin Wait, Amasa Learned.
- 1791.—John Deshon, Marvin Wait, Amasa Learned.
- 1792.—Marvin Wait, Joshua Coit.
- 1793.—Marvin Wait, Joshua Coit, Guy Richards.
- 1794.—J. G. Brainard, Marvin Wait.
- 1795.—Marvin Wait, George Williams, Elias Perkins.
- 1796.—Marvin Wait, George Colfax, Elias Perkins.
- 1797.—N. Foedick, Marvin Wait, Elias Perkins.
- 1798.—Marvin Wait, Elias Perkins.
- 1799.—Marvin Wait, George Williams, Elias Perkins.
- 1800.—Griswold Avery, George Williams, Elias Perkins.
- 1801.—N. Foedick, George Williams, Lyman Law.
- 1802.—George Colfax, Daniel Deshon, Lyman Law.
- 1803.—A. Woodward, George Colfax, Richard Douglass, Lyman Law.
- 1804.—A. Woodward, J. Woodward, E. Chappel, Simeon Smith.
- 1805.—Lyman Law, George Colfax, E. Chappel, Simeon Smith.
- 1806.—Lyman Law, Thomas Brooks, George Colfax.
- 1807.—Lyman Law, George Colfax.
- 1808.—Lyman Law, George Colfax, Isaac Thompson.
- 1809.—Lyman Law, C. Manwaring, Isaac Thompson.
- 1810.—Lyman Law, George Colfax, George Hallam.
- 1811.—Jacob B. Gurley, George Hallam.
- 1812.—Jacob B. Gurley, George Hallam.
- 1813.—Jacob B. Gurley, George Hallam.
- 1814.—Elias Perkins, Jacob B. Gurley, George Hallam.
- 1815.—C. Manwaring, Elias Perkins, Jacob B. Gurley, Stephen Peck.
- 1816.—C. Manwaring, J. P. Trott.
- 1817.—C. Manwaring, J. P. Trott, Henry Channing, William Stockman.
- 1818.—Amasa Learned, Henry Channing, William Stockman.
- 1819.—Lyman Law, J. B. Gurley.
- 1820.—N. Foedick, Henry Channing.
- 1821.—C. Manwaring, Henry Mason.
- 1822.—C. Manwaring, John P. Trott.
- 1823.—Charles Bulkley, Isaac Thompson.
- 1824.—John French, Isaac Thompson.
- 1825.—David Frink, Isaac Thompson.
- 1826.—Charles Bulkley, Lyman Law.
- 1827.—J. B. Gurley, Isaac Thompson.
- 1828.—J. B. Gurley, Ezra Chappel.
- 1829.—J. B. Gurley, Isaac Thompson.
- 1830.—Thomas Mussey, Henry Douglass.
- 1831.—Samuel Chany, John A. Fulton.
- 1832.—Samuel Chany, John A. Fulton.
- 1833.—Coddington Billings, Anson Smith.
- 1834.—Benjamin Starks, John Deshon.
- 1835.—C. Billings, S. K. Smith.
- 1836.—No record.
- 1837.—No record.
- 1838.—Colby Chew, Samuel Chany.
- 1839.—John Congden, John P. Trott.
- 1840.—William F. Brainard, Daniel Rogers.
- 1841.—G. C. Wilson, S. G. Trott.
- 1842.—Noyes Billings, Charles Douglass.
- 1843.—Noyes Billings, no choice.
- 1844.—C. C. Comstock, Andrew G. Lippitt.
- 1845.—No record.
- 1846.—Nathan Belcher, Thomas W. Williams.
- 1847.—Nathan Belcher, Hiram Willey.
- 1848.—J. P. C. Mather, J. Abon Smith.
- 1849.—Thomas Fitch (2), William C. Crump.
- 1850.—Perry Douglass, John Bishop.
- 1851.—G. R. Comstock, F. W. Holt.
- 1852.—Charles Treadway, Henry P. Haven.
- 1853.—Charles Treadway, E. V. Stoddard.
- 1854.—Edward Prentiss, Augustus Brandegee.
- 1855.—Charles E. Hewett, J. N. Harris.
- 1856.—Isaac T. Comstock, G. W. Goddard.
- 1857.—William P. Benjamin, Hiram Willey.
- 1858.—Augustus Brandegee, Charles Prentiss.
- 1859.—Augustus Brandegee, Hezekiah Knowles.
- 1860.—W. A. Weaver, J. C. Learned.
- 1861.—A. Brandegee, Charles Burns.
- 1862.—W. A. Weaver, A. Coit.
- 1863.—D. S. Buddock, A. Coit.

1864.—D. S. Buddock, A. Colt.  
 1865.—R. Chaney, R. H. Chapell.  
 1866.—D. S. Buddock, R. H. Chapell.  
 1867.—F. L. Allen, Thomas M. Waller.  
 1868.—F. L. Allen, Thomas M. Waller.  
 1869.—B. B. Thurston, Seth Smith.  
 1870.—B. B. Thurston, Seth Smith.  
 1871.—T. S. Daboll, George Strong.  
 1872.—T. M. Waller, John A. Tibbits.  
 1873.—George E. Starr, E. T. Brown.  
 1874.—Benj. Stark, William Belcher.  
 1875.—Charles Prentiss, John Fitch.  
 1876.—T. M. Waller, A. T. Burgess.  
 1877.—George Burgess, A. T. Burgess.  
 1878.—A. G. Lippitt, W. R. Austin.  
 1879.—Robert Colt, George F. Tinker.  
 1880.—J. G. Crump, George F. Tinker.  
 1881.—A. T. Burgess, H. B. Downer.

#### Town Clerks from 1850 to 1882.

1850, Jonathan Brewster; 1851, Obadiah Bruen; 1867, William Douglas;  
 1868, Daniel Wetherell; 1870, Charles Hill; 1884, Edward Palmes;  
 1885, Daniel Wetherell; 1701, Richard Christophers; 1707, Daniel  
 Wetherell; 1719, George Denison; 1720, None; 1721, Edward Hal-  
 lam; 1736, Daniel Colt; 1757, John Colt; 1758, Daniel Colt; 1773,  
 James Mumford (three weeks); 1773, Gurdon Saltonstall; 1777, Ed-  
 ward Hallam; 1781, John Owen; 1801, Samuel Belden; 1811, David  
 Colt; 1817, Ebenezer Way; 1827, Henry Douglas; 1845, Ephraim H.  
 Douglas; 1850, Henry Douglas; 1855-56, Joseph C. Douglas; 1856-  
 57, Giles Bailey; 1867-68, Samuel Fox; 1868-75, Earl Warner, Jr.;  
 1876-76, William Douglas; 1876-82, Isaac W. Thompson.

**War of 1812.**—The business interests of the town had revived, and New London from 1799 to 1805 had rapidly recovered her former prosperity. But as early as 1806 the depredations of British cruisers and privateers on American commerce commenced, and the commercial interests of the place, in common with other New England towns, were seriously injured. Appeals were made to the British government to repeal or modify her unjust edicts, in her warfare against France, in the restrictions imposed on American neutral vessels, but in vain. Our flag was insulted, our merchant vessels boarded, and their crews frequently impressed into the British service. The commercial property of American citizens to an immense amount had been seized and confiscated, and yet the British government refused to listen to appeal or entreaty. In 1812 these repeated outrages culminated in a formal declaration of war by our government against Great Britain.

When hostilities commenced, this, like the war of the Revolution, bore heavily on the town. The entire naval force of the United States consisted of only twenty vessels, exclusive of gunboats, with an armament of but little more than five hundred guns,—a mere mosquito fleet to cope with the powerful naval forces of Great Britain. Consequently our sea-coast, thousands of miles in extent, was very seriously exposed to the depredations of the invaders. New London in particular was a prominent point of interest with the enemy. The British commanders, however, had not forgotten the severe reception of their troops in 1781, and were wary in their attempts at landing and in their offensive operations. But their vessels severely harassed and annoyed the citizens. Early

in June, 1813, the frigates "United States" and "Macedonian" and the gallant little sloop-of-war "Hornet" were pursued by Sir Thomas Hardy with his flag-ship, the "Ramillies," and a fleet of smaller vessels into the harbor, and the city and naval vessels were kept under a strict blockade until the close of the war.

A few days after the appearance of Hardy's fleet four more ships and frigates, with a number of smaller vessels, arrived and joined it, making a formidable naval force, whose threatening aspect caused general alarm among the inhabitants, many of whom too well remembered the sad scenes of 1781. Maj. Simeon Smith with a company of volunteers hastily prepared to give the invaders a warm reception should they make an attempt to enter the harbor or enforce a landing. The old Fort Griswold, the scene of the massacre thirty-two years previous, was put in the best possible condition to resist the enemy. But no landing was attempted, although several feints by the vessels near the mouth of the harbor indicated such a purpose. The inhabitants of the town were kept in a constant state of suspense and apprehension. Commodore Decatur with his three war vessels retreated up the river as far as Gale's Ferry, and threw up a light intrenchment on the neighboring heights.

About this time an affair took place which exasperated the officers of the blockading squadron and embittered their subsequent intercourse with the people on the coast, although the latter had no agency in the offensive act. A schooner called the "Eagle," owned in New York, was prepared as a kind of torpedo vessel, and sent into the Sound to make an experiment upon the enemy. She had a show of naval stores on board, and was captured by the British west of New London Harbor, near Millstone Point. The crew took to their boats, and reached the shore in safety. The British officer, after taking possession of the schooner, attempted to tow her up to the "Ramillies," but finding that she fell to leeward, he anchored at the distance of three-fourths of a mile from that vessel. Suddenly, in less than three hours after the desertion of her crew and the seizure by the British, the "Eagle" exploded with prodigious force, and was scattered into fragments. A shower of pitch and tar fell upon the "Ramillies;" timber and stones were hurled aloft, and the waters around thrown into great commotion. A second lieutenant and ten men who were on board the schooner were killed, and several men in boats were badly wounded.

This was wholly a private undertaking; the government had nothing to do with it. The owners had fitted the "Eagle" as a fire-ship, with a secret piece of mechanism concealed within, which, when set in motion, would cause an explosion after a certain interval. Her hold, under the appearance of ballast, contained four hundred pounds of powder and various other combustibles, with ponderous stones and



destructive implements sufficient to inflict a terrible blow upon any ship-of-war alongside of which she might be brought, a blow which the "Ramillies" barely escaped.

Gen. Jirah Isham commanded at that time at New London, and the next morning Commodore Hardy sent a flag of truce up to the town with the following communication:

"To Jirah Isham, Brig-Gen. commanding at New London. I am under the necessity of requesting you to make it publicly known that I cannot permit vessels or boats of any description (flag of truce of course excepted) to approach or pass the British squadron, in consequence of an American vessel having exploded yesterday three hours after she was in our possession."<sup>1</sup>

It was said on English authority that the brave Sir Thomas Hardy, while occupying the Sound with a powerful squadron, and carrying his flag in a seventy-four, never remained at anchor during the night, and rarely left the deck except by day, in order to insure safety from Fulton's torpedoes. But a more certain if not more terrific mode of attack was at that time afloat and nearly ready for service in the waters of New York. This was the steam *battery*, miscalled *frigate*, "Fulton." This vessel, formidable enough in reality, had been represented by correspondents of English newspapers as a monster of prodigious power. An hundred guns of enormous calibre were said to be inclosed in fire and bomb-proof shelters; the upper deck was reported to be "defended by thousands of boarding pikes and cutlasses wielded by steam, while showers of boiling water were ready to be poured over those that might escape death from the rapidly whirling steel." In reality the vessel presented above the surface of the water the figure of an oval, whose greatest length was about the same as that of an English seventy-four. This was covered by a continuous spar-deck, at either extremity of which was mounted on a revolving carriage a chambered gun capable of throwing a solid ball of one hundred pounds, but intended, as is well known, to throw shells. Beneath the spar-deck was the gun-deck, also continuous, except in the middle, where space was left for the working of a large paddle-wheel, and on this gun-deck was mounted a battery of thirty-two 32-pounders. The sides of the vessel were thickened by cork and wood, not only between the guns, but as low as the water's edge, and incapable of being penetrated by a 32-pound ball. Beneath the gun-deck the hull was formed as if of a vessel cut in two, leaving a passage from stem to stern for water to reach and to be thrown backwards from the wheel. Two rudders were placed in this passage, moving on their centres. The boilers and the greater part of the machinery were below the reach of shot, and even the wheels could be reached but by a stray shot passing unimpeded and in a proper direction through the port-holes.

In June of that year Maj.-Gen. Burbeck, as before stated, arrived from Newport and assumed the com-

mand of the district. The troops on duty, in all amounting to about one thousand of the militia of the State, were transferred to the general government and subsequently dismissed, leaving the town entirely defenseless. Not a soldier remained on duty. Forts Trumbull and Griswold were completely evacuated, and all this with a British squadron of seven ships of the line and frigates and other vessels lying at the entrance of the Sound, within two hours' sail of the harbor. Under these circumstances the Governor, on Gen. Burbeck's application, authorized Gen. Williams to call out as large a body of the militia as exigencies should demand.

"The blockade henceforth assumed a most rigorous character. The enemy resolved to leave nothing afloat. The Sound was alive with petty warfare. Every creek and bay were searched, and nothing in the form of boat, sloop, or smack suffered to live. Yankee enterprise prolonged the task of the invaders, and obliged them to destroy by inches, and to multiply and repeat the blows before they could ruin the traffic and clear the coast of sails and oars."<sup>2</sup>

Varied and numerous were the events of the town and neighborhood during these three successive years of constant rigorous blockade. One of these specially worthy of note is narrated by Miss Caulkins. "The sloop 'Juno,' Capt. John Howard, continued to ply back and forth between New London and New York during the whole war with but a single serious accident; that was the loss of her mast by a shot of the enemy after being driven into Saybrook Harbor. Her enterprising commander was well acquainted with the Sound, made his trips during the darkest nights and in severest storms, guided often by the lantern lights of the enemy's ships as he repeatedly ran through their blockading squadron. He was narrowly watched and several times pursued by their boats and barges, but always eluded capture. Sometimes when too closely pursued a spirited fire from his cannon, four pieces of which he always carried on deck, only to be used in defense, would drive away his pursuers and secure his little craft from further molestation. The fact that the enemy were fully apprised of his times of departure and expected arrival, and in fact all his movements, through the newspapers, which they could easily obtain, renders it the more remarkable that she escaped their vigilance."

It is remarkable that during the whole war not a man in Connecticut was killed, notwithstanding the long and vigorous blockade and the many encounters between detachments of the enemy and the inhabitants. One person only, a Mr. Dolph, lost his life on the waters of the coast, off Saybrook, while engaged with others in recovering two prizes taken by the enemy. Such a fact appears almost miraculous.

Commodore Decatur entertained the hope that

<sup>1</sup> History of New London, pp. 632-33.

<sup>2</sup> Miss Caulkins' History, page 634.

some opportunity would offer for his escape with his vessels during the winter, and watched for an opportunity favorable to his design. His vessel dropped down and remained at anchor opposite the town, and quietly remained waiting for some remissness of vigilance on the part of the enemy. At length the favorable time seemed to have arrived. A dark night, a favorable wind, and fair tide all gave every expectation of success. But just as the little fleet were about to start "blue-lights" appeared on both sides of the river. Such an unusual occurrence gave strong suspicions that these were concerted signals to the enemy, and notwithstanding every preparation had been made with the most profound secrecy, the commodore considered himself betrayed, and relinquished his intentions, making no further effort to run the blockade.

Although he was firm in his belief that his intentions were thus signaled to the enemy, it was indignantly denied by the citizens that any traitorous designs existed, and that the lights were accidental, or that those who reported them to the commodore were mistaken. He, however, removed his two large vessels up the river, where they were dismantled and only a guard left on board. The "Hornet" remained at New London, and subsequently slipped out of the harbor, and eluding capture, reached New York in safety.

The restoration of peace in 1815 was an occasion of general rejoicing. Our enemies became friends, and receptions, balls, and public rejoicings signalized the event, in which the officers of the British squadron cordially participated, and who were as cordially received by the citizens of the town. Such was the close of the war of 1812.

**War of 1861-65.**—The following interesting account of New London in the late Rebellion was furnished by Hon. William H. Starr:

In the late struggle for the perpetuation of our glorious Union the patriotism of New London, as exhibited in her earlier history, was equally manifested. Of the seventy-five thousand noble sons of Connecticut who took part in the struggle, New London furnished more than her quota. No people in their struggle for liberty probably ever gave of their own free-will so lavishly as did our gallant Connecticut volunteers. This town, with patriotic liberality, gave some of the purest and most promising of her noble-hearted citizens to sustain the government in its hour of peril, and the blood of her martyred heroes has enriched the soil from the heights of Arlington to its most remote southern boundary. Immediately on the news of the attack on Fort Sumter the spirit of '76 fired the hearts of her citizens. The city flag was raised, followed by a display of flags all over the city and by the shipping. At the Wilson Company's works all hands were summoned and the flag saluted with repeated cheers. On the 19th, Mayor J. N. Harris received a dispatch from the Secretary of War requesting him to furnish a company to garrison

Fort Trumbull. The request was immediately complied with, and the City Guards placed on duty there. The same evening one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever convened in the city was held in and outside the court-house. The meeting was called to order by Hon. F. B. Loomis. Hon. Nathan Belcher presided. Hon. Augustus Brandegee offered a resolution declaring that all political differences must be buried and all unite to save the republic, which resolution was passed by a tremendous aye.

With great enthusiasm volunteers offered their services. Enlistments rapidly followed. Some of the noblest and most promising of our youth gallantly entered the service, fired with the spirit of patriotism and valor. Company after company was raised and equipped for the war, first for three months and then for the three years' service. The daily and weekly papers of that period contained frequent and enthusiastic notices of their departure for the fields of conflict, followed by the repeated cheers of their fellow-citizens.<sup>1</sup>

Of all the noble hearts beating for the honor of our flag and volunteering for its defense from New London we would gladly speak, but that would be impossible. We mention but a few of the officers who gallantly fell at the post of duty.

Lieut. William W. Perkins was one of the earliest and most ardent volunteers from New London. After establishing an enviable reputation for bravery and gallant conduct during several severely fought battles, he fell at Kinston, N. C., at the head of his company, cheering his soldiers on to victory.<sup>2</sup> His brother, Lieut. Benjamin R. Perkins, was among the first to volunteer in the service. He served with gallantry during the entire war; was engaged in more than thirty battles. After the close of hostilities he was transferred to the regular army, and died some years since at one of the military stations of Arizona.

Capt. Edw. L. Porter was a young man of more than ordinary ability and great promise. He was killed at the battle of Winchester while gallantly leading

<sup>1</sup> "DEPARTURE OF VOLUNTEERS.—The third company of New London volunteers departed for Hartford to join their regiment on the 29th ult. They were escorted by the City Guards to the depot, where before leaving they were drawn up in line near the flag-staff to listen to addresses. Speeches were made by Messrs. Edward Prentiss, A. C. Lippitt, Thomas Fitch, and Rev. Mr. Guiscard, of the Second Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Grant, of the Huntington Street Baptist Church, closed the exercises with prayer. There was a large gathering of people in the neighborhood of the depot to see the volunteers off, notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the weather. This company consists of a fine-looking body of young men, who will doubtless give a good account of themselves should occasion offer. They were enthusiastically cheered by the hundreds who witnessed their departure. God bless them and speed them on to the rescue of our country's flag from ignominy and shame!"—*Family Repository* for June, 1861.

<sup>2</sup> The *New London Star* said of him, "It is seldom that we are called upon to mourn a firmer patriot, a braver soldier, or a truer or more genial friend than Lieut. Perkins. He sprang to arms with alacrity at the first call of his country, and established an enviable reputation in five hotly-contested battles, in the last of which he fell where a soldier would choose to fall, leading the advance, and expired amid the rattling volleys of his regiment and the loud cheers of victory."

his men in a charge against the superior forces of the enemy. A fatal bullet pierced his temples and he fell, sealing with his blood his devotion to his government. He was a graduate of Yale, a young man of fine literary taste and attainments. He had adopted the practice of law with a flattering promise of distinction in his profession. No nobler or purer heart ever animated a brave soldier. Surgeon Holbrook said of him, "At my suggestion he went to the hospital three days before the battle, being very feeble. I visited him the day previous and found him still very weak, and was surprised to find him at the head of his company. An officer informed me that he seemed possessed of superhuman energy in the battle, and gallantly led his men in the charge, when he was struck by a bullet in the forehead and died almost instantly. He left a bright record of honorable manliness. Dignified and gentlemanly, always prompt in the conscientious discharge of his duty, he attested by his death the sincerity of his patriotism, and sealed with his blood his love of liberty."

Lieut. Joseph Strickland was another of New London's martyr-heroes. He was devotedly a brave and patriotic soldier. He had assisted greatly in recruiting Company I, of which he became first lieutenant. Col. Sprague, of the Port Hudson charge, who knew him well and could attest to his noble courage, said of him, "Of the many gallant officers that there fell there was none more fearless or deeply mourned than Lieut. Strickland." He fell at Port Hudson while gallantly charging the enemy.

Capt. Horace F. Quinn, after three years of faithful service, was killed at the battle of Deep Run. He had served as a private through the three months' campaign. On the organization of the Tenth he joined it as first lieutenant of Company H, under Capt. Leggett. "Although young in years," said Col. Greeley, "he was a veteran soldier; twenty years of age at his death, he had seen more than three years of active service. No more brave or daring officer ever led a company than Capt. Quinn."

Maj.-Gen. Joseph A. Mower was born in Vermont, and by trade a mechanic. He had served gallantly in the Mexican war and was settled in New London. Having been commissioned by President Pierce as second lieutenant in the regular army, he re-entered the service, and at the time of the outbreak of the war was in Texas under Twiggs. He patriotically resisted the order to surrender his men to the rebels, and made his way with them to the North. He was in the opening battle of the war in Kentucky and Tennessee, and prominent in the capture of Island No. 10, and active at the capture of Corinth. He was appointed brigadier-general, and was with Gen. A. J. Smith in the Red River expedition, and fought and flanked the enemy, resulting in the capture of Chattanooga and Atlanta.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Few officers in the service," says a late writer, "have distinguished themselves like Mower, for while there may be some who possess more

The brave Robert Leggett may be regarded as one of the gallant spirits of New London, although not a native of the town. He was one of the most energetic promoters of the Union cause in the place, and never flagged for a moment in his patriotic efforts. He was one of the earliest and most active volunteers in the struggle, and brave almost to a fault. He received a gold medal for gallant service as sergeant, was promoted to the office of major, succeeded by that of lieutenant-colonel, lost his leg at Wagner, and afterwards fought bravely in numerous battles, and was finally compelled to resign his commission from disability; was one of the heroes of the war, and his gallantry was highly extolled by all who knew him. His honored remains peacefully rest beneath the evergreens of our cemetery, and his commissions, sword, and belt have been appropriately placed in the rooms of the Historical Society.

Capt. George H. Brown was another brave soldier. He was severely wounded at Deep Run, but survived, and afterwards was killed at the head of his company before Petersburg. He left an honorable record for bravery in the service.

As in the Revolution and the war of 1812, so in the war against the government and the banner of our country New London gallantly bore her part in our naval affairs during its continuance. In many of the conflicts that reddened our Southern waters with the blood of the noble defenders of the Union the brave sons of New London largely shared. The Rodgers family of this town, one of whom has previously been referred to, particularly might be named as conspicuous. "The paternal grandfather was Col. Rodgers, who commanded the famous Maryland line during the Revolution, and was frequently mentioned in Washington's dispatches for gallantry. His eldest son was Commodore John Rodgers, who fired the first gun in the war of 1812, and was long the senior officer of our infant navy. Another son was Commodore George W. Rodgers, who for special gallantry during the war of 1812 received a sword of honor from his native State, and a medal and a vote of thanks from Congress. Commodore John Rodgers had two sons, one of whom, John Rodgers, also became commodore, and led the attack on Port Royal and Fort Sumter during the Rebellion; and another, Col. Robert Rodgers, served through the late war, and was twice wounded at the head of the Third Maryland Infantry. Two other grandsons of Commodore John Rodgers were Capt. Raymond Rodgers, who was fleet-captain during Dupont's attack on Charleston, and Capt. George W. Rodgers, who was killed while commanding the monitor "Catskill" in the attack on Fort Wagner. In the family are also Lieut.-Commanding Frederick Rodgers, Master's Mate Joseph Rodgers, Midshipman R. P. Rodgers, and Lieut. Alex-

military genius, none are more absolutely indifferent to personal danger than he." He was a favorite of Gen. Sherman, and had few enemies. He died in the regular service at New Orleans in 1860.

ander P. Rodgers, who fell in the forlorn hope at the storming of Chapultepec, who was a nephew of Col. Rodgers. One of the three illustrious Commodore Perrys married into the family, and there is probably not another name in America that will compare with that of Perry or Rodgers for the fame won on land and sea in defense of the republic."<sup>1</sup>

To the late Richard H. Chappell, of New London, was committed the charge of the novel expedient of closing temporarily the ports of Charleston and Savannah, from whom principally the enemy's swift blockade-running cruisers sallied forth and plied their nefarious trade of attacking, plundering, and destroying any merchant vessels that might come in their way. The first order was for twenty-five vessels of from two hundred to four hundred tons each. Before these were loaded twenty more were ordered, making a fleet of forty-five sail, to be dispatched at once. These were purchased, and the first fleet of twenty-five sailed for their respective ports Nov. 21, 1861, while the second fleet of twenty followed on the 11th of December. Thirteen of these went from New London, the commodore for the cruise being the veteran Capt. John P. Rice,<sup>2</sup> well known as a competent shipmaster. One or two of the fleet put back from accident, but nearly all were delivered to the naval commanders off Charleston and Savannah. A majority were used as at first designed, and, with their masts cut away, were for a time ugly customers for the keel of a blockade-runner to encounter as she tried to dodge in or out on a dark night. Some were used by the Navy Department as store-vessels in various places, others constituted the foundation for temporary wharves at Port Royal or in the inlets where our navy was employed; not one, it is believed, "lived" to return. Mr. Chappell's account of disbursements was accepted by the government and settled at once, and he was thanked for the promptness, integrity, and efficiency he had displayed.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

NEW LONDON—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Hon. Henry P. Haven.**—Henry Philemon Haven<sup>3</sup> was born in Norwich Town, Conn., Feb. 11, 1815. The house stands a quarter of a mile from the First Congregational church, which was organized in 1660. In his veins ran the blood of a Puritan ancestry. His father, Philemon Haven, was the grandson of the minister at Wrentham, Mass. Large, portly, handsome, affable, and generous, he was the plain progenitor of one side of the character of his remarkable son. Mrs. Fanny Manwaring (Caulkins) Haven,

Henry's mother, impressed herself no less unmistakably on the other side. Left a widow for the second time in 1819, the woman of forty-three moulded the boy of four in her own likeness. From her he drew energy, industry, purity, intelligence, inventiveness, domesticity, patriotism, and piety. Under her wing Henry learned how to work. She led him to the font, taught him to sew, kept him indoors after dark, cherished his affection for his little sister. The boy was encouraged to study. He founded a juvenile anti-swearing society. On his brother Robert's leaving home at fifteen, Henry, then eight years old, was ready to keep the garden, already planted. Habits of early rising and unvarying truthfulness became fixed. His teachers at public and select school saw in him a determination to do his best. In rain and shine he was a punctual attendant on the Sunday-school. Thus the course of the boy's Norwich life glided on fifteen bright years in a frugal home, and every ripple of it beat with his father's sweetness and his mother's force.

In 1830, Mrs. Haven moved to New London. The immediate cause was the appointment of her daughter, Miss Frances Manwaring Caulkins, to be principal of the female academy in that city. Henry at first bemoaned the change. Talking with Robert, who had now ended his Stonington life, he said he didn't know anybody and was homesick. When the boat took the elder brother off he looked back and saw Henry sitting on the wharf crying! Would he have wept could he have known that he was to fit his own vessels from that very wharf as a man? He must soon have brushed away his tears at least. Maj. Thomas W. Williams was a prominent and philanthropic merchant in New London. Why not apply to him for a place? Without consulting even his mother, he rings the bell and asks if Maj. Williams wants a boy. "No, no; I don't want any boy," is the gruff answer. He turns to go. His face pleads for him. "Stop! What is your name? Where do you live? Come to the office to-morrow and see if you can find anything to do," is the beginning of his brilliant life in a great whaling-house known all over the world. Ninety dollars was to be his wages the first year. For about one dollar and seventy-five cents a week, or thirty cents a day, Henry made himself so useful he could not be spared. In less than three years, on the book-keeper's resignation, the lad of eighteen applied for the place. "You are too young." "Try me." And the stout-hearted youth did boy's and book-keeper's work together, staying at the store till two A.M. on one occasion and returning at four A.M., till the yearly balance-sheet in January was drawn more easily than ever before. Such ardor and fidelity won. Book-keeper at eighteen, he became confidential clerk at twenty-one, with a salary of five hundred dollars. His Christian employer does not trust him less because he chooses Christian young men for his comrades, and adds to his method,

<sup>1</sup> Military and Civil History of Connecticut, p. 844.

<sup>2</sup> Since deceased.

<sup>3</sup> By Rev. J. P. Taylor.



*Very sincerely  
Henry P. Aaron*

thoroughness, and probity a public confession of Christ in the Second Congregational Church in June, 1835.

In 1838, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Haven became a partner where eight years before he had begun a boy. Maj. Williams' subsequent service in Congress withdrew his own name from the firm. In 1846 the name ceased to be Haven & Smith and became Williams & Haven, and then Williams, Haven & Co. For nearly forty years the subject of this sketch showed here the qualities of a rare man of affairs. The clerks in his office might think him despotic, but he knew that obedience was the secret of order. Customers might call him hard in bargaining, but he had it for a principle to save that which was least in trade. Acquaintances were sometimes offended at his curt manner when interrupted in his correspondence, but it was the concentration of a strong mind in one channel which wrought out his dispatch. His vast business was pigeon-holed in his brain. Now he was inventive, sending out the first steam-whaler, and from one such voyage, with an outfit of forty thousand dollars, secured after fifteen months a cargo of oil and bone valued at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Then he was enterprising, establishing a colony of Kanakas at the guano islands in the West Pacific, and opening European as well as American markets, till seventy thousand tons had been shipped. Yet again he was singularly alert and sagacious. In midwinter, the moment the telegram came that Alaska was ceded, he hurried his able and trusty partner, Mr. R. H. Chapell, with an experienced and valued captain, Ebenezer Morgan, to Honolulu, pushing on and out to St. Paul's Island to raise the first American flag and ship forty-five thousand seal-skins to England. In one part of the world he manifested great caution and thoroughness, as in the charts he had drawn of Kerguelen's Land, which enabled the government expedition to observe the transit of Venus in 1874. In another part of the world he displayed great breadth and liberality, as in the standing orders to his whaling captains to take up and set down the Arctic explorers at any point desired by them, and to supply them freely with any stores they needed.

In all the departments of his world-wide ventures Mr. Haven was the master not the slave of business. He had a keen insight into men, and moulded many a captain and sailor for great explorations. He could unbend from the most perplexing negotiations for a chat with a pastor. He could bear losses smilingly. He could scatter gains munificently. With a physique more robust in mid-life than the promise of youth, and a passion for system and toil, he carried others' burdens without chafing. He was a bank director and president who looked at the books. He was an administrator of estates requiring exceptional ability. He was president of the New London Northern Railroad Company when a less clear-headed and strong-

willed executive might have wrecked it. The young men he trained for mercantile life admired his ease no less than his energy. His executor tells the writer that in all the questions arising since his death never has the paper, or letter, or note been wanting to make everything clear. In him were blended precision and grasp, a poised judgment and a boundless energy seen only in the merchant princes of mankind. The metropolitan bankers and merchants were amazed to find so large a man in so small a town. He had a philosophy of business which was as deep as its lines were wide, its methods swift, and its spirit just.

Feb. 23, 1840, at the age of twenty-five, Mr. Haven married Miss Elizabeth Lucas Douglas, of Waterford. Already his mother, after several years' absence in Norwich, had returned to New London, and beneath her roof the young couple began their married life. The 30th of April, 1842, Elizabeth, his youngest sister, and the school-girl friend of his wife at Mount Holyoke, died of consumption. That year of sorrow saw also its own joy. Before it ended Mr. Haven was living in his own home, where wife and mother and his two half-sisters, the Misses Caulkins, had each their own niche. Here four children were born to him. Here for eighteen years Mr. Richard H. Chapell, afterwards his partner, came and went like a son. No one ever forgot that charmed circle. Punctuality and geniality reigned supreme. The broad face beamed as the verses were recited by each member round the breakfast-table. The hearty laugh rang out at the clerical or denominational sparring in the drawing-room. He brought sunshine with his entrance, with flowers for his mother, with books for his sister, with a picnic for the little folks, with a drive for his beloved wife. The winning tones of his voice made him a delightful talker on a wide range of topics. Thus he refreshed his sympathetic nature after toil at a fountain of love. Men were drawn to him by his patient and tender affectionateness, his provision for intellectual life, his reverence for age, his fellowship with youth irradiating and sanctifying his home. Shadows fell there. The death of his mother, 1854, of his accomplished and lamented half-sister in 1869, of his eldest son, Thomas, in 1870, in the morning glow of manly and mercantile partnership, of his incomparable wife, fading like the leaf in 1874, spite of care and tears, and, scarcely outside his door, of his partners, senior and junior, and his son-in-law, mellowed with a sunset hue the light they could not quench.

Mr. Haven seldom spoke of his own meagre school advantages, but he did everything that poor children might have better ones. From 1856 till the day of his death he was the chairman of the New London Board of Visitors. In that capacity he at once secured new text-books and more stringent rules for attendance than were known in the former unconsolidated schools. He founded evening schools for those who could not be present at the day schools. He had sole

charge of the examination of teachers. If an applicant was not punctual at the appointed hour, no excuse could induce him to rob another of the ensuing hour fixed in his diary. What was his recreation? "Visiting schools" says his executor, to whom I have referred. A more regular and conscientious visitor there could not be. His mathematical questions stimulated the minds of the pupils. His genial stories swayed their manners in the direction of courtesy. What many parents neglect—plain lessons on boyish purity—he attended to with individual scholars in private. At declamation and graduation exercises he was wont to mark each participant. To his rigor at examination he added sympathy for teachers in their work. He honored their calling as a noble one, and they learned to honor it after him. It was his custom to welcome them as a body under his hospitable roof, to meet his colleagues in the city and on the State Board of Education once a year. There the faculty of the State Normal School, of which he was from the first a most efficient trustee and friend, and other distinguished educators were brought in elevating and delightful contact with the teachers of the public schools. With representatives of that State Board he cheerfully and repeatedly canvassed the State on behalf of popular education. His love of historic lore made him thus founder of the New London County Historical Society. His broad and ardent interests in national culture lifted him to the presidency of the American College and Education Society, 1875, as the successor of Hon. William A. Buckingham. Nay, secretly, he had been an education society himself. He loved to aid worthy young men from the forge or farm to the university, and thence to the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, or Congregational teaching of the Book of Books. Of these over sixty are known. They were equipped with the best mental and moral furnishing by this born educator,—an educator who as a very little child had visits from a maiden Massachusetts aunt, who used to pray over him and dedicate him to the ministry as they retired to their common chamber. It is gratifying to think how in this respect his commanding public influence is to be perpetuated in the Haven Memorial Library, opposite to the home of Maj. Williams, his first employer, and C. A. Williams, the honored son of the same. There the children of all classes and races, who cordially and respectfully saluted him on the streets, will have access to volumes such as his ample brain craved, and motives to usefulness such as his noble life preached.

Already the public spirit of the man has come out to the reader of the foregoing lines. In town-meeting you were also sure to find him defending his darling schools against narrow-minded tax-payers. Some of these addresses were models of persuasiveness in statement and in appeal. The Street came determined to reduce appropriations; they went, having voted them. In 1852 Mr. Haven was elected mayor. Says one of his Council, "He was easy and affable in pre-

siding, prompt and efficient in executing plans for the common weal." The same year he went to the General Assembly as representative, acquiring the knowledge and experience which enabled him later to secure the school law already mentioned. When, under his successor in the mayoralty, Hon. J. N. Harris, the war of the Rebellion broke out, Mr. Haven was among the foremost with voice and purse. His mother was born in 1776. She had been carried out of town when Benedict Arnold, the traitor, burnt it, and had never forgotten how the British bayonets glittered in the September sun. From her Mr. Haven learned loyalty, and in his conversations with his Sunday-school class and his contributions for raising regiments and the Christian Commission did all that in him lay to secure men and means for preserving the nation's life. Thanks to his public spirit, vessels loaded with stones were bought and sunk in Charleston Harbor. In 1872 he was Presidential elector for Connecticut of Gen. U. S. Grant, the embodiment of that victorious struggle with secession. The ensuing year the Republican party named him over Hon. H. B. Harrison, of New Haven, its candidate for Governor. Local pride and disaffection in New Haven defeated him for this high office, which his commercial and educational experience, his practical wisdom and great executive force, his winning address and eloquence so peculiarly fitted him to fill. The defeat was a bitter blow. But to the day of his death Mr. Haven remained none the less a broad, active, patriotic citizen, serving the community and commonwealth without stint and without spot. "He was able to do the work of four men; he tried to do the work of seven," was said of him by his pastor, the late Rev. O. E. Daggett, D.D., at the obsequies of the wise, upright, humane, incorruptible, indefatigable toiler for country and for God. What he said of the dead Governor Buckingham, the friend he had seconded and inspirited in the dark days of the war, might then well have been said of himself, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

Mr. Haven was an eminently religious man. He was early impressed by his mother's dedication of him in baptism to her covenant God. The conversion of Miss Caulkins in 1831, emerging from a deep sense of sin and need of Christ to the light and peace of the new life, touched the boy of sixteen to the quick. He received a note in which was the single word *eternity*. That mighty thought was with him till he found and confessed the everlasting Son of the Father. But doubt succeeded faith. He went to the superintendent of the Sunday-school and laid bare his heart. "Go to work," was the counsel received. "Where?" "In Waterford," was the reply. "A man is coming in to get some one to start a Sunday-school there this very day."

In Waterford, therefore, he began to conduct that Gilead Sunday-school, which was his joy and crown for forty years. To-day a tasteful chapel marks the

spot where the young soldier of the cross began the good fight against rum and unbelief. By his invincible perseverance and heroic faith he won more than a hundred souls as trophies of his Redeemer. So tenderly did he plead with little children to accept Christ that one young woman, once hearing him through the partition, saw the glory of God and surrendered herself to His service.

In his admirable volume, "A Model Superintendent," Henry Clay Trumbull has portrayed Mr. Haven's originality in this rural school. What manner of man was he who, unaided and uneducated, established a uniform lesson and a teachers' meeting from the start? His thoroughness crystallized in records, his reverence breathed out in the exercises of worship. There his liturgical fondness—the heritage, perhaps, of the English gentry of Chester—showed itself in Psalms printed expressly for responsive reading. There his Puritan tenacity kept open the school, four miles away, in the dead of winter, though but one teacher and two scholars should attend. Side by side with the Gilead School, Mr. Haven carried on the school of the Second Congregational Church from 1858, inspiring all its exercises and membership with his own energy, breadth, order, courtesy, cheerfulness, and charity.

In teachers' Institutes and in international Conventions his love of God's Word and his zeal for Christ's little ones became known. As the first member from the Congregational body on the Committee for the International Lesson, he won the admiration and affection of his associates for his devout regard for inspired truth and his gentle deference to views at variance with his own. Traveling in the rail-car at home, or seated on the banks of beautiful lakes abroad, his familiarity with and delight in Holy Scripture were traits of his single-minded, pure-hearted, rock-ribbed piety. He could recite whole chapters of the Bible by heart. He wrote down every text preached from by his pastor.

Mr. Haven was a Christian who, like his Master, "went about doing good." You marked the absence of even a mild selfishness. He would travel one hundred miles to attend a merely formal meeting of some trust fund. He refused to have wine on his table when it was prescribed by a physician, and turned down his glass at a dinner on the Pacific coast, where drinking customs were wellnigh universal. He was a friend to the school-boy black and ragged, to the clerk needing capital and cheer, to the widow unable to bury her beloved dead, to the seamen exposed to perils of body, property, and soul. He began the day with secret prayer in his watch-house, looking out on sea and sky. Even so frankly and grandly looked out his whole consistent Christian life as a steward of God's grace to men. As a vice-president of the American Bible Society, he planned to introduce the Russian Bible into Alaska. As a corporate member of the American Board, he bestowed the wisest thought and

the most self-sacrificing patience on the problem of the world's redemption. To see him in the prayer-meeting or at the communion-table you would say, "Here is a pillar of the church, a deacon of honest report, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." He was a planet, not a meteor. A heaven-born tact and tenderness made him a fisher of men, both young and old. To see him in the community or in the conference you would say, "Here is a pattern of philanthropy, a mine of benevolence, pouring forth without ostentation and without weariness, *even to the third of his income*, a systematic stream of tribute to his fellow-men." Said an eminent lawyer, "His will was unique, perpetuating giving, the effort of a man after death to let his works follow him, crystallizing in legal phraseology the very heart of the gospel of the Son of Man." Said a fellow-officer of the church, "He was a model to us all in faith, hope, and charity." Faults he had, and lamented. Enemies might call him proud, opinionated, arbitrary, domineering, for a leonine temperament and a commanding personality are not slain by grace. But his fellow-citizens in city and State, now that he is gone, are beginning to recognize the quality and the reach of his Christian intellect, the sweetness and loveliness of his Christian affections, the magnitude and minuteness of his Christian service up to the hour when, suddenly, in the morning of the Lord's day, April 30, 1876, the cloud received him out of their sight.

Wednesday afternoon, May 3d, Mr. Haven's funeral took place at the Second Congregational church. The members of the Sunday-schools assembled at two and a half P.M. in the chapel which he had planned. Then they filed into the church, leaving the desk bound with sheaves. Through the opened doors waiting crowds surged in till every part of the house not specially reserved was thronged. The relatives then entered, preceded by Dr. Daggett, pastor, and Dr. G. Buckingham Wilcox, the former pastor. Following them walked the physicians in attendance, the pall-bearers, and the body-bearers,—the latter of the scholars of Mr. Haven's class. On the plate of the walnut casket was the simple inscription, "Henry P. Haven, aged 61." "Rest" was the message in violets of a pillow; "Faithful unto Death" was that of a floral Bible. The pew of the departed was draped with black. His seat next the aisle held a sheaf of wheat and a sickle.

The great congregation listened then to the chant, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The Scripture lesson began with "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." Choir and Sunday-schools gave responsively the psalm of Moses, the man of God. The pastor reviewed Mr. Haven's career in tender and discriminating words, portraying his rare service in home and school, in commerce and education, in church and State, in life and death. Over the peaceful face he then prayed for the circle of mourners on sea and



land. The hymn "Forever with the Lord" ended the service. At the grave, under a cloudy sky, the sympathizing throng sang "I know the promises of God lie open in His word." After the benediction the Sunday-school children passed round the grave, throwing in little bouquets.

His funeral, like his death, was one he would have chosen. It was from the church of granite so associated with his property and prayer. It was amid the tears and tributes of old friends and young, sorrowing that they should see his face no more. It was to the grove of cedars, where lay the sleeping dust of dear ones gone before, in the sure hope, with them, of the resurrection at the last day.

**Frances Manwaring Caulkins**, second child of Joshua Caulkins and Fanny Manwaring, was born in New London, April 26, 1795. On the maternal side the ancestry of Miss Caulkins can also be traced back to the first settlers of the country. In England the family have long been prominent, with many titles and large landed estates. Sir Ranulphus de Mainwaring, or, as the name was then spelt, Mesnilwarin, was justice of Chester in the reign of Richard I. (1189-1199). Sir William Mainwaring was killed in the streets of Chester, defending it for the king, Oct. 9, 1644. Sir Henry Mainwaring, who died in 1797, among other large estates possessed the manor of Peover, the seat of his ancestors, which is one of the estates described in the Domesday survey as belonging to Ranulphus. In the church at Over Peover are several monuments, with arms and numerous implements of the Mainwarings, among them an altar-tomb to Randal Mainwaring, who died in 1456, and to Margery, his wife. Over Peover was the residence of the family for thirty generations. In 1615, "Sir Henry Mainwaring was at Newfoundland with five good ships."

The first record relating to the Manwarings in this country of which we have knowledge bears date Nov. 3, 1664, when Joshua Raymond purchased house, home-lot, and other land in New London belonging to "Mr. William Thomson, missionary to the Indians near New London," for Oliver Manwaring, his brother-in-law.

Whether Oliver Manwaring had then just arrived or had previously been an inhabitant of the colony is unknown. His wife was Hannah, the daughter of Richard Raymond, who was made a freeman of Salem, Mass., 1634, afterwards removed to Norwalk, and thence in 1664 to Saybrook. Hannah was baptized at Salem, February, 1643. The date of their marriage is unknown. She united with Mr. Bradstreet's church in New London in 1671, and four of their children, all daughters, were baptized September 10th in that year. They had ten children. Oliver Manwaring died Nov. 3, 1723, nearly ninety years of age. Hannah died Dec. 18, 1717, aged seventy-four. His will was dated March 15, 1721, and all his children were living at that time. He bequeathed to his grand-

son, John Richards, among other things, "that bond which I had from my nephew, Oliver Manwaring, in England." The Manwarings who settled in the vicinity of New London are said to have been noted for a sanguine temperament, resolution, impetuosity, and a certain degree of obstinacy. They were lovers of discussion and good cheer. A florid complexion, piercing black eyes, and dark hair were personal traits, which are still represented in their descendants.

During the year 1806, Miss Caulkins became the pupil of Rev. Joshua Williams, who taught a select school for young ladies on the green in Norwich Town, and though only eleven years of age, she appreciated and improved the advantages enjoyed under this excellent teacher. He was an accomplished Christian gentleman of fine tastes and literary culture, and she always retained the pleasantest recollections of him, and, indeed, revered his memory. As an illustration of that untiring industry and love for valuable information which characterized her entire life, we may mention that while attending this school, and before she had entered her twelfth year, she patiently wrote out from memory a volume of educational lectures as they were delivered from week to week. The elements of science which she acquired at this time were the foundation of all her future knowledge and attainments in literature; for, with occasional opportunities of instruction from the best teachers, she was yet in a great measure self-taught, and when once aided in the rudiments of a study or language would herself make all the progress she desired. She was an insatiable reader, and it might almost be said that when very young she devoured every book that came within her reach. While she enjoyed fiction and works of a lighter character, her taste for solid reading was early developed, and at eleven years of age she was familiar with the English translation of the Iliad and Odyssey, and the thoughts of the standard English writers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries entered into and gave a cast to her expanding mind. The germ of the strong love for historical literature which characterized her later life was seen occasionally in her early years. At one time, when only about ten years old, she was missed while visiting at the house of a relative, and after much search was found seated on an unused loom in the garret, deeply absorbed in reading the history of Connecticut. As might be expected, such a young person was a great favorite, not only among her juvenile acquaintances, but with older persons, who could appreciate her talents and maturity of mind. Often would her young friends gather around her and beg her to tell them a story; and then, with a sweet and animated countenance, she would commence the recital of some tale of romantic interest, reproduced perhaps from her reading, or not unfrequently drawn from her own imagination. These recitals carried captive her youthful audience, and invariably won their admiration, and frequently their boisterous applause.



*Frances M. Caultkins*

In 1811 and '12, Miss Nancy M. Hyde and Miss Lydia Huntley, afterwards Mrs. Sigourney, were teaching a young ladies' school in Norwich, and she enjoyed the superior advantages thus afforded for a time, entering their school in September, 1811. A book written in that school and preserved by her contains her first composition; the subject was "Antiquities." These ladies were both persons of superior literary taste and culture, and doubtless exercised a very favorable influence on her mind. Miss Huntley removed to Hartford in 1815, and married Mr. Charles Sigourney, June 16, 1819, and until her death, June 10, 1865, remained a very warm friend and frequent correspondent of Miss Caulkins. Miss Hyde died March 26, 1816. A volume of her letters, etc., published after her death, contains a poetical tribute to her memory from her former pupil.

Frances evinced a remarkable aptitude for the acquisition of languages. She enjoyed the advantage of instruction only a short time, but with patient private study she acquired a thorough knowledge of Latin, and was able to read and teach both that language and the French with facility and acceptance. She spent some time in the family of Rev. Levi Nelson, of Lisbon, in 1825, for the special purpose of advancing her knowledge of Latin, and took lessons in the French language of M. Roux, a native and accomplished teacher of that tongue, who then resided in Norwich. Later in life, while living in New York, she pursued the study of German, and under the instructions of Maroncelli, an eminent political exile, gained such a knowledge of Italian as enabled her to read Dante and Tasso in the original.

Never having been permitted to look upon the face of her own father, her knowledge of parental affection came only through her step-father, and to him she was tenderly and deservedly attached, and her affection was thoroughly reciprocated. His death, which took place Nov. 12, 1819, left her mother again a widow, with three young children and limited means. Having before this been occasionally employed in teaching small schools, Frances now determined to support herself, and if necessary aid her mother. On the 4th of January, 1820, she opened a select school for young ladies in Norwich Town. As her talent for teaching was developed her scholars increased, and the school acquired an excellent reputation, and was well sustained for nine years. In 1829 she accepted an invitation from the trustees of the female academy at New London to take charge of that institution. She was invited back to Norwich City, or Chelsea, as it was then called, in 1832, and was principal of the academy there, with a large number of pupils, until the close of the year 1834, when she relinquished finally the duties of a teacher.

During these fifteen years she had under her charge nearly four hundred different young ladies, many of whom are still living and retain a very pleasant remembrance of their school-days and a strong personal

attachment to their instructor. Among her pupils were the lamented wives of Senators Jabez Huntington and William A. Buckingham, and three daughters of Charles Lathrop, afterwards missionaries to India. Very many of her pupils became themselves teachers, and others, as wives of clergymen and laymen in positions of respectability and honor, have so conducted themselves that, as a teacher, we may say of her, in the words of Scripture, "Let her own works praise her."

The year following the close of her school she spent in visiting her friends and in recreation. In the spring of 1836 she went to New York, and resided in the family of her cousin, David H. Nevins, until May, 1842, when she removed to New London, and found a home in the family of the late Henry P. Haven, where she remained until the day of her death.

She early manifested an unusual talent for versification, as well as for prose writing, and although encouraged by the advice and approbation of friends, she declined to thrust herself forward into notice by offering the productions of her pen to the public prints. Among her manuscripts are many fugitive pieces of poetry without date, but evidently written in early life. The first, in apparently the oldest book, is entitled the "Indian Harp," and would do credit to her later years. The fourth in order in this book is a long poem on "Thanksgiving," and the only one dated. This is stated to have been written in 1814. One earlier piece only has been found, and that is on a loose sheet, dated Oct. 26, 1813, and entitled "The Geranium's Complaint."

A considerable portion of the time from 1812 to 1819, while her mother resided in Norwich, she spent pleasantly in the family of her uncle, Christopher Manwaring, at New London. He had recently erected a fine mansion on the beautiful grounds which he had inherited from his ancestors, and was a gentleman of literary taste and cultivation. He was a great admirer of Pope, Johnson, and the old English authors. He had a good library, and being of kind and winning manners, it is not strange that a strong mutual attachment grew up between them, and that he became very fond of the society of his niece and proud of her talents. He was a great friend of Madison and an early admirer of Gen. Jackson. The first of her writings now known to have been printed appeared in the *Connecticut Gazette*, April 17, 1816, addressed to the hero of New Orleans. The contributor acknowledges that he stole it from the "fair tyro," and no author's name is attached.

Her contributions to the local papers of New London have been very numerous, and with any striking event in the domestic history of the place, or with the decease of any aged or distinguished persons, its citizens were sure to be favored with an interesting article, in which passing events were so interwoven with previous history as to command the attention of all classes of readers. During the past twenty years quite a

number of inhabitants of this city have been able to notice the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. She was sure to be a welcome guest at all such gatherings, and her congratulatory lines were ever regarded as a golden present. Holding the pen of a ready writer, choice thoughts flowed in chaste and beautiful words, whether in prose or poetry, and it is not too much to say that only her own modesty and humility prevented her from coming before the world and claiming a position among the distinguished writers of the day.

It will be proper, in this connection, to speak of her published works and contributions to the religious and historical literature of the country. During her residence in New York she was intimately acquainted with Rev. Messrs. Hallock and Cook, secretaries of the American Tract Society. In 1835 that society published a premium tract, entitled, "Do your Children Reverence the Sabbath?" and the following year, "The Pequot of a Hundred Years," both from her pen, and of which they have issued 1,068,000 copies. She next prepared for them, in 1841, "Children of the Bible," all in verse and original, and in 1846, "Child's Hymn-Book," partly a compilation. In 1847 she furnished the "Tract Primer," one of the most popular and useful books ever published by that society. They have printed 800,000 copies of it in English, and 246,000 have been published in German and other European languages. The society, at a meeting of their publishing committee, April 28, 1849, by vote invited her to prepare a suitable series of books for children and youth, to follow the Primer. In compliance with this request, she furnished six volumes of "Bible Studies," forming an illustrative commentary on the whole Scriptures, and showing accurate scholarship and Biblical research, interesting to the young, but full of valuable information for all who love the Word of God. She was five years (from 1854 to 1859) in preparing this series, and contributed to the society, in 1861, one more work, entitled "Eve and her Daughters," being sketches of the distinguished women of the Bible in verse. She was also, up to the close of her life, a frequent contributor to their "American Messenger," furnishing them, but one week before her death, "The Aged Emigrant," a few verses of poetry, the last line being "A stepping-stone to heaven."

A deep sense of religious obligation pervaded her entire life, and was never lost sight of in her literary labors. An ardent thirst for knowledge, so deep as to amount to an almost insatiable craving, early took possession of her soul, and she could only be satisfied as she gathered and stored up the wisdom of the past. With a deep veneration for the piety and principles of our Puritan forefathers, she loved to linger among the graves and written records of their lives and deeds; and, like "Old Mortality," she recovered many an almost obliterated tombstone and preserved its story from oblivion. Nearly every burial-place in the county was personally examined, and any stone of great age or special interest was faithfully transcribed. Doubt-

less all these researches into the records of the past, whether in town or church books or on tombstones, were in accordance with her natural tastes; still we believe that something of the feeling which animated Walter Scott's hero was ever present with her. She would not let the worthy and pious dead pass out of mind, nor allow the good deeds of our ancestors to be forgotten, so far as any labor that she could perform might prevent it.

Something from the mass of historical and genealogical information which she had accumulated was first given to the public in the form of a history of the town of Norwich in 1845. It was a book of 360 pages, with some local illustrations, and was well received and appreciated by the public. In 1852 she published a larger work, "The History of New London," of 672 pages. This was very carefully and thoroughly prepared, and won many commendations from distinguished scholars and antiquarians. In 1860, some of the volumes of this history being still in sheets, twenty pages were added and bound up with the original book, thus giving eight years' additional records. Her materials having greatly increased since the issue of the first history of Norwich, and the edition being out of print, she rewrote the entire work, and a new volume of 700 pages was given to the public in 1866.

Miss Caulkins was a consistent Christian, and a member of the Congregational Church. She died Feb. 3, 1869.

**Acors Barns.**—The genealogical record of the family of Acors Barns is very readily traced back to the first members of this family in this country, who landed in Salem, Mass., about 1638, coming from the vicinity of the city of Norwich, England.

Their names were Joshua, William, and Charles, probably three brothers. Joshua's name appears among the nine original proprietors of the town of East Hampton, L. I., where he was soon after joined by William and Charles, and they all owned farms.

This township was bought in the spring of 1651, from Governor Edward Hopkins, of the colony of Connecticut, and Governor Theophilus Eaton, of the colony of New Haven, for the sum of £30 4s. 8d. sterling. In 1675 Isaac Barns was born, and tradition says he was the son of William Barns, who died at East Hampton, Dec. 1, 1698. Isaac Barns died Aug. 20, 1769, aged ninety-four years. He left a son Isaac, born Jan. 29, 1704, died April 22, 1772. He was the father of six sons and six daughters. The oldest son, Isaac, born July 1, 1738, died in command of a company of provincial troops, at Cape Breton, N. S., during the French and Indian war so called. The next son was Nathaniel, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born at East Hampton, March 18, 1740. Early in life he moved to Westerly, R. I., leaving behind him unsold his real estate. When the Revolutionary war commenced he owned and commanded a privateer, and was fairly



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successful in his career. He married Elizabeth Brown, of Westerly, R. I. She was born in 1741, and died March 5, 1826, aged eighty-six years. Her husband died in Charleston, S. C., but the exact date of his death is not known. He had two sons and three daughters. The oldest son, Nathaniel, the father of Acors Barns, was born Sept. 12, 1769, and died Oct. 15, 1819. He was a mariner, doing business in the West Indies. He married Miss Nancy Pendleton, of Westerly, R. I., in 1791. She was born July 22, 1771, and died April 30, 1835. They had four sons and four daughters. The oldest child, Nathaniel, was drowned off Lisbon, Portugal, Oct. 15, 1811, in the nineteenth year of his age, leaving no descendants. Of the remaining seven children, Acors was the oldest. His pedigree was through the line of the oldest male heir of the Barns family, as is evident from the fact of this family having had handed down to it the original coat of arms, from which they derive the manner of spelling their name as found thereon. The subject of this sketch was born in Westerly, R. I., May 13, 1794, and died, the first of the seven, on the 18th of November, 1862.

Acors Barns' sole capital in beginning life was industry. His common-school education was finished in his early youth, and he then began the battle for success. His profession was the life of a sailor. It was not long before he owned and commanded a vessel of his own, small in dimensions but nevertheless his own. His business with his craft was trafficking along the coast from Nantucket to New York. His prospects were flattering, to say the least, and life looked bright, but the war of 1812 soon gave a more serious aspect to his business. The risks taken were greater and the profits larger. He was a skillful navigator and had many hairbreadth escapes. On one of his trips along the coast, availing himself of a dense fog to run by the blockading ships of the enemy, he was so unfortunate as to be becalmed in the midst of the squadron, and when the fog lifted he and his vessel were captured by the enemy. He with other prisoners were started for Halifax, Nova Scotia, but finally were put ashore on the coast of Massachusetts. He returned home a worse than penniless boy, for he had not paid for his first vessel in full. Some time after this disaster he joined a vessel known as a "row-galley," and called "Black Nose," the forward half of the boat being black and the after part white. Its armament was the old-fashioned flint-lock musket, each man furnishing his own with ammunition. Their occupation was skirting along the coast, keeping a sharp lookout for Yankee crafts that had been captured by the enemy and recapture them if possible. They also rendered assistance to their friends when they were pursued by the enemy's boats. At the time Commodore Hardy made his famous descent upon the borough of Stonington, Aug. 9 to 12, 1814, this "row-galley" was the boat that carried the correspondence between the civil authorities of the bor-

ough and Commodore Hardy. While the boat would be waiting alongside the ship the crews of each would pass the time in exchanging tart compliments with each other. After the commencement of the bombardment the "row galley" was actively engaged in moving the inhabitants and their household goods up the Pawcatuck River to a place of safety. The result of the gallant defense of Stonington is a matter of history well known to all.

After the close of the war of 1812 Acors Barns returned to his profession of a sailor. At first he was employed on vessels fitted for the Banks of Newfoundland to catch codfish. Afterwards he commanded vessels whose cargoes of oil and codfish were sent to a foreign market to be sold, generally to Spain or Portugal. In these markets the proceeds of the outward cargo would be invested in dried fruit, and he thus turned his outward cargo into money by selling the cargo of fruit in New York. It was on one of these voyages that he arrived in New York in 1822, during the fearful ravages of the yellow fever, when he found the streets deserted and grown over with grass and weeds. The consignee of his vessel met him at the wharf in the lower part of the city with his horse and chaise and drove to the custom-house, in the village of Greenwich, then far out of town, so far as to be considered safe from the epidemic.

On the 25th of May, 1817, Acors Barns married Miss Hannah Dickins, daughter of Tristram and Martha Dickins, *née* Wilcox, of Stonington. She was born June 30, 1799, and still survives her husband.

The Dickins' ancestors were among the early settlers of Block Island, where their descendants are still to be found. Although Lottery Village, in the town of Westerly, was the residence of Acors Barns, Stonington was his place of business. Here early in life the subject of our sketch became associated in marine adventures with the members of Gen. William Williams' family, who were part owners in the vessels and cargoes which he managed. Whether selling oil and salt fish in Portugal, or trading the farm produce of his neighbors at Baltimore, Norfolk, and Richmond for wheat or flour, some members of the Williams family were always interested with him.

In 1819, Maj. Thomas W. Williams, son of Gen. William Williams, located at New London, and commenced to outfit ships for the whale-fisheries. His success at first was not flattering, but soon the indomitable energy of the master-spirit brought success, and with it an increase of business to such an extent that an assistant was wanted, and the result was that Acors Barns came to New London April 1, 1827, with his family. He immediately entered into the employ of Maj. Thomas W. Williams, and remained with him until 1829. During the fall of 1827 he took command of the ship "Chelsea," built by Maj. Williams and his friends at Norwich, Conn., and made a voyage from

New York to New Orleans and back; from New York she sailed under his command as a London packet to that place, and back to New York. After this voyage she was put into the whale-fishery.

In 1829, William Williams, Jr., and Acors Barns commenced business by fitting two ships for the whale-fishery, the "Stonington," already in the fishery, and the "Electra," a London packet, bought for the business.

From 1829 to 1832 the above-named firm had no permanent place of business, but leased office, storage, and wharf accommodations during the time necessary to fit their ships for sea and to dispose of their cargoes. In the spring of 1832 they leased a store and office on Bank Street, and commenced a commission and general merchandising business, as was the custom of all the whaling agents (as they were styled). This year they fitted for sea the "Helvetius," "Stonington," and "Electra." The two latter ships made annual voyages until 1833, when the "Stonington" was sent on a sperm-whale voyage to the Pacific Ocean, where the "Helvetius" had been sent in 1832. This vessel was wrecked on Oahu, one of the Sandwich Islands, but her cargo of five hundred barrels of sperm oil was saved and sent home. In 1833 the first disaster befell the firm. The bark "Ruth and Mary" was lost on Block Island, as she was proceeding to sea, during a dense fog. Some of the material of the vessel, however, was saved, and a large part of the cargo.

In 1836, Thomas W. Williams (2), son of William Williams, Jr., became a partner in the firm, and the title was changed to Williams & Barns. In February, 1841, William Williams, the senior, retired from the firm. In 1847, William H. Barns, the eldest son of Acors Barns, was admitted to an interest in the firm. There was no change of the *personnel* of the firm until 1855, when Thomas W. Williams (2) died. During the following year a new organization of the firm was made, Henry R. Bond and Charles Barns becoming partners. Mr. Bond had been a member of William Williams, Jr.'s family from his youth up. Charles Barns was the second son of Acors Barns.

On the 31st of December, 1858, the subject of this sketch withdrew from the firm, leaving the partnership to consist of William H. Barns, Charles Barns, and Henry R. Bond, with the title of the firm unchanged, and so it remains at this date.

During the time Acors Barns was a member of the firm, from 1829 to 1858, a period of thirty years, they owned thirteen ships and barks and two brigs. Of these four were wrecked, two were condemned in foreign ports, and four were sold.

Acors Barns had other investments and enterprises than the whale-fishery. He was a prominent owner in the coasting trade, carried on by a large fleet of sloops and schooners at an early date, and afterwards by propellers. He was one of the projectors of the first propeller line that ran between New York and New London, and at a time when a propeller was

looked upon as an experiment. This was in the year 1844. He lived to see sail-vessels to a great extent superseded by propellers.

He was one of the incorporators of the New London Northern Railroad Company, chartered under the name of the New London, Willimantic and Palmer Railroad Company, was elected a director on its organization, and remained in its direction until his death.

In 1852 he, with his friends, became the incorporators, under the State Banking Act, of the Bank of Commerce, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, soon increased to two hundred and seven thousand two hundred dollars. He was elected president on its organization, and held that office until his death.

Acors Barns was never a merely nominal officer in the directorship to which he was elected, but he attended to and performed the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and his quick comprehension of the matter under discussion always gave weight to his opinion with his co-directors. He was a man of good judgment, a safe counselor, and steadfast friend, well known in the community in which he lived, and he died respected by all who knew him.

**Thomas W. Williams**, second son of Gen. William Williams, of Stonington, Conn. Born Sept. 28, 1789. Educated at Plainfield. Received mercantile training in New York, Russia, and England. Took up residence in New London in 1818. Married Lucretia Woodbridge, daughter of Hon. Elias Perkins.

In the decadence of general business consequent on the war and the disordered state of affairs in Europe, Mr. Williams sought to revive and develop the whaling interest, in which some faint attempt had been hitherto made. His energy and tenacity of purpose led to the establishment of this business on the firm basis which added largely to the growth and prosperity of New London, and though, under the operation of natural laws, the business has declined and is now fading out, it yet served its purpose well for the time, and justified the sagacity and comprehension of the man who saw and utilized its possibilities so well for his town and himself.

In 1838 he was elected member of Congress for this District, and served with ability for two consecutive terms, then withdrawing on his own decision from further official connection with political life. He was one of the promoters of the N. L. & W. R. R., and for many years its first president and strongest supporter. Largely interested in all good works, public or otherwise, which aimed at progress and improvement, he led many and aided all efforts that commended themselves to his judgment as beneficial to the city and State in which he lived.

His political convictions were strongly Whig and Republican, and among his personal friends were numbered the best men of the old party and its worthy successor. Integrity of thought and action,



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*Th. W. Williams*





*Nathan Belcher*

with broad liberal views, based on strong Christian principle, marked his life, and a powerful will, united with energetic determination, emphasized his characteristics. Earnest and truthful, his life was never idle or useless, and he died honored and respected, Dec. 31, 1874.

**Nathan Belcher** was born in 1813, in that part of Preston, New London Co., afterwards incorporated as the town of Griswold. His first ancestor in this country was Gregory Belcher, who came from England in 1634, landing at Boston, and settling in Braintree, Mass. As appears by public records, Gregory's descendants continued to reside in that vicinity until early in the succeeding century, when one of them, Moses, removed to Preston, then but partially settled, and became owner of an extensive tract of land there. He was prominent in the organization of the Second Church of Preston, and represented the town in the General Assembly.

A grandson of his, William, was active in the affairs of the town about the period of the Revolution, and was one of a committee sent by it to Boston to present a contribution of money raised in the town to aid the poor who were suffering through the enforcement of the Boston Port Bill, and also to consult with the authorities there as to the measures necessary to be taken for maintaining the rights of the colonies. When actual hostilities began he joined the Continental army as captain of one of the companies raised in Preston, and served under Col. Selden, and afterwards Col. Latimer, in the battles on Long Island, at White Plains, and around New York. At a later period he became captain in a regiment commanded by Col. (afterwards Gen.) Jedediah Huntington.

His son, William, father of Nathan, the subject of the present sketch, was a resident of Preston during the early part of his life. In the war of 1812 he commanded a regiment stationed on the Groton side to repel the invasion threatened by the British fleet in Long Island Sound. At the close of the war he engaged in business at New London, but removed from thence to Norwich, and some years later to the western part of Massachusetts.

The son, Nathan, did not accompany him, but remained with relatives in Griswold, and under their direction attended the academy at Plainfield, and there fitted for college. He graduated at Amherst College in 1832, and afterwards studied law with Samuel Ingham, of Essex, and at the Harvard Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1836, and commenced practice in Clinton, Conn. Early in 1841 he removed to New London, and in October of the same year married Ann, daughter of Increase Wilson. A few months previous he had relinquished the practice of law and engaged with Mr. Wilson in the manufacture of hardware, and from that time forward gave his principal attention to the management of that business. During the succeeding years he occasionally held some local offices and appointments. In 1846

and 1847 was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, and in 1850 of the State Senate. In 1852 was one of the Presidential electors at large for the State, Governor Thomas H. Seymour being the other, and as such cast his vote for Franklin Pierce for President. In 1853 he was chosen representative in Congress for the Third District, and served through the Thirty-third Congress, but declined being a candidate for re-election. Intending to resume business at the close of his term, he had arranged that the manufacturing establishment with which he had been identified, and which until then had been individual property, should be changed into a corporation, and accordingly it commenced operations in 1855 as "The Wilson Manufacturing Company," his father-in-law, Increase Wilson, being the president, and himself the secretary. At the death of Mr. Wilson, in 1861, he succeeded him as president, and remained thus until 1866, when he disposed of most of his interest in the company and retired from its management and from further active business. While he had the principal charge of its affairs the business of the corporation was large and exceptionally prosperous. Since this retirement he has been disinclined to re-enter upon the strife of business or politics, but continues to discharge the duties connected with some positions of trust assumed in earlier life. He has been a director in the Union Bank since 1858, and a trustee of the Buckley School since its incorporation in 1850, and its treasurer since 1876.

He has had two children, a daughter, who died young, and a son, William, a lawyer, and at the present date (1881) judge of probate for the New London district.

In politics Mr. Belcher has always been a Democrat, but throughout the war he was a firm and outspoken supporter of the Union, and was called upon to preside at the first war-meeting held in New London after the attack upon Sumter.

His religious associations are with the First Congregational Church, in New London, where he has long been a regular attendant, though not a member.

**Hon. Francis B. Loomis** was born at Lyme, Conn., April 9, 1816. His father, Joel Loomis, was an influential public man, a frequent representative of his town in the General Assembly, judge of probate for many years, an associate judge of the County Court, and the intimate friend of the late Chief Justice Waite, of Connecticut, father of Hon. Morrison R. Waite, the present chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and also Hon. Charles J. McCurdy, Judge Lodowick Bill, and the leading men of that day.

Mr. Loomis' boyhood was passed in his native town, where he attended the public and private select schools, and acquired an education that well fitted him for his subsequent successful business career.

Thus prepared for the active duties of life, on attaining his majority he immediately began the man-

ufacture of woolen goods in his native town, and that with a vigor and wisdom that were rewarded by success from the very beginning. Col. Loomis had attained a prominent position in Lyme as a public-spirited citizen of enterprise and ability, and in 1847, just prior to his removal to New London, he was honored by an almost unanimous election to the Lower House of the Legislature. Mr. Loomis always manifested quite an interest in military affairs, and when only twenty-one years of age was elected colonel of the Third Regiment of Connecticut Militia and county commissioner.

In 1848 he removed to New London, and at once greatly enlarged his sphere of operations, and has since been prominently identified with the business and financial interests of the city. Soon after his removal to New London he erected the woolen-mills at Montville, and subsequently became the owner of the Rockwell Mills at Norwich and other factories in that town, now owned by the Sturdevant Bros. He also constructed and managed for some time the steam woolen-mills at New London, which factory was the first of the kind ever built in this city for the production of textile fabrics, of which he was the sole owner. He also erected and owned the woolen-mills at Coventry, Tolland Co. In the marvelous development of the woolen manufacture from 1840-70, Col. Loomis was one of the principal factors, and made the business a grand financial success. Later he secured the exclusive ownership of the large steam cotton-mills at Sag Harbor. The mills were built by the late Gen. James, and were regarded as the model mills of the country. During the civil war his manufacturing was conducted on a more extensive scale than that of any other individual in the State, his employes numbering over twelve hundred, and his mills were running night and day in the fulfillment of government contracts.

Notwithstanding Col. Loomis met with almost unparalleled success as a manufacturer, his ability as a financier was no less conspicuous. Quick to perceive proffered advantages, and active in turning them to private and public account, he availed himself of the privileges conferred by the National Banking Act soon after it was passed, and organized the First National Bank of New London, which was one of the first institutions of its kind in the country. He subscribed and owned nearly the whole of the capital stock, and directed its operations in person from the date of organization until its cessation from business in 1877. Investments rarely prove to be more lucrative than did that. Dividends for many years averaged *twelve per cent.* in gold, and the surplus accumulations more than equaled the capital. During the late rebellion this bank was the government depository for Eastern Connecticut, and for a time held government deposits of over \$4,000,000. It was also intrusted with the sale of government bonds, and floated over \$20,000,000 of the several issues.

Possessed of an ample fortune, obtained by processes only beneficent to the multitude, Col. Loomis retired from manufacturing soon after the close of the war, and employed his energy and resources in stock speculations and railroad enterprises. Some of the former have been of colossal magnitude, while the latter, particularly in the South and West, have also been on a large scale, developing their section of country, enriching its inhabitants, and yielding a rich return to the deserving capitalist.

Politically, Col. Loomis began life as a Whig, and acted with the party until it ceased to exist.

In 1861, when armed rebellion raised its hideous head, he promptly and patriotically devoted himself to the upholding of the Union cause, and lost neither heart nor hope in the darkest and dreariest days of the sanguinary struggle that ensued. He was president of the first war-meeting, held in the old courthouse at New London, on the evening of that ever-memorable 12th of April, 1861, when the lightning flashed the intelligence to the expectant North that Confederate shot had been fired at the national colors at Sumter, and that Major Anderson and his gallant band were in a state of siege.

Never did the spirits and genius of the Revolutionary fathers shine more resplendently than in an act of Col. Loomis' in 1864.

We all remember the dark hours of the early part of 1864. Grim-visaged war stood out in all its manifold horrors before the people of this country. It was an hour of intense gloom. A mighty conflict was imminent, and at this time, on the eve of the horrible carnage which has gone down in history as the battle of the Wilderness, Col. Loomis' patriotism was brilliantly displayed in his offer to President Lincoln to furnish and equip at his own expense one thousand men for one hundred days in order to relieve the garrison at Fort Trumbull, that the regulars stationed there might be sent to the front. The noble offer was not accepted, but the genuine and glowing patriotism which dictated it at the supreme hour of the nation's peril received appropriate acknowledgment from the lamented Lincoln in the following autograph letter, which was subsequently found among his papers, and was published in Raymond's "Life, Public Services, and State Papers of Abraham Lincoln."

"EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Aug. 12, 1864.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th of April, in which you offer to replace the present garrison at Fort Trumbull with volunteers, which you propose to raise at your own expense. While it seems inexpedient at this time to accept this proposition, on account of the special duties devolving upon the garrison mentioned, I cannot pass unnoticed such a meritorious instance of individual patriotism. Permit me, for the government, to express my cordial thanks to you for this generous and public-spirited offer, which is worthy of note among the many called forth by these times of national trial.

"I am very truly your obedient servant,

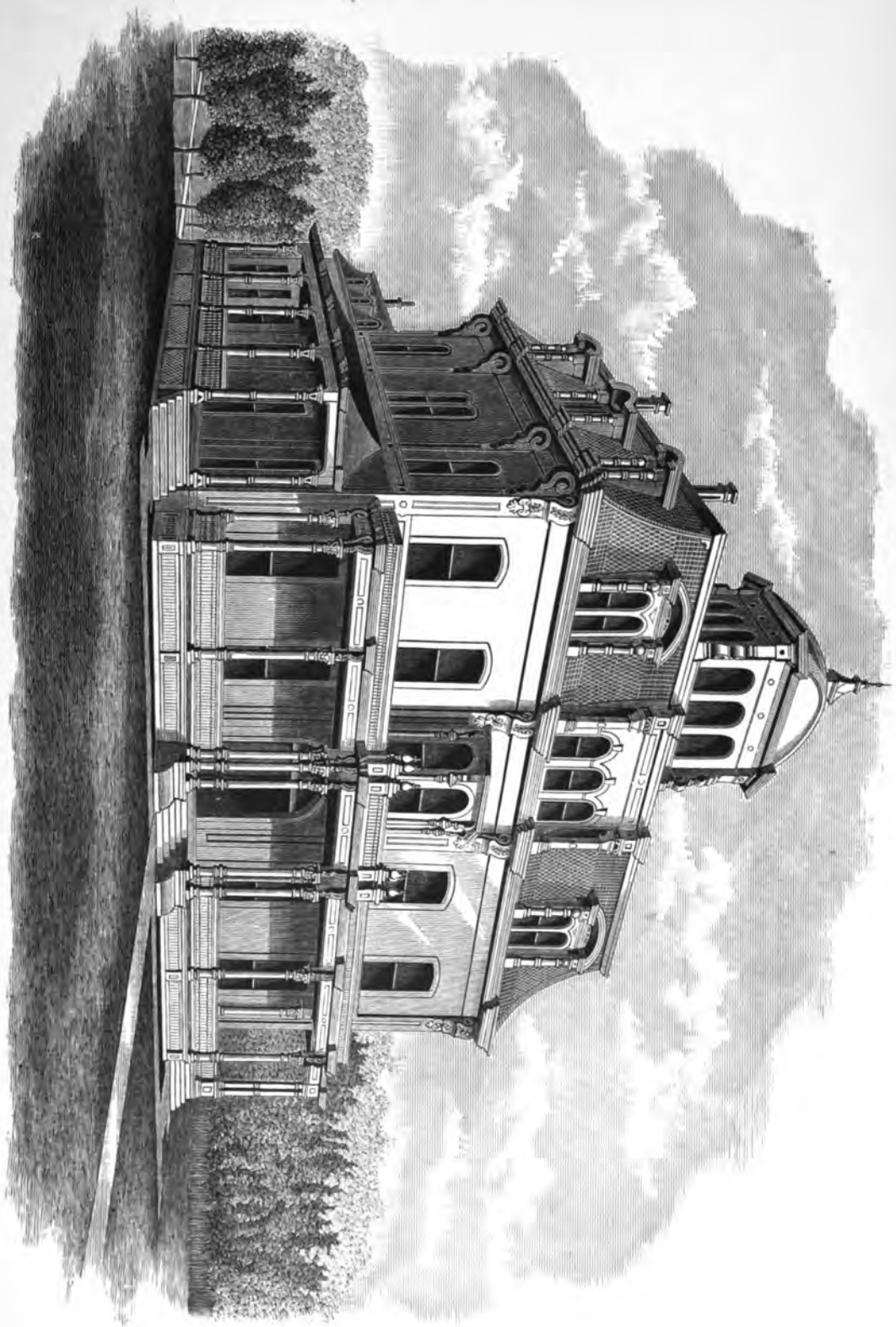
"A. LINCOLN.

"F. B. LOOMIS, Esq."





*Francis B. Loomis*



RESIDENCE OF GOV. FRANCIS B. LOOMIS,  
NEW LONDON, CONN.



*W W Bellings*





*Wm K Cady*

Throughout the war, and until 1872, Col. Loomis acted with the Republican party, but uniformly declined all overtures to become a candidate for office. The Liberal Republican movement of that year enlisted his heartiest sympathy and co-operation, and he was nominated elector at large on the Greeley and Brown ticket. Since then he has been politically identified with the Democratic party. In 1872 he declined the unanimous nomination as candidate for Senator from the Seventh District, and soon after he also declined the congressional nomination from the Third District, which was also unanimously tendered him. He was a delegate at large to the convention that nominated Tilden and Hendricks, and was chairman of the State delegation. He was also Presidential elector at large on the Tilden and Hendricks ticket from Connecticut. In November, 1876, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic ticket, and as presiding officer of the Senate, in the subsequent legislative session, discharged his duties with acceptancy and skill, added to an impartial dignity that commanded respectful attention and grateful applause of political friends and opponents alike. At the close of the session, the last held in the old State-House and the first in the new, Senator Brown, Republican, of the Eighth District, in the course of his remarks in delivering the farewell of the Senate to its presiding officer, said, "You have treated all questions fairly and honorably, and in a manner to command the respect and approval of all. Strange as it may seem, yet it is true that during the two years you have presided over this body no appeal has been made from the ruling of the chair." Certainly a meritorious record.

Col. Loomis was urgently requested to become a candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship for a second term, and although positively declining the honor, he was chosen by acclamation in the convention, but he refused to stand as the candidate.

In the fall of 1880, Col. Loomis was a prominent candidate for gubernatorial honors, and it was the belief of all the leading men in the party that his nomination would insure success to the Democratic ticket. His peculiar fitness for the position, in connection with his popularity among the masses, were some of the reasons why Col. Loomis should have been the candidate of his party in the critical campaign of 1880. He, however, declined the honor in a characteristic letter, in which he said, "To the end that our noble candidate may be elected, all private ambition should be sacrificed, and all personal self-seeking and local claims subordinated."

Upon the organization of the New London County Historical Society, Hon. L. S. Foster was chosen president, and Col. Loomis one of the vice-presidents, which position he has since held.

Col. Loomis is a public-spirited citizen of a genial and social nature, and very popular with the masses.

**William Williams Billings.**—There is no prouder

or more enduring personal record than the story of a self-reliant, manly, and successful career. It declares that the individual has not only understood his duty and mission, but fulfilled them. The following biography is highly suggestive of these facts.

William Williams Billings, the honored subject of this sketch, was born in Stonington, Conn., in the year 1802. He attended school at Norwich and New London, to which last-named city his father, the late Hon. Coddington Billings, removed. Having decided upon a collegiate course, he was prepared under the tuition of the late Prof. Denison Olmstead, and in 1817 entered Yale College, where he graduated with honor in the class of 1821, of which class of twenty-one not more than eight survive.

After leaving college Mr. Billings at once entered a counting-house, where his business education was begun. He manifested a decided interest in commercial pursuits, and in 1823 and 1824, then only twenty-one years of age, he made voyages to Portugal and France to enlarge his business knowledge and mercantile experience. In about the year 1823, Mr. Billings formed a copartnership with his brother, the late Hon. Noyes Billings, under the firm-name of N. & W. W. Billings, for carrying on the whaling business. Here his indomitable will, business energy, and executive ability were clearly demonstrated. The business rapidly increased, and this enterprising firm soon became extensively and favorably known over all oceans, and was eminently successful in the ownership and agency of whaling ships. The firm continued until the business universally declined, when its affairs were closed and Mr. Billings retired from active business in the possession of a handsome competency.

Since his retirement he has, with an occasional trip to Europe, lived among the people with whom his active business life had been immediately associated, always interested in their success and gladly contributing to their comfort and enjoyment. Mr. Billings is a liberal contributor to all worthy objects, both public and private, being always directed by a thoughtful and positive judgment. In 1828 he united in marriage with Miss Louisa Trott, of a family well known in New London. He is a member of St. James' Episcopal Church parish, and his contributions to its maintenance have been munificent.

Although now at the advanced age of nearly eighty years, after a life of unusual activity, Mr. Billings retains in a remarkable degree the vigor and elasticity of youth, and vividly relates scenes and incidents of "ye olden time."

Mr. Billings is not a politician, but he is always an earnest supporter of the principles of a free republican government.

**Martin Kellogg Cady.**—A record of the men conspicuous in New London affairs during the period between the years 1833 and 1876 would be sadly incomplete with the name of Martin K. Cady omitted. A



leading merchant for more than forty years, upright and honorable, and beloved by all, well and justly deserves a tribute from the pen of the chronicler of passing events in New London County.

Mr. Cady was born in Bolton, Conn., June 29, 1813. He subsequently removed with his parents to Salem, later to Guilford, and in 1828 located in this city, and in the same year entered the employ of Charles Bolles as clerk. He remained with Mr. Bolles one year, when he was offered a clerkship by P. C. & I. Turner, which he accepted, and three years later—Jan. 1, 1833—commenced business with a Mr. Brewster, under the firm-name of Brewster & Cady, which continued one year. He then went into the mercantile business for himself. He was always kind to the young man who was struggling for a beginning, and numbers of the leading men of to-day of New London received their business training in the store of Martin K. Cady. He was kind and considerate with his employes, many of whom were unusually long in his service, frequently becoming independent in their circumstances. Honesty and a strict attention to business, coupled with an indomitable will, rendered his life a success. He retired from active business life in January, 1876, and was in the enjoyment of his *otium cum dignitate* when death laid his hand upon the strong man, and he died Jan. 8, 1881, passing away peacefully,—

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Aug. 5, 1841, Mr. Cady united in marriage with Miss Sarah Way, a native of New London, and their children are as follows: Harriett Allen, wife of Capt. R. P. H. Durkee, U.S.A., of New York, now a member of the firm of Palmer & Durkee, attorneys, Chicago, Ill.; Martin Kellogg, eldest son, is assistant coiner in the United States mint at San Francisco, and has been for some years. He married Jeannie B., daughter of Hon. Charles Gorham, of Maysville, Cal. Walter Claffin, youngest son, resides with his mother in New London.

Amos Cady, father of Martin K., was born in Vernon, Conn., May 11, 1780, and his mother, Hannah Kellogg, was born in Amherst, Mass., July 14, 1786.

Martin K. Cady inspired all with whom he came in contact with unbounded confidence in his common sense and uncompromising integrity. He was a thoroughly practical man, possessing a strong will, and when once his plans were formed was diligent and resolute in their speedy and complete execution. He ever manifested a lively interest in all matters tending to advance the welfare of his adopted city. His residence of fifty-three years in New London covered an important part of its history, with which Mr. Cady was closely identified, and no man commanded more universal respect. He was a consistent churchman, a member of St. James' Church, and for many years a vestryman; he was also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

His name is honored, his memory cherished at home and abroad by a wide circle of acquaintance, and it will be many years before his place in New London is made good.

**Josiah Crosby Waldo.**—Rev. Josiah Crosby Waldo was born in Chesterfield, N. H., Dec. 5, 1803. His boyhood was passed in his native town, where also he was educated at the Chesterfield Academy. This was a locally celebrated institution, where the greater portion of the graduates from Dartmouth College were prepared. In 1824 he went to Saratoga Springs and taught school one year, when he returned to Chesterfield and placed himself under the training of the Rev. Hosea Ballou for the ministry. He soon after supplied various pulpits of the Universalist Church in and about Boston, and in 1828 removed to Cincinnati and became pastor of a young and growing church, since known as the First Universalist Society of Cincinnati. He entered into the work of the ministry in that city with vigor and persistency, and succeeded in building up one of the most flourishing and powerful Universalist societies in the United States. It is not too much to say that the growth of that body from a small beginning to one of power and influence was due almost entirely to the earnest efforts in its behalf put forth by Mr. Waldo. Notwithstanding his pastoral duties demanded much of his attention, he established, soon after his settlement, the *Sentinel and Star*, a Universalist journal, and until 1831 was its managing editor. He wielded a graceful and trenchant pen, and under his able editorial management the paper secured a wide circulation and took prominent rank among the provincial press. In 1832 he resigned his pastorate and withdrew from the management of the *Sentinel and Star* and returned to Boston. He subsequently officiated in the pastoral office in Lynn, Mass., which after a very successful labor of six years he resigned and located at Arlington, Mass., as pastor of the church at that place, where he remained eight years. He then removed to Troy, N. Y., where he preached until 1854, when, in consequence of the failing health of his wife, he gave up his pastorate and removed to New London, where he has since resided. Upon his removal to this city he supplied the pulpit of the Universalist Church for twelve years; he then retired, and is now enjoying his *otium cum dignitate* at his beautiful villa in East New London.

In 1831 he united in marriage with Elmira Ruth Ballou, daughter of Rev. Hosea Ballou, who died in June, 1856. In 1865 Mr. Waldo married Caroline Mark, widow of David Mark, of Pekin, Ill., and daughter of Winslow Wright, of Boston, a noted merchant. Mr. Waldo has three children living,—George Curtiss Waldo, editor of the *Bridgeport Daily Standard*, Clementina Grace, and Maturin Ballou. Politically Mr. Waldo has been a Republican since the second election of Lincoln. Previous to that time he was a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson.



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*J. C. Waide*



Portrait by John H. Brown, 1847

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*Samuel F. Brown*



*Henry A. Liner*

**Charles D. Boss** was born in Newport, R. I., March 27, 1812. He was educated at the common schools, and at the age of ten years began work as an apprentice at the baking business in Newport, and remained there until he was nineteen years of age. In 1831 he came to New London and entered the employ of William Gray, proprietor of the pioneer cracker manufactory in this city, which occupied the site of the present establishment of C. D. Boss & Son. He, however, remained with Mr. Gray but one year, and then, in company with his brother, Philip M., commenced the manufacture of crackers on Potter Street. Soon after they purchased Mr. Gray's establishment, and about one year later the partnership was dissolved, Mr. C. D. Boss becoming sole proprietor, and continuing as such until 1863, when his son, C. D. Boss, Jr., became associated with him, and the business has since been conducted under the firm-name of C. D. Boss & Son. From a small beginning this establishment has kept abreast with the rapid strides in mechanics' arts during the last twenty years, and to-day is one of the largest institutions of the kind in this country. The annual product amounts to about two hundred thousand dollars, and the establishment has a daily capacity for using one hundred barrels of flour. One hundred and thirty kinds of crackers are manufactured. This establishment is a monument to the business ability, honesty, and integrity of the subject of this sketch, who for a period of nearly forty years was its active manager and business head. Mr. Boss is a member of the Second Congregational Church. Politically he was formerly a Whig, later a Republican, and is now a Prohibitionist. The temperance cause finds in Mr. Boss an able and uncompromising champion. He is one of New London's most honored citizens, and has done much to advance the material, moral, and religious interests of his adopted city.

May 18, 1835, he united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Mason, and their family consists of two sons and one daughter, viz.: Thomas, pastor of the Congregational Church at Springfield, Vt.; Charles D., Jr., who is associated with his father in business; and Eliza Edith, wife of Robert R. Congdon, who is also associated with Mr. Boss in business.

**Israel F. Brown** was born in Salem, Conn., Dec. 31, 1810. Soon after his parents removed to Norwich, where he remained until sixteen years of age. He then went to Macon, Ga., and commenced work in a machine-shop at wood-turning. Three years later Mr. Brown removed to Clinton, Ga., and commenced the manufacture of cotton-gins with Samuel Griswold. He subsequently, in company with Mr. Daniel Pratt, located at McNeil's Mills, near the Alabama River, where he remained about two years and returned to Macon, and soon after (1843) removed to Girard, Ala., and in company with E. T. Taylor established a cotton-gin manufactory under the firm-name of E. T. Taylor & Co. Two years later he removed to Columbus, Ga.,

where he erected a large factory, and remained until the year 1858, when he came to New London.

The war paralyzed the business in the Southern States. Mr. Brown, however, continued to manufacture largely for the Brazilian market. Soon after the war manufacturing for the Southern market was resumed, and in 1869 Mr. Brown organized the Brown Cotton-Gin Company, and has been its president since its organization. Mr. Edward T. Brown was its first secretary and treasurer, and has officiated in that capacity to the present time. In addition to the large buildings now occupied in the manufacture of gins, the company is now erecting an immense structure on Pequot Avenue, just below Fort Trumbull. This will be one of the largest cotton-gin manufactories in the United States. Mr. Brown is a thoroughly practical man, and is the owner of thirty valuable patents of his own invention.

In 1837 he united in marriage with Miss Ann Smith, of Macon, Ga., who died in 1864. Their family consisted of the following, all of whom were born in Georgia: Edward T., Sarah A., wife of George Colfax, Esq., and George C. The latter is a prominent resident of Macon, Ga.

Mr. Brown was married a second time to Emma Conant, May, 1866, a niece of the late William Albertson.

Israel F. Brown's life has been one of steady and active devotion to business, and his success has been the natural result of his ability to examine and readily comprehend any subject presented to him, power to decide promptly, and courage to act with vigor and persistency in accordance with his convictions. He has gained nothing by mere luck, but everything by perseverance and well-digested plans, and the intelligent application of his energies to the end in view. In social life he is gentlemanly and affable, is a prominent member of the Universalist Church, and is one of New London's most enterprising and honored citizens. Democratic in politics.

**Sidney Miner**, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of New London, was born in this city in the year 1805, and is descended in direct line from Henry Miner, who was born in England in 1339. He traces his lineage through this long line without losing a name or date. He dates his ancestry in this country to Thomas Miner, who emigrated from England with Governor John Winthrop in the ship "Arabella." He first was one of the colony that located at Saybrook, but in 1643 came with Winthrop to Pequot, now New London, where he built a house and remained until 1654, when he removed to Stonington, and died there in 1690. His son Manassah was the first male child born in New London. Thomas Miner died, leaving a large landed estate, and the homestead still remains in the possession of his descendants. From him, in the sixth generation, descended Frederick, the father of the subject of our sketch, who was born in Stonington in 1768. He re-

moved to New London in about 1795, and engaged in the mercantile business. He died in 1849, aged eighty-one years. He was a useful and reliable citizen, and held many important offices. He had four children, viz.: Hannah, married Rev. Charles Thompson, and subsequently Rev. Joel Lindsley, D.D.; Frederick, engaged in the whaling and sealing business, and died in New York in 1827; William Wood was a prominent physician in New London many years, and died in 1875.

Sidney, the third son, after acquiring a good common-school education, learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner. Soon after, however, he entered a dry-goods store as clerk, but that business being distasteful to him, he returned to his trade. A short time after he entered the employ of Joseph Lawrence as clerk, where he remained a number of years, and finally became associated with him in business. Upon the death of Mr. Lawrence a new firm was formed, consisting of his sons and Mr. Miner, in the whaling and sealing business, which continued until 1855, when Mr. Miner withdrew, and since that time has lived a retired life.

In 1834 he united in marriage with Mary A. Ramsdell, of Mansfield, Conn., and their family consisted of three children. His wife died in 1843, and in 1844 he married Lydia, daughter of Col. William Belcher, of Granby, formerly of this city.

Politically Mr. Miner is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and has never swerved or deviated from the underlying principles of that honored organization. He has held various official positions within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, and has discharged his duties with eminent ability. He was first alderman for about eight years, assessor, board of relief, was on the school committee, and was financial treasurer until he resigned some years ago, since which time he has refused all public office. He is also a director in the Whaling Bank, and has been for many years.

Mr. Miner also manifests a decided interest in religious matters, and for a long time has been a member of the Society of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in this city, and was very active in the erection of the fine church edifice which was completed in 1852. Mr. Miner's life has been one of great activity and usefulness, and although past the scriptural age of threescore years and ten, he still retains in a remarkable degree the vigor and elasticity of youth.

**David P. Francis, M.D.**—Dr. Francis is emphatically a New England outgrowth, and presents a notable example of the pluck and enterprise that have stamped their impress on the literature, politics, and thought of the land; that have made themselves felt and honored in every profession and calling, and become a power in national affairs.

Born Jan. 22, 1823, at Griswold, New London Co., Conn., he quickly discovered that his fortune must be

the work of his own hands, and that if he desired to reach upwards he must depend on his personal endeavor. His father, John Francis, though a leading man in his section, holding many positions of trust, including the probate judgeship, was too heavily burdened by the needs of a large family to help him beyond the advantages that a common-school education affords. The family was of French extraction, and young Francis had inherited the hopefulness of this race, mingled with enough of the Puritan element to make his determination firm and unyielding. He elected to follow the profession of medicine, and to accumulate the means that would enable him to study this began teaching school at the age of sixteen. His first professional studies were carried on in the office of Dr. Phinney, of Jewett City, and having there obtained a helpful insight into the mysteries of medicine, he entered the Berkshire Medical College, at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1842, graduating in 1845. He was forced to teach during vacations to obtain the means to carry on his college course, and after graduating settled in New London, his sole capital being the few books he had been able to purchase, his professional knowledge, and the sum of fifty cents.

A thorough student, feeling that to keep abreast of his profession he must have a catholicity of thought that would allow him to examine and use all beneficial discoveries, Dr. Francis soon showed that skill and energy which are the keystones of success, and became a leading member of the medical fraternity. He married, June 17, 1852, Miss Nancy W. Pinkham, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Pinkham, of Boothbay, Me., and after her death, in September, 1855, determined to visit Europe, and there obtain a broader knowledge of the calling he had chosen. He studied both in London and Paris, frequenting the hospitals, and attending in London the lectures of Profs. Fergusson, Erichsen, and Bowman, and in Paris those of Profs. Nélaton and Velpeau.

Returning with increased knowledge and skill, his care and thoroughness were soon widely acknowledged, and were rewarded by a practice that plainly demonstrated his usefulness. Generous in the matter of his services, prompt to answer the call of those from whom no reward could come as well as that of the wealthiest man in the section, keeping thoroughly informed regarding all matters pertaining to his profession, and calling to his aid its most advanced thought, his career has been an eminently successful one, and he has demonstrated what determination and study can do, and fills an honored and representative position.

November, 1864, Dr. Francis married his second wife, Miss Carrie C. Hull, of New York City. He is still hale and energetic, an earnest student, a careful practitioner, a steadfast friend, one who feels for the sufferings of his fellows, and stands ready to alleviate them to the full extent of his powers. His early religious training has made Dr. Francis cling to the



*Dr. C. Francis M.D.*





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Congregational Church, though his mind is far too broad to be warped or narrowed by the ruling of any creed. In politics he is Democratic, of that honest and stable Jacksonian type which holds the nation to be the paramount good of the people. As his liberal thought has made him abjure the sway of creeds, so has it kept him from being bound by such medical laws as to him seemed stultifying and void of help, and he makes use of all truths and scientific discoveries bearing on his profession, his practice being broad in its use of theories and ideas, and fully in accord with the advance and learning of his century.

**W. H. H. Comstock.**—The Comstocks are a proud old family, reaching away back through a registered pedigree in the "Muniment Office" at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, nine generations previous to 1547, at which time Charles Von Komstohk, a baron of the German Empire, was imperiled in the "Von Benedict treason" and fled into England with other noblemen of Silesia and Austria. Their arms are or, two bears rampant, sable-muzzled gules in chief; in base a sword issuing from a crescent, point downward, all red. Upon the arms a baronial helmet of Germany, mantled or, and gules, surmounted by a baron's coronet, jeweled proper; issuing therefrom an elephant rampant, also proper. The bears imply courage, the sword shows that the family had fought against the Turks, the elephant shows personal prowess and sagacity in those bearing the name when the coat of arms was granted. Peter Comstock, late of Lyme, father of W. H. H. Comstock, gives this account of his immediate ancestry: "My father, Capt. Peter Comstock, of Montville, Conn., was born in the year 1732, and died in April, 1802. From him I learned something of the history of his ancestors. He said that there came from England four brothers of that name to New London, Conn., from 1635 to 1640; one of them, by the name of John, had a grant of land on the west side of the river Thames, five miles above New London, extending two miles westerly from said river, on which he settled; one settled in Rhode Island, one in Fairfield County, Conn., and one on the Connecticut River, near the line of East Haddam and Lyme. John left two sons,—John and Samuel. John<sup>2</sup> and descendants possessed the old grant, and have continued in possession of almost the entire tract ever since. Samuel's descendants lived in the north part of Montville. One of his grandsons was Nathaniel, who was an elder in the church in New London (North Parish). He had three sons, who settled in Montville, on the estate of their father. Their names were Nathaniel, Jared, and Zebulon. Nathaniel left one son, Peres, who settled in Hartford. Jared left five sons. Samuel and Jared settled in the State of New York. David and Joseph inherited the land of their father. John<sup>2</sup>, who settled on the old grant, left five sons,—James, John<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin, Peter, and Daniel. James was killed at Fort Griswold, at the storming of that fort by the British, at about eighty years of age, consequently he must

have been born about the year 1700. He left three sons,—William, James, and Jason. William settled at Cooper's Pattern, State of New York. The other two sons settled at Montville. John<sup>3</sup> married Polly Lee, of Lyme, by whom he had two sons, John<sup>4</sup> and Nathaniel. John<sup>4</sup> was a lieutenant in the colonial army, and was killed at the orchard fight on Long Island. He left three sons,—Oliver, who settled on the homestead in Montville, represented said town in Legislature several times, was many years a justice of the peace and church deacon; Joshua, settled in the State of New York; Elkanah, went as a missionary to Michigan soon after the war of 1812 and settled in Pontiac. Nathan, brother of John<sup>4</sup>, died young, leaving two sons,—Nathan and Asa. Nathan inherited the estate of his grandfather, John. Benjamin left two sons,—Benjamin and Daniel. Daniel's two sons, Elisha and Daniel, settled in Montville. Elisha had four sons,—Ebenezer, Alpheus, Jeremiah, Perigrene, all of whom were drowned. Peter followed the sea, became master, and died when about thirty years of age. He left four sons,—Peter<sup>2</sup>, Ransford, Daniel, and Thomas. Peter<sup>2</sup> inherited the homestead, was captain in Latimer's regiment in the Continental army, and was stationed at Fort Trumbull when New London was burned. By his first wife, Betsy Fitch, he had two sons, George and Fitch, who settled in Independence, Ohio. He again married, this time a Sarah Mirick. They had four sons,—Peter<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan, Elisha Mirick, and Jeremiah. Ransford removed to New York State, and had four sons,—Charles, Jesse, Ransford, and Guy. Daniel settled in Shelburne, Vt., and had two sons,—Zechariah and Elisha. Thomas also went to Vermont, and was killed at the battle of Bennington, and left one son, Thomas. Peter<sup>3</sup> and Elisha M. settled in Lyme; Jonathan and Jeremiah in Waterford. Peter<sup>3</sup> (born in Montville), after moving to Lyme, married Sally, daughter of Hon. Moses Warren, of Lyme, became a merchant and a prominent man in the town, was judge of probate, held other local offices of trust, represented Montville in Legislature, and the Ninth Senatorial District in the same body. He died Oct. 29, 1862, aged eighty-three. He left four sons,—Moses Warren, Peter A., William H. H., and John J. William H. H. Comstock was born in Lyme, Conn., March 20, 1819. He was educated in the public and private schools of Lyme, and in early life worked on the farm and "clerked" in his father's store, and also was a clerk in New London. Before he was of age he engaged in trade in East Lyme as a merchant in company with his father, under firm-title of William H. H. Comstock & Co. This firm continued until 1840, when Mr. Comstock removed to New London and engaged in the grocery business, corner State and Main Streets, with Mr. Congdon, as Congdon & Comstock. Selling his interest in this in the fall of 1841, he went to East Lyme and engaged in general merchandise, continuing there as a

merchant till 1864, when, selling out, he rested for a year from active business, then removed again to New London, and engaged in business as grocer with Mr. Howard, with firm-title of Comstock & Howard. At the end of three years Mr. Comstock purchased the entire interest, and continued the business successfully alone until March, 1880, when he retired from trade, and has spent most of the time since traveling in Europe. He married, Dec. 15, 1842, Eliza A., only daughter of Dr. John L. and Fanny Smith, of Lyme. They have had five children,—Fanny E. (dec'd), Anna C. (dec'd), Mary E., Wilhelmine S. (dec'd), and Seth S. (dec'd).

In politics Mr. Comstock has been unswervingly Whig and Republican. As such represented East Lyme two terms in State Legislature (1848–59), and the Ninth Senatorial District in 1854 in the same assemblage. The same year he was drawn by lot, one of the six senior senators, as a member of the corporation of Yale College. He was for many years town treasurer, was paymaster-general of Connecticut (appointed by Governor Bissell), with rank of major. He has held the office of councilman in New London, and is a director of the New London City National Bank. He united with the Baptist Church of East Lyme years since, and now holds membership with the First Baptist Church of New London.

**Orlando C. Gorton.**—The honored subject of this sketch, son of Collins and Mary Gorton, was born in East Lyme, April 12, 1814. He was educated at the common schools in his native town, where he succeeded in securing an education that well qualified him for his subsequent successful business career.

Mr. Gorton remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Philadelphia, and subsequently embarked in the book trade, traveling extensively through the South and employing many agents. He was very successful in this business, in which he continued about twenty years, and succeeded in acquiring a handsome competency. He then closed up his business in the South, and returning to his native town, purchased the old farm upon which his father had resided for the past twenty years. Wishing to retire from the active management of the farm after about fourteen years, he removed to New London and purchased the place upon which his family now reside, and where his last days were spent.

Mr. Gorton was in every respect a self-made man, and his success was the natural result of his indomitable will and untiring energy. He was Republican in politics, and represented his town in the Legislature.

March 20, 1856, he married Fanny E., daughter of Calvin and Fanny Spencer, of East Lyme. Their family consisted of the following children: Orlando C., John S., Charles E., Henry (deceased), George A., Fannie, Elizabeth, and Ella.

Mr. Gorton died Nov. 12, 1874.

**C. Arnold Weaver** (oldest son of Wanton A. and Ann Weaver), one of the oldest merchants in the city of New London, was born in Lyme, Conn., April 12, 1821. His early boyhood was passed in his native town, and at the age of seven years removed with his parents to New London, where, with the exception of a few years, he has since resided. He received the advantages of a good school education; was diligent, and attentive to his studies, and obtained an education that well fitted him for his subsequent successful business career. Mr. Weaver's mercantile education was commenced in the store of Cady, Benjamin & King, where he remained one year, and in 1838 entered the employ of Weaver & Rogers, merchants, who were conducting business at the site now occupied by Mr. Weaver. In the spring of 1843, thinking to better his condition, he went to Sag Harbor, L. I., where he remained until January, 1846, when he returned to New London and entered into partnership with Weaver & Rogers, his former employers, in the ship chandlery and grocery business, where he has since remained in the active prosecution of the business. He was also engaged in the whaling business, which at one time was largely carried on by New London citizens. He has ever manifested a commendable interest in all matters tending to advance the material and religious interests of his adopted city. He is a leading member of the First Baptist Church, is a present member of the board of trustees, has been deacon of the church some twelve years, and served as the clerk over twenty-five years. Politically he is a Republican, and has been since the organization of that party. He has given his entire attention to his business, and has never sought political distinction; has, however, been a member of the Common Council, and was also a director in the First National Bank, now extinct. In November, 1846, he united in marriage with S. Augusta Brown, and their family consists of four children, viz.: Frank A., Annie A., Walter B., and Tillie L. In social life Mr. Weaver is gentlemanly and affable, and one of New London's most honored citizens.

In the year 1870, his health being such that a change and recreation was necessary, upon the recommendation of his physician he took a sea voyage to San Francisco, returning much improved in health and bodily vigor.

The residence of Mr. Weaver is located on Granite Street, in the most elevated and sightly portion of the city.

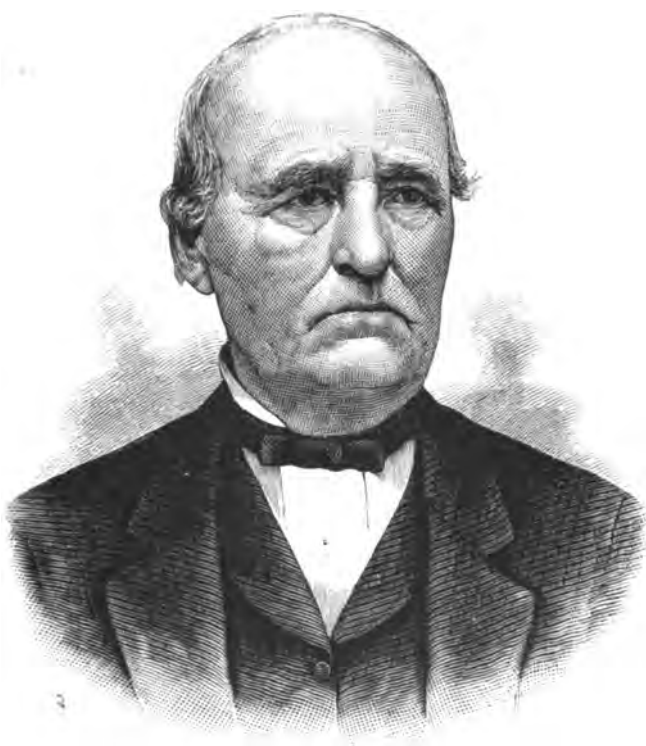
**Charles Treadway**, born in Salem, New London Co., Conn., was a descendant of Nathaniel Treadway, weaver, of Sudbury, Mass., 1640. This Nathaniel married Sufferance, daughter of Edward Howe, and removed to Watertown about 1645. He was repeatedly chosen selectman, and died in 1689. Treadway is not a common name in New England, and all who bear it are probably descended from Nathaniel, as he and his brother Josiah, who had no son, are the only



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ones of the name whose arrivals are chronicled. Nathaniel had three sons,—Jonathan (of Sudbury), Josiah (last of Charlestown), and James. His daughter Lydia married Josiah Jones, Sr. Charles Treadway was the son of Charles and Lucretia Treadway. His grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, and was a prisoner on the Jersey ships, which impaired his health and finally terminated his life. His father was a mechanic. The common schools of Salem afforded the entire educational advantages of Charles, but these were diligently improved, and when only sixteen we find him teaching a district school, and continued thus engaged, in a greater or less degree, for more than thirty years, including twelve and a half consecutive years in New London.

Mr. Treadway then engaged in merchandising in New London, in partnership with Daniel Lee, and continued in trade for nearly forty years.

Mr. Treadway was twice married. His first wife was Eliza H. Lee, of Waterford, Conn. Of their six children, none survived their father. He married his present wife April 18, 1865. She is the daughter of Joseph and Submit T. (Dunham) Woodward, of Mansfield, Tolland Co., Conn. Of their three daughters, but one, Jennie Woodward Treadway, is now living.

Mr. Treadway was a member of the Huntington Street Baptist Church of New London.

He was in early life a Whig in politics, but a Republican from the organization of that party, and was an earnest advocate of its principles. He represented New London in the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1852–53, held various town offices, all the duties connected therewith being done to the satisfaction of his constituents.

As a man, none were more valued than he among the citizens of New London for his sterling worth. Always unobtrusive, conscientious, and active, he was prominent in local politics, religion, and popular education. In the last he was especially interested. As a teacher, he was universally esteemed, and enjoyed the confidence of his pupils in an unusual degree. In all business matters and in all relations of life he was high-minded and honorable, and was actuated by the best motives, and when his death occurred, Dec. 3, 1878, he was sincerely and deeply mourned.

**Oscar F. Sites, M.D.**, one of the oldest medical practitioners in New London, was born in Freistadt, Silesia, Prussia, March 23, 1810. He first attended the high school in Breslau, Silesia, and was studying medicine in Bonn, on the Rhine, in 1830, when he left the university and joined the revolutionary army of Poland. At the close of the war he went to France and studied homœopathy in that country and in Italy. In the year 1836 he came to America and located in New York City, where he taught music. He also continued the study of his chosen profession, and in 1842 graduated at the Geneva Medical College, at Geneva, N. Y., at that time one of the leading insti-

tutions of the day. In 1845, Dr. Sites came to New London, where he has since remained in the active practice of his honorable profession. Giving his profession his undivided attention, he has raised the standard of homœopathy in New London, has secured a good practice, and is highly esteemed by friends and fellow-townsmen.

**Edward Hallam** was born in New London, Conn., in 1779, received his education at the schools of his native town, and his early manhood was passed as a merchant there. He was largely concerned in



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West India commerce and other shipping interests. In this he continued many years, and was a stirring, energetic business man, public-spirited also, and doing much for the good of New London. He at last met with financial reverses, and proceeded West to try new fields of labor. He engaged as an apothecary in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a few years, and about 1822 or '23 returned to New London, and ever after resided there, becoming largely interested in whaling voyages, which were very successful ventures. He continued thus engaged until his death, March 26, 1847. He married, first, Sarah Sage, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Sage) Johnson; second, Mary, daughter of Stephen and Esther (Sage) Rainey. He left no children, Mrs. Hallam surviving him ten years. He was of a warm, social disposition, fond of the company of friends, whom he entertained hospitably and pleasantly. He was fond of humor, was himself a great wit, and his friends were held by a strong tie. He was a member, and for several years warden, of the



Episcopal Church, and revered for his consistent Christian character. He never cared for office, and shrank from public life, but when he died he was more missed by a large circle of friends than many who were laden with worldly titles and honors. Mrs. Hallam died Nov. 18, 1857, and both lie buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## NORWICH.

Geographical—Topographical—The Mohegans—The Indian Deed—The First Settlements—Survey of the Townships—Original Proprietors—Home-Lots—The Town Plot—Plan of the Ancient Settlement—Pioneer Schools—Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths—The First Mill—The First Chaise.

THE town of Norwich lies north of the centre of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Sprague, on the east by Lisbon and Preston, on the south by Montville, and on the west by Bozrah and Franklin. The surface of the town is diversified by hills and valleys and the soil is strong and fertile.

Two hundred and forty years ago but a faint wave of civilization had broken upon the primeval forest of the territory now embraced within the bounds of the State of Connecticut. There was a plantation on the Sound at Fairfield, also a small settlement at Hartford and New Haven, but for the most part it was in the undisputed possession of the red man. At the time of the settlement of the English the possession of the eastern part of the State was held by the Mohegans, and the territory now embraced within the present bounds of Norwich, Franklin, Bozrah, Sprague, Lisbon, and a portion of Preston known as the Nine-mile Square, was claimed by Uncas, the Mohegan chief, and was distinguished by the name of Mohegan.

The jurisdiction of the Mohegan territory was ceded to the colonial authorities by Uncas, Sept. 28, 1640, the deed being witnessed by William Thompson, Thomas Leffingwell, and Benjamin Brewster.

**The Indian Deed.**—The Indian deed of the town was executed June 6, 1659, and was as follows:

"Know all men that Onkos, Owaneco, Attawanhood, Indians of Mohegan, have Bargained, sold, and passed over, and doe by these presents sell and pass over unto the Towne and Inhabitants of Norwich nine miles square of land lying and being at Mohegan and the parts thereunto adjoining, with all ponds, rivers, woods, quarries, mines, with all royalties, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to them the said inhabitants of Norwich, their heirs and successors forever—the said lands are to be bounded as followeth, (viz.) to the southward on the west side of the Great River, ye line is to begin at the brooke falling into the head of Trading Cove, and soe to run west norwest seven miles—from thence the line to run nor north east nine miles, and on the East side the afores'd river to the southward the line is to joine with New London bounds as it is now laid out and soe to run east two miles from the foresd river, and soe from thence the line is to run nor northeast nine miles and from thence to run nor northwest nine miles to meet with the western line.—In consideration whereof the sd Onkos, Owaneco and Attawanhood doe acknowledge to have received of the parties aforesd the full and just sum of seventy pounds and doe promise and engage ourselves, heirs and suc-

cessors, to warrant the sd bargain and sale to the aforesd parties, their heirs and successors, and them to defend from all claims and molestations from any whatsoever.—In witness whereof we have hereunto set to our hands this 6th of June, Anno 1659.

"ONKOS



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"OWANECO



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"ATTAWANHOOD



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"Witness hereunto

"JOHN MASON

"THOMAS TRACY.

"This deed is recorded in the Country Books August 20th 1663; as attests  
"JOHN ALLYN, Sec'y."

This tract was described in the proprietor's records as follows:

The line commenced at the mouth of Trading Cove, where the brook falls into the cove; thence W. N. W. seven miles to a Great Pond (now in the corner of Bozrah and Colchester), the limit in this direction being denoted by a black oak marked N that stood near the outlet of the "Great Brook that runs out of the pond to Norwich river;" thence N. N. E. nine miles to a black oak standing on the south side of the river (Shetucket), "a little above Maw-mi-ag-waug;" thence S. S. E. nine miles, crossing the Shetucket and the Quinnebaug, and passing through "a Seader Swamp called Catantaquack," to a white-oak tree marked N, thirteen rods beyond a brook called Quo-qui-qua-soug, the space from the Quinnebaug to this tree being just one mile and fifty-eight rods; thence S. S. W. nine miles to a white oak marked N, near the dwelling-houses of Robert Allyn and Thomas Rose, where Norwich and New London bounds join; thence west on the New London bounds, crossing the southern part of Mr. Brewster's land, two miles to Mohegan River, opposite the mouth of Trading Cove Brook, where the first bounds began.

**The Settlement of Norwich.**—The settlement of Norwich was made by inhabitants of Saybrook, under the leadership of the celebrated Capt. John Mason, a man familiar with the Indian country, well known to Uncas, the Mohegan sachem, and of much influence in the colony. The petition to the General Court for permission to begin the settlement was made in May, 1659. The court answered the petitioners as follows:

"Hartford, May 20. (59). This Court having considered the petition presented by the inhabitants of Saybrook, doe declare yt they approve and consent to what is desired by ye petitioners, respecting Mohegin, provided yt within ye space of three yeares they doe effect a plantation in ye place propounded."

**Survey of the Township.**—The preliminary step having been taken, the next move was for a survey of the province, which was made in 1659, when the

town plot was laid out, a highway opened, and the home-lots measured and assigned. A few of the settlers removed to the new plantation during the fall of 1659 and remained through the winter, but no goods were removed until the spring of the following year.

**Original Proprietors—Home-Lots.**—The statement has been made by various historians that the original proprietors numbered just thirty-five, but the painstaking and indefatigable Miss Caulkins, in her "History of Norwich," after thorough research, says,—

"The following list comprises those against whom not only nothing is found to militate against their being ranked as first proprietors, but, on the contrary, the records either prove conclusively or favor the idea that they belonged to that class: Rev. James Fitch, Maj. John Mason, Thomas Adgate, Robert Allyn, William Backus, William Backus, Jr., John Baldwin, John Birchard, Thomas Bliss, Morgan Bowers, Hugh Calkins, John Calkins, Richard Edgerton, Francis Griswold, Christopher Huntington, Simon Huntington, William Hyde, Samuel Hyde, Thomas Leffingwell, John Olmstead, John Pease, John Post, Thomas Post, John Reynolds, Jonathan Royce, Nehemiah Smith, Thomas Tracy, Robert Wade.

"Others having original home-lots and all the privileges of first proprietors were Thomas Bingham, John Bradford, John Gager, Stephen Gifford, Richard Hendy, Thomas Howard, Thomas Waterman, John Tracy, Josiah Reed, Richard Wallis.

"Of this second class, Bingham, Gifford, Howard, Reed, Tracy, and Waterman were probably minors when the plantation commenced. They were all married between 1666 and 1670, inclusive, and were all living except Howard in 1702, when a roll of the inhabitants was made in reference to a division of lands which distinguished the surviving first proprietors from the list of accepted inhabitants. Bingham, Gifford, Reed, Tracy, and Waterman were enrolled with the latter, which would seem to settle the point that they were not original proprietors.

"Most of these names, however, are necessary in order to make up the charmed number thirty-five. From the position these young men took and the prominence of their descendants in the history of the town they seem to have a higher claim to be ranked as proprietors than some of the earlier class,—Hendy and Wallis, for instance, of whom we know little more than their names, and Wade, who soon alienated his possessions. By dropping these three names and accepting the six minors we are brought back to the time-honored prescriptive number *thirty-five*.

"Stephen Backus, another minor, became a proprietor in the right of his father, William Backus, who died soon after the settlement."

**The Town Plot.**—"The town plot was laid out in a winding vale, which followed the course of the rapid, circuitous Yantic, and was sheltered for the greater part of the way on either side by abrupt and rocky

but well-wooded hills. A broad street or highway was opened through this valley, on each side of which the home-lots were arranged.

"A pathway was likewise cleared from the centre of the settlement to the Indian landing-place below the falls of the Yantic, near the head of the Cove, following the old Indian trail from Ox Hill to Yantic ford. This path, called by the settlers Mill Lane, was the most eligible route by which the effects of the planters could be conveyed. In some places the forests had been thinned of their undergrowth by fires, to afford scope for the Indians in their passionate love of the chase, and the beaver had done his part towards clearing the lowlands and banks of the rivers. A few wigwams were scattered here and there, the occasional abodes of wandering families of Indians at certain seasons of the year, who came hither for supplies of fish, fruit, or game; and the summits of some of the hills were crowned with disorderly heaps of stones, showing where some rude defense had been constructed in the course of their wars. But in every other respect the land was in its natural wild state. It was a laborious task to cut down trees, to burn the underbrush, to mark out roads and pathways, to throw temporary bridges over the runs of water, and to collect the materials for building.

"The home-lots comprised each a block of several acres, and were in general river-lands, favorable for mowing, pasture, and tillage. Here lay the prime advantage to be gained by a change of residence, the first proprietors being, with scarcely a single exception, agriculturists and farmers.

"Each homestead had a tract of pasture-land included in it or laid out as near to it as was convenient. Where the street approached the river the planters had their pasture-lots, in the same line with the house-lots on the opposite side of the stream.

"Near the centre of the town plot an open space was left for public buildings and military parades. This was soon known as the green, or plain. Here stood the first meeting-house, towards the south side, with the open common around it, and a steep pitch to the river. Of its erection there is no record.

"The dwellings of Mr. Fitch and Maj. Mason were near together, facing the green, and with the river in their rear. The road running from the green to the river, and spanning the stream with a bridge, separated the two homesteads. The allotment of Mr. Fitch, consisting of eleven acres, was on the southeast side of the green; the home-lot of Mason, 'eight acres more or less,'—the early measurements were extremely liberal,—was on the southwest side.

"The first wife of Mr. Fitch died at Saybrook in September, 1659. He came to Norwich a widower with six children, two of them sons—five and eleven years of age—who became active business men, and appear in so short a time taking part in the affairs of the town that it might be a pardonable inaccuracy were they ranked as original planters.

"Three acres of Mr. Fitch's home-lot he afterwards transferred to his son, Capt. James Fitch.

"On the northwest side of the green, covering the ledgy side hill, was the allotment of Stephen Gifford.

This was afterwards bought by the town for parsonage-land. On this hill, in the time of Philip's war, the meeting-house, the second sacred edifice of the town, stood.

"At the east end of the green was the homestead of Simon Huntington. His lot was laid out on both sides of the street, with a pleasant rivulet running through it and a lane winding into the woods on one side, separating his land from that of his neighbor, Bradford.

"On the river, southeast of Mr. Fitch, was the lot of John Olmstead, eight acres, and next to him that of William Backus, Sr., six acres. Mr. Backus died soon after the settlement, and left his accommodations to his son Stephen, in whose name they were subsequently registered.

"Memoranda: the footway six foote broad which goes through the home-lot of Mr. Fitch, John Holmstead, and Steven Backus was laid out by Towne order and agreement for the use of the towne in August, 1681."

"This path for more than a century remained a pent-way, with a gate and turnstile at each end, and when at last—that is, a little before the Revolutionary war—it was widened into a road and thrown open to the public it was dark with shrubbery and overhanging trees, and known as the road through the Grove.

"Thomas Tracy's home-lot of nine acres lay east of Simon Huntington's, on the south side of the street, which here runs nearly east and west.

"John Bradford, four acres, opposite Tracy, with the street and highways on all sides. 'Mr. John Bradford's corner' was quoted as a landmark. This was at the east end of his lot, where what was then called 'the road to Shetucket' began.

"Christopher Huntington, six acres, east of Thomas Tracy, with the brook between them.

"South of Huntington's corner was a ravine, with a pitch of several feet, through which in times of abundant rain another gurgling stream, formed by rivulets trickling down from Sentry Hill, passed into the dense alder swamp below. South of this ravine was the allotment of Thomas Adgate, whose land met that of Olmstead at the corner, completing the circle of home-lots around the central block.

"Opposite the homestead of Adgate a branch of the town street ascended Sentry Hill, and came down again to the main road below the corner, in the line of the old Indian trail towards the fords of the Yantic.

"Upon this side road, near where it came into the Town Street, was the lot of Sergt. Thomas Leffingwell, twelve acres, with an additional pasture-lot of ten acres, with Indian wigwams then upon it, 'abutting easterly upon the rocks.' The house-lot was eighty-six rods in length upon the narrow highway.

"Sergt. Leffingwell was peculiarly the soldier and guardsman of the new town, and Sentry Hill was the lookout post, commanding the customary Indian route from Narragansett to Mohegan. A sentry-box was built on the summit, and in times of danger and excitement a constant watch was kept from the height. Here, too, in the war with Philip a small guard-house was built, sufficient for some ten or twelve soldiers to be housed. It has of late been called Centre Hill, an unconscious change from Sentry that has probably obtained currency from the supposition that the name referred to its position among other elevations in this multitude of hills. Nor is the name at present inapplicable, this being not far from the centre of the modern township, though by no means central in reference to the original nine miles square.

"North of Leffingwell, and stretching towards Ox Hill, grants were laid out to Richard Hendy, Josiah Reed, and Richard Wallis, with the commons for their principal boundaries.

"Next to Leffingwell, on the street as it runs south, was the allotment of Thomas Bliss, five acres and a fourth, with a lane on the south leading to a watering-place at the river.

"John Reynolds, southeast of Thomas Bliss, six acres.

"Here was the eastern frontier of the town plot. A dense and miry thicket lay between the mill-lane and the upland plain below.

"Returning to the green which divided the settlement into East and West Ends, the proprietors were arranged along the street and river, west of Maj. Mason, in the following order:

"Thomas Waterman, seven acres.

"Thomas Bingham, four acres.

"John Post, six acres.

"John Birchard, seven and one-fourth acres; sixteen rods and eleven feet in front. Mr. Birchard's house, according to tradition, was fortified in the time of Philip's war, and a garrison kept in it, who made port-holes under the roof, through which to fire if they should be attacked.

"Robert Wade, six acres; sixteen rods front. This lot was sold in 1677 to Caleb Abell, and better known as the Abell homestead.

"Adjoining Wade, but with boundaries and situation uncertain, was the lot of Morgan Bowers.

"Opposite Post and Birchard, on the northeast side of the street, were the allotments of William Hyde and his son Samuel, extending back into the commons. The Hyde house stood a few rods back from the town street, upon the 'highway into the woods,' as the lane was then called.

"Next west of Robert Wade, on the river side of the street, was the home-lot of John Gager, eleven and a half acres.

"Thomas Post, adjoining Gager, on the upland, six acres; 'a burying-place excepted that lyeth within his lot, and also a way to it.'

"On the other side of the street were the locations of Nehemiah Smith and Thomas Howard.

"Beyond Thomas Post on the northwest, with lots reaching from the town street to the river, were the following proprietors in regular succession:

"Richard Edgerton, six acres; William Backus, six; Hugh Calkins, six; John Calkins, four and three-fourths; Francis Griswold, seven; Robert Allyn, five; Jonathan Royce, six; John Baldwin, five; John Tracy, twelve; John Pease, seven, with the river on the northwest, west, and south.

"This was at the western limit of the town plot, where the river by a sudden turn to the southwest crossed the street at right angles.

"These thirty-eight lots were the first laid out, and though not all in 1659, and some perhaps not till several years later, those who held them, whether immediate possessors or not, were commonly reckoned original proprietors.

"After the first thirty-eight proprietors, the next inhabitants who come in as grantees of the town are John Elderkin and Samuel Lathrop. Elderkin had two home-lots granted him in remuneration of services. The first grant of 1667 was laid out in the town plot, but being at too great a distance from his business, it was conveyed, with consent of the townsmen, to Samuel Lathrop, 24th August, 1668. Another was given him at the old landing-place below the Falls, where, according to contract, he built a grist-mill for the convenience of the town.

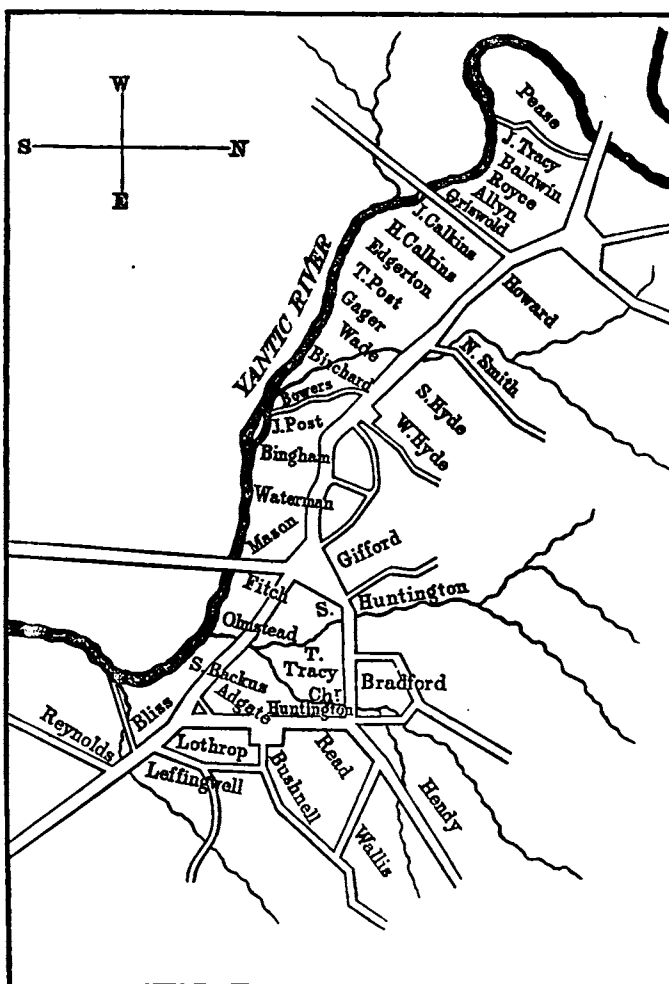
"The Lathrop house-lot comprised six acres, and had a street, highway, or lane on every side of it. Probably it lay on the side-hill opposite Adgate's. The early intermarriages in the families of Lathrop, Leffingwell, Adgate, and Bushnell, leading them to divide house-lots and settle in contiguous homes, make it difficult to determine the precise situation of each original grant. We can be confident only that these families had their first dwellings near together at the east end of the town plot.

"The first Samuel Lathrop appears to have erected a house on the town street before 1670.

"Samuel Lathrop, Jr., in 1679 had a piece of land given him by the town to build upon 'near his father's home-lot,' upon which he is supposed to have built the house that subsequently belonged to Col. Simon Lathrop, and still later to Rufus Lathrop Huntington. A noted pine-tree, originally of great size and height, stood near and pointed out the site even after the house was demolished.

"The next householders after these were the older sons of proprietors, of whom the most distinguished were John and Daniel Mason, sons of the major, Capt. James Fitch, and Richard and Joseph Bushnell, sons of Mrs. Adgate. These are all ranked as first-comers, taking part in the affairs of the first generation.

"Richard Bushnell's residence stood conspicuously upon the side-hill. Courts of larger or lesser signifi-



PLAN OF THE ANCIENT SETTLEMENT, 1660.

cance and meetings of various kinds were held there. One of the Courts of Commission appointed by royal authority to settle the Mohegan controversy is said to have held its sessions in the great square room of the Bushnell house.

"A careful examination of the grants and proprietary records shows that in 1672 land had been recorded to only seventy-seven persons within the town limits.

"In April, 1661, the first division land was laid out (this included the Little Plain); in 1663 the second division land, which lay towards Lebanon; and in 1668 the third, upon Quinnebaug River. After a few

years almost every citizen owned land in eight or ten different parcels. For the first eighty or one hundred years very few of the homesteads seem to have been alienated. They passed from one occupant to another by quiet inheritance, and in many cases were split into two or three portions among the sons who settled down by the side of their fathers.

"There was a peculiarity in the foundation of Norwich that distinguishes it from most other settlements in this part of the country. It did not begin in a random, fragmentary way, receiving accessions from this quarter and that till it gradually grew into a compact form and stable condition, but came upon the ground a town and a church. The inhabitants were not a body of adventurers fortuitously thrown together, but an association, carrying their laws as well as their liberties with them, each member bound to consult the general good as well as his own individual advantage. Steady habits, patient endurance, manly toil, and serene intelligence settled with them, inspiring and efficient though quiet housemates. In the early days of the township the inhabitants labored hard, but every man helped his neighbor. Trespasses were rare; a grand decorum of manners prevailed; sympathy, kindly counsel, and friendly assistance softened the rigors of the wilderness, and the hearts of all were strengthened with the constant cheer of gospel promises. All the enactments and proceedings of these fathers of the town, all that we can gather concerning them from records or tradition, exhibits a well-organized community,—a people, bold, earnest, thoughtful, with the ring of the true metal in their transactions.

"The whole course of history furnishes no fairer model of a Christian settlement."

**Indian Forts.**—If any dependence can be placed on names and traditions, the Indians had at least three rude forts within the present bounds of Norwich. One at the Landing on the brow of the hill, which on this account was called at the first settlement Fort Hill. This was probably the citadel of Waweequaw, the brother of Uncas. Another upon Little Fort Hill, between the Landing and Trading Cove, belonging to Uncas himself. And a third, more ancient than either of these, on the southwestern side of the Yantic, below the junction of Hammer Brook. This stood upon a rugged platform of rock, surrounded and overshadowed with woods. It was a barren and secluded spot; but the tradition has been current, particularly among the Hydes and Posts, who first owned the spot, that here was an ancient Indian fortress. It consisted of a high stone wall, inclosing an area upon the brow of the hill, and must have been designed only as a hiding-place to which to retreat in times of invasion. The stones had been broken by the Indian builders into portable size, and about the year 1790 were removed and used in the building of a cellar and for other purposes by the owner of the land.

In 1685 a patent was obtained which confirmed to the town the original tract of nine miles square, to be an entire township, "according to the tenor of East Greenwich, in Kent, in free and common soccage, and not in capite, nor by Knight's service." A copy of this patent is herewith given:

#### Patent of the Town of Norwich, A.D. 1685.

Whereas the General Court of Connecticut have forever granted unto the proprietors and Inhabitants of the Towne of Norwich all those lands, both meadows and uplands, within these abutments (viz.), from the mouth of Trading-cove Brooke, the line to run as the Brooke to the head of the Brooke, to a white oak marked N: and from thence west northwesterly to a great pond, to a black oak marked N: which stands neere the mouth of the great Brooke that runs out of the pond to Norwich River, which is about seven miles from the said Trading Cove; and from thence the line runs North norrest nine miles to a Black oak standing by the river side, on the south of it, a little above maumegaway, and from thence the line runs south southeasterly nine miles to a white oak standing by a brooke marked N: and then the line runs south southwesterly nine miles to a white oak neere Robert Allyn and Thomas Rose's Dwelling-houses, which tree is marked N: and from thence westerly as New London Bounds runs to Mohegan river, the whole being nine miles square, the said land having been by purchase or otherwise lawfully obtained of the Indian natives proprietors.—And whereas the said Inhabitants and proprietors of the sd Norwich in the Colony of Connecticut have made application to the Governor and Company of the sd Colony of Connecticut, assembled in Court May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1685, that they may have a patent for the confirmation of the aforesaid land, so purchased and granted to them as aforesaid, and which they have stood seized, and quietly possessed of for many years late past without interruption. Now for a more full confirmation of the aforesaid to the present proprietors of the sd Township of Norwich in their possession and enjoyment of the premises, know ye that the sd Governor and Company, assembled in General Court according to the Commission Granted to them by his majestie's charter, have given and granted, and by these presents doe give, grant, Ratifie, and confirme unto Mr. James Fitch, senr, Capt. James Fitch, Mr. Benjamin Brewster, Lieut. Thomas Tracy, Lieut. Tho. Leffingwell, Mr. Christopher Huntington, Mr. Simon Huntington, Ensign William Backus, Mr. Thomas Waterman, Mr. John Birchard, and Mr. John Post, and the rest of the said present proprietors of the township of Norwich, their heirs, successors, and assigns forever; the aforesaid parcell of land, as it is Butted and Bounded, together with all the woods, meadows, pastures, ponds, waters, rivers, islands, fishings, huntings, fowleings, mines, minerals, quarries, and precious stones, upon or within the said tract of land, and all other profits and commodities thereunto belonging, or in any wayes appertaining; and Doe also grant unto the aforesaid Mr. James Fitch, senr, Capt. James Fitch, Mr. Benjamin Brewster, Lieut. Thomas Tracy, Lieut. Tho. Leffingwell, Mr. Christopher Huntington, Mr. Simon Huntington, Ensign Wm. Backus, Mr. Thomas Waterman, Mr. John Birchard, and Mr. John Post, and the rest of the proprietors, Inhabitants of Norwich, their heirs, successors, and assigns forever, that the foresd tract of land shall be forever hereafter deemed, reputed, and be an intire township of itself—to have and to hold the said tract of land and premises, with all and singular their appurtenances, together with the privileges and immunities and franchises herein given and granted unto the sayd Mr. James Fitch, senr, Capt. James Fitch, Mr. Benjamin Brewster, Lieut. Thomas Tracy, Lieut. Thomas Leffingwell, Mr. Christopher Huntington, Mr. Simon Huntington, Ensign Wm. Backus, Mr. Thomas Waterman, Mr. John Birchard, and Mr. John Post, and other the present proprietors, Inhabitants of Norwich, their heirs, successors, and assigns for ever, and to the only proper use and behoofe of the sayd Mr. James Fitch, senr, Capt. James Fitch, Mr. Benjamin Brewster, Lieut. Thomas Tracy, Lieut. Thomas Leffingwell, Mr. Christopher Huntington, Mr. Simon Huntington, Ensign William Backus, Mr. Thomas Waterman, Mr. John Birchard, and Mr. John Post, and other proprietors, Inhabitants of Norwich, their heirs, successors, and assigns for ever, according to the tenor of East Greenwich in Kent, in free and common soccage, and not in capite, nor by Knite's service, they to make improvement of the same as they are capable, according to the custom of the country, yielding, rendering, and paying therefore to our sovereign Lord, the king, his heirs and successors, his dues according to Charter. In witness whereof, we have caused the Seale of the Colony to be hereunto affixed this twenty-first

of May, 1685, in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord James the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith.

ROBERT TREAT, Governor.



March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1687, per order of Gov<sup>r</sup> and Company of the Colony of Connecticut.

Signed pr

JOHN ALLEN, Secrety.

Entered in the pub. records, Lib. D: fo. 138, 139, Nov<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>, 1686: pr JOHN ALLYN, Secrety.

**Schools.**—The first reference in the old town records to schools is in 1677, when John Birchard was chosen to keep school nine months of the year for £25, provision pay.

March 31, 1679,—

"It is agreed and voted by the town that Mr. Danill Mason shall be improved as a school-master for the towne for nine months in the years ensuing, and to allow him twenty-five pounds to be payed partly by the children, . . . and each child that is entered for the full time to pay nine shillings and other children that come occasionally to allow three pence the week; the rest to be payed by the Towne."

July 28, 1680, a special meeting was called to deliberate respecting the establishment of a town school, and the whole matter committed to the charge of the selectmen, with injunctions that they should see,—

"1<sup>st</sup>, that parents send their children; 2<sup>d</sup>, that they pay their proportion, according to what is judged just; 3<sup>d</sup>, that they take care parents be not oppressed, especially such who are disabled; 4<sup>th</sup>, that whatever is additionally necessary for the perfecting the maintenance of a school-master, is a charge and expense belonging to all the inhabitants of the town, and to be gathered as any other rates; 5<sup>th</sup>, whatever else is necessary to a prudent carrying through this occasion, is committed to the discretion of ye sd select men."

"Public works in those days were slow in progress, more from the want of hands to labor than from deficiency of skill or the absence of enterprise. A school-house for which appropriations had been made in 1680 was finally built in 1683 by John Hough and Samuel Roberts. These men were both from New London, but found employment in Norwich as house-builders, and about this period became residents of the town.

"1680, July 21.—Mr. Arnold accepted as an inhabitant: the Selectmen to provide him with 4 or 5 acres of land as convenient as may be.

"Mr. John Arnold was a schoolmaster and probably exercised his calling for several years in Norwich, although the records do not advert to him in that capacity. An allusion occurs to 'Mr. John Arnold, merchant,' who was doubtless the same person, as a variety of occupations, in a small way, were often pursued by one man in those days.

"Mr. Arnold afterwards removed to Windham, where his name is found on the list of the first twenty-two inhabitants, May, 1693. He settled in that part of the town which is now Mansfield, and the records of the place show that he had been master of a school in several different towns, and had children born at Newark, Killingworth, Norwich, and Windham.

"Schools in our early settlements were only kept a certain part of the year, varying from two to eight or nine months. In 1690 the selectmen were directed to

provide a schoolmaster, the scholars to pay 4<sup>d</sup>. a week, and the remainder of the salary raised on the list. No further notice is taken of schools, town-wise, until 1697, when Richard Bushnell is appointed to keep the school for two months that year, and to be paid in land.

"In 1698, David Hartshorn was engaged for the same time. Here it is probable that the town school died out.

"In the year 1700 a startling fact appears in the indictments of the grand jury of the county: '*Norwich presented for want of a school to instruct children.*'

"That measures were immediately taken to remedy this deficiency, we may infer from the fact that £6 was added to the next year's rate for repairing the school-house, and about the same time a tract of land was granted to David Knight in payment for work upon the meeting-house and school-house.

"It may not be true of all New England, but in some portions of it, for a considerable period after the first generation had passed away, education was neglected; the schools were of an inferior grade, and very grudgingly and irregularly sustained. This was probably owing to the paucity of good teachers and the superfluous activity of the people, which led them to break away impatiently from sedentary pursuits. But the inevitable consequence was that the grandchildren of the first settlers were more illiterate than either the generation before or after them.

"April 26, 1709, the town passed a resolution 'that they will have a schoolmaster, according to law.' This emphatic determination seems to imply an antecedent neglect. Richard Bushnell was again employed for a short period.

"Jan. 26, 1712. In town-meeting, Lieut. Joseph Backus, moderator:

"It was voted that a good and sufficient schoolmaster be appointed to keep school the whole year and from year to year; one-half of the time in the Town Plot and the other half at the farms in the several quarters."

"At this period 40s. on the list of every thousand pounds was granted by the country,—that is, by the General Court, for the benefit of schools, and each town was by law obliged to maintain a school for a certain part of the year.

"Schools were maintained by what was called a *country rate* of forty shillings upon the thousand pounds, and all deficiencies made up by parents and guardians. The schools were distributed over the town, and kept a longer or shorter period, according to the list of each society. In 1745 the appointment was as follows:

"School at the Landing Place to be kept.....	3 months and 17 days
"two in the Town Plot, one at each end... 5½ months each.	
"at Plain Hills.....	2 months 19 days.
"Waweeus Hill.....	1 " 16 "
"Great Plain.....	2 " 18 "
"Wequanuk.....	2 " 15 "
"on Windham road.....	2 " 11 "

"If any of these schools should be kept by a woman the time was to be doubled, as the pay of the mistress was but half that to the master."

A school was continued here during the Revolution, and was described as furnishing instruction to "young gentlemen and ladies, lads and misses, in every branch of literature, viz., reading, writing, arithmetic, the learned languages, logic, geography, mathematics," etc. Charles White, teacher.

In 1799 a Mrs. Brooks opened a girls' school on Little Plain, but it was of short duration.

In 1782 an academical association was formed in the western part of the town-plot, and a school opened, which continued about thirty years.

Dr. Daniel Lathrop, upon his death, left a legacy of £500 for the support of a free grammar school, which was opened in 1787, with Ebenezer Punderson as teacher. It was in operation about half a century.

In 1800, William Woodbridge commenced a school in Little Plain, but it lived but a few years. Among other schools which have flourished for longer or shorter periods in Norwich were the Select School, at the town plot; a preparatory school at the Landing, in 1797; the Chelsea Grammar School, organized in 1806; the Norwich Female Academy, incorporated in 1828.

**Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**—The first birth in the plantation was that of Elizabeth Hyde, in August, 1660. She was the daughter of Samuel Hyde and Jane Lee. The second child born was Anne, daughter of Thomas Bliss. The first male child born was Christopher, son of Christopher and Ruth Huntington, Nov. 1, 1660.

The following births occurred during the first five years of the settlement:

- 1661.—Sarah, dr. of John Birchard; Deborah, dr. of Francis Griswold; both born in May. Sarah Birchard died young. Deborah Griswold married Jonathan Crane.  
John, son of John Calkins, born in July.  
Abigail, dr. of Thomas Adgate, in August.  
Joseph, son of Simon Huntington, in September.
- 1662.—Elizabeth, dr. of Jonathan Royce, in January.  
John, son of William Backus, February 9.  
John, son of Richard Edgerton, June 12.  
Thomas, son of John Baldwin; no record of his birth found, but his age shows that he was born this year.
- 1663.—Rebecca, dr. of Thomas Bliss, in March.  
Lydia, dr. of John Gager, in August. She married Simon Huntington, who was born at Saybrook in 1659.  
Samuel, son of John Calkins, in October.  
John, son of Jonathan Royce, in November.
- 1664.—Sarah, dr. of Thomas Adgate, in January.  
Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Huntington, in February, and died in infancy.  
Mary, dr. of John Reynolds, in April. She married John Edgerton, above named (born 1662).  
Abigail, dr. of John Post, November 6.  
Thomas, son of Thomas Post, in December.
- 1665.—Thomas, son of Christopher Huntington, March 18.  
Samuel, son of William Backus, May 2; died young.  
James, son of John Birchard, July 16.  
Daniel, son of Rev. James Fitch, in August.  
Samuel, son of Francis Griswold, in September.  
Sarah, dr. of Jonathan Royce, in October.

The first death was that of Sarah, wife of Thomas Post, in March, 1661, and William Backus, June 12, of the same year.

The first marriage was that of the widowed minister, Rev. James Fitch, to Priscilla Mason, in October, 1664.

**The First Mill.**—One of the greatest inconveniences met by the early settlers was the want of mills for grinding corn, and this matter was usually given the early attention of the town.

The earliest vote concerning a mill was under date Dec. 11, 1660, which is the renewal of a contract stated to have been made at Saybrook, Feb. 26, 1655 [probably should be 1659-60], between John Elderkin on the one hand, and "the town of Moheagan" on the other, to erect a corn-mill, either by the homelot of John Pease [at Yantic, western extremity of the town plot], or at No-man's Acre, to be completed before Nov. 1, 1661, under penalty of forfeiting twenty dollars. The toll allowed was to be  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and a tract of land was pledged as a compensation for the erection of the mill.

Elderkin's mill, erected first at No-man's Acre, was soon removed to a situation below the falls, and new grants and privileges were bestowed upon the proprietor, that it might be well sustained. Here for a long course of years stood the mill and the miller's house. This had formerly been a noted landing-place of the Indians. A fine spring of pure water gushed copiously from the side-hill near by, which was literally a perpetual fountain of sweet water, with no record or tradition of its having failed but once, and that was in the great drought of 1676.

The Mill Falls, Elderkin's Mill, "the valley near the mill in which the spring is," "the deep valley that goeth down to goodman Elderkin's house," and "the island before his house at the Mill Falls," are all referred to in the early records.

**The First Chaise.**—The first chaise in town was owned by Samuel Brown, who was fined for riding in it to meeting. Col. Simon Lathrop owned a chaise about this time, but the use of it was excused on his part in consequence of the frailty of his wife.

During the Revolutionary period there were six chaises in town, as follows: Gen. Jedediah Huntington owned the first one that was furnished with a top that could be thrown back. It was large, low, square-bodied, and studded with brass nails with square and flat heads. Gen. Hezekiah Huntington was the owner of one. Dr. Daniel Lathrop's chaise had a yellow body, with a red morocco top, and was furnished with a window on one side. This was considered a splendid establishment. Other owners of chaises were Dr. Theophilus Rogers, Elijah Backus, and Nathaniel Backus.

## CHAPTER XX.

## NORWICH—(Continued).

## ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS AND OTHER EARLY SETTLERS.

Maj. John Mason—Rev. James Fitch—Adgate—Allyn—Buckus—Baldwin—Bingham—Birchard—Bliss—Bowers—Bradford—Hugh Calkins—John Calkins—Edgerton—Gager—Gifford—Griswold—Hendy—Howard—Huntington—Hyde—Leffingwell—Olmsted—Pease—Post—Reel—Reynolds—Royce—Smith—Tracy—Wade—Wallis—Waterman—Abel—Brewster—Bushnell—Elderkin—Lathrop—Allen—Allerton—Ames—Andrews—Armstrong—Arnold—Avery—Baker—Bacon—Badger—Barrett—Barstow—Bates—Belden—Bell—Blackmore—Boom—Burton—Burley—Capron—Carnon—Carpenter—Carter—Case—Cathcart—Chapman—Chappell—Cleveland—Coolidge—Cole—Cottrel—Craut—Croker—Cross—Cullenin—Culver—Culverswell—Daly—Davis—Deans—Dean—Decker—Denison—Dennis—Dowd—Edgecombe—Fairbanks—Fales—Fargo—Field—Fillmore—Ford—Fowler—Fox—Fraser—French—Gaylord—Gibbons—Gookin—Gould—Gorton—Gove—Green—Grist—Grover—Hull—Hamilton—Hammond—Harrington—Harris—Hartshorn—Haskins—Hazen—Heath—Hendrick—Hill—Hodges—Hough—Hutchins—Hutchinson—Jennings—Jones—Johnson—Kelly—Kennedy—Kimball—King—Kingsbury—Kirby—Knowles—Knowlton—Ladd—Lamb—Lawrence—Lee—Loomer—Lord—Low—Lyon—Marshall—Meade—Metcalf—Merrick—Moore—Morgan—Moseley—Munsell—Norman—Ormsby—Palmer—Pamono—Peck—Pember—Petite—Phillips—Pierce—Pike—Pitcher—Polly—Prior—Raymond—Richards—Roberts—Rogers—Rood—Rosebrough—Rudd—Sablin—Sluman—Smalbert—Spalding—Stone—Stickney—Stoddard—Story—Swetland—Teuny—Todd—Thomas—Tubbs—Walker—Warren—Way—Welsh—White—Whitaker—Wightman—Williams—Willoughby—Wood—Woodworth.

**Sketches of Original Proprietors and Other Early Settlers.**<sup>1</sup>—MAJ. JOHN MASON. Every memoir of Mason is obliged to take him up at the prime of life, for of his birth,<sup>2</sup> parentage, and early years no certain information has been obtained. When he first appears in history he is in the English army, under Sir Thomas Fairfax, fighting in the Netherlands in behalf of the Dutch patriots against the bigotry and tyranny of Spain.

He is supposed to have emigrated to this country in 1630, with Mr. Warham's company, that sailed from Plymouth, England, March 20th, and arrived at Nantasket May 30th of that year. But this cannot be stated with absolute certainty, as he has not been actually traced on this side of the ocean before December, 1632, when he was engaged in a cruise with John Gallop, under a commission from the Governor and magistrates of Massachusetts, to search for a pirate called Dixy Bull, who had for some time annoyed the coast with petty depredations. He was then called Lieut. Mason, but soon afterwards attained the rank of captain. In 1634 he was one of a committee appointed to plan the fortifications of Boston Harbor, and was specially employed in raising a battery upon Castle Island.

In March, 1635, he was the representative of Dorchester to the General Court, but in the latter part of the same year or early in the next removed with the major part of Mr. Warham's people to the Connecticut Valley. Here the emigrants planted themselves,

on the western bank of Connecticut River, above Hartford, and founded the pleasant and honorable town of Windsor.

With the residence of Capt. Mason at Windsor all the stirring scenes of the Pequot war are connected. This was the great event of the early history of Connecticut, and the overshadowing exploit of Mason's life. He was instrumental in originating the expedition, formed the plan, followed out its details, fought its battles, clinched, as it were, with iron screws its results, and wrote its history. This war was begun and ended when Connecticut had only two hundred and fifty inhabitants, comprised principally in the three towns of Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor. Out of these Mason gathered a band of seventy men, and passing down Connecticut River, landed in the Narragansett country, and being joined by a band of friendly Indians, marched directly into the heart of the hostile territory, assailed the Pequots in their strongest fortress, destroyed it, laid waste their dwellings, and killed nearly half of the whole nation. This expedition occupied three weeks and two days. The skill, prudence, firmness, and active courage displayed by Mason in this exploit were such as to gain him a high standing among military commanders. From this period he became renowned as an Indian-fighter, and stood forth a buckler of defense to the exposed colonists, but a terror to the wild people of the wilderness.

In 1637 he was appointed by the General Court the chief military officer of the colony, his duty being "to train the military men" of the several plantations ten days in every year; salary, forty pounds per annum.<sup>3</sup> At a later period (1654) he was authorized to assemble all the train-bands of the colony once in two years for a general review. The office was equivalent to that of major-general. He retained it through the remainder of his life, thirty-five years, and during that time appears to have been the only person in the colony with the rank and title of major.

When the fort at Saybrook was transferred by Col. Fenwick to the jurisdiction of the colony, Mason was appointed to receive the investment, and at the special request of the inhabitants he removed to that place and was made commander of the station. Here he had his home for the next twelve years.

The people of New Haven were not entirely satisfied with their location, and formed a design of removing to a tract of land which they had purchased on the Delaware River. In 1651 they proposed this matter to Capt. Mason, urgently requesting him to remove with them and take the management of the company. This invitation is a proof of the high opinion his contemporaries had formed both of his civil and military talents. The offers they made him were liberal, and he was on the point of accepting,

<sup>1</sup> Condensed from Miss Calkins' History of Norwich.

<sup>2</sup> That he was born about 1600 may be inferred from his age at the time of his death—upwards of seventy—in 1672.

<sup>3</sup> "The said Capt. Mason shall have liberty to traine the said military men in every plantation ten dayes in every yeare, soe as it be not in June or July."—*Conn. Col. Rec.*, i. 16.



when the Legislature of Connecticut interfered, entreating him not to leave the colony, and declaring that they could by no means consent to his removal. Finding that his presence was considered essential to the safety of Connecticut, he declined the offers of New Haven. If he went there was no one left who could make his place good; neither had New Haven any person in reserve who could fill the station designed for him, and therefore the projected settlement never took place. The active disposition of Mason, however, never lacked employment. There was scarcely a year in which he was not obliged to go on some expedition among the Indian tribes to negotiate, or to fight, or to pacify their mutual quarrels. At one time his faithful friend Uncas was in danger from a powerful league of the other tribes, but the seasonable preparations of Mason for his relief frightened the foe into peace and submission. At another time he was sent with arms and men to the assistance of the Long Island Indians against Ninigrate, the powerful sachem of the Nahanticks, who threatened them with extirpation. This service he gallantly performed, but only two years afterwards was compelled to appear again on that island with a band of soldiers, in order to chastise the very Indians, mischievous and ungrateful, whom he had before relieved.

We find him at the same time, and for several years in succession, holding various public offices, all arduous and important. He was Indian agent, Indian umpire, and the counselor of the government in all Indian concerns; captain of the fort, justice of the peace, and empowered to hold courts as a judge; a member likewise of two deliberative bodies, the Connecticut Legislature and the Board of Commissioners of the United Colonies; major-general of the militia at home, and the acting commander in all expeditions abroad. In 1660 he was chosen Deputy Governor, to which office he was annually re-elected for eight years, five under the old form and three under the king's charter, which united Connecticut with New Haven. The same year he was actively employed, in conjunction with Mr. Fitch and others, in effecting the settlement of Norwich, and also in purchasing of the Mohegans a large tract of land in behalf of the colony.

At this time also, for nearly two years, he performed all the duties of the chief magistrate of the colony, Winthrop, the Governor, being absent in England engaged in negotiations respecting the charter.

Thus the life of Mason on this continent may be distributed into four portions. The first was given to Dorchester, and the remainder, in nearly equal parts, to the three towns in Connecticut that he assisted in planting:

Lieutenant and captain at Dorchester, five and a half years.

Conqueror of the Pequots, magistrate and major at Windsor, twelve years.

Captain of the fort and commissioner of the United Colonies at Saybrook, twelve.

Deputy Governor and assistant at Norwich, twelve.

He was not chosen Deputy Governor after 1668, but continued in duty as an assistant, and was present for the last time at the election in May, 1671.

Of the original band of Norwich purchasers, Mason was one of the earliest laid in the grave.<sup>1</sup> He died Jan. 30, 1671-72. According to Trumbull, he was in the seventy-third year of his age. His last hours were cheered by the prayers and counsels of his beloved pastor and son-in-law, Mr. Fitch. Two years before he had requested his fellow-citizens to excuse him from all further public services, on account of his age and infirmity, so that the close of his life, though overshadowed by suffering from an acute disease, was unharassed by care and responsibility. There is no coeval record that points out his burial-place, but uniform tradition and current belief in the neighborhood from generation to generation leave no reason to doubt that he was interred where other inhabitants of that generation were laid,—that is, in the Post and Gager burial-ground, or first cemetery of Norwich.

He had been for twelve years an inhabitant of Norwich. It was his chosen home, and no urgent motive can be assigned for his interment elsewhere. Moreover, it was midwinter, when a traveling procession in a new country, with the imperfect accommodations of that period, would have been almost impracticable. Had he been removed under such circumstances to any other place for interment (to Saybrook or Windsor, for example) the event would have been of public notoriety throughout the colony, and must inevitably have been recorded somewhere in the annals of the day.

All the probabilities, therefore, are in favor of his having been buried in Norwich.

Mason is one of the prominent figures in our early history. He shines forth as a valiant soldier and a wise counselor. He was prudent and yet enterprising, fertile in resources, prompt and heroic in the field of action. The natural ardor of his mind, fostered by early military adventures, and continually called into exercise by great emergencies, made him a fearless leader in war. Sturdy in frame and hardy in constitution, regardless of danger, fatigue, or exposure, he was invaluable as a pioneer in difficult enterprises and a founder of new plantations. He was also a religious man and a patriot, of virtuous habits and moderate ambition. Though he sustained many high and non-

<sup>1</sup> Richard Hendy had deceased before this period, but no prominent proprietor except William Backus, Sr. The precise date of Mason's death is ascertained from a contemporary journal kept by Rev. Simon Bradstreet, of New London, whose record is as follows:

"Jan. 30, 1671 (O. S.). Major Jno. Mason who had severall times been Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> of Connecticut Colony dyed. He was aged about 70. He lived the 2 or 3 last years of his life in Extream misery with ye stone or strangury or some such disease. He dyed with much comfort and assure it should be well with him."—*Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, 9, 46.

orable offices in the infant colony, he is best known by the simple title of captain. Trumbull comprises his peculiar traits in these few words: "He was tall and portly, full of martial fire, and shunned no hardships or dangers in the defense and service of the colony."

Yet, viewing the character of Mason at this distance of time, we become aware of some rigid and imperious features. Though faithful to his convictions of duty, he was stern and unrelenting in the execution of justice, and as a magistrate and commander, dictatorial and self-reliant.

Roger Williams, in his correspondence with Winthrop, of New London, refers to Mason in terms which lead us to infer that the latter, as a neighbor, was not particularly acceptable to other plantations:

"Since I mention Capt. Mason, worthy sir, I humbly beg of the Father of Lights to guide you in your converse and neighbourhood with him."

"Sir, heape coales of fire on Capt. Mason's head, conquer evil with good, but be not cowardly and overcome with any evil."

Again, alluding to dispatches that he had received from Capt. Mason, he says,—

"The letters are kind to myself but terrible to all these natives, especially to the sachima."

Uncas and his tribe were peculiarly the wards and adherents of Mason, and he seemed pledged to defend them against all complaints. We may be disposed to charge him with cruelty to a vanquished foe, but the same taint lies on most of the early colonists. He only shared in the ferocious character of the age, and, we may add, in that misconception of the spirit of Christianity which devoted its enemies to immediate and vindictive destruction.

Of the first marriage of Capt. Mason no date or specification has been recovered. A memorandum in the old church-book at Windsor gives the number of those who had died in the plantation before the year 1639, and mentions as one of them *the captain's wife*. No other inhabitant is known to have had at that time the title of captain, and therefore this may be pronounced without hesitation the wife of Mason. In July, 1639, he was married to Anne Peck, who was the mother of the seven children recorded at Norwich, which list is supposed to comprise his whole offspring.

Mrs. Anne Mason died at Norwich before her husband. A memorial sermon, preached by Mr. Fitch, represents her as a woman of eminent piety, and "gifted with a measure of knowledge above what is usual in her sex."

"I need not tell you," says the preacher, "what a Dorcas you have lost; men, women, and children are ready with weeping to acknowledge what works of mercy she hath done for them."

The family is registered at Norwich with this heading: "The names and ages of the children of Maj. Mason." The day of the month is not given, nor the place of birth. The list is as follows: Priscilla, born in October, 1641; Samuel, born in July, 1644; John,

born in August, 1646; Rachel, born in October, 1648; Anne, born in June, 1650; Daniel, born in April, 1652; Elizabeth, born in August, 1654.

The first three were probably born in Windsor, the others at Saybrook.

Of this group three were ingrafted into the Fitch family. Rev. James Fitch married for his second wife, in October, 1654, Priscilla Mason; John Mason (2) married Abigail Fitch; and James Fitch (2) married Elizabeth Mason, Jan. 1, 1676.

Rachel Mason became the second wife of Charles Hill, of New London. They were married June 12, 1678, and she died in less than a year afterwards.

Anne Mason married, Nov. 8, 1672, Capt. John Brown, of Swansey.

John Mason, second son of the major, succeeded to his father's accommodations in Norwich.

This gallant young captain was severely and, as it proved, fatally wounded in the great swamp fight at Narragansett, Dec. 19, 1675. It is probable that he was brought home from that sanguinary field by his Mohegan warriors on an Indian bier. His wounds never healed. After lingering several months, he died, as is supposed, in the same house where his father expired, and was doubtless laid by his side in the old obliterated graveyard of the first comers. Though scarcely thirty years of age at the time of his death, he stood high in public esteem, both in a civil and military capacity. He had represented the town at three sessions of the Legislature, and was chosen an assistant the year of his decease. In the probate of his estate before the County Court he is called "the worshipful John Mason." The Rev. Mr. Bradstreet, of New London, records his death in these terms:

"My hon'd and dear Friend Capt. Jno Mason one of ye magistrates of this Colony, and second son of Major Jno Mason, dyed, Sept. 18, 1676."<sup>1</sup>

He left two young children,—Anne, who married John Denison, and John, born at Norwich in 1673, afterwards known as Capt. John Mason, being the third in lineal succession who had borne the name and title. He is best known as an Indian claimant, visiting England to assert the rights of the heirs of Maj. Mason to those lands which the latter purchased as agent of the colony. His connection with this long Mohegan controversy will bring him at another period within the range of our history.

The other sons of Maj. Mason, Samuel and Daniel, settled in Stonington, on an ample domain given by the colony to their father, near the border of Long Island Sound. Samuel was chosen an assistant in 1683, and acquired the same military rank as his father, being known also as Maj. Mason. He was one of the four purchasers of Lebanon, but never removed thither. He died at Stonington, March 30, 1705, leaving four children, all daughters. His only son, John, died ten days before him, aged twenty-eight, and unmarried. The male branch in this line

<sup>1</sup> Hist. and Gen. Reg., 9, 46.

here became extinct, but the name was continued in the line of the oldest daughter, Anne, who married her cousin, the third John Mason, before mentioned.

Lieut. Daniel Mason, the early schoolmaster of Norwich, died at Stonington, Jan. 28, 1736-37, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His first wife was Margaret Denison, of Roxbury, and his second Rebecca Hobart, of Hingham. His oldest son, Daniel, married Dorothy Hobart, and settled in Lebanon, where he died, July 4, 1706, thirty years before the decease of his father, leaving only one child, an infant son, named Jeremiah, after his grandfather, Rev. Jeremiah Hobart.

REV. JAMES FITCH died at Lebanon, and the monumental tablet that marks his grave bears the following judicious and comprehensive summary of his life and character:

"In this tomb are deposited the remains of the truly Reverend Mr. James Fitch: born at Bocking, in the county of Essex, England, December 26, 1682: who after he had been well instructed in the learned languages, came to New England at the age of 16, and passed seven years under the instruction of those eminent divines, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone. Afterward he discharged the pastoral office at Saybrook for 14 years, from whence, with the greater part of his church, he removed to Norwich, and there spent the succeeding years of his life, engaged in the work of the Gospel, till age and infirmity obliged him to withdraw from public labor. At length he retired to his children at Lebanon, where scarcely half a year had passed, when he fell asleep in Jesus, Nov. 18, 1702, in the 80th year of his age. He was a man, for penetration of mind, solidity of judgment, devotion to the sacred duties of his office, and entire holiness of life, as also for skill and energy in preaching, inferior to none."

Mr. Fitch was, next to Capt. Mason, the most influential man in the little settlement. As a pastor he was zealous and indefatigable, and labored earnestly to advance the material as well as the spiritual welfare of the plantation.

THOMAS ADGATE was a deacon of Mr. Fitch's church, but at what period chosen to that office is not known. He was older than his pastor, and perhaps his coeval in office. It is probable that he exercised the functions for at least half a century. His will, dated May 22, 1704, commences, "I, Thomas Adgit, being in the eighty-fourth year of my age," etc. He died July 21, 1707. Mrs. Mary Adgate, his relict, died March 29, 1713.

ROBERT ALLYN was of Salem in 1637, and enrolled as a member of the church May 15, 1642. He removed to New London in 1651, where he obtained a grant of a large farm on the east side of the river, at a place still known as Allyn's Point, in the town of Ledyard. He was one of the first company of purchasers of Norwich, and resided for several years in the western part of the town plot. In 1661 he styles himself of "New-Norridge," and held the office of constable in 1669, but in a deed of 1681 uses the formula, "I, Robert Allyn, of New London."

Robert Allyn had doubtless relinquished his house in Norwich to his son John, and retired to his farm on the river, within the bounds of New London, where he died in 1683. His age is unknown, but he

was freed from training in 1669, probably upon attaining the age of sixty, the customary limit of military service; this would make him about seventy-five at death.

BACKUS.—Little is known of the history of William Backus, Sr. He is supposed to have been living at Saybrook as early as 1637.

William Backus, before removing to Norwich, married Mrs. Anne Bingham, and brought with him to the new settlement three daughters, two sons, and his wife's son, Thomas Bingham. The three young men were of mature age or near maturity, and are all usually reckoned as first proprietors. The daughters were subsequently united in marriage to John Reynolds, Benjamin Crane, and John Bayley.

The house-lots of the younger William and of Stephen Backus are both recorded as laid out in 1659, but the latter was the allotment of his father, who dying at an early period after the settlement, and the land records being made at a later date, it was registered in Stephen's name, who had received it by bequest from his father. Hence William Backus, Sr., does not appear on the town record as a landholder.

STEPHEN BACKUS.—The rights and privileges of William Backus, Sr., were transferred so soon after the settlement to his son Stephen that the latter is accounted the original proprietor. The house-lot was entered in his name, as to a first purchaser. It lay upon the pent highway by the Yantic, between the town green and the allotment of Thomas Bliss.

WILLIAM BACKUS, JR.—The second William Backus married Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut. William Pratt, of Saybrook. She was born Feb. 1, 1641. The date of the marriage is not registered at Norwich, and it is probable that the young couple did not remove to the new settlement till after the birth of their first son, William, May 11, 1660. John, the second son, born Feb. 9, 1661-62, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Bingham. Hannah Backus, one of the daughters of the family, found a partner in the second Thomas Bingham. Both marriages have the same date, Feb. 17, 1691-92. It was not uncommon in that day for families to be linked and interlinked and the knots doubled and twisted, as in the case of the Backuses and Bingham. William Backus (2) is found on record with the successive titles of sergeant, ensign, and lieutenant, though he styles himself in deeds simply *yeoman*. His will and inventory were presented for probate in April, 1721.

William Backus, third son of the above, sold his accommodations in Norwich to his father in 1692 and removed to "the nameless new town lying about ten miles northwest of Norwich." His brother John also emigrated to the same place, afterwards named Windham, and both are reckoned among the early proprietors of that town. The present Windham green was part of the original home-lot of William Backus.

Joseph and Nathaniel, the younger sons of William

Backus (2), remained in Norwich. Joseph married Elizabeth Huntington, and Nathaniel, Elizabeth Tracy, daughters of the proprietors Simon Huntington and John Tracy. Joseph and Simon Backus, the first two graduates of Yale College of the name of Backus, were sons of Joseph. The former graduated in 1718, and some eight or ten years later was styled by his contemporaries *Lawyer Backus of Norwich*.

A large number of the Backus family have acquired distinction in the various walks of life. Elijah Backus, whose iron-works at Yantic were so serviceable to the country in the Revolutionary war, was a grandson of Joseph. He married Lucy, daughter of John Griswold, of Lyme. His sons, and his son-in-law, Dudley Woodbridge, were among the first emigrants to the banks of the Ohio. James Backus, one of the sons, as agent of the Ohio Company, made the first surveys of Marietta, and is said to have built the first regular house in that town. He afterwards returned to Norwich, and died at the family residence, Sept. 29, 1816.

The second Elijah Backus, an older brother of James, graduated at Yale College in 1777, and for several years held the office of collector of customs of New London. His first wife was Lucretia, daughter of Russell Hubbard, who died at New London in 1787. He afterwards married Hannah, daughter of Guy Richards, and removed with his family to Marietta, Ohio, where he died in 1811. His daughter Lucretia, born at New London in 1787, married Nathaniel Pope, of Kaskaskia, Ill., delegate in Congress from Illinois in 1816, and judge of the United States District Court. Maj.-Gen. John Pope, U.S.A., is their son, born March 12, 1823. His mother, Mrs. Lucretia Pope, in remembrance of the place of her father's nativity, and of her own early associations, came from her Western home to attend the bi-centennial jubilee at Norwich in September, 1859.

Among the descendants of William Backus who were natives of the old town of Norwich the following clergymen are of note :

1. Simon Backus, son of Joseph, born at Norwich, Feb. 11, 1701, graduated at Yale College in 1724, and was ordained pastor of the church at Newington in 1727. He attended the expedition to Cape Breton as chaplain of the Connecticut troops, and died while on duty at that place, in May, 1746. His wife was a sister of President Edwards of the New Jersey College.

2. Rev. Simon Backus, son of the above, was pastor in Granby, Mass., and died in 1828, aged eighty-seven.

3. Rev. Charles Backus, D.D., of Somers, born in that part of Norwich which is now Franklin, Nov. 9, 1749, died in 1803. He had a high reputation as an acute and able theologian, and prepared between forty and fifty young men for the sacred office. Dr. Dwight said of him, "I have not known a wiser man."

4. Rev. Isaac Backus, A.M., of Middleborough, Mass., was born at Norwich, within the limits of the

old town plot, Jan. 9, 1724, and died Nov. 20, 1806. He was first a Separatist, and afterwards embracing Baptist principles, became eminent in that denomination as a preacher, and the author of several historical works relating to the diffusion of the Baptist faith in New England.

5. Rev. Azel Backus, D.D., born in Franklin, Oct. 13, 1765, was a nephew of Rev. Charles Backus, of Somers. His father died when he was a youth, and left him a farm, which, he said, "I wisely exchanged for an education in college." He settled at Bethlehem, Conn., as the successor of Dr. Bellamy, but in 1812 was chosen the first president of Hamilton College. The most noted of his writings is an election sermon preached at Hartford in 1798, on the character of Absalom,—a political discourse of strong partisan tendency.

JOHN BALDWIN. A family tradition has been current that he came to this country in his youth with a relative, but had no brothers. His first appearance on record is at Guilford, where he married, April 25, 1653, Hannah Burchet.

Of the decease of the proprietor there is no account. His oldest son, John, removed to Lebanon. He was one of the grantees of that plantation in 1695, one of the selectmen of the newly-organized township in 1699, and at the time of his decease, in January, 1705, was a deacon of the church.

Capt. Ebenezer Baldwin, the third son of Thomas and Sarah Baldwin, was born May 7, 1710, and married Bethiah Barker, the nuptial contract being made sure "per Jacob Elliot."

Ebenezer, the oldest son of Ebenezer and Bethiah Baldwin, born July 3, 1745, was a graduate and tutor of Yale College; ordained pastor at Danbury in 1770, entered the army as chaplain in 1776, and died in October, 1777, aged thirty-one.

Hon. Simeon Baldwin, so long known as Judge Baldwin, of New Haven, one of the sterling men of Connecticut, was also a son of Capt. Ebenezer and his wife Bethiah. He was born at Norwich, Dec. 14, 1761, graduated at Yale College in 1781, was member of Congress from Connecticut from 1803 to 1805, associate judge of the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Errors, and mayor of the city of New Haven, where he died, May 26, 1851, in his ninetieth year.

His son, the Hon. Roger S. Baldwin, held the offices of Governor of Connecticut and United States senator, serving his native State in her highest executive and confederated capacity. He died at New Haven, Feb. 19, 1863.

Jabez Baldwin, the fourth son of the first Thomas, died in his twenty-fifth year without issue.

THOMAS BINGHAM. The house-lot of Thomas Bingham bears the date of April, 1660, though at that time he could not have been over eighteen years of age. He married, Dec. 12, 1666, Mary Rudd, who is supposed to have been the daughter of Lieut. Jonathan Rudd, of Saybrook. Her image rises before

us enveloped in a haze of romance, on account of her probable connection with the story of Bride Brook.

THOMAS BURCHARD, aged forty, embarked for New England in a vessel called the "True Love," Sept. 20, 1635, with his wife, Mary, and six children, one of them a son named John, aged seven, and the others daughters. Thomas *Bircher*, made free at Boston, May 17, 1637, and Thomas *Birchwood*, or Birchard, of Hartford, in 1639, were probably the same person. He is subsequently found at Saybrook, and was deputy from that township to the General Court in 1650 and 1651. After this there seems to be no trace of him at Saybrook, except in a land sale made in 1656 by Thomas Birchard, "of Martin's Vineyard," to William Pratt, wherein he quits claim for himself and in behalf of his son, John Birchard.

There can be little hesitation in assuming that John, son of the above Thomas (aged seven in 1635), was the John Birchard that became a proprietor of Norwich. He appears to have been a man of considerable note in the company, particularly as a scribe, serving for several years as town clerk and recorder.

John Birchard was one of the ten inhabitants of Norwich accepted as freemen at Hartford in October, 1663, clerk of the County Court in 1673, a commissioner or justice of the peace in 1676, and deputy to the General Court in October, 1691.

THOMAS BLISS, SR. and JR., had house-lots and divisions of land in Hartford as early as 1640.

The allotments of Thomas Bliss in Saybrook were eastward of the river, in what is now Lyme. His house-lot of thirty acres lay between John Ompsted (Olmstead) on the north and John Lay south. He sold it, July 23, 1662, to John Comstock. His home-lot in Norwich was also near to that of John Olmstead, extending originally at the northwest to the pent highway. That part where the house stands has never been alienated. Seven generations have dwelt on the same spot, and the house is supposed not to have been entirely rebuilt since it was erected by the first proprietor.

Thomas Bliss died April 15, 1688.

In the inventory of Thomas Bliss his estate is estimated at £182 17s. 7d. He had land besides his home-lot over the river,—on the Little Plain, at the Great Plain, at the Falls, in Yantic meadow, in meadow at Beaver Brook, in pasture east of the town, and on Westward Hill.

MORGAN BOWERS came from that part of Saybrook which lay east of the river and is now Lyme. His home-lot in these Lyme grants was on or near Black Point, and had been in his possession about five years. Little is known of him. He was on the jury of the County Court in 1667, and again in 1680. No trace is found of wife or children, but probably he had both. It was disreputable at that period for a man without a family to live as a householder by himself. In his old age, however, he seems to have been both lonely and infirm.

JOHN BRADFORD was the son of William Bradford, the Pilgrim Governor of Plymouth colony. His mother was Dorothy May, the earliest of our May-flowers, the herald of those that give fragrance to the airs of spring, and the graceful prototype of the white-winged bark that bore her and the pioneers of freedom over the ocean.

Dorothy May was the first wife of Governor Bradford. She embarked with her husband for the Promised Land, but, like Moses, only saw it at a distance. After the vessel had anchored in Cape Cod Harbor, she fell overboard and was drowned, Dec. 7, 1620, her husband being absent at the time in a boat or shallop exploring the coast and selecting a place for a settlement.

John Bradford was not the companion of his parents in this voyage, and it is not ascertained when he came to this country. Very little is known of his early history, for neither Morton nor Prince, the earliest authorities respecting Plymouth Colony, give any hint of the existence of this son of Governor Bradford.

He was of Duxbury in 1645, afterwards of Marshfield, and deputy to the General Court of both places. He married Martha, daughter of Thomas Bourne, of Marshfield, but had no children.

The home-lot of Mr. Bradford, in Norwich, bears the date of the oldest proprietors, 1659, and it is probable that he soon removed to the spot. His farm in Duxbury was sold by "John Bradford, gentleman," to Christopher Wadsworth in 1664.

Mr. Bradford was one of the *townsmen* of Norwich in 1671, but his name seldom occurs on the records. His will was exhibited at the County Court in September, 1676. His widow married, after a short interval, her opposite neighbor, Lieut. Thomas Tracy. The period of her death is not ascertained, but the lieutenant was living with a third wife in 1683.

HUGH CALKINS (or Caulkins<sup>1</sup>) was one of a body of emigrants, called the Welsh Company, that came to New England in 1640 from Chepstow, in Monmouthshire, on the border of Wales, with their minister, the Rev. Mr. Blinman. The larger portion of this company settled first at Marshfield, but soon transferred their residence to Gloucester, upon the rough promontory of Cape Ann. From thence, after eight years of experiment, most of them removed to New London, hoping probably to find lands more arable and productive, and allured also by affectionate attachment to Mr. Blinman, whom Mr. Winthrop had invited to his plantation.

Hugh Calkins was in 1660 deputy from Gloucester to the General Court of Massachusetts, and chosen again in 1651, but removing early in that year to New London, the vacancy was filled by another election.

While living at New London he was chosen twelve

<sup>1</sup> The name appears on the early records, written indifferently, with or without the *s*, and with or without the final *s*.

times deputy to the Connecticut Assembly (the elections being semi-annual), and was one of the townsmen or selectmen invariably from 1652 till he removed to Norwich.

From Norwich he was deputy at ten sessions of the Legislature, between March, 1653, and October, 1671, and was one of the first deacons of Norwich Church. At each of the three towns in which he was an early settler and proprietor he was largely employed in public business, being usually appointed one of committees for consultation, for fortifying, drafting soldiers, settling difficulties, and particularly for surveying and determining boundaries. These offices imply a considerable range of information, as well as activity and executive talent, yet he seems to have had no early education, uniformly making a bold H for his signature.

JOHN CALKINS, the oldest son of Hugh, was probably born about 1634. He was old enough to be summoned to work with other settlers on the mill-dam at New London in 1652. He married, at New London, Sarah, daughter of Robert Royce, and his oldest child, Hugh, was born at that place before the removal to Norwich.

John Calkins was one of the selectmen of Norwich in 1671, and on the jury of the County Court so late as 1691. He died Jan. 8, 1702-3. Sarah, his relict, died May 1, 1711, aged seventy-seven years.

RICHARD EDGERTON and Mary Sylvester were married April 7, 1653. The birth of three daughters is registered at Saybrook, reaching to September, 1659, and in November of that year we have the date of his house-lot at Norwich.

WILLIAM GAGER came to America in 1630 with Governor Winthrop, but died the same year from a disease contracted by ill diet at sea, which swept off many of the emigrants. He is characterized by contemporary journalists as "a skillful surgeon, a right godly man, and one of the deacons of our congregation." His son John, the only child that has been traced, was one of the company that settled at New London with John Winthrop the younger. His name is there found on the earliest extant list of inhabitants.

He had a grant from the town of New London of a farm of two hundred acres east of the river, near the straits (now in Ledyard), to which he removed soon after 1650, and there dwelt until he joined in the settlement of Norwich and removed thither. His house-lot in the new town bears the date of the oldest surveys, viz., November, 1659. He was constable of Norwich in 1674 and 1688.

His oldest son, born in September, 1647, who in 1688 is styled "John Gager, of New London, son to John, Sr., of Norwich," died in 1691 without issue.

The will of John Gager, the proprietor, dated Dec. 21, 1695, has the descriptive passage, "being now aged and full of days;" but he lived eight years longer, dying Dec. 10, 1703. His will provides for wife Elizabeth, bequeaths all real estate to "only son Samuel,"

and adds, "to my six sons that married my daughters, viz., John Allyn, Daniel Brewster, Jeremiah Ripley, Simon Huntington, Joshua Abel, and Caleb Forbes, twenty shillings each, having already given their wives considerable portions in movables and lands."

It was much the custom in those days for men who had children arrived at maturity to become in great part their own executors, distributing their estates by deed and assignment before death, reserving only a needful portion for themselves, to be disposed of afterwards. This accounts for the slenderness of many ancient inventories. That of John Gager in 1703 amounted to £49 16s.

Among the items enumerated are one great Bibell, one white-faced stag.

This last we may imagine to have been a domestic pet of the old people. Several articles are mentioned belonging to the old-fashioned fireplace, which the modern use of stove, furnace, and range has rendered almost obsolete, such as *two tramills, a peal and tongs, a snit, warming pan, and andirons*.

A *peal* (or *peel*) was a large flat shovel used to draw bread from the oven. A common shovel was often termed a *slice*, and *snit* was probably used for snuffers.

Other articles that seem antique and homely to the present generation were porringers, wooden trenchers, and syllabub pots.

Many curious things are found in these old inventories; very common articles are *canns*, of pewter or silver, piggins, keelers, pewter basins, and a cow-bell.

Samuel Gager, only surviving son of John, born February, 1654, married Rebecca (Lay), relict of Daniel Raymond, of New London, in 1695. He was a man of good repute and considerable estate, a resident in the parish of New Concord, but interred at his own request, as heretofore stated, in the old neglected graveyard of the first-comers in the town plot, where some fragments of the stone may yet remain.

William Gager, one of the sons of Samuel, born in 1704, graduated at Yale College in 1721, and in 1725 was settled in the pastoral office at Lebanon. He died in 1739.

Othniel Gager, who has held the office of town clerk in Norwich for over forty years, is of the sixth generation in descent from the first proprietor in the line of John, oldest son of Samuel.

STEPHEN GIFFORD's first marriage was with Hannah Grove, in May, 1667. She died Jan. 24, 1670-71, leaving two children, Samuel and Hannah. He married, second, Hannah, daughter of John Gallop, of Stonington, May 12, 1672. Four children are subsequently recorded to him,—John, Ruth, Stephen, and Aquilla.

The proprietor and his second wife lived together more than half a century, and died the same year.

Samuel Gifford removed to Lebanon in 1692, and there died, Aug. 26, 1714. The two daughters of Stephen, the proprietor, also settled in Lebanon, as

the wives of Samuel Calkins and Jeremiah Fitch. John, Stephen, and Aquilla Gifford, sons of the first proprietor, were inhabitants of Norwich in 1736.

LIEUT. FRANCIS GRISWOLD was a son of Edward and Margaret Griswold, born about 1632. He appears to have been a man of capacity and enterprise, and took an active part in the affairs of the plantation, serving as representative to the General Court for eleven sessions, beginning October, 1664, and ending May, 1671. It is not known when he was married, or to whom. Not even the household name of his wife is found in the records at Saybrook or Norwich.

RICHARD HENDY. This name is identical with Hendé, Hendys, and Handy. Richard Hendy seems to have been one of the first purchasers of Norwich, and to have had an early allotment in the neighborhood of the town plot. He also shared in the first divisions of land, but there is no evidence of his actual residence at any time in the settlement.

THOMAS HOWARD. The house-lot of Thomas Howard has the same date as those of Fitch and Mason. Of his antecedent history no information has been obtained. His family registry at Norwich is as follows:

"Thomas Howard and Mary Wellman were married in January, 1666. Children: Mary born in Dec. 1667. Sarah in Feb. 1669. Martha in Feb. 1672, and died one month after. Thomas born in March 1673, and Benjamin in June 1675."

Thomas Howard was slain at the Narragansett fort fight, Dec. 17, 1675.

"CHRISTOPHER AND SIMON HUNTINGTON probably settled at Saybrook as soon as they attained their majority. Christopher was there in 1649, apparently engaged in trade, and had written to his Uncle Baret, in England, for consignments of cloth and shot. In 1651 he was one of five persons who seized a Dutch vessel that was on the coast trading illegally with the Indians. He married Ruth, daughter of William Rockwell, of Windsor, Oct. 7, 1652. They lost one child, and perhaps more than one, in infancy, and when the removal to Norwich took place the parents had only their little daughter Ruth to carry through the wilderness. But a blessing soon descended upon their new home, a son was born, a second Christopher, Nov. 1, 1660,—the first-born male in Norwich.

"The children of Christopher Huntington were subsequently increased to seven in number, while Simon had a family of ten. They both lived to embrace their children's children, and to see the family hives swarm, and emigrants pass off to alight in the woods and wastes of Windham, Mansfield, and Lebanon.

"Thomas, the second son, born in 1664, was one of the early settlers of Windham.

"Christopher Huntington, 1st, died in 1691, as is indicated by the probate of his estate that year. No other record gives the date. He was probably buried in the Gager and Post burial-ground, and no stone marks his grave.

"The second Christopher Huntington, the first-born son of Norwich, executed the office of town clerk and recorder for twenty years, and was deacon of the church from 1696 to 1735.

"The two wives of Deacon Christopher were Sarah Adgate and Judith, widow of Jonathan Brewster. He had a family of twelve children; seven sons and four daughters survived him. His oldest child, Ruth, was the mother of Dr. Eleazer Wheelock, the founder of the first Indian school at Lebanon, and the first president of Dartmouth College.

"Christopher Huntington, 3d, was born in 1686. Christopher Huntington, 4th, born in 1719, was a physician in the parish of New Concord. These four Christophers were in the direct line, each the oldest son of his father, but the fifth Christopher was the youngest son of the fourth. He succeeded his father as a physician in New Concord, or Bozrah, where he died in 1821. His oldest son, the sixth Christopher, settled in Hartford, where he died in 1834, and with him the direct line of the Christophers ends, other names in the family of the last-mentioned Christopher taking the place of the old heirloom.

SIMON HUNTINGTON. The title of deacon became very early a familiar appendage to the name of Huntington. Out of twenty deacons of the first church, seven have been Huntingtons,<sup>1</sup> six of whom held the office over thirty years each. In the line of Simon the deaconship descended from father to son through four successive generations, Simon 1st, Simon 2d, Ebenezer, and Simon 3d, covering a period of one hundred and twenty years. Deacon Barnabas Huntington, of Franklin, was also a progenitor of deacons.<sup>2</sup> Other churches in the vicinity have been prone to select their ministering servants from the same cognomen. Near the close of the last century there were six Deacon Huntingtons officiating at one period in as many different parishes of Norwich and the neighboring towns.

"Simon Huntington, the proprietor, was united to Sarah, daughter of Joseph Clarke, of Saybrook, in October, 1653. They lived together fifty-three years, and she survived him fifteen, dying in 1721, at the age of eighty-eight. This was probably the earliest, but not the only one of the first thirty-five wedded pairs that could have celebrated the golden period of their connubial life, if at that day such festivals had been in vogue.

"Deacon Simon left an estate appraised at £275.

<sup>1</sup> Eight if we include the first Christopher Huntington, who is usually placed on the list, but there does not appear to be any contemporary evidence that he held the office. The statement is derived from minutes made by Dr. Lord, in which the first Christopher was probably confounded with the second.

<sup>2</sup> "The old Franklin homestead was for a long period in the possession of deacons, and what is not a little remarkable, these deacons, each in his day and generation, kept tavern under the sign of the Seven Stars, which shone with steady lustre for the benefit and bountiful cheer of wayfarers on the old Lebanon road."—Speech of Hon. Asahel Huntington, of Salem, Mass., at the Huntington gathering at Norwich, Sept. 2, 1867.

The inventory of his books may be worth quoting as a specimen of what was doubtless a fair library for a layman in 1706:

"A great Bible 10s. Another great bible 8s. Rogers his seven treatises, 5s. A practical Catechise 1s. 6d. William Dyer, 1s. Mr. Moody's Book 8d. Thomas Hooker's Doubting Christian, 9d. New England Psalm Book, 1s. Mr. Adams' Sermon. The bound book of Mr. Fitch and John Rogers 2s. The same unbound 8d. The day of doom 10d."

"At the time of Deacon Simon's death his six sons and three daughters were all heads of families. His sons-in-law were Solomon Tracy, Deacon Caleb Forbes, of Preston, and Joseph Backus. Four of his sons—Simon, Nathaniel, Daniel, and James—settled near their parents in Norwich, though not all in one parish. Joseph went to Windham, and Samuel to Lebanon.

"The oldest son, Simon, born in Saybrook before the removal to Norwich, married Lydia Gager, Oct. 8, 1683, and had four children. The oldest of these, bearing his own name, the third Simon in direct descent, was the person killed by the bite of a rattlesnake just after he became of age.

"This second Deacon Simon Huntington had two other sons besides the one so suddenly removed, viz., Ebenezer and Joshua, and in the series descending from these are found several names of more than common distinction. The last-named son was born Dec. 30, 1698, and is known in local tradition as *Capt. Joshua*. He was a noted merchant, beginning business at nineteen, and pursuing it for twenty-seven years, during which time it is said that he traded more by sea and land than any other man in Norwich. In the prime of life, activity, and usefulness he took the yellow fever in New York, came home sick, and died the 27th of August, 1745, aged forty-seven.<sup>1</sup> He was the father of Gen. Jabez Huntington, of whom more will be said hereafter.

"Among the Huntingtons of note in this and the neighboring towns, besides the clerks and deacons already mentioned, we might enumerate five or six judges of the common courts, five members of Congress, one of them president of the Continental Congress and Governor of the State, and six or seven who acquired the military rank of colonels and generals, one of them a brigadier-general in the army of the Revolution. Of the clergy, also, a considerable list of Huntingtons might be made without going out of New London County for their nativity.<sup>2</sup>

"The name has also been widely disseminated in other States besides Connecticut, and rendered honorable by the talents and virtues of those who have borne it. But it is not on this account wholly that we give it special prominence in these details, but rather for this reason, that the Huntingtons are the only family among the proprietors with whom any

connection has hitherto been traced with Norwich in England. As we have seen, Margaret Baret, the mother of Christopher and Simon Huntington, appears to have been a native of Norwich, and it is not improbable that her children were also born there."

WILLIAM HIDE, or HYDE,—the first mode of spelling being the most ancient,—is found at Hartford before 1640, a resident and proprietor. The period of his emigration is not known. He removed to Saybrook perhaps as early as 1648.

On his removal to Norwich he sold his house and home-lot to Francis Bushnell, and other property to Robert Lay.<sup>3</sup> He died Jan. 6, 1681–82. His age is not known, but he was styled "old Goodman Hide" in 1679.

SAMUEL HYDE.<sup>4</sup>—Thomas Lee, an emigrant, coming from England with his family to settle in America, died on the passage. His wife, whose maiden name was Phebe Brown, with her three children,—Thomas, Sarah, and Jane,—completed the voyage, and are afterwards found at Saybrook, or Lyme, where the relict married Greenfield Larrabee. Samuel Hyde's wife was the step-daughter of Larrabee.

After the removal to Norwich, the younger Hyde appears to have formed at first but one family with his father, though he afterwards settled at the West Farms. In August, 1660, on the Hyde home-lot, in a newly erected habitation standing upon the border of the wilderness, with a heavy forest growth in the rear, a new member—a welcome addition to the settlement—made her appearance. This was Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Jane Hyde, the first child born of English parentage in Norwich.

Phebe, the second daughter of Samuel and Jane Hyde, born in January, 1663, married Matthew Griswold, of Lyme.

Samuel Hyde did not live to see the settlement of his daughters. He died in 1677, leaving seven children, the youngest an infant, and all sons but the two daughters above mentioned.

The five sons of Samuel Hyde were speedily multiplied into a numerous body of descendants.

Samuel married Elizabeth, daughter of John Calkins, Dec. 16, 1690. He lived first at West Farms (now Franklin), but removed to Windham, and afterwards to Lebanon, where he died in 1742, aged seventy-seven.

He was the grandfather of *Capt. Walter Hyde*, whose monumental inscription in the Lebanon cemetery states that he joined the American army in 1776, with an independent company of which he had com-

<sup>3</sup> The sales are registered at Saybrook, with the following receipt:

"I William Hide of Mohegan do acknowledge to have received of Robert Lay of Six Mile Island the full and just sum of forty pounds which was the first payment specified in the agreement made 25th day of January 1659 for all the lands I had at Potapaugue.

"Witness my hand 5th of May 1660.

his  
"WILLIAM C C HIDE."  
mark.

<sup>4</sup> "The marriage of Samuel Hyde with Jane Lee was in June, Anno Dom. 1659."—*Norwich Records*.

<sup>1</sup> His epitaph says, 'Very justly lamented by the survivors.'

<sup>2</sup> The Genealogical Memoir of the Huntington Family, published by Rev. E. B. Huntington, of Stamford, is a work of great interest and value. It embodies the results of years of patient research, and is clear, full, and almost exhaustive in its details.



mand, and died at Greenwich, Sept. 18, 1776, aged forty-one.

He was also the ancestor of Col. Elijah Hyde, a neighbor and friend of Governor Trumbull, who commanded a regiment of light-horse during the war for liberty, and was on duty with the Northern Army at the surrender of Burgoyne, and of Gen. Caleb Hyde, who at the period of the Revolution was a sheriff in Berkshire County, Mass., but afterwards settled in Western New York.

THOMAS LEFFINGWELL, according to minutes preserved among his descendants, was a native of Croxhall, in England. The period of his emigration has not been ascertained. In his testimony before the Court of Commissioners at Stonington in 1705 he says he was acquainted with Uncas in the year 1687, and was knowing to the assistance rendered by the sachem to the English, then and ever after during his life. According to his age, as given in depositions, he must have been born about the year 1622, therefore at the time of the Pequot war not more than fifteen or sixteen years of age.

The earliest notices of his name connect him with Saybrook. From the colonial records we learn that in March, 1650, a petition was presented "from the inhabitants of Saybrook by Matthew Griswold and Tho: Leppingwell."<sup>1</sup> The births of his children are also registered at Saybrook, but under the simple heading of "Children of Thomas Leffingwell," the name of the mother not being mentioned. The list is as follows:

"Rachell born 17 March 1648; Thomas 27 August 1649; Jonathan 6 Dec. 1650; Joseph 24 Dec. 1652; Mary 16 Dec. 1654; Nathaniel 11 Dec. 1656."

It is probable also that Samuel Leffingwell, who married Anna Dickinson, Nov. 16, 1687, and died in 1691, was the son of Thomas, though his birth is not found recorded.

Following Mr. Leffingwell to his new home in Norwich, we find him an active and influential member of the plantation. He was one of the first two deputies of the town to the General Court, in October, 1662, an officer of the first train-band, and during Philip's war lieutenant under Capt. Denison in his famous band of marauders that swept so many times through Narragansett and scoured the country to the sources of the Quinnebaug.

He lived to old age, but the record of his death does not give his years, and no memorial stone marks his grave.

"Lieut. Thomas Leffingwell died about 1710.

"Mrs. Mary Leffingwell died Feb. 6, 1711."

The staff of the venerated lieutenant, reputed to have been brought with him from his native place, and bearing his initials on its silver head, is now in the

possession of one of his descendants, Rev. Thomas Leffingwell Shipman, of Jewett City, Conn. This memorial staff is interesting on the score of antiquity, but far more so from its association with the venerable men of successive generations to whom it has been a staff of support. It calls up from the misty past the image of the old soldier or the deacon on the Sabbath-day slowly marching up to his seat under the pulpit: we see his white hair and hear the steady sound of the staff brought down at every step.

Thomas Leffingwell, Jr., and Mary Bushnell were married in September, 1672, and might have celebrated their golden wedding in 1722, with a houseful of prosperous descendants gathered around them. The husband died March 5, 1723-24, leaving five daughters, all married to Bushnells and Tracys, and three sons, Thomas, John, and Benajah.

Mrs. Mary Leffingwell long survived her partner.

The inventory of Ensign Leffingwell, in 1724, shows that he was richly furnished, not only with the household comforts and conveniences of that era, but with articles of even luxury and elegance. He had furniture and linen in abundance, woodenware, and utensils of iron, tin, pewter, and silver;<sup>2</sup> wearing apparel valued at £27; wig, 20s.; walking-staff with silver head, 20s.; rapier with silver hilt and belt, £6; a French gun, £8; silver watch, £5; 3 tankards; 2 dram-cups; 4 silver cups, one with two handles; copper pennies and Erabians,<sup>3</sup> £6.18.7. Total valuation of estate, £9793.9.11. It is doubtful whether, at that time, any other estate in the town equaled this in value.

The third Thomas Leffingwell, son of the Ensign, and born in 1674, is distinguished as *Deacon* Thomas. He married Lydia, daughter of Solomon Tracy, and died July 18, 1733. He had six children.

His brothers, Capt. John and Benajah Leffingwell, had large families, the former, eight daughters and four sons, the latter, eight sons and four daughters. Capt. John Leffingwell married, first, Sarah Abell, and second, Mary Hart, of Farmington.

Benajah Leffingwell married Joanna Christophers, of New London. Col. Christopher Leffingwell, of the Revolutionary period, was the third of his eight sons.

Thomas Leffingwell, 4th (son of Deacon Thomas), married Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Lord, Jan. 23, 1729. He died in 1793, in the ninetieth year of his age.

Thomas Leffingwell, 5th, born in 1732, died in December, 1814, aged eighty-two. These five generations were in direct succession, each the oldest son of the oldest son, but the lineage is here interrupted, as Thomas, the 5th, died unmarried.

The Leffingwell tree has a multitude of branches. Samuel Leffingwell, who married Hannah Gifford,

<sup>1</sup> Col. Rec., I. 205. Leppingwell and Leppenwell often appear on the early Norwich records. It is suggestive of the supposed origin of the name,—Leaping-well, denoting a bubbling or boiling spring.

<sup>2</sup> In the inventory of Nathaniel Leffingwell, at an earlier date, we find a castor hat, one coffee-cup, a beaker, a pair of campaign boots, etc.

<sup>3</sup> An Arabian is supposed to have been a small gold coin.

March 2, 1714-15, was the progenitor of several large families. A district in the southern part of the township is known by the familiar designation of *Leffingwelltown*, from the predominance of the name in that neighborhood. In a field upon old Leffingwell land, in this district, there is a quiet village of the dead, where Leffingwells, Chapmans, Posts, and other names of the vicinity are found. Here is the grave of Deacon Andrew Leffingwell, who died in 1803. He was the son of Samuel, and born Dec. 12, 1724.

Some of the Leffingwells, who lived on farms, have the traditionary renown of having been stalwart men, able horsemen, enterprising, robust, dreadnaught kind of people. They would ride to Boston in a day, with a led horse for relief, and return on the morrow, unconscious of fatigue. One of them, it is said, performed the feat with a single horse, but the noble animal was sacrificed by the exploit, being found dead the next morning.

JOHN OLMSTEAD married Elizabeth Marvin, and settled at Saybrook, where he was appointed leather-sealer in 1656. He is mentioned incidentally upon the Saybrook records in 1661 as "John Olmsted, of Mohegan, shoemaker," which shows that he had removed to the new plantation. At this place, however, he appears as a doctor or surgeon, and was undoubtedly the first physician of the settlement, though the articles enumerated in his inventory would imply that he still continued his practice with the last and lap-stone. For several years he was on the grand jury of the county.

He possessed a considerable estate, and was very precise respecting the date and bounds of his grants.

JOHN PEASE. The name of John Pease appears incidentally at New London in 1650, and it may be conjectured that he was a seaman, then belonging to Boston or Martha's Vineyard. It is probable that he resided for a time at Saybrook before joining the company of Norwich proprietors, and that he took a family with him to the new settlement. His home-lot was at the western limit of the town plot, and bore the date of November, 1659.

But in the course of a few years his family, if he had one, his possessions, and his character had all passed away. The court record for 1672 bears the following item:

"John Pease complained of by the townsmen of Norwich for living alone, for idleness, and not duly attending the worship of God.

"This Court orders that said Townsmen do provide that Pease be entertained into some suitable family, he paying for his board and accommodation, and that he employ himself in some lawful calling, which if he neglect or refuse to do, the townsmen may put him out to service in some approved family. Except he dispose of his accommodations and remove out of the town."

JOHN POST. The marriage of John Post and Hester Hyde, "in the last of March, '52," and the births of four children are found on record at Saybrook. Four other children are recorded at Norwich, and they likewise had a daughter Mary, not registered at

either place, born probably in 1662, comprising in all a family of two sons and seven daughters.

THOMAS POST. No reference to the family of this proprietor has been found at Saybrook. His existence seems not to be recognized anywhere but in Norwich. From the records of this place we learn that he married Mary Andrews in January, 1656, and that she died at Norwich in March, 1661, and was buried in a corner of her husband's home-lot, as heretofore related.

JOSIAH READ. The marriage of Josiah Read to Grace, the daughter of William Holloway, took place at Marshfield in November, 1666. At this time he had probably cleared his home-lot and prepared his domicile in Norwich. About the year 1687 he removed from the town-plot to a farm "over Show-tucket," and was probably the first permanent settler upon that gore of land which was then called *the Crotch*, but afterwards Newent. He had a brother John, at that time living "near Pease's farm," within the present limits of Bozrah.

JOHN REYNOLDS was a wheelwright by occupation, and removed from that part of Saybrook which is now Lyme. His housing and land were sold to Wolston Brockway, Dec. 3, 1659.

The births of his children are recorded at Norwich, but without mentioning the name of his wife. John, the oldest child, born in August, 1655, was killed by the Indians in Philip's war, as elsewhere related. Stephen, another son, died Dec. 19, 1687.

He died July 22, 1702. He bequeathed his instruments of husbandry and wheelwright tools to his son, with all his housing and lands, subject only to the widow's dowry. His wife, Sarah, and son Joseph were named executors, and he adds, "I do make choice of my loving kinsman, Ensign Thomas Leffingwell, overseer, to be helpful to them or either of them."

JONATHAN ROYCE was one of the five sons of Robert Royce, of New London, and probably the oldest, though no record of his birth has been found. He married Deborah, daughter of Hugh Calkins, in June, 1660, according to the registry in Norwich, but at New London it is recorded March, 1660-61. Allowing the latest date to be correct, the bride was barely seventeen years of age, her birth being recorded at Gloucester, Mass., March 18, 1643-44. This was a second hymeneal tie connecting the two families, John Calkins, of Norwich, having taken for his partner Sarah Royce, the sister of Jonathan.

NEHEMIAH SMITH was of Stratford, 1646, but removed to New Haven, and obtained a grant of land upon Oyster River for his accommodation in keeping sheep. He is occasionally called on the colonial records "Shepherd Smith." In 1652 he transferred his residence to New London, where his brother John had previously settled, and from thence came to Norwich in 1660, or soon afterwards. In 1663 he is styled "now of New Norridge."

THOMAS TRACY, from Tewksbury, in Gloucestershire, came to New England in April, 1636. His name was enrolled at Salem, Feb. 23, 1637.

"Thomas Tracy, ship-carpenter, received an inhabitant, upon a certificate of divers of Watertown, and is to have five acres of land."

He left the bay for the new colony on the Connecticut, probably about 1640, and settled at Wethersfield, where he is supposed to have married the widow of Edward Mason in 1641. A few years later he removed to Saybrook, from whence, after a residence of twelve or fourteen years, he came to Norwich, bringing with him six sons and a daughter. Perhaps his wife also was then living, for neither the place nor period of her death has been ascertained. Two of his children, John and Thomas, were probably born in Wethersfield, and the others in Saybrook. Miriam, the daughter, was the middle member of the list, and at the time of the settlement about ten years of age, her brothers ranging above and below, from six to (perhaps) sixteen years.

Mr. Tracy was evidently a man of talent and activity, skillful in the management of various kinds of business, upright and discreet. The confidence placed in him by his associates is manifested in the great number of appointments which he received. His name is on the roll of the Legislature as representative from Norwich at twenty-seven sessions. The elections were semi-annual, and Mr. Tracy was chosen twenty-one times, beginning Oct. 9, 1662, and ending July 5, 1684. The others were extra sessions.

In October, 1666, he was chosen ensign of the first train-band organized in Norwich, and in August, 1673, lieutenant of the New London County Dragoons, enlisted to fight against the Dutch and Indians. In 1678 he was appointed commissioner or justice of the peace.

JOHN TRACY. The marriage of this young proprietor to Mary Winslow, June 10, 1670, is recorded at Duxbury, Mass. The bride was a daughter of Josiah Winslow the elder, who was brother to Governor Edward Winslow, of Plymouth.

John and Mary Tracy had five children,—four sons and one daughter; the latter married Nathaniel Backus. The oldest son, Josiah, died in infancy. The others, John, Joseph, and Winslow, all had families. Mr. John Tracy died Aug. 16, 1702; Mrs. Mary Tracy died July 30, 1721.

Mr. Tracy's inventory specifies the homestead, valued at one hundred and thirty pounds, and seventeen other parcels of land, comprising between three and four thousand acres. He had land at Yantic, at Bradford's Brook, Beaver Brook, Lebanon, Little Lebanon, Wawecos Hill, Potapaug, at Wenungatuck (on the west side of the Quinnebaug, above Plainfield), at Tadmuck Hill (east of the Quinnebaug), and at Mashamagwatuck, in the Nipmuck country. The land at Wenungatuck was part of a large tract purchased of Owaneco, sachem of Mohegan. In the division of the estate it fell to Nathaniel Backus.

John Tracy, of the second generation, was born in 1673; of the third, in 1702; of the fourth, in 1726; of the fifth, in 1755; of the sixth, in 1783. These six John Tracys were in the line of primogeniture, and all natives of Norwich except the first. Their partners in regular succession were Mary Winslow, Elizabeth Leffingwell, Margaret Hyde, Margaret Huntington, Esther Pride, and Susannah Hyde. The sixth in this line was the late John Tracy, of Oxford, N. Y., who was born in that part of Norwich which is now Franklin, and was a man of acknowledged ability and integrity, devoting himself for many years to the service of the public as postmaster, representative, judge, and for six years Lieutenant-Governor of New York. He died June 18, 1864. He leaves no son to continue the line.

Dr. Elisha Tracy, a distinguished physician of Norwich of the Revolutionary era, was a son of Capt. Joseph Tracy, second son of John the proprietor. He was the father of the late Dr. Philemon Tracy, two of whose sons, Phineas L. and Albert H., have been representatives in Congress from New York. Capt. Jared and Frederick Tracy, in the mercantile line, who have descendants in various parts of the Union from New York to Missouri, were of the same lineage.

Uriah Tracy, of Litchfield, born at Norwich, West Farms, in 1755, and United States senator from 1796 till his death, was a descendant of Winslow Tracy, the youngest son of the first John. He died at Washington, July 19, 1807, and was the first person interred in the Congressional Cemetery.

ROBERT WADE. The name of Robert Wade is found at Dorchester in 1635; a person bearing the same name was admitted as a freeman at Hartford in 1640; at a later period it is found among the inhabitants of Saybrook, and still later at Norwich. All these notices probably refer to one person. In August, 1657, Robert Wade was divorced from his wife by the General Court at Hartford, the act being recorded in the following terms:

"This Court duely and seriously considering what evidence hath bene presented to them by Robert Wade, of Seabrooke, in reference to his wifes unworthy, sinfull, yea, unnaturall carriage towards him the said Robert, her husband, notwithstanding his constant and comendable care and indeuor to gaine fellowship wth her in the bond of marriage and that either where shee is in England, or for her to lye wth him here in New England; all wth being slighted and rejected by her, disowning him and fellowship wth him in that solemn couenant of marriage betwene them and all this for neare fiftene yeares: They doe hereby declare that Robert Wade is from this time free from Joane Wade his late wife and that former Couenant of marriage betwene them."

We assume that this was the Robert Wade that appeared a few years later among the proprietors of Norwich, with wife Susanna.

His house-lot, between those of John and Thomas Post, was subsequently transferred to Caleb Abell in exchange for a situation better adapted to farming.

RICHARD WALLIS. This name is probably identical with *Wallace*. Richard Wallis, though ranked as an original proprietor, was not one of the earliest

company that settled at Norwich. He was living at that time in the eastern division of Saybrook, now Lyme, and sold his house, with six acres of land, to John Borden, but yet delayed from year to year to vacate the premises. In 1670, Borden brought a suit against him before the County Court in order to obtain possession. The court ordered Wallis to deliver the premises to the purchaser, in good condition, within one month from the date of judgment. We assume therefore the year 1670 as the date of his removal to Norwich. He died early in 1675.

THOMAS WATERMAN was nephew to the wife of John Bradford. Robert Waterman and Elizabeth Bourn, of Marshfield, were married Dec. 9, 1638. Thomas, their second son, was born in 1644, and probably came to Norwich with his Uncle Bradford. In November, 1668, he was joined in wedlock with Miriam, only daughter of Thomas Tracy.

ABEL, or ABELL. Three of this name are found at an early period among the inhabitants of Norwich, —Caleb, Benjamin, and Joshua. It is a natural supposition that they were brothers, and nothing is known that disproves the relationship. In all probability they came from Dedham.

It will not be inappropriate to advert here to a late worthy descendant of Caleb Abell, of Norwich, who has left no posterity to perpetuate his line. Gen. Elijah Abell, a gallant officer in the army that contended against England for liberty and independence, was born within the old municipal bounds of Norwich, but after the conclusion of the war settled in Fairfield, and for nearly twenty years served as sheriff of the county. In later life he returned to the old homestead in Bozrah, and there died, June 3, 1809, aged seventy-one. He was a graduate of Yale College, well informed, energetic, and upright.

JONATHAN BREWSTER was the oldest son of Elder William Brewster, of the Mayflower colony, but came over in the "Fortune," 1621, a year later than his father. He settled at Duxbury, and represented that town in 1639. With others of the Plymouth colony, he engaged actively in the trade with the Indians of Long Island Sound and Connecticut River. This trade was carried on in sloops and shallops. Some of the first settlers of Windsor appear to have been carried thither in Brewster's vessel. Jonathan and William Brewster were witnesses to a deed of land purchased by the Dorchester people of the Indians at Windsor, April 15, 1636.

These voyages brought Mr. Brewster into contact with the younger Winthrop, the founder of New London, to which place he removed in 1649 and found immediate employment, not only in the old path of Indian traffic, but as recorder or clerk of the plantation, many of the early deeds and grants at New London being in his handwriting.

"16 May, 1660. 'This day were made Freemen of this Jurisdiction John Winthrop, Esq., Mr. Jonathan Brewster,' &c."

Nine or ten years before the settlement of Norwich,

Mr. Brewster had established a trading-post near the mouth of Poquetannock Creek. The point of land formed by the junction of the creek and river is still called Brewster's Neck. A large tract of land was here given by Uncas to Mr. Brewster as a bonus to induce him to establish the post, and it was confirmed to him by the townsmen of New London, within whose original bounds it was included.

He commenced operations at Brewster's Neck in 1650, without waiting to obtain a license from the authorities of Connecticut, who claimed the jurisdiction. The General Court, at their session in May of that year, censured him for the way of proceeding, but legalized the undertaking itself.

"Whereas Mr. Jonathan Brewster hath set up a trading-house at Mohegan, this Courte declares that they cannott but Judge the thinge very disorderly, nevertheless, considering his condition, they are content hee should proceed therein for the present, and till they see cause to the contrary."

From this time forth Brewster's Neck and Trading Cove, on the opposite side of the river, became the principal places of traffic with the Mohegans. Mr. Brewster maintained an agency here, and kept his family at the post for several years, but at length relinquished the trade to his son Benjamin and returned to Pequot Harbor, as New London was then called. In May, 1657, he was chosen "assistant for the towne of Pequett."

BUSHNELL. The marriage of Richard Bushnell and Mary Marvin, Oct. 11, 1648, is recorded at Hartford. Mary Marvin was a daughter of Matthew Marvin, afterwards of Norwalk. Richard Bushnell's name also appears in 1656, among the owners of home-lots in Norwalk, but he is not afterwards found in the list of early settlers, and it is supposed that he became a resident of Saybrook, and there died about the year 1658. His relict appears in 1660, at Norwich, as the wife of Thomas Adgate. Her children were brought with her to the new settlement, and their births are found registered with those of the Adgate family.

JOHN ELDERKIN. Our acquaintance with John Elderkin begins at Lynn in 1637, when he was about twenty-one years of age. From thence he may be traced to Boston, Dedham, Reading, Providence, New London, and at last to Norwich, which was probably his latest home and final resting-place.

In a deposition taken in 1672 he gives his age, fifty-six, and says that he became an inhabitant of New London the same year that Mr. Blinman and his company came there to dwell. We find a grant of house-lot recorded to him at that place in October, 1650, in anticipation of his coming.

Elderkin was a house-carpenter and millwright, crafts which in the circumstances of the country were better than a patent of nobility in gaining for him a welcome reception, esteem, and influence. In the places where he sojourned he built mills, meeting-houses, probably also bridges, and the better sort of dwelling-houses. At New London he built the first

meeting-house, constructed two or three saw-mills in the neighborhood, and occasionally tried his hand in building vessels.

SAMUEL LATHROP, or Lothrop, as the name was then generally spelled (with the pronunciation *Lot-rop*), was a son of the Rev. John Lothrop, who had preached in London to the first Independent or Congregational Church organized in England, as successor to Mr. Jacob, under whose ministry the church was formed. The congregation was broken up by ecclesiastical rigor, and Mr. Lothrop suffered an imprisonment of two years' duration, from which he was released only on condition of his leaving the country. He came to America in 1634, and was the first minister both of Scituate and of Barnstable.

Samuel was his second son, and probably about fourteen years of age when the family emigrated. His marriage is recorded at Barnstable, in his father's handwriting: "My sonn Samuel and Elizabeth Scudder married att my house, Nov. 28, 1644."

Samuel Lothrop was a house-carpenter, and found occupation for a time in Boston, from whence he went to New London, then called Pequot, in the summer of 1648. Just twenty years later he removed to Norwich, where, after a residence of more than forty years, he died, Feb. 29, 1700.

Col. Simon Lothrop, third son of Samuel (2) and Hannah (Adgate) Lothrop, born in 1689, was a man of more than ordinary local renown. He commanded one of the Connecticut regiments in the successful expeditions against Annapolis and Louisburg, and was valued for his judgment in council as well as for his gallant bearing in the field. At one period he was left for a considerable time in the chief command of the fortress at Cape Breton.

Col. Lothrop was of a prudent, thrifty disposition, fond of adding land to land and house to house. There was a doggerel song that the soldiers used to sing after their return from *Caperton* that alludes to this propensity.

Col. Lothrop died Jan. 25, 1775, aged eighty-six. He was an upright man, zealous in religion, faithful in training up his family, and much respected and esteemed for his abilities and social virtues. His wife was a Separatist, and he carefully abstained from any interference with her predilections, but was accustomed every Sunday to carry her in his chaise up to her meeting, half a mile beyond his own, then return to his own place of worship, and after the service was over go up town again after his wife.

Col. Lothrop was the father of Simon and Elijah Lathrop, who were prominent inhabitants of the town, and for a long period proprietors of the mills at Norwich Falls.

The following is a list of inhabitants that came in after the first settlers and appear as residents of the town plot, or as grantees on the commons and outlands. The earliest date is given at which the name has been noticed, but in some instances the person

may have been upon the ground for several previous years:<sup>1</sup>

Timothy Allen married, Oct. 11, 1714, Rachel, daughter of Joseph Bushnell; adm. 1715; removed subsequently to Windham.

Thomas Allerton had his cattle-mark registered in 1712.

John Allerton was one of the selectmen in 1721. His wife was Elizabeth, and he had nine children, the births ranging from 1713 to 1735. The name of Isaac appearing among them suggests a connection with Isaac Allerton, of Plymouth and New Haven, but his antecedents have not been ascertained.

Ames, Emms. Joseph Eames had a son Joseph, baptized April 2, 1710. He died in 1734. Three sons were brought to view in the settlement of the estate,—Joseph, Ebenezer, and Josiah. The relict, Mary, married Daniel Palmeter.

Andrus, Andross. Jeremiah Andrews, adm. May 7, 1714.

John Andrews, Sr., adm. 1716.

These were probably sons of Francis Andrews, who died at Fairfield in 1663, and in his will enumerated nine children, among whom were John and Jeremiah.

John Andrews, Jr., adm. 1716.

John and Sarah, children of John Andross, Jr., were baptized July 5, 1713.

David and Benjamin Andross appear also as inhabitants about 1715.

Jonathan Armstrong settled before 1670 at Misquamicut (Westerly), where he had a stormy experience of several years' continuance amid the riots, inroads, writs, and judgments that disturbed the debatable lands on the borders of the two colonies, Connecticut and Rhode Island. In partial redress of his grievances, the Legislature of Connecticut granted him, in October, 1677, one hundred acres of land near the bounds of Norwich.

Nathaniel Armstrong was a grantee of the town in 1679, and Benjamin in 1682.

Benjamin Armstrong died Jan. 10, 1717–18, leaving four sons,—Benjamin, John, Joseph, and Stephen,—all of age. Benjamin married Sarah Raymond, and in 1703 was one of the patentees of Mansfield. Stephen settled in Windham. Joseph was a householder in 1716. John married, in 1710, Anne Worth, and had a numerous family.

Lebbeus Armstrong, a descendant of John, removed about 1770 to Bennington, Vt.

John Arnold was a landholder, both by grant and purchase, in 1683. He removed a few years later to Windham.

Benedict Arnold took the freeman's oath in 1739.

Jonathan Avery, adm. 1724.

Joseph Baker, an inhabitant before 1690, was received with his wife into the West Farms Church in 1721.

<sup>1</sup> Adm. stands for admitted inhabitant by public vote.

Nathaniel Baker, a resident in 1718. Ebenezer, adm. 1724.

John Bacon, adm. 1713; wife Hannah received into the church and four children baptized in 1718.

Nathaniel Badger, adm. 1721, probably came from Newbury.

Daniel Badger married Sarah Roath, Oct. 22, 1719. The births of three children—Daniel, Gideon, and David—are recorded in Norwich.

Ezekiel Barrett, 1711. Isaac, 1716.

Job, the son of John Barstow, born at Scituate, March 8, 1679, adm. at Norwich in 1708. He and his wife Rebecca, who was the daughter of Joseph Bushnell, were baptized and received into the church Aug. 9, 1709. In 1725 he was one of the selectmen. He had three sons,—Jonathan, born in 1712; Ebenezer, in 1720; and Yet-once, July 17, 1722.

William Bates, cattle-mark registered 1678.

Stephen Belden, adm. 1720.

Robert Bell came from Ipswich about 1720. He appears to have been a physician, and had married at that place, Nov. 7, 1717, Abigail, relict of John Fillmore. He died Aug. 23, 1727, and his wife in November of the same year. They left three children,—Samuel, born in Ipswich, 1719; Benjamin and Deliverance, natives of Norwich.

[This Robert Bell may have been a son of Robert, of Hartford, as the latter had a son Robert born in 1680.]

Samuel Blackmore, one of the Separatist party in 1748.

George Boorn, or Bourn, a resident in 1726, and had a son George baptized March 8, 1729.

Ebenezer Brown, son of Capt. John Brown, of Swansey, and grandson of Major Mason, married Sarah, daughter of the second Samuel Hyde, Feb. 25, 1714. They removed to Lebanon, where he died in 1755. His relict long survived him, and died in Windham, March 1, 1797, aged ninety-nine years and two months.

Samuel Burton, a resident in 1719.

Jonathan Burley, adm. 1727; married, March 30, 1730, Elizabeth White.

Walter Capron, 1730.

Thomas Carew married, Sept. 10, 1724, Abigail, daughter of Daniel Huntington. Joseph Carew, brother of Thomas, married, in 1731, Mary, daughter of the same, and died in 1747, leaving seven children; estate, £2847.

Palmer Carew was an inhabitant in 1730.

John Carpenter, adm. 1723; probably son of William, of Rehoboth. His wife Sarah was received into the church the same year.

John Carter united with the church in 1722.

Moses Case, adm. Sept. 13, 1726.

John, son of John Case, baptized in 1729.

Robert Cathcart, an inhabitant in 1728.

Joseph Chapman, probably son of William, of New London, adm. 1715; died June 10, 1725. His wife Mercy died seven days previous. Eight children are

recorded. Two of the sons, Moses and Daniel, are on the list of Separatists in 1748.

Caleb Chappell, son of George, of New London, was resident in 1694, but removed to Windham.

Isaac Cleveland, adm. 1709, was probably son of Moses, of Woburn, who had a son Isaac, born May 11, 1669. Samuel and Josiah Cleveland, early settlers at Canterbury, appear to have been his brothers. In 1715, Elizabeth, wife of Clement Stratford, mariner, administered on the estate of her former husband, Isaac Cleveland. No mention is made of children.

Samuel Coolidge, a resident in 1694.

"The inventory of Ambrose Cole, of Norwich, deceased," was presented to the County Court in 1690. Probably the family came from Scituate.

Gershom Cotterel, a resident in 1678.

Jonathan Crane, probably from Killingworth, had land registered in 1672, and married, Dec. 19, 1678, Deborah, daughter of Francis Griswold. He removed to Windham, where he had a thousand-acre right; built the first mill in that plantation; was one of the selectmen in 1692, and a patentee of the town in 1703.

Samuel Crocker settled at West Farms about 1700, and was one of the selectmen in 1722. He was probably son of Thomas, of New London, and born at that place in 1677. He had four children—Samuel, John, Jabez, and Hannah—baptized in 1709.

Peter Cross had land recorded in 1672, and was a resident in 1698; afterwards removed to Windham.

George Cross, a resident in 1710.

Benjamin Cullum, adm. 1715. Abigail, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Cullum, baptized in 1718.

The marriage of Edward and Sarah Culver is recorded Jan. 15, 1681; the births of seven children follow.

Edward Culver was on the board of listers in 1685. In 1698 he removed to Lebanon, and was living there in 1716.

John Culver and his wife Sarah united with the church at Norwich in 1721.

Thomas Culverswell died April 15, 1725.

Samuel Darby, a resident in 1700.

Ephraim Davis was on the roll of 1702. Thomas, Comfort, and Joseph appear as inhabitants soon after 1712. Thomas had daughter Mercy baptized in 1711.

Abraham Daynes, of North Yarmouth, married Dec. 27, 1671, Sarah, daughter of William Peake. This marriage is recorded at New London, with the births of three children,—Johanna, John, and Thomas. Three others are on record at Norwich, viz., Ebenezer, Sarah, and Ephraim. The sons are found among the inhabitants of the town in the next generation, but the name is more frequently written Deans. James and Oxenbridge Deans were young men in 1738.

Nathaniel Dean, adm. Dec. 28, 1714; wife Joanna probably from Taunton. Seth Dean, 1739.

Joseph Decker and wife Thankful were received into fellowship with the church in 1714. They removed to Windham.

Capt. Robert Denison, adm. 1718. His farm of five hundred acres, conveyed to him by Owaneco, with the consent of the Legislature, in 1710, lay upon the border of Mashipaug, or Gardner's Lake, and was then supposed to fall within the Nine-mile Square. He began his improvements at that place in 1716, but when the bounds of the town were more accurately defined the greater part of his farm, including his family residence, was found to lie within the limits of New London North Parish, and after 1720 his connection with Norwich ceased.

Capt. Denison died in 1737, and was interred in a cemetery prepared by himself on his farm, where a group of Denison graves, with granite curbstones marked with initials and dates, still remain.

His son, the second Capt. Robert Denison, was an officer in the French war, and removed to Nova Scotia.

John Dennis, a resident at the Landing in 1739.

The cattle-mark of Abraham Dowd was recorded in 1723. He was probably the son of John Dowd, of Guilford, born in 1697.

Thomas Edgecombe, born in New London, 1694, settled in Norwich before 1720, and there died Sept. 16, 1745. His first wife was Katherine Copp; his second, Esther Post, who survived him but a few months.

The sons of Thomas Edgecombe by his first wife were Thomas, John, Jonathan, and Samuel.

Thomas died in Norwich in April, 1755.

John was a soldier in the expedition against Cape Breton, and there died, after the surrender in 1746, at the age of twenty.

Jonathan, a seaman, was taken by a Spanish privateer, Aug. 3, 1752; carried first to Campeachy, and from thence to Old Spain, where he was kept confined for several months, but at length picked the lock of his prison, escaped, and reached a French port in safety. Here he found an English vessel, on board of which he worked his passage to England, but had scarcely touched the island when he fell into the hands of a press-gang and was enrolled on board of a man-of-war. After a year's service he contrived to escape, and through various other adventures finally reached home Nov. 30, 1754. He afterwards settled in Vermont.

Samuel, the fourth son, was Deacon Samuel Edgecombe, of Groton, Conn., who died Aug. 14, 1795, aged sixty-five.

Samuel Fairbanks, a resident in 1722.

Samuel Fales, adm. 1708; received into communion with the church in 1711; died 1733. He was son of Mr. James Fales, of Dedham, and son-in-law to John Elderkin. His inventory included a more than ordinary number of religious books. It is probable that he was a theological student.

Moses Fargo came from New London about 1690, and in 1694 obtained a grant of land "on the hill above the rock where his house stands." He was on the roll of 1702, and died about 1726. Name often written Firgo.

Verdict of a jury upon the body of Gregory Field: "Found dead in Shoutucket River, in Norwich, 29 April, 1710."

Fillmore. John, son of John Fillmore, was born at Ipswich, March 18, 1702. His father was a mariner, and died at sea about the year 1711. His mother's maiden name was Abigail Tilton. She married for her second husband, Robert Bell, and removed with him to Norwich West Farms. Her son, John Fillmore, returning from sea, was united Nov. 9, 1724, to Mary Spiller, of Ipswich, and on the 28th of the same month made a purchase of lands in Norwich, where he planted his hearth-stone and spent the remainder of his days.

Some extraordinary incidents are connected with his previous history. While out on a fishing voyage he had been captured by a noted pirate of the name of Phillips, and compelled to perform duty as the helmsman of the freebooting craft; but after nine months of this odious service, he combined with several other prisoners that had been subsequently taken, and at a concerted signal, making a desperate attack upon their captors, they killed and threw overboard the captain and a number of his crew, disabled the rest, took possession of the vessel, and navigated her to Boston, where they arrived May 3, 1724, and gave their prisoners up to justice. Three of them were executed in Boston, and three sent to England, where they suffered at Execution Dock. The gun, sword, tobacco-box, buckles, and rings of the captain of the corsair were awarded by the Court of Admiralty to young Fillmore, as spoils won by his valor and decision. A part of these articles are still preserved as relics by his descendants.

He was subsequently known as Capt. John Fillmore, of Norwich West Farms; a man of probity, and a useful citizen, a member of the church, and captain of a military company. He was three times married, and his will mentions fourteen surviving children. He died Feb. 22, 1777, aged seventy-five years.

Nathaniel, one of the sons of his second wife (Dorcas Day, of Pomfret), born in 1740, married Hepzibah Wood, and settled at Bennington, Vt., when that part of the country was new and unsubdued. He served as a soldier in the French war and in the war for independence, and died at Bennington in 1814. His son Nathaniel (2), born in 1771, married Phebe Millard, of Bennington, and he and his brothers, following the example of their ancestors, removed into the wilderness, and settled in Western New York, where they became farmers, and in the course of time clerks, teachers, justices, and members of the Assembly. This Nathaniel (2) was the father of Millard

Fillmore, thirteenth President of the United States, who was born in Cayuga Co., N. Y., Jan. 7, 1800.

The descendants of Capt. John Fillmore emigrated not only to Vermont, but to Nova Scotia and other provinces, and have been widely scattered; yet representatives of the name and family were left in Norwich and Franklin, where the lineage is still to be found, comprising descendants of the brave Capt. John and also of his brother Ebenezer, who married Thankful Carrier in 1733.

John Ford, adm. 1722; married, May 26, 1729, Ann Holloway.

Fowler. Jonathan Fowler married, Aug. 8, 1687, Elizabeth Reynolds. The widow Fowler is incidentally mentioned in 1698.

Thomas Fowler, of Lebanon, died in 1707.

Isaac Fox, adm. 1721; Thomas, 1722.

Colin Frasier married, in 1718, Sarah, daughter of Paul Wentworth. In January, 1724, Mrs. Frasier was arrested on the charge of killing an Indian woman in a fit of insanity. On the 24th of February, while imprisoned at New London, the unhappy woman, in another access of her malady, to which she was constitutionally subject, plunged a knife into her own throat, but the wound did not prove fatal. She was tried in March, and fully acquitted on the ground of *distraction*.

John French, Sr., of the West Farms, adm. 1724; died April 20, 1730, leaving sons,—Abner, John, Joseph, and Samuel.

John French, Jr. [Maj. John French], married, Aug. 21, 1729, Phebe, daughter of Thomas Hyde.

Josiah Gaylord, 1675. He was probably son of William, of Windsor, and step-son of John Elderkin. He is on the roll of 1702; his "house at Pock-nuck" is mentioned in 1720. He died in 1727.

John Gibbons, 1719. "Hambleton Gibbons," connected with a disturbance in the meeting-house, 1723.

Edward Gookin, adm. Sept. 13, 1726. He had four children baptized at dates ranging from February, 1723, to March, 1730. He was probably son of Daniel Gookin, of Sherborn, whose wife was a daughter of Edmund Quincy, and who had a son Edmund, born March 31, 1688.

Edmund, of Norwich, had wife Sarah and two sons, Samuel and Daniel. The former has not been traced, but Daniel, with his parents and their three daughters, who lived to be aged spinsters, all sleep together in the town burial-ground.

Nathaniel Gould, 1730.

Benjamin Gorton, from Warwick, R. I., on the 20th of September, 1717, purchased the valuable farm of Peter Mason, near the Great Pond, or Mashipaug Lake, five hundred acres, with dwelling-house and other buildings, for five hundred pounds. This farm was then supposed to lie within the bounds of Norwich, and he was for several years considered an inhabitant. He died in 1737.

Samuel and Nathaniel Gove, adm. 1723.

Robert Green, of Peagacomuck, 1696.

Thomas Grist married Ann Birchard, Aug. 14, 1721; adm. 1726.

Ebenezer Grover, first mentioned about 1720.

Thomas Hall, adm. 1701; probably came from Woburn. Thomas, Jr., adm. Dec. 21, 1712.

Solomon Hamilton, a resident in 1738.

Joseph Hammond, 1712. Caleb, married Nov. 21, 1723, Mary Brewster; adm. 1727. Elijah, adm. 1730.

Isaac, of Norwich, bought a farm on Mohegan Hill in 1734, for six hundred and sixty pounds.

Isaac Harrington died 1727; left wife Sarah and four children,—Isaac, Silvanus, James, and Patience.

John Harris, adm. Dec. 21, 1712, died 1728; left wife Susannah; other legatees, "brother Robert and his son John of Brookline, in New England."

Gibson, son of Samuel Harris (of New London), born 1694, settled in 1726 on a farm in New Concord, now Bozrah. His wife was Phebe, daughter of Capt. George Denison. He died in 1761. He was the father of Dr. Benjamin Harris, of Preston.

David and Jonathan Hartshorn, brothers, from Reading, settled at the West Farms, and are on the roll of inhabitants in 1702.

David was a physician; selectman in 1709; built a saw-mill on Beaver Brook in 1713; was one of the first deacons of the West Farms Church; died Nov. 3, 1738, aged eighty-one. He was a man of good report and a valuable citizen. His wife was Rebecca Batcheler.

Jonathan Hartshorn, probably son of Jonathan above named, married in 1709 Lucy Hempsted, of New London, and in 1726 removed with his family to Cecil County, Md.

Haskins, or Hoskins. Richard and John were early residents. Richard died in 1718, leaving nine children; estate, £1257. John died in 1719, leaving seven children.

Daniel, adm. Dec. 5, 1721, married Mehitable Badger.

Thomas Hazen, adm. Dec. 21, 1712. He and his wife were received to church membership by letter from the church in Bosford.

John Hazen, adm. 1715. Joseph and Jacob also became residents near this time.

John Heath came from Haverhill. His wife, Hannah, was received into the church, and her son Josiah baptized 1715.

Isaac Hendrick, a resident in 1721.

Charles Hill, a Separatist in 1748.

Ephraim Hodges, adm. 1729.

John Hough, 1678, son of William Hough, of New London, and there born, Oct. 17, 1655. He was a house-builder, and much employed both in Norwich and New London, acquiring lands and houses in each place. He died at New London, Aug. 26, 1715, suddenly deprived of life by a fall from the scaffolding of a house on which he was at work. He was a large man, of a military turn, and active also in civil affairs,



extensively known and highly esteemed. The sudden stroke that swept him into eternity resounded through the country with startling emphasis.

The wife of Capt. Hough was Sarah Post, of Norwich. He had a farm in New Concord Society, the land being an original grant from the town in payment for building a school-house. His youngest son, Jabez, born in 1702, inherited this farm, and there died, Jan. 24, 1725, only seventeen days after his marriage with Anne Denison, of New London. The farm was after this the homestead of his elder brother, John, and from him it went to his son Jabez, who married Phebe Harris, who died at the age of ninety-two, July 23, 1820.

John Hutchins, adm. Dec. 20, 1715; a constable in 1726 and 1727.

Thomas Hutchins, inn-keeper at Newent in 1733.

Joshua Hutchinson, adm. April 29, 1729.

Land granted to Jonathan Jennings in 1677. In 1684 he had other grants at Senemancutt and Sucksqutumscot. He removed to Windham, and there died June 27, 1783, in his seventy-ninth year. His son, Ebenezer, was the first male child of English parentage born in Windham.

John Jones, a resident in 1712; died 1749.

"Ten acres of land at Lebanon Valley," granted to John Johnson in 1677; also a grant at Westward Hill. His cattle-mark was registered in 1683; he was a lister in 1698.

Isaac Johnson, of Norwich, died Jan. 7, 1708.

Ensign William Johnson, of Canterbury, who probably went from Norwich, died Feb. 23, 1713.

Ebenezer Johnson, of the West Farms, 1718, married Deborah Champion.

Joseph Kelly, a resident in 1716.

Thomas, adm. 1719. Probably both came from Newbury.

Robert Kennedy, a resident in 1730; had wife Mary.

Richard Kimball, 1722.

Edward King, a resident in 1699; adm. 1701; died before 1726.

Joseph Kingsbury, from Haverhill, Mass., with his sons, Joseph, Jr., and Nathaniel, adm. 1710. The wife of the elder Joseph was Love Ayres, and of the younger, Ruth Denison, both of Haverhill. The wife of Nathaniel has not been ascertained. He had son John, born in 1710, and Nathaniel in 1711.

Joseph Kingsbury, Sr., was one of the first deacons of the West Farms Church, chosen in 1718. Joseph, Jr., was one of the eight pillars, and their wives, Love and Ruth Kingsbury, were among the earliest members received. Deacon Joseph Kingsbury died in 1741.

Joseph Kingsbury, Jr., was an ensign in 1721, selectman in 1723, captain of a company in 1726, chosen deacon in 1736, and died Dec. 1, 1757, aged seventy-five. He had thirteen children.

Mrs. Ruth Kingsbury, relict of the second Deacon Joseph, died May 6, 1779, aged ninety-three, leaving

behind the remarkable number of two hundred and thirty-one descendants, viz., five children, sixty-one of the next generation, one hundred and fifty-two of the fourth, and thirteen of the fifth. The homestead farm is still in possession of descendants of the same name.

Andrew Kingsbury, an officer of the Revolution, and subsequently, from 1793 to 1818, State treasurer of Connecticut, was a descendant of Joseph, Jr., in the line of his son Ephraim.

Richard Kirby, adm. 1721.

Thomas Knowles, adm. 1710.

Joseph Knowlton, accidentally killed, 1718; "no estate but two cows."

Mary, daughter of Thomas Knowlton, a member of the church in 1709.

In 1709, Samuel Ladd, from Haverhill, Suffolk Co., Mass., purchased land of David Hartshorn, "on the hill beyond Thomas Hide's farm." Adm. 1710.

Nathaniel Ladd was selectman in 1721, but in 1729 had removed from the town.

David Ladd, another earlier settler at the West Farms, married Mary Waters. His family, and that of Capt. Jacob Hyde, were linked together by a triple marriage of their children. The three brothers, Samuel, Ezekiel, and Joseph Ladd, married the three sisters, Hannah, Ruth, and Silence Hyde, both parties in the natural order of seniority, and each of the sisters at the age of nineteen years.

Ebenezer Lamb married, May 6, 1690, Mary Armstrong.

David, Isaac, and John Lamb were residents about 1718. John died Aug. 16, 1727.

Isaac Lawrence owned the church covenant in 1700; was adm. 1702. Isaac Lawrence, Jr., had four children baptized at dates from 1711 to 1718.

Richard Lee, adm. 1705; died Aug. 7, 1713; left widow, Sarah, and nine children, the oldest son, Thomas, forty years of age; Richard, thirty-four; Joseph, thirty-two; and Benjamin, thirty.

Samuel Loomer, of the parish of New Concord, adm. Sept. 13, 1726.

Cyprian, a younger brother of Rev. Benjamin Lord, settled in Norwich about 1720, and married, in 1725, Elizabeth Backus.

Low. The only person of this name found on the records is David, adm. 1709; died Feb. 10, 1710, aged twenty-three. His estate was settled by Thomas Lefingwell. The low semicircular headstone that marks his grave is one of the oldest in the town plot cemetery.

Ebenezer Lyon, 1722.

"Abial Marshall, of Norwich, and Abiah Hough, of New London, were married Nov. 18, 1708." Their oldest son, the second Abial Marshall, died in Bozrah, Dec. 1, 1799.

John Meach is on a list of 1698.

Ebenezer Metcalf, from Dedham, married, in 1702, Hannah, daughter of Joshua Abel, of the West

Farms, and had five children baptized, extending to 1711. He was on the roll of inhabitants in 1718, but removed to Lebanon, and there died Nov. 5, 1755, aged seventy-six. He was a descendant of Michael Metcalf, who had lived at Norwich, in England, but emigrated to this country with his wife and nine children in 1637 and settled at Dedham.

Stephen Merrick married Mercy Bangs, Dec. 28, 1671, he being twenty-five and she twenty years of age. Mercy and Apphia Bangs were twin daughters of Edward Bangs, of Plymouth colony, and were married the same day,—Apphia probably to John Knowles.

Stephen Merrick came to Norwich about 1672. He was a constable in 1681, and appointed county marshal or sheriff in 1685.

Grants of land were made to William Moore in 1677 and 1682. He had land also at Potapaug and "over the river at a place called Major's Pond." He married the relict of Thomas Harwood in August, 1677, and twenty years later removed to Windham.

Morgan. Two of this name are found early at Norwich and left families there, William and Peter. William was probably son of William and Margaret (Avery) Morgan, of Groton (born 1697).

Peter was a son of John Rose-Morgan, of New London, born in 1712. His wife was Elizabeth Whitmore, of Middletown, and his house stood under the hill, upon the site afterwards built upon by Rev. Joseph Strong, and now the residence of D. F. Gulliver, M.D. Peter Morgan removed to the Great Plain.

Moseley, or Maudsley. The earliest notice of this name is found in the baptismal record:

"Increase and Sarah, children of Increase Maudsley, bap. 6: 9: 1715," that is, Nov. 6, 1715.

Increase Moseley, the father, died in 1731.

Increase, the son, born May 18, 1712, married, in 1735, Deborah Tracy, of Windham, and removed about 1740 to Woodbury, settling in that part of the town which is now Washington. He there sustained various offices of trust and honor, representing the town in the Legislature for some fifteen successive years, but removed to Clarendon, Vt., in 1781, and there died May 2, 1795.

His son, the third Increase Moseley in direct succession, probably born also in Norwich, settled in Southbury, and was a colonel of one of the Connecticut regiments during the Revolutionary war.

Rev. Peabody Moseley, son of the first Increase, was born at Norwich in 1724. He was a Baptist clergyman, but about the year 1780 joined the Shaker society of New Lebanon.

Elisha Munsell, 1720. Elisha, Jr., 1721. The latter was on the list of Separatists in 1748.

James Norman, adm. Dec. 20, 1715. He was captain of a vessel, kept also a shop of merchandise, and in 1717 was licensed to keep a house of entertainment. He died June 28, 1743.

John Ormsby, adm. Dec. 20, 1715; died July 11, 1728. His relict, Susannah, died in 1752.

Joseph, adm. 1720; wife Abigail united with the church in 1721.

Daniel Palmeter, adm. 1724.

The inventory of Joseph Pasmore, of Norwich, was exhibited in 1711, comprising a Bible, psalm-book, sword, articles of apparel, and twelve acres of land.

Benjamin Peck, adm. 1700. The church record gives the names of eight children of "brother Benjamin Peck" that were baptized from 1703 to 1718. He died in 1742. Joseph, his eldest son, born in 1706, was father of the late Capt. Bela Peck, of Norwich.

The ancestor of this family was Henry Peck, of New Haven, whose twin sons, Joseph and Benjamin, were born Sept. 6, 1647.

John Pember, adm. 1722, son of John and Agnes Pember, of New London. He married in 1716, Mary, daughter of Thomas Hyde, and settled at West Farms, where he died in 1783, aged eighty-five.

Samuel Pettis, adm. 1727.

George Phillips, adm. 1726.

Jonathan and Ebenezer Pierce, adm. 1712.

Elizabeth, wife of John Pike, baptized Aug. 5, 1711; son John baptized 1712, and other children onward to 1723.

Samuel Pitcher, supposed to be a son of Andrew, of Dorchester, had son Benjamin baptized in Norwich, March 20, 1714. He was one of the selectmen in 1721, but in 1735 removed to Woodbury, Conn. A part of the family remained, and the name has been continued in the town to the present day.

Matthew Polly, 1719, probably from Woburn.

Abigail, wife of Daniel Polly, died June 8, 1725.

Joshua Prior, a householder in 1733.

Samuel Raymond, of Norwich, and Lydia Birchard, of Lebanon, were united in marriage March 6, 1717. They had sons Samuel and Daniel, the former born Dec. 25, 1720.

Nathaniel Richards, an inhabitant in 1716.

Andrew, adm. 1727.

Samuel Roberts, 1678, son of Hugh Roberts, an early settler in New London. He came to Norwich as a house-carpenter in company with John Hough. These two men were often associated in work, and called themselves *near kinsmen*, the mother of each being a daughter of Hugh Calkins. The first school-house in Norwich of which we have any notice was built by John Hough and Samuel Roberts, and paid for in land in 1683. They were the master-builders of many early houses in the town plot,—the regular, substantial houses that followed the temporary habitations of the first encampment.

Samuel, son of Samuel Roberts, was born May 9, 1688.

Theophilus Rogers, 1720; a native of Lynn, Mass., and reputed to be a descendant of John Rogers, the Smithfield martyr. He had studied physic and sur-

gery in Boston, and settled at Norwich in the practice of his profession. He died Sept. 29, 1753. Two of his sons, Ezekiel and Theophilus, were physicians, and two others, Uriah and Col. Zabdiel, were conspicuous as active citizens and patriots of the Revolutionary period.

Thomas Rood was an early settler upon the outlands of the township. His wife, Sarah, died in March, 1668, and he in 1672. Nine children are recorded, the dates of birth ranging from 1649 to 1666, but the place of nativity is not given.

Thomas, Micah, Samuel, and George Rood are on the roll of inhabitants in 1702. Micah obtained some local notoriety on account of a peculiar variety of apple that he brought to market, which was called, from him, the "Mike apple," and has since been more extensively propagated. It is an early species, has a fair outside, an excellent flavor, and each individual apple exhibits somewhere in the pulp a red speck, like a tinge of fresh blood. Several fanciful legends have been contrived to account for this peculiarity. Micah Rood died in 1728, aged about seventy-six.

In 1693 the proprietors granted to George Rosebrough "three or four acres of land, where his house stands." No other reference to the name has been observed.

Jonathan and Nathaniel Rudd, brothers, came from Saybrook. The former settled east of the Shetucket, and the latter at the West Farms. It is probable that they were sons of that Jonathan Rudd who was married at Bride Brook in the winter of 1646-47.

Nathaniel Rudd married, April 16, 1685, Mary, daughter of John Post. His homestead was in that part of the West Farms which is now Bozrah. He died in April, 1727, leaving an estate valued at £689.

Daniel Rudd, one of the sons of Nathaniel, born in 1710, married for his second wife (July 1, 1745) Mary Metcalf, a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Metcalf, of Falmouth, Me. She had previously been living with her relatives in Lebanon, to which place she came from her far-off home, according to tradition, in a three-days' journey, riding on a pillion behind Capt. James Fitch. Her son, Daniel Rudd, Jr., born June 10, 1754, married Abigail Allen, of Montville, who died Jan. 20, 1857, wanting only a few months of being one hundred years of age. Lucy Rudd, one of the daughters of this couple, married, first, Capt. Henry Caldwell, of the United States Marines, and second, Maj.-Gen. Henry Burbeck, an officer of the Revolutionary war and of that of 1812. Gen. Burbeck died at New London, Oct. 2, 1848, aged ninety-five. His relict, Mrs. Lucy Burbeck, is still living. It is a singular coincidence, occurring, it is presumed, very rarely in the history of families, that Mrs. Burbeck's father, Daniel Rudd, and her husband, Henry Burbeck, were born on the same day, June 10, 1754.

Sabin, often upon early records written Sabiens. Isaac, adm. 1720.

Thomas Sluman married, December, 1668, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Bliss; constable in 1680; died 1688, leaving a son Thomas and five daughters. His relict married Solomon Tracy. Thomas Sluman (2) was on the roll of 1702.

Mark Smallbent died Dec. 26, 1696; left two young daughters; estate, £148.

Andrew, son of Philip Spalding, was baptized July 15, 1722.

Starr. Samuel, son of Jonathan, of Groton, married Ann, daughter of Capt. Caleb Bushnell, in 1727, and settled in Norwich.

Amos Stickney, 1725.

Thomas Stoddard, a resident in the parish of New Concord, 1708; present at a church-meeting in 1714.

Samuel Story and wife were received into the church in 1722. They came undoubtedly from Ipswich. The inventory of his estate, taken in 1726, has among its items "a wood-lot in Ipswich." He left a numerous family: five sons who were living are noticed in his will, the children of Ephraim, deceased, and six married daughters, viz., Elizabeth Hidden, Mary Andrews, Dorothy Day, Hannah Nolten, Anna Proctor, and Margaret Choate.

John, son of John Swetland, was baptized in 1708; another son, Joseph, in 1710. The family, in all probability, dwelt near the western bounds of the town, within the present area of Salem.

Joseph Tenny, adm. 1728.

Thomas Todd died Aug. 29, 1727. He owned one-third of a sloop called the "Norwich." His relict, Martha, married a Lathrop.

Ebenezer Thomas, adm. 1727. He owned lands in Duxbury, and was probably son of Jeremiah Thomas, of Marshfield, born Nov. 1, 1703. Ebenezer, Simeon, and Thomas L. Thomas, active men of business during the latter part of the century, were his sons. He died Oct. 16, 1774.

Mary, wife of Joseph Tubbs, received adult baptism in 1718.

Jonathan Walker, adm. 1722.

Robert Warren, a resident in 1713; selectman in 1721.

John Way, adm. 1722.

John Welsh, adm. 1705; died 1728; estate, £333; inventory presented by his son John.

Daniel White, adm. April 30, 1723. He married Elizabeth Ensworth, June 10, 1723, and died Sept. 9, 1727, leaving a wife and three small children. Estate, £407.

Jonathan Whitaker, 1710. He married, in 1718, Abigail Lambert.

Daniel Wightman, 1727.

Joseph Williams, adm. 1702; Charles, of Preston, 1687.

John Willoughby, 1718.

Joseph, adm. Dec. 5, 1721. He afterwards purchased a farm in the North Parish of New London.

Thomas Wood, a resident in 1716.

Ebenezer, adm. Dec. 2, 1718; married Mary Rudd, March 12, 1718.

Isaac Woodworth, adm. 1705; died April 1, 1714, leaving wife, Lydia, and nine children between the ages of eight and twenty-seven.

Moses, adm. 1719.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### NORWICH—(Continued).

The Landing—Weequaw's Hill—Early Votes—Ship-yards—Highways—Chelsea—The Parade—Pioneer Homes—Old Settlers—Hotels—Streets—Commerce—Early Business Men—The First Druggist, Dr. Daniel Lathrop.

FOR seventy years after the settlement of the town what is now the city of Norwich was technically a "sheep-walk," used by the inhabitants of the eastern part of the town for pasturing sheep and cattle. The location was first known as Weequaw's Hill, Rocky Point, and Fort Hill. Miss Caulkins says,—

The reservation extended from No-man's Acre to the mouth of the Shetucket, and was inclosed with a general fence. A cartway through it was allowed, and in 1680 "a pair of bars" connected with this cartway was maintained by the town, near the Shetucket, and another pair below the house of John Reynolds. The whole space between Yantic Cove and the Shetucket was a wilderness of rocks, woods, and swamps, with only here and there a cow-path or a sheep-track around the hills, where the trunk of a fallen tree thrown over a brook or chasm served in lieu of a bridge. Not only in the spring floods, but in common heavy rains a great part of East Chelsea and all the lower, or Water Street, up to the ledge of rocks on which the buildings upon the north side of that street are based, were overflowed; and even in the dry season these parts of the town were little better than swamps. What are now only moist places and slender rills were then ponds and broad, impetuous brooks.

In January, 1634, a committee was appointed to lay out and bound for the town's use sufficient land for a public landing-place and a suitable highway connected with it, after which they passed the following restrictive decree:

April, 1684. "It is agreed and voted that the rest of the ungranted and unlaid out land at the mouth of Showtuck shall be and remain for the benefit of cattle-watering, and never to be disposed of without the consent of eight or ten of the families at the east end of the towne."

It was not long, however, before this act became a dead letter. Sites at the water's edge were soon in great demand for commercial purposes. These were prudently doled out by the town in plots of three or four rods each. In 1686, Capt. James Fitch, the first of these grantees, was allowed sufficient land near the water-side to accommodate a wharf and warehouse. Not long afterwards, Capt. Caleb Bushnell obtained a simi-

lar grant. These facilities were near the mouth of Yantic Cove. It was here that the wharfing, building, and commercial enterprise of Norwich Landing began.

1692. A committee appointed by the town to go with John Elderkin and to state a highway to the old Landing-place, with convenience also for a warehouse.

October, 1694. Mr. Mallat, a French gentleman, desiring liberty of the town that he might build a vessel, or vessels, somewhere upon our river, the town grant the said Mr. Mallat liberty to build, and also grant him the liberty of the common on the east side of Showtucket River to cut timber for building.

Mallat's ship-yard is supposed to have been at the Point. It was not long occupied, and the fee of course reverted to the town.

In 1707 a vote was passed of the following emphatic tenor:

"No more land to be granted at the salt water, and no way shut up that leads to the salt water."

The first masters of vessels at the landing of whom we obtain any knowledge were Capts. Kelley and Norman. These, in 1715, were engaged in the Barbadoes trade.

May 11, 1715. Capt. Kelley in the Norwich sloop sailed for Barbadoes.

Sept. 8. Capt. Kelley sailed for Barbadoes.

Dec. 13, 1715. Capt. Norman sailed.<sup>1</sup>

Capt. Kelley very soon established a regular ship-yard at the Landing, the town granting him the necessary facilities.

Jan. 10, 1716-7. Joseph Kelley, shipwright, has free liberty to build vessels on the Point, where he is now building, the town to have the use of his wharf.

[This grant was not revoked till 1751.]

The same year Caleb Bushnell applied for a situation by the water-side convenient for building vessels, which was granted by the following vote:

Dec. 3, 1717. The town grants to Caleb Bushnell 20 feet square upon ye water upon the west side of the rockie Point at ye Landing-place.

Between 1721 and 1724, similar grants of "twenty feet square on the west side of Rockie Point" were made to Simon Lothrop, Joshua and James Hunting-ion, and Daniel Tracy, a sufficiency for the town's use being reserved on which they were not to encroach. These were all enterprising young men, just entering into business. Simon Lothrop afterwards purchased the Elderkin rights on Yantic Cove and at the falls.

April 20, 1723. The town grants liberty to Capt. Caleb Bushnell to set up and maintain two sufficient cart-gates across the highway that goeth to the Little fort.

Feb. 25, 1724. Voted to build a town wharf at the Landing-place.

Liberty is granted to Lieut. Simon Lothrop to build a wharf at the Landing-place at his own charge, provided it shall be free to all mortals.

1734. Permission granted to Lieut. Simon Lothrop to build a warehouse on the side hill opposite his dwelling-house, 30 feet by 20, to hold the same during the town's pleasure.

The limited extent of these grants shows that they were highly prized, and that but few such privileges could be obtained. A narrow margin of level land at

<sup>1</sup> Diary kept at New London.

the base of water-washed cliffs comprised the whole accommodation.

With the exception of these footholds upon the water's edge, the land lay in common. Along the cove and around the falls the woods and waters were reeking with rank life, both animal and vegetable. The rock ledges were the haunts of innumerable serpents; the shores were populous with water-fowl, the river with shoals of fish. The young people from the farms around Norwich, when haying was over, came in parties to the Landing to wander over the hills, eat oysters, and take a trip down the river in canoes or sail-boats.

In 1718 there was a division of proprietary lands called the forty-acre division. In 1726 the undivided lands that remained were mainly comprised in two sheep-walks. A public meeting was called in which the names of the proprietors of each were distinctly declared and recorded, in order to prevent, if possible, all future "strifts and lawsuits." The East Sheep-walk, of nine hundred acres, more or less, was divided into shares of twenty acres each, and ratified and confirmed to forty-two proprietors, mentioned by name, or to those who claimed under them. The West Sheep-walk, by estimation seven hundred acres, was in like manner divided and confirmed to thirty-seven proprietors.

Rev. John Woodward and Rev. Benjamin Lord were admitted on the footing of original proprietors, as were also the representatives of the earliest class of accepted inhabitants, viz.: Bushnell, Elderkin, Roath, and Rood of the east end, Abel and Armstrong of the west. To these were added Moses Fargo of the west and Edward King of the east, each allowed a half-share, making seventy-nine in all, who were acknowledged as representatives of the original grantees of the town plot. From this division it was understood that farmers out of the town plot, and all persons not claimants under the first grantees, were excluded.

Israel Lothrop and James Huntington were the town agents in making the division of the East Sheep-walk. The lots extended along the water from the Shetucket ferry to the cove, reserving a highway through them two rods wide. A second tier was laid out in the rear of these, and so on. Each share was divided into tenths, and the tenths into eighths, and distributed apparently by lot. It is expressed in the records by *making a pitch*, as thus: "Capt. Bushnell made his pitch for his portion of the sheep-walk" at such a place.

The titles to land in this part of Norwich are derived from these forty-two proprietors of the east end, and the dates begin at 1726. After this division houses and inhabitants increased rapidly, and in the course of a few years Rocky Point became a flourishing hamlet and trading-post, called in common parlance *The Landing*, but gradually acquiring the name of New Chelsey, or Chelsea Society.

The earliest householders at the Landing of whose residence there we find any certain account were Daniel Tracy, Benajah Bushnell, and Nathaniel Backus. A little later Capt. Joseph Tracy and Capt. Benajah Leffingwell were substantial inhabitants, and Caleb Whitney kept a public-house. Boating was brisk in the river, and small vessels were built and sent away for sale.

Among those who were efficient in opening avenues of trade and bringing business to the new port, none were more conspicuous than Capt. John Williams and Capt. Joshua Huntington. The former resided with his family at Poquetannock, and the latter in the town plot, but each had a wharf and warehouse at the Landing, and here was their place of business. Capt. Huntington occupied the Point, near Kelley's ship-yard. It was by heirship from him that this locality went into the Bill family, Capt. Ephraim Bill having married his only daughter, Lydia.

Great are the changes that have been made around the water-line of Norwich port. All the sharp angles and projecting rocks, the trickling streams and gullies, have disappeared. Central wharf spreads out far in advance of the old town wharf and the water-line where Fitch and Bushnell had their first *conveniences*; and the granite ridge at whose base Kelley built his coasting craft, and the Huntingtons, Bills, and others had their warehouses, has been leveled to a platform occupied by the freight depot and other accommodations of the railroad.

The division into freeholds gave a powerful impetus to the growth of the Landing. Trade became suddenly the presiding genius of the place. Those merchants who had been so fortunate as to obtain situations upon the water's edge entered at once into commercial pursuits. From a report prepared by authority in Connecticut, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, probably before 1730, we learn that four sloops were at that time owned in Norwich and engaged in the West India and coasting trade, viz.: "Martha and Elizabeth," forty tons; "Success," forty tons; "Olive Branch," twenty-five tons; "Mary," twenty tons.<sup>1</sup>

Not long afterwards the Norwich traders sent a sloop and a *schooner* to Ireland. As these we suppose to have been their first adventures across the ocean, every item relating to them is interesting. They probably sailed in company, but the schooner returned without her consort.

"7 Nov. 1732.—The Norwich schooner, Nath: Shaw master, came in from Ireland."—*Hempstead's Diary*.

The sloop was under the charge of Capt. Absalom King, and appears to have been owned by himself

<sup>1</sup> Hinman's *Antiquities*, p. 352. The date of the document is not given, but it was undoubtedly between 1720 and 1730. The whole number of vessels in the colony was forty-two, the largest of which was a brigantine of eighty tons, owned at New London. They were mostly small sloops. New Haven and New London had each five; Hartford and Norwich four.

and those who sailed with him. They sold the craft in Ireland, probably in accordance with the plan of their voyage, as vessels were then frequently built in the river, where timber was plenty, and sent elsewhere for a market. The crew embarked for home in the schooner with Capt. Shaw, but during the voyage five out of the fifteen persons on board died of the smallpox. Among the victims was Capt. King, who died in mid-ocean, Sept. 3, 1732.

Capt. Absalom King came to Norwich from Southold, L. I., and had been for several years in the West India trade. His wife was Hannah, daughter of John Waterman. His youthful widow married, Nov. 8, 1733, Benedict Arnold.

This is the earliest notice that we find at Norwich of Benedict Arnold, a Rhode Island emigrant, whose name, when afterwards borne by his son, became synonymous with treason and apostasy. No intimation is given of the causes that brought him to Norwich, but he appears to have been at first a seaman, and it is not improbable that some connection with Capt. King in that capacity first introduced him to the town and afterwards obtained for him the favorable notice of the bereaved wife. He and his brother Oliver are both distinguished by the title of *captain*.

In 1740 a memorial was presented to the town by Joshua Abel, John Hutchins, and others, praying for a convenient highway to be opened to the Landing. This was strenuously opposed by the landholders on the line of the proposed highway, and rejected by the town at that time. But a few years later the object was happily accomplished, and two convenient avenues were opened, one on each side of the central hill. The two pent highways that had been previously used, that on the east through land of Col. Hezekiah Huntington, and the one on the west through land of Col. Simon Lothrop, were exchanged for streets laid out through the same lands, but more direct in course, and left open for public use. These improvements were sanctioned by all concerned.

The eastern avenue thus opened coincided with Crescent and a part of Union Streets, terminating at the house of Nathaniel Backus, in Union, not far from the corner of Main Street. The western avenue coincided with the greater part of Washington Street, and ended at "Capt. Bushnell's old warehouse." The committee for making these improvements consisted of William Morgan, Hezekiah Huntington, Philip Turner, and Joseph and Simon Tracy.

In 1750, Daniel Lathrop, Nathan Stedman, and Capt. Philip Turner were appointed a committee to open a highway by the water-side, connecting the above-named streets. This was the first laying out of Water Street.

After this, "the old highway over Waweecos Hill, between the Little Plain and Landing Place," was seldom used, and Capt. Benajah Bushnell obtained permission to inclose it, on condition of maintaining convenient bars for people to pass.

The Little Plain—so called in distinction from the Great Plain, in the southern part of the town, towards Mohegan—was at this time private property, included in grants to the early settlers, with no part open to the public except the streets above mentioned leading to the Landing.

In making these highway improvements, and in other works of public interest requiring public spirit and skillful management, Capt. Turner and Nathan Stedman were zealous and persevering agents. These were comparatively new inhabitants. Stedman was an attorney, son of John Stedman, of Lyme, and not of the Hampton family of Stedmans. After a few years' residence in Norwich he removed to Ashford. Philip Turner spent the remainder of his short career in the town, and his dust is mingled with its soil.

Dec. 1748. It is ordered that warnings for town meetings shall for the future be set up at the Landing-place, on some post to be provided by the inhabitants there.

A sign-post was accordingly set up at Mr. Peter Lanman's corner as the most central and conspicuous situation.

1751. Voted, that the district for highways at Chelsea be divided as follows: Beginning at the water, south of the westerly corner of Daniel Tracy, Jr.'s house at the Landing-place, thence a straight line to where the highway goes across Waweecos Hill,—thence to the N.E. corner of John Bliss's land,—thence a straight line to the parting of the paths on the Little Plain, at Oliver Arnold's corner,—thence a straight line to the N.W. corner of Joshua Prior's dwelling-house.

The common lands and flats upon the cove, extending as far up as "Elijah Lathrop's grist-mills," were laid out in 1760 or near that period. The shares were divided into tenths, and each tenth into eight several parcels or lots, as the sheep-walks had been.

From the general list of 1757 it appears that there were then eighty-seven resident proprietors of ratable estate in "the society of New Chelsy," and twenty-five non-residents.

In 1790 Middle or Main Street in Chelsea was opened at an expense of one hundred pounds, which was paid partly by the city and partly by individual subscription. About the same time Crescent Street, the ends of which were at the store of Capt. Thomas Fanning and the house of Rev. Walter King, was greatly improved through the liberality and exertions of Capt. William Hubbard.

The western avenue to Chelsea, now Washington Street, was also at this time rectified, and a new section thrown open by the adjoining landholders.

The broad plateau intersected by these streets was then known as the Little Plain. It seemed not to have had any more distinctive name. On the 11th of September, 1793, the Twentieth Regiment of infantry, Joseph Williams colonel, was here reviewed, and upon this occasion it was called *the Parade*. This was probably the first regimental review at this place. The general trainings had previously been held on the Great Plain, near Morgan's tavern, upon the road to New London.

Very little improvement had heretofore been made

in this part of the town, but the period had arrived for bringing it into notice. Several building-lots had been purchased and houses erected upon its borders, but the central part of the plain lay untilled and unfenced, the owners being non-residents, descendants of the original grantees, John Reynolds and Matthew Adgate. The larger portion comprised a single field, popularly called "Adgate's three-square lot."

It was certainly desirable, both as a matter of taste and convenience, that this area should be kept open to the public, and fortunately men of liberal minds stood ready to bring about this result.

Joseph Perkins and Thomas Fanning, two of the neighboring land proprietors, apparently at their own motion and private expense, undertook to clear this central area of all claims and incumbrances, that it might be made a public square for the use of the town. This they effected, and having obtained quitclaim deeds of the several heirs, conveyed the fee as a free gift to the town. The deed of cession has the following preamble:

We, Thomas Fanning and Joseph Perkins, both of Norwich, for and in consideration of the good will we have and do bear to the inhabitants of the Town of Norwich, and in consideration of the desire we have that said inhabitants may continually and at all times be furnished and accommodated with a free, open, unincumbered piece of land or ground, convenient for a public *Parade* or *Walk*, do give, grant, remise, release, and forever quit claim unto Doctor Joshua Lathrop, one of the principal inhabitants of said town, and to all the rest of the inhabitants of said Town of Norwich in their corporate capacity, and to their successors forever, for the use and purpose of a Public *Parade* or open *Walk*, to be unincumbered with any kind of building or buildings, public or private, or nuisance whatever, and for no other purpose.

Dated 5th day of April, 1797.

All honor to the generosity and enlightened foresight of those men who secured this great privilege to the town. They struck at the right time, just when the spirit of progress had reached the spot. A little later, and in all probability the area would have been carved into building-lots, and the town would never have possessed this her most graceful ornament. Without this central plain Norwich would seem deprived of half her beauty.

This public square has hitherto had no established name. The prevailing idea in the minds of the grantees seems to have been that of providing an open space for military exercises. Its earliest designation was therefore *the Parade*. Col. Elisha Edgerton's regiment of cavalry was reviewed on the *Parade* Sept. 4, 1798. But of late years it has acquired more of the character of a park, and from the long residence—more than half a century—of Gen. Wm. Williams upon its border, it has obtained the current and acceptable name of Williams Park.<sup>1</sup>

In 1801 the rage for setting out Lombardy poplars ran through the town like an epidemic. The quivering, silver-lined poplar—the slender, quick-growing poplar—was in high repute for convenience, use, or-

nament, and health. The *Parade* received a full share of the general adornment, and was entirely girdled with poplars. These Italian shades are, however, short-lived in our climate, and the first growth has been seldom renewed. Here, as in most parts of the country, they soon gave place to the more hardy and umbrageous natives of the forest. The elms and maples that now gird the park were set out since 1820.

**Early Habitations, Etc.**—A house on the border of the *Parade*, latterly known as the residence of Capt. Walter Lester, was built by Joseph Carpenter, but left unfinished at his death in 1797.

On the northeast side a dwelling-house was erected about the year 1785 by Capt. Henry Billings. It was the first house of any note upon the plain, and was successively occupied by Capt. Billings, by Ebenezer Backus, and by the relict of the latter with her second husband, A. S. Destouches, a French emigrant. In 1799 it was purchased by Maj. Rogers, a merchant from Southampton, L. I., and very soon afterwards we find an assortment of goods advertised for sale by "Uriah Rogers & Son, at their New Store on the pleasant plains of Chelsea, half a mile from Norwich port."

Maj. Rogers died in 1814, and this house afterwards became the residence of Rev. Alfred Mitchell, to whose fine taste and devout mind the woodland heights in the rear had a peculiar charm. They were his walk, his study, and his oratory. After Mr. Mitchell's decease, the place was for eight or ten years the seat of Mr. Charles Abbot's Family School for Boys. The house has since been removed to a different part of the town, and the site is occupied by one of the tasteful and costly mansions of modern times.

A house very nearly coeval with that of Capt. Billings, on the southwest side of the plain, was built by Maj. Ebenezer Whiting about 1790, and sold in 1795 to Capt. Daniel Dunham. The ground plot included the ancient Indian cemetery and sixteen acres of land, running down to the neighborhood of Lathrop's Mills, where Maj. Whiting had a distillery. In preparing for the foundation of this house a gigantic Indian skeleton was exhumed, and many rude stone tools and arrow-heads thrown up. The place was afterwards purchased by Calvin Goddard, and remained for nearly forty years in the possession of the family.

The brick house, or Williams mansion, was built in 1789 and '90, by Joseph Teel, of Preston, the site being a portion of the original Adgate lot. It was designed for a hotel, and immediately advertised as "the Teel House, sign of General Washington."

It was noted for its fine hall or assembly-room, where shows were exhibited, and balls, lodges, and clubs accommodated.<sup>2</sup> After Mr. Teel's death the

<sup>1</sup> In September, 1811, Gen. William Williams, then Lieutenant-colonel of the Third Regiment of militia, held his regimental review upon this parade.

<sup>2</sup> An advertisement of May 29, 1794, announces the arrival at Mr. Teel's assembly-room of a party of Italian rope-dancers and tumblers, and the public are invited to call and see Don Peter and Clumay the Clown dance a hornpipe blindfold over fifteen eggs.

hotel was continued by his son-in-law, Cyrus Bramin, and when offered for sale in 1797 it was particularly recommended for its position,—“on the central plain between the town and Landing, which, according to the natural appearance of things, bids fair to be the seat of business for the town of Norwich.”

In June, 1800, the hotel was transformed into a boarding and day school under the preceptorship of William Woodbridge. After some other changes, it was purchased in 1806 by Carder Hazard, a retired merchant from Newport, by whom it was sold in 1818 to its present owner.

On the avenue leading from the east side of the Parade to the Landing, Christopher Leffingwell, Joshua Lathrop, and Joseph Perkins were considerable landholders, and each contributed towards opening and embellishing the street, freely relinquishing the land necessary for the public convenience. Col. Leffingwell planted the fine elms that now overshadow Broadway. Here were a tier of houses built before 1800, and occupied at the opening of the century by Rev. Walter King, Capt. Solomon Ingraham, and Thomas Coit (afterwards by Jabez Huntington). Here also were the L'Hommedieu house and ropewalk, and the twin houses of Hezekiah Perkins and Capt. Z. P. Burnham. This row of buildings had the high granite ridge that projects into the centre of Chelsea in their front. The triangular plot between the roads, now inclosed as the Little Park, was formerly called the Everett lot. It belonged to Col. Leffingwell, and after his death was purchased jointly by Hezekiah Perkins and Jabez Huntington, and in 1811 presented by them to the city, on condition that it should be inclosed and used only as a park.

The residence of Thomas Mumford, embowered by large trees, with a spacious garden and several vacant lots on the south and east, comprising in all eight acres, occupied the plot at the head of Union Street. Mr. Mumford died Aug. 30, 1799, and the place passed into the possession of Levi Huntington. The street forming the continuation of Broadway was opened in 1800 by Christopher Leffingwell and the heirs of Mumford.

The house which was for over sixty years the residence of Joseph Williams, Esq., was built before 1800 by Capt. Samuel Freeman, and sold six years later to Mr. Williams.

On leaving the plain and turning the steep pitch of the hill, in the lower part of Union Street, were the dwellings of Jeremiah Wilber, Lemuel Warren, Israel Everit, and Christopher Vail.

These comprise all the householders that have been traced in this part of the town, at or near the beginning of the century. From that time forward improvements ceased for many years. The next houses built in this quarter were those of Maj. Joseph Perkins and Russell Hubbard. The former, a solid stone mansion, was completed in 1825, Mr. Hubbard's the succeeding year.

A costly dwelling-house, combining various elements of beauty in structure, situation, and prospect, was erected by Charles Rockwell in 1833, on the height between Broadway and Washington Streets. This was one of the first experiments in grading and cultivating this rugged woodland ridge. Many other beautiful seats, with choice gardens and groves, have risen since that period to adorn this part of the town.

A considerable portion of Washington Street was originally opened through land belonging to Col. Simon Lathrop, and here on the river side of the street a house was built in 1780 by Elijah Lathrop.

In 1795, Samuel Woodbridge purchased one of the Lathrop lots, and erected a dwelling-house in what was then considered a wild and secluded spot, but exceedingly beautiful in situation. A contemporary notice speaks of it as “an excellent place for rural retirement.” This property was purchased in 1811 by Richard Adams, Esq., a gentleman from Essequibo.

The next house that made its appearance in this part of Washington Street was erected by Theodore Barrell, an Englishman, who had been in business at Barbadoes, and had several times visited Norwich for commercial purposes. He brought his family to the place in 1808, purchased a lot of the heirs of Rufus Lathrop, built upon it, and continued his inhabitancy till 1824, when he sold his house and grounds to William P. Greene and removed to New London.

In the year 1809 the Lathrop house (built in 1780) was purchased by Mr. John Vernett, who had it removed to a position lower down on the same street, where it now stands. On the site left vacant by the removed building Mr. Vernett caused a new dwelling-house to be erected, at a cost and in a style of elegance beyond what had been previously exhibited in Norwich. The area purchased by him consisted of twenty-five acres, comprising six or eight choice building-lots. The land bordering on the Yantic in this vicinity still retains its native luxuriance, its varied surface and woodland beauty. A scientific or collegiate institution might here have found a well-adapted and beautiful site.

Mr. Vernett was a native of Sarsbourg, on the Rhine. Having acquired a handsome fortune by trade at St. Pierre, he designed to withdraw from business and spend the remainder of his life in retired leisure at Norwich. Scarcely were his family settled in their new residence when he met with sudden embarrassments and losses which entirely deranged his plans, and he sold the place in 1811 to Benjamin Lee, of Cambridge.

These were the first noted houses of Washington Street. They sprang up after a prosperous period of trade, to which the war with Great Britain in 1812 gave a crushing blow, and no others were built for twenty years. The next that appeared was that of William C. Gilman, completed in 1831.

Washington Street is now skirted on either side



with elegant and even princely mansions of more recent origin, exceedingly varied in position and style of architecture, but all indicative of taste, wealth, and home comfort.

The Breed family residence, near the corner of Washington, Main, and Church Streets, is probably the most ancient house now remaining in Chelsea. It was built by Gershom Breed about the year 1760.

Church Street was at first known as Upper or Third Street. It was laid out along the steep side-hill, with the whole rocky height—the elephantine granite back of Chelsea, crowned with woods—towering in its rear. In 1800 the principal residents on this street were Shubael Breed (collector of the United States revenue during the administration of the first President Adams), Nathaniel Peabody, Rev. John Tyler, and Dr. Lemuel Boswell. Capt. Benajah Leffingwell occupied the three-story house opposite Breed's corner, and there died, Sept. 27, 1804. The next house to the westward was that of Capt. Oliver Fitch.

The principal householders in West Chelsea were Elijah Herrick, Jedediah Willet, Dewey Bromley, Thomas Gavitt, Septimus Clark, Stephen Story, and Luther Edgerton. These men were all engaged in ship-building, or in some of the crafts connected with that business. A rope-walk, established by the Howlands in 1797, was for nearly seventy years a conspicuous object upon the hillside.

The Baptist meeting-house was raised in 1801.

The low brick building at the corner of Main and Union Streets has the reputation of being the first brick edifice constructed in Norwich. It is not known when or by whom it was built. According to current tradition, it was occupied as a public-house before the opening of the Revolutionary war, and at one time had the honor of entertaining and lodging Gen. Washington and several officers of his staff. This was probably the night of the 30th of June, 1775,<sup>1</sup> at which time Washington was on his way to assume the command of the American army in the neighborhood of Boston. He arrived at Cambridge July 2d.

The brick corner was afterwards famous as an auction stand. John Richards, auctioneer, occupied the premises from 1800 onward for several years.

<sup>1</sup> It is probable that to this particular night spent at Norwich, Elieha Ayers, the wandering schoolmaster from Preston, referred in a brief interview that he had with Washington at Mount Vernon in 1788. The general was standing by his horse, prepared to ride to another part of his estate, when the traveler arrived. The details of the interview are given by the latter with amusing simplicity:

"He inquired my name and what part of Connecticut I was from. I told him about seven miles east of Norwich City and near Preston village. I know where Norwich is, he said. I told him that I remembered the time when he and his aide stayed a night at Norwich, when he was on his way to the American army at Boston, and the next morning he went east to Preston village. At Preston village you were joined by Col. Samuel Mott, a man that helped to conquer Canada from France, and there were two young recruiting captains for the Revolutionary war; one was Capt. Nathan Peters, and the other was Capt. Jeremiah Halsey. These went with you several miles on your journey to Boston. The general said, I remember something about it. I told him he went in sight of my father's house, two miles north of Preston village. Very likely, he said. The general asked if I had been to breakfast," etc.

Another old hotel stood in Water Street, nearly in the rear of the Merchants' Bank, with its upper story on a level with Main Street. Reuben Willoughby left the stand in 1804 for a new hotel in Shetucket Street, since called the American House. Ralph Bolles was his successor in Water Street, but removed in 1809 to the house built by Mr. Levi Huntington, after the fire of 1793, which he opened as the Chelsea Coffee-house. This hotel was then situated in a breezy plot, open to the water, a sloping lawn in front graced with a row of poplars, and a garden enriched with fruit-trees.

The Merchants' Hotel was built in 1797 by an association of business men, and in style and accommodation was far superior to any previous hotel in Norwich. Newcomb Kinney, one of the proprietors, was for many years the well-known and popular landlord.

In the early part of the century East Chelsea, or Swallow-all, was noted as the hive of sea-captains. There was then no road to the river, nor to the present Greenville; all the land in that direction lay in rough pasturage. East Main Street was narrow and crooked. Wells, fences, gardens, shops, and dwelling-houses projected far into the present street. The whole district was rugged with rocks and water-courses, frowned on by circumjacent hills and washed by frequent floods. Franklin Street was *the road to Lisbon*. Here were the dwellings of Capts. Christopher Culver, Charles Rockwell, James N. Brown, John Sangar, and Seth Harding,—the latter usually called Commodore Harding. Other inhabitants were Jonathan Frisbie, Seabury Brewster, Judah Hart, Ezra Backus, Joseph Powers, and Timothy Fillmore.

In 1830 a great improvement was effected in East Chelsea by the opening of Franklin Square. In connection with this enterprise, the road was widened and graded, steeps were leveled, hollows filled up, fences and buildings removed. From this time onward the march of improvement has never paused.

**Commerce.**—From a very early date the commerce of Norwich has been an important feature and contributed largely to the prosperity of the city. As early as 1753 there were sloops and freight boats and occasionally a schooner plying on the river. Among the first crafts were the sloop "Defiance," Obadiah Ayer, master; the sloop "Ann," Stephen Calkin, master; the London packet, Ebenezer Fitch, master; the Norwich packet, Capt. Thomas Fanning; the brig "Two Brothers," Capt. Asa Waterman; sloop "Betsey," Capt. William Billings; the "Nancy," Capt. Uriah Rogers; the "Charming Sally," Capt. Matthew Perkins, etc.

The West India trade which sprung up soon after the close of the Revolution was very beneficial to Norwich, many of her citizens engaging in the enterprise with rich rewards. Live-stock, provisions, and lumber were the principal exports, and rum, molasses, sugar, etc., were the principal imports. Two voyages a year was the maximum of success.

The following is a table of the exports and imports of Norwich from Jan. 1, 1788, to March 4, 1789:

EXPORTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
549 horses,	value.....	12	0	0	8,588	0	0
205 mules,	"	15			3,075		
205 horned cattle,	"	7			1,435		
321 sheep,	"	10			100	10	
566 hogs,	"	15			424	10	
1,903 bbls. beef,	"	40			3,806		
1,774 " pork,	"	60			5,322		
25,000 lbs. butter,	"	6			625		
92,120 " cheese,	"	4			1,535	6	8
6,600 " ham,	"	5			137	10	
16,000 bush. grain,	"	2	6		2,000		
175 M hoops,	"	70			612	10	
160 M staves,	"	80			640		
14,600 lbs. hayseed,	"	6			365		
588 bbls. potash,	"	5			2,880		
25,000 yds. homemade cloth,	"	2			2,500		
631 bbls. flaxseed,	"	40			1,264		
276 tons pressed hay,	"	60			828		
4 bbls. gingerbread,	"	5			20		
Total.....					£34,218	6	8

IMPORTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
European goods,	value.....				3,909	0	0
1,600 hides,	"	12			900		
1,675 bush. salt,	"	1	8		639	11	8
112,025 gals. molasses,	"	1	4		7,540		
18,300 " rum,	"	2	6		2,287	10	
1,271 lbs. bohea tea,	"	2			127	2	
20,700 " coffee,	"	1			1,045		
417,200 " sugar,	"				8,344		
Total.....					£24,793	3	8

Shipping belonging to the port at this time:

Twenty sloops.....	940 tons.
Five schooners.....	325 "
Five brigs.....	545 "
One ship.....	200 "
Total.....	2010 "

The following is a list of shipping belonging to the port of Norwich, Oct. 12, 1795:

Ship Mercury.....	280 tons.	Schooner Sbetucket.....	70 tons.
" Columbus.....	200 "	Robinson Crusoe.....	120 "
" Modesty.....	240 "	Schooner Beaver.....	60 "
" Young Eagle.....	200 "	" Jenny.....	70 "
" George.....	364 "	Sloop Farmer.....	85 "
" Portland.....	220 "	" Crisis.....	72 "
" Charlotte.....	90 "	" Honor.....	65 "
Brig Union.....	130 "	" William.....	70 "
" Endeavor.....	120 "	" Prosperity.....	90 "
" Friendship.....	120 "	" Polly.....	80 "
" Betsey.....	130 "	" Negotiator.....	90 "
" Charlestown.....	60 "	" Friendship.....	90 "
" Polly.....	180 "	" Bud.....	35 "
" Sally.....	180 "	" Betsey.....	45 "
Brig 1/2 Sally.....	60 "	" Mary.....	45 "
" Betsey.....	90 "	" Hercules.....	70 "
Schooner Polly.....	90 "	" Juno.....	55 "
" Allen.....	85 "	" Hunter.....	45 "
" Elizabeth.....	75 "	" Patty.....	35 "
" Chloe.....	75 "	" Nancy.....	70 "
" Washington.....	65 "	".....	65 "

Total, seven ships, nine brigs, nine schooners, seventeen sloops—forty-two. Total, 4312 tons, of which only 210 tons is owned in the old parish, and 4102 is owned in the port or what is called Chelsea. The above does not include a number of river packets, or four New York packets.

**Early Business Men.**—Among the early business men, and some of a later date, are mentioned the following: Thomas Mumford, Joseph Howland, Capt. John Howland, Gen. Ebenezer Huntington, Gen. Jedediah Huntington, Thomas Coit, Jacob and John De Witt, Peter Lannan, father and son; the Breeds, father, son, and grandson; Samuel Tyler, Joseph Williams, Lynde McCurdy, Hezekiah Perkins, Andrew and Joseph Perkins, Farewell and Benjamin

Coit, Erastus Coit, Woodbridge & Snow, Samuel Rudd, Henry Gordon, Devotion & Storrs, Felix A. Huntington & Co., Raymond & Dodge, Pliny, Brewer & Co. (the "company" being Joseph Otis), G. Buckingham & Co., D. N. Bentley, William Williams, Benjamin Dyer, Dwight Rigley, Calvin Tyler, Joseph Backus, Henry B. Norton, Col. George L. Perkins, Thomas Robinson, Gordon A. Jones, Capt. William W. Coit, Benj. Buckingham, Amos W. Prentice, etc.

**The First Druggist.**—Dr. Daniel Lathrop, of honored memory, was the first druggist in Norwich, and probably the first in Connecticut who kept a general assortment of medicines. His store was on Main Street.

Miss Caulkins says,—

"Dr. Lathrop furnished a part of the surgical stores to the Northern Army in the French war. He often received orders from New York. His drugs were always of the best kind, well prepared, packed and forwarded in the neatest manner. This was the only apothecary's establishment on the route from New York to Boston, and of course Dr. Lathrop had a great run of custom, often filling orders sent from the distance of a hundred miles in various directions. It is related that in 1749, when a malignant epidemic was prevailing in several of the western towns of the colony, the Rev. Mark Leavenworth, pastor of the church in Waterbury, incited by the suffering condition of many of his people for want of suitable medicines to arrest the distemper, came to Norwich on horseback to obtain a supply, performing the journey hither and back in three days. This fact alone is sufficient to show that no drug-store then existed either in New Haven or Hartford, and corroborates the statement often made by aged people in Norwich, that Dr. Lathrop's was the first establishment of the kind in the colony.

"Joshua Lathrop, a younger brother of Dr. Daniel, after graduating at Yale in 1743, became connected with him in business, and no mercantile firm in this vicinity had a more solid reputation than the brothers Lathrop. They imported not only medicines, but fruits, wines, European and India goods directly from England; one of the firm, or a skillful agent, often crossing the ocean to select the stock. After a few years they relinquished the trade in miscellaneous merchandises and confined themselves in a great measure to the drug business.

"Benedict Arnold, Jr., and Solomon Smith were apprentices to Dr. Lathrop at the same period. Arnold subsequently set up the business in New Haven. Smith went to Hartford and established a drug-store in connection with Dr. Lathrop, who furnished the first stock. This was in 1757.

"The following is one of their advertisements:

"Just imported from London in the last ship, via New York, and to be sold by Lathrop & Smith, at their store in King st. Hartford, Ct.—A large and universal assortment of medicines, genuine and of the best kind; together with complete sets of Surgeons' Capital and Pocket instruments; very neat instruments for drawing teeth; metal mortars, small scales and weights; all sorts of spice and choice Turkey figs; a variety of painters' colours and many other articles."

"In 1776 the firm in Norwich was changed from Daniel & Joshua Lathrop to Lathrops & Coit, their nephew, Joseph Coit, Jr., having been associated with them in business. The younger partner died in 1779, in the thirtieth year of his age, and the former title was resumed."

## CHAPTER XXII.

NORWICH—(Continued).

### WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

Interesting Incidents—Military Organization—Gen. Washington's Visit—Visit of Lafayette—Baron Steuben and Pulaski—Votes—Benedict Arnold—Sketch of his Career—Soldiers of the Revolution.

ALTHOUGH Norwich was not the scene of important military events during the war of the Revolution, and felt not the invader's foot nor the torch of its

son, the treacherous Arnold, as did its sister-city of New London, still there are many incidents of interest that should not be omitted as showing the spirit of the inhabitants during that sanguinary struggle. The following account is taken chiefly from Miss Caulkins' History:

"In November, 1775, Dr. Benjamin Church was sent by Gen. Washington under a strong guard to Governor Trumbull, at Lebanon, with an order from Congress that he should 'be closely confined in some secure goal in Connecticut, without pen, paper, or ink, and that no person should be allowed to converse with him, except in the presence and hearing of a magistrate or a sheriff of the county where he should be confined, and in the English language, until further orders.'

"Governor Trumbull directed that he should be kept in custody at Norwich, in charge of Prosper Wetmore, sheriff of New London County. Here he was detained during the winter, in strict and cheerless seclusion. Mr. Edgerton, the gaoler, was directed to build a high picket fence around the prison, and even within this inclosure Dr. Church was not permitted to walk but once a week, and then with the sheriff at his side. This was harsh discipline to a man accustomed to a luxurious, independent style of living.

"Dr. Church was a Boston physician of considerable literary ability who had written songs and delivered orations in favor of American liberty, and had been a member of the Provincial Congress in 1774. He was an associate of Warren and other patriots; but in September, 1775, a letter written by him in cipher to his brother in Boston was intercepted, and the contents found to be of a character so questionable that he was arrested and tried for holding a treasonable correspondence with the enemy. The letter, though it contained no positive treason, seemed to emanate from one who was feeling his way to treachery and dishonor.

"Dr. Church was kept in Norwich until the 27th of May, 1776, when, by order of Congress, he was sent to Watertown, Mass. About the same time he obtained permission to retire to the West Indies, but the vessel in which he embarked was never heard of afterwards.

"Norwich and some other towns in the eastern part of the State remote from the sea-coast were often charged with the safe-keeping of Tories and other prisoners of war. Items like the following may be gathered from newspapers and public records:

"Aug 26, 1776. Last Saturday a number of gentlemen tories<sup>1</sup> were brought to New London, and sent from hence to Norwich.

<sup>1</sup> "In the accounts of the State Pay Table there is a startling item of £266 10s. 2d., drawn by J. Huntington, of Windham, for rum and coffee furnished to prisoners under his charge in August, 1777. This might lead us to conclude that either these gentlemen tories were very numerous or that they were slightly luxurious in their habits and had uncommonly indulgent wardens. But it is probable that the amount is given in a depreciated currency.

"Ten persons arrested at New York and first imprisoned in Litchfield gaol have been transferred to Norwich.

"Feb. 22, 1777. John L. C. Rome, Esq., of New York, confined as a tory at Norwich, was released on his parole to return on request of the Governor and Council.

"In August, 1776, the sheriff moved from New London to Preston twenty persons arrested in Albany for Toryism. They remained at Preston for several months, and were allowed to live as they chose at their own expense, most of them paying for their board by their labor. The Tory prisoners at Norwich were often distributed in private families, and allowed their liberty within certain limits.

"In March, 1782, a company of sailors, eight or ten in number, that had been taken in an English privateer and sent up from New London for safe-keeping, broke out of jail in the night, and after lurking three or four days in the woods uncaught, succeeded in reaching New London, and by stealth got possession of a fine new coasting-sloop, just fitted for a voyage and fastened to one of the wharves, with which they escaped.

"The large number of Tories arrested during the earlier years of the war suggests one of the great trials that beset the patriot cause: secret enemies, opponents at home, were like thorns in the side or serpents in the bosom. They were often arrested, but seldom kept long in durance. After the detention of a few days or weeks they were generally dismissed, on giving bonds to return when called for, or upon taking oath not to bear arms against the country or to aid and comfort the enemy in any way.

"In the summer of 1775 a battery or redoubt was built below the landing on Waterman's Point. Benjamin Huntington and Ephraim Bill were directors of the work, but the labor was mostly performed by Capt. Lyon's company of militia,<sup>2</sup> that had been sent to Norwich on an alarm of invasion from vessels prowling in Long Island Sound. When the work was completed, four six-pounders were brought from New London, and a regular guard and watch kept. For further defense of the place two wrought-iron field-pieces and several other pieces of ordnance were mounted, manned, and placed in the charge of Capt. Jacob DeWitt.

"William Lex established a manufactory of gun-carriages in town, and succeeded so well as to be employed by the State to furnish apparatus for much of the cannon used by them. Elijah Backus, Esq., at his forges upon the Yantic, manufactured the ship anchors used for the State's armed vessels, two of which weighed twelve hundred pounds each. He afterwards engaged in the casting of cannon. Samuel Noyes made and repaired guns and bayonets for the light infantry.

"Capt. Ephraim Bill, of Norwich, was in the service of the State as a marine agent, and Capt. Jabez Perkins as contractor and dispenser of the public

<sup>2</sup> "Capt. Ephraim Lyon, of Col. Putnam's regiment.

stores. The Governor and Council of Safety sometimes held their sessions in town.

"Norwich was admirably situated to serve as a port of refuge to which vessels could retire and discharge their cargoes in safety. In July, 1775, the brig 'Nancy,' owned by Josiah Winslow, a well-known royalist of Boston, having on board eighteen or nineteen thousand gallons of molasses, was forced by stress of weather into Stonington Harbor. It was no sooner known at Norwich that she had anchored near the coast than her capture was decreed. Without waiting for the State authority, but with the sanction of the Committee of Inspection, a spirited band of volunteers, in a large sloop, commanded by Capt. Robert Niles, proceeded forthwith to Stonington, where they took possession of the vessel, and brought her, with the cargo, round to Norwich. They then made report of the affair to the Governor and Council, who approved of their proceedings and sequestered the prize for the use of the State.

"The *Tory molasses*, as it was called, proved a valuable acquisition. It was doled out to hospitals, and used as a medium of exchange for public purposes. Molasses was a commodity which could only be obtained by capture, and the want of it was one of the home-felt privations of the war.<sup>1</sup>

"The scarcity of sugar and molasses continued for several years. Various were the substitutes contrived. Cornstalk molasses is no myth or caricature, but a veritable resource of those trying times, and probably the best substitute that was brought into use. The stalks were cut when the ears of corn were just ripe for roasting or boiling, thrown into a mill, the juice pressed out, and then boiled down until it became a tolerable syrup. It served at least to satisfy the natural craving of the appetite for saccharine matter, some portion of which in food seems to be requisite both for nourishment and delight.

"In October, 1775, another merchant vessel was seized under circumstances similar to those of the 'Nancy.' She had a cargo of 8000 bushels of wheat, shipped at Baltimore for Falmouth, England, and was steering towards Stonington in distress, having lost her mainmast in a storm, when she was seized by an armed schooner belonging to the colony, and conducted to Norwich to secure her from recapture. She was subsequently sold for the benefit of the country.

"A very great evil experienced during the war was the high price of salt and the difficulty of procuring it at any price. It was almost impossible to get a sufficiency to put up provisions for winter's use. The State government was obliged to send abroad for supplies of this necessary article and distribute it to the

various towns. It was then apportioned by the selectmen to the districts in proportion to their population, and again dealt out by a committee to individuals.

"Whenever a quantity of salt was obtained it was disposed of with great care and consideration. One of the State cruisers having taken 300 bushels, it was deposited at Norwich, and in April, 1777, the Governor and Council directed Jabez Perkins to dispose of it to inhabitants of Connecticut only, to allow no family to purchase more than half a bushel, and small families to be supplied with less in proportion.<sup>2</sup>

"Three years before the peace salt was six dollars per bushel, and bohea tea two dollars per pound, and this in fair barter, not Continental bills. Common cream-colored cups and saucers were two dollars per half-dozen. Many persons in comfortable circumstances drank their daily beverage out of glazed earthen mugs.

"The scarcity of wheat was a still greater calamity. Norwich, of course, shared in the general dearth, but the winter of 1777 appears to have been her only season of actual deficiency and short allowance. The authorities were obliged to enforce a strict scrutiny into every man's means of subsistence, to see that none of the necessities of life were withheld from a famishing community by monopolizers and avaricious engrossers. Each family was visited, and an account of the grain in their possession, computed in wheat, was taken. The surplusage, down to the quantity of four quarts, was estimated. One hundred and twenty-six families were at one time reported deficient, viz.:

"42 up town, 26 down town, 12 West Farms and Portpaug, 2 Newent and Hanover, 9 East Society, 27 Chelsea, 8 Bozrah."

"The following certificate is also upon record, and though without date, belongs to this season:

"This may certify that the whole number of inhabitants in the town of Norwich is hungry; for the quantity of grain computed in wheat is scanty; the deficiency amounts to a great many bushels, as per return of the selectmen unto my office, agreeable to the act of assembly. Certified by  
GALETTA SIMPSON."

"These facts in regard to the scant supply of the necessities of life apply only to the earlier years of the war.<sup>3</sup> After 1780 the tide turned, and in Norwich at least the farms prospered, the mechanic arts flourished, and there was almost a superabundance not merely of the means of living, but of articles of luxury and display.

"Those who remained at home, as well as those who went into actual service, were often called on to perform military duty. When most of the able-bodied men were drawn off, a *Reformado corps* was established,

<sup>1</sup> Hinman's Am. Rev., p. 431, 441.

<sup>2</sup> "At this very period of greatest scarcity there was at least one distillery in operation in the town, as we learn from the records of the War Committee, or Council of Safety, Dec. 11, 1777, to wit:

"The Governor was desired to grant a license to Caleb Huntington, of Norwich, to distil from rye the spirit called Geneva, to supply the inhabitants of the State as far as he could, provided he retail the same at a reasonable price, not to exceed 15s. per gallon."

<sup>3</sup> By the side of this fact an order of the Governor and Council, May 4, 1777, for the distillation of 40 hhd. of molasses into New England rum does not appear very creditable. But spirituous liquors were then regarded as absolutely necessary to the highest physical efficiency of soldiers and laboring men. Feb. 28, 1777, the Governor and Council ordered 250 hhd. of West India and New England rum to be purchased to supply the troops of the State.—Hinman, 419, 441.

consisting of those whose age, infirmities, or other circumstances would not allow them to become regular soldiers and endure the fatigue of the camp, but who were willing to go forth on a sudden emergency.

"Early in 1776, Capt. McCall and Lieut. Jacob DeWitt enrolled and organized a fine company of veteran guards for home service and defense of the State should it be invaded. These were well equipped with arms in readiness for sudden emergencies. On the 12th of August, 1776, Gov. Trumbull issued an order to Capt. McCall to convene his company and enlist as many as were willing, and to make up with others a company, not less than ninety-three, and march immediately to New York, in the most convenient manner, by land or water, and there join the Nineteenth Regiment of Connecticut militia. The order was in consequence of a pressing requisition from Gen. Washington for reinforcements.

"The Veteran Guards were subsequently often called out on short tours of duty upon alarms near the sea-coast, at New London, Lyme, or Stonington.

"In 1779 a company under Capt. Ebenezer Lathrop, and another under Capt. Ziba Hunt, of Newent, performed tours of duty at New London.

"In 1777 Connecticut raised eleven regiments, nine for Continental service and two for the defense of the State. Col. Jedediah Huntington and Col. John Durkee, of Norwich, commanded two of the Continental regiments.

"The army was in a great measure dependent upon importations from France for a sufficiency of arms and ammunition. The following vote of the Governor and Council of Connecticut alludes to a fresh supply of these necessary equipments:

"Sept. 26, 1777. It was voted that Maj.-Gen. Huntington should be desired to cause to be made up 15,000 musket cartridges fitted to the new French arms provided for the use of the Continental army, and pack them in bunches of 18 cartridges each and lodge them in some safe place in the town of Plainfield.<sup>1</sup>

"In the earlier periods of the contest the town's quota of soldiers was always quickly raised, and the necessary supplies furnished with promptness and liberality. The requisitions of the Governor were responded to from no quarter with more cheerfulness and alacrity. In September, 1777, when extraordinary exertions were made in many parts of New England to procure tents, canteens, and clothing for the army, many householders in Norwich voluntarily gave up to the committee of the town all they could spare from their own family stock, either as donations or, where that could not be afforded, at a very low rate. The ministers of all the churches on Thanksgiving Day exhorted the people to *remember the poor soldiers and their families.*

"Every year while the war continued persons were appointed by the town to provide for the soldiers and their families at the town expense, but much also was

raised by voluntary contributions. The following items from contemporary newspapers furnish examples:

"On the last Sabbath of December, 1777, a contribution was taken up in the several parishes of Norwich for the benefit of the officers and soldiers who belonged to said town, when they collected

"386 pr. of stockings,	208 pr. of mittens,
227 pr. of shoes,	11 buff caps,
118 shirts,	18 pr. of breeches,
78 jackets,	9 coats,
48 pr. of overalls,	22 rifle frocks,

19 handkerchiefs, and £258 17s. 8d. in money, which was forwarded to the army. Also collected a quantity of pork, cheese, wheat, rye, Indian corn, sugar, rice, flax, weed, &c., to be distributed to the needy families of the officers and soldiers. The whole of which amounted to the sum of £1400.

"Norwich, Feb. 18, 1779.

"Yesterday a contribution was made at the Rev. Dr. Lord's meeting for the distressed inhabitants of Newport, which have lately arrived from Providence, when the sum of three hundred dollars was collected for their relief.

"March, 1780.

"Mrs. Corning (wife of Mr. Joseph Corning, now a prisoner with the enemy) being destitute of necessary clothing for her children, a number of the ladies of Chelsea, of the first character and respectability, appointed a day on which they assembled and spent the same in spinning, after which they presented Mrs. Corning with the yarn to a considerable amount.

The situation of New London was one of constant alarm, in which all the surrounding towns participated. It was menaced in December, 1776, when the hostile fleet found a rendezvous among the small islands in the Sound, previous to taking possession of Newport. All the militia in the eastern part of the State turned out to oppose the expected descent. It was observed, as band after band marched into New London, that no company in order and equipments equaled the light infantry of Norwich, under the command of Col. Chr. Leffingwell. Many times during the war the militia were summoned to New London or Stonington on the appearance of an armed force or the rumor of one. If a hostile vessel entered the Sound no one knew its commission, and the alarm was quickly spread from the seaboard into the country. The dreaded foe perhaps hovered near the coast a few hours, made some startling feints, and then passed away. Orders were given and countermanded, and the wearied militia, hastily drawn from their homes, returned again without having had the satisfaction of seeing the enemy, or arriving on the spot before the danger was over.

"Detachments from the Continental army frequently passed through Norwich. In 1778 a body of French troops, on the route from Providence to the South, halted there for ten or fifteen days, on account of sickness among them. They had their tents spread upon the plain, while the sick were quartered in the court-house. About twenty died and were buried each side of the lane that led into the old burying-yard. No stones were set up, and the ground was soon smoothed over so as to leave no trace of the narrow tenements below.

"Gen. Washington passed through Norwich in

<sup>1</sup> "Hinman's Rev. War.

June, 1775, on his way to Cambridge. It is probable that he came up the river in a packet-boat with his horses and attendants. He spent the night at the Landing, and the next day pursued his journey eastward. In April, 1776, after the evacuation of Boston by the enemy, the American troops being ordered to New York, came on in detachments by land, and crossing the Shetucket at the old fording-place below Greenville, embarked at Norwich and New London, to finish the route by water. Gen. Washington accompanied one of the parties to Norwich, and met Governor Trumbull by appointment at Col. Jedediah Huntington's, where they dined together, and the general that evening resumed his route to New York, going down to New London by land.

"The inhabitants also had an opportunity of seeing Lafayette, Steuben, Pulaski, and other distinguished foreigners in our service. There was some who long remembered the appearance of the noble Lafayette, as he passed through the place on his way to Newport. He had been there before, and needed no guide; his aides and a small body-guard were with him, and he rode up to the door of his friend, Col. Jedediah Huntington, in a quick gallop. He wore a blue military coat, but no vest and no *stockings*; his boots being short, his leg was consequently left bare for a considerable space below the knee. The speed with which he was traveling and the great heat of the weather were sufficient excuses for this negligence. He took some refreshment and hastened forward.

"At another period he passed through with a detachment of two thousand men under his command, and encamped them for one night upon the plain. In the morning, before their departure, he invited Mr. Strong, the pastor of the place, to pray with them, which he did, the troops being arranged in three sides of a hollow square.

"Nearly fifty years afterwards, Aug. 21, 1824, the venerable Lafayette again passed through Norwich. Some old people, who remembered him, embraced him and wept; the general wept also.

"At one time during the war the Duke de Lauzun's regiment of hussars was quartered in Lebanon, ten miles from Norwich. Col. Jedediah Huntington invited the officers to visit him, and prepared a handsome entertainment for them. They made a superb appearance as they drove into town, being young, tall, vivacious men, with handsome faces and a noble air, mounted upon horses bravely caparisoned. The two Dillons, brothers, one a major and the other a captain in the regiment, were particularly distinguished for their fine forms and expressive features. One or both of these Dillons suffered death from the guillotine during the French Revolution.

"Lauzun was one of the most accomplished but unprincipled noblemen of his time. He was celebrated for his handsome person, his liberality, wit, bravery, but more than all for his profligacy. He was born in 1747, inherited great wealth and high

titles, and spent all his early years in alternate scenes of dissipation and traveling. He engaged in no public enterprise till he came to America and took part in the Revolutionary contest. The motives which actuated this voluptuous nobleman to this undertaking are not understood, very probably the thirst for adventure and personal friendship for Lafayette. He had run the career of pleasure to such an extent that he was perhaps willing to pause awhile and restore the energy of his satiated taste. Certain it is that he embarked in the cause of the Americans with ardor, bore privations with good temper, and made himself very popular by his hilarity and generous expenditure.

"After Lauzun returned to Europe he became intimate with Talleyrand, and accompanied him on a mission to England in 1792, where one of his familiar associates was the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV. On the death of his uncle, the Duke de Biron, he succeeded to the title, quarreled with the court, and became a partisan of the Duke of Orleans. Afterwards he served against the Vendéans, but being accused of secretly favoring them, was condemned, and executed the last day of the year 1793. Such was the future stormy career of this celebrated nobleman, who, as already mentioned, in the midst of friends and subordinates, enjoyed the banquet made for him by Col. Huntington. After dinner the whole party went out into the yard in front of the house and made the air ring with huzzas for liberty. Numerous loungers had gathered around the fence to get a sight of these interesting foreigners, with whom they conversed in very good English, and exhorted *to live free or die for liberty*.

"It is well known that during the Revolutionary war attempts were made to regulate the prices of articles by public statutes, in order to reduce the quantity of the circulating medium. In Connecticut prices were fixed by the civil authorities of each town in all cases not determined by acts of Assembly.

"April 7, 1777. Voted, strictly to adhere to the law of the State regulating the prices of the necessities of life; and we do resolve with cheerfulness to exert our best endeavors within our sphere, to support the honor of that good and salutary law.

"Dec. 29. Voted, that the town consider the articles of confederation and perpetual union proposed by the Continental Congress wise and salutary.

"1778. Abstract of instructions to the representatives of the town:

"1. To use their influence to have taxes more equitable.

"2. To have bills of credit called in.

"3. Forfeited estates confiscated.

"4. The yeas and nays on all important questions published.

"5. Profane swearing punished by disability to sustain offices.

"Oct. 1. Voted, to present a memorial to the General Assembly, praying for a just and equitable system of taxation and representation.

"Extract from the memorial:

"The Poll-tax your memorialists consider at the present day an insupportable burden on the poor, while a great part of the growing estate of the rich is by law exempt from taxation. The present mode of representation is also objected to by your memorialists. They believe all

who pay taxes, and are of sober life and conversation, ought to have a voice in all public communities where their monies and properties are disposed of for public uses.'

"It is not surprising that the subject of taxation should be one of exciting interest in a community who were annually paying 6*d.*, 9*d.*, and 12*d.* on the pound for the use of the army. At one time in Connecticut, when the currency was at par, a rate of even 14*d.* was necessary to meet the exigencies of the treasury.

"The town afterwards presented another petition to the Assembly, the substance of which was that every kind of property, and that only, should be the object of taxation. This general principle, they say, is in their view the only equitable one. Committees were sent to several neighboring towns to get their minds on the subject, and they at length resolved to publish, at the expense of the town, the prevalent views of the citizens on taxation, in the form of a letter to the freemen of the State, a copy of it to be sent to every town. In this letter the deficiencies of the existing system were ably pointed out.

"By the present system six of the poorest swine a year old are rated equal to £100 in cash at interest, and 30 such swine equal to a house of £1000. The meanest horse, even 30 years old, is on a par with the best in his prime. An acre of the best land is rated no higher than the poorest that is arable in the State.

"Industry, which ought to be encouraged, is doubly taxed, and that in a very capricious and vague manner."

"The objections against the poll-tax were these:

"That it is a personal tax, and ought to be paid in personal service, that is, in defending the community; that it is a double tax, the poor man paying for his poll, which is the substitute for his labor, and for the avails of his labor also; that it is impolitic, as tending to prevent early marriages, which promote industry, frugality, and every social virtue."

"The committee upon this memorial were some of the choice spirits of Norwich,—Benjamin Huntington, Dr. Theophilus Rogers, Dr. Elisha Tracy, Aaron Cleveland, Jonathan Huntington, and Nathaniel Niles. The document has strong points, but it is not known from which of the members it emanated.

"Again, three years later (1781), the town made another effort to obtain their favorite measures,—the abrogation of the poll-tax, and the extension of the right of suffrage. The instructions given to the representatives embraced the following measures:

"That polls be struck out of the tax-list or rated low.

"That all who pay taxes be allowed to vote, if of good moral character.

"That debates in the House be open.

"That absentees be fined.

"That a regular constitution be formed.

"In October, 1780, a convention was held at Hartford to consider what measures should be taken in regard to trade and currency. The delegates from Norwich were Daniel Rodman and Solomon Safford; the committee to draft their instructions, Elisha Lathrop, Christopher Leffingwell, and Aaron Cleveland. They were directed to urge the loaning of money to Congress to defray the public expenses, and prevent the necessity of a further emission of paper money.

"In town meeting, June 24, 1780,—

"Voted, that a committee of fifty able, judicious men be appointed to engage fifty able-bodied, effective men, required of this town to fill up our complement of the Continental army for three years, or during the war; each member of the committee to procure one soldier, and pay him twenty silver dollars bounty, over and above the bounty given by the State, and pay him the same annually as long as he continues in the service; also 40*s.* per month in silver money, or Indian corn at 3*s.* per bushel, fresh pork at 3*d.* per pound, and wheat at 6*s.* per bushel."

"The committee were not able to carry this vote into effect,—the term of enlistment was too long,—nor were the men raised until by a subsequent vote the term of service was restricted to six months. In July of the same year, upon a requisition of the Governor, twenty-seven more men were enlisted for six months, to whom the same bounty and pay were given.

"The General Assembly had passed an act to arrange all the inhabitants of the State into classes, each class to raise so many recruits and furnish such and such clothing and other supplies. Norwich at first refused to enter upon this system and remonstrated. With great reluctance, the measure was at last adopted by the inhabitants, and being found to accomplish the end, was continued through the war, though it was never popular with them.

"After recovering from the first stunning blow of the Revolution, the inhabitants of Norwich were not only alert in turning their attention to various industrial pursuits, but engaged also in the brilliant chance game of privateering. The war, therefore, while it exhausted the strength and resources of neighboring towns that lay exposed upon the sea-coast, acted like a spur to the enterprise of Norwich. New London, at the mouth of the river, was depressed in all her interests, kept in continual alarm, and finally, by the blazing torch of the enemy, almost swept from the face of the earth; but Norwich, securely seated at the head of the river, defended by her hills and nourished by her valleys, planting and reaping without fear of invasion or loss, not only built new shops and dwelling-houses, and engaged with spirit and success in a variety of new manufactures, but entered into ship-building, and boldly sent out her vessels to bring in spoils from the ocean.

"In 1781 and 1782 the town was overflowing with merchandise, both tropical and European.<sup>1</sup> New mercantile firms were established,—Daniel Rodman, Samuel Woodbridge, Lynde McCurdy, and others,—and lavish varieties of fancy texture, as well as the substantial products of almost every climate, were offered for sale. The shelves and counters of the fashionable class of shops displayed such articles as superfine broadcloths, men's silk hose, India silks, Damascus silks, taffetas, satins, Persians, and velvets, blonde lace, gauzes, and chintzes. These goods were mostly obtained by successful privateering.

"Another class of merchandise, generally of a

<sup>1</sup> In May, 1782, a very large stock and great variety of European goods, imported in the brigantine "Firebrand" from Amsterdam, was sold by auction at the store of Messrs. Zediel Rogers & Co., Bean Hill.

cheaper kind, and not dealt in by honorable traders, but covertly offered for sale in various places or distributed by peddlers, was obtained by secret and unlawful intercourse with the enemy.

"The coast of Connecticut being entirely girdled by Long Island and New York, and the British and Tories having these wholly under their control, it was very difficult to prevent the secret intercourse and traffic of the two parties through the Sound. In the latter years of the war especially a corrupt, underhand, smuggling trade prevailed to a great extent, which was emboldened by the indifference or connivance of the local authorities, and stimulated by the readiness of people to purchase cheap goods without asking from whence they came. Remittances for these goods must be made in coin, therefore they were sold only for cash, which, finding its way back to the enemy's lines, impoverished the country. Thus the traffic operated against agriculture and manufactures, against honest labor and lawful trade. Moreover, it nullified the laws and brought them into contempt.

"Against this illicit traffic a strong association was formed at Norwich in July, 1782. The company bound themselves by solemn pledges of life, fortune, and honor to support the civil authority; to hold no intercourse, social or mercantile, with persons detected in evading the laws; to furnish men and boats for keeping watch in suspected places, and to search out and break up all deposits of smuggled goods; such goods to be seized, sold, and the avails devoted to charitable purposes.

"The vigorous manner in which this company began to carry out their principles caused great commotion in the ranks of the guilty parties. Suspected persons suddenly disappeared; sales were postponed; goods which before had been openly exposed withdrew into cellars and meal-chests, or were concealed in barns under the hay, and in hollow trees, thickets, and ravines.

"Several seizures were made during the season, but the treaty of peace soon put an end to this clandestine traffic, and the association had but a brief existence.

"Its object, however, was creditable to the patriotism and efficiency of the inhabitants, and a list of the signers gives us the names of sixty-eight prominent men who were on the stage of life at the close of the war, and all within the bounds of the present town.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE,<sup>1</sup> ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

Samuel Abbot,	Simeon Carew,
Eljah Backus,	Thomas Colt,
Ephraim Bill,	William Colt,
Jonathan Boardman,	John Cray,
John M. Breed,	Jacob De Witt,
Shimael Breed,	Michael Dumont,
Samuel Capron,	Thomas Fanning,
Eliphalet Carew,	Jabez Fitch,
Joseph Carew,	Joseph Gale,

Joseph Howland,  
Andrew Huntington,  
Eliphalet Huntington,  
Jonathan Huntington,  
Joshua Huntington,  
Levi Huntington,  
Simeon Huntington,  
William Hubbard,  
Russell Hubbard & Son,  
Ebenezer Jones,  
Joshua Lathrop,  
Rufus Lathrop,  
Christopher Leffingwell,  
Benajah Leffingwell,  
Jonathan Lester,  
Ellis Marvin,  
John McCall,  
Lynde McCurdy,  
Seth Miner,  
Thomas Mumford,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Robert Niles,  
Timothy Parker,  
Asa Peabody,  
Nathaniel P. Peabody,

Joseph Peck,  
Andrew Perkins,  
Jabez Perkins,  
Jabez Perkins Jr.,  
Joseph Perkins,  
Joseph Perkins, Jr.,  
Erastus Perkins,  
Ezekiah Perkins,  
Levi Perkins,  
Daniel Rodman,  
Theophilus Rogers,  
Zabdiel Rogers,  
Ransford Rose,  
Andrew Tracy, Jr.,  
Mundator Tracy,  
Samuel Tracy,  
Asa Waterman, Jr.,  
Samuel Wheat,  
Joseph Whitmarsh,  
Benajah Williams,  
Joseph Williams,  
Jacob Witter,  
Dudley Woodbridge,  
Samuel Woodbridge,  
Alexander Youngs.

"In January, 1781, the inhabitants were divided into forty classes to raise forty soldiers, which was their quota for the Continental army; and again into twenty classes for a State quota to serve at Horseneck and elsewhere. A list of persons in each class was made out, and each taxed in due proportion for the pay and fitting out of one recruit, whom they were to procure; two shirts, two pairs of woolen stockings, shoes, and mittens were requisite for every soldier; arms and uniforms were furnished by the State or country.

"Each soldier's family was in the charge of a committee to see that they were supplied with the necessities of life, for which the soldier's wages to a certain amount were pledged. The whole number of classes this year to procure clothing was sixty-six.

"In 1782 only thirty-three classes were required.

"1783. Instructions were given to the representatives to use their influence with the Assembly to obtain a remonstrance against the five years' pay granted by Congress to the officers of the Continental army. The manifesto of the town on this subject was fiery, dictatorial, and extravagant. A few paragraphs will show in strong relief the characteristics of the people, —jealous of their rights, quick to take alarm, and sensitively watchful over their cherished liberties.

"Where is the free son of America that ever had it in idea when adopting the Articles of Confederation to have pensions bestowed on those characters (if any such there be) whose virtue could not hold them in service without such rewards over and above the contract which first engaged them?

"For a free people, just rising out of a threatening slavery into free shining prospects of a most glorious peace and independence, now to be taxed without their consent to support and maintain a large number of gentlemen as pensioners in a time of universal peace, is, in our view unconstitutional and directly in opposition to the sentiment of the States at large, and was one great spoke in the wheel which moved at first our late struggle with our imperious and tyrannical foes."

"Further instructions were given at the same time to the representatives to urge upon the Assembly the necessity of keeping a watchful eye upon the pro-

<sup>1</sup> Conn. Gazette, vol. xix.



ceedings of Congress, to see that they did not exceed the powers vested in them, and to appoint a committee at every session to take into consideration the journals of Congress, and approve or disapprove, applaud or censure the conduct of the delegates.

"At no period during the war were the people of Norwich alarmed with the fear of a direct invasion of the enemy, except at the time of the attack on New London, Sept. 6, 1781. It was then rumored that Arnold, inflamed with hatred against the country he had betrayed, and cherishing a vengeful spirit towards his native town, had determined at all hazards to march thither and spread desolation through the homes of his ancient friends and neighbors. Preparations were therefore made to receive him; goods were packed, and women and children made ready for flight. The fiery patriots of Norwich wished for nothing more than that he should attempt to march thither, as it would give them a long-coveted opportunity of wreaking their vengeance on the traitor. But the undertaking was too hazardous; Arnold, if he had the will, was too prudent to attempt anything but a sudden and transient attempt upon the seaboard.

"The last time that the militia were called out during the war was in September, 1782. A detail of the circumstances will serve as a specimen of the harassing alarms which had previously often occurred.

"Benajah Leffingwell was then lieutenant-colonel of the Twentieth Regiment, and at seven o'clock in the morning an express reached him with the following order:

"To Major Leffingwell: I have certain intelligence that there is a large fleet in the Sound, designed for some part of the Main—would hereby request you without loss of time to notify the regiment under your command to be ready to march at the shortest notice—also send expresses to New London immediately for further news, and continue expresses as occasion may be. Your humble servant in the greatest haste.

"SAMUEL M'CLELLAND, Colonel.

"Wednesday morning, six o'clock.

"I have much more to say if I had time. I am on the road to New London from Windham, where express came to me in the night."

"Before nine o'clock the whole regiment had been summoned to turn out with one or two days' provisions, and be ready to march on hearing the alarm guns.

"The regiment upon the ground that day, as the returns of the orderly-book show, consisted of one field-officer, thirty-five commissioned officers, and seven hundred and fifty-eight men, in eleven companies, under the following captains: Joseph Carew, Samuel Wheat, Isaac Johnson, Nathan Waterman, Moses Stephens, William Pride, Jabez Deming, Abner Ladd, Jonathan Waterman, Samuel Lovett, Jacob DeWitt.

"Orders at last came for them to march; they were just ready to start when the order was countermanded. Again an express arrived saying that the fleet appeared to be bound in, and orders were issued to

stand ready. One hour they heard that the enemy was making preparations for a descent, the next that the fleet was moving up the Sound. Finally the hostile ships, having explored Gardiner's Bay, flitted out of the Sound, and the militia, after two days of harassing suspense, were dismissed to their homes."

BENEDICT ARNOLD.<sup>1</sup>—The painful task now devolves upon the writer to chronicle some of the leading events in the career of one whose baseness has been unequaled since the day that his prototype betrayed his master for thirty pieces of silver. The faithful historian will be just to all; hence no attempt will be made to remove the stain which has long tarnished the history of this fair section of country. Benedict Arnold descended from an honorable Rhode Island family, where one of his ancestors, bearing the same name, held the office of Governor for fifteen years. Two brothers of this family, Benedict and Oliver, removed from Newport to Norwich in 1730. The elder Benedict, the father of the traitor, soon became engaged in business, and not long after his arrival in Norwich married Mrs. Hannah King, whose maiden name was Lathrop. Benedict, the subject of this sketch, was born in Norwich, Jan. 3, 1741. Early in life he was apprenticed to Dr. Lathrop, a druggist in Norwich, with whom he remained during his minority. He subsequently embarked in the same business in New Haven, and while there became the captain of a company of militia. After the battle at Lexington he made a hasty march to Cambridge at the head of his company, and volunteered his services to the Massachusetts Committee of Safety. With the rank of colonel in the Continental army, he joined Ethan Allen and assisted in the taking of Ticonderoga in May, 1775. In the expedition against Quebec, in the autumn and winter of 1775, he took a leading part. Having been wounded at Quebec and at Saratoga, his disability was of a character to render him unfit for active field service, and he was consequently, by Washington, placed in command at Philadelphia after the place had been evacuated by Clinton in 1778. He was at this date a major-general in the Continental army. While at Philadelphia he lived in a style far above his means, and his haughty and overbearing manner involved him in a quarrel with the authorities of Pennsylvania, who accused him before Congress of abusing his official position and misusing the public funds. After a long delay he was tried by a court-martial and was sentenced to be reprimanded by the commander-in-chief. Washington performed this disagreeable task as delicately as possible, but did not lose his confidence in Arnold. While in Philadelphia, Arnold married the daughter of Judge Shippen, a Tory, which connection enabled him to communicate without discovery with the British officers. He opened a correspondence with Sir Henry Clinton, signing himself "Gustavus." In the

<sup>1</sup> By Ashbel Woodward, M.D.

mean time, at his earnest solicitation, he was appointed by Washington, in August, 1780, to the command of West Point, the strongest and most important fortress in America. He sought this command with the deliberate intention of betraying the post into the hands of the enemy. In compliance with a previous understanding, Arnold and Maj. André met at Haverstraw, on the west bank of the Hudson, Sept. 22, 1780, and arrangements were fully completed for an easy conquest of the fortress by the English.

On his return to the city of New York, André was arrested as a spy at Tarrytown, was tried by a court-martial, and sentenced to be executed by hanging. He suffered the penalty of his crime Oct. 2, 1780. When it became known to Arnold that André had been arrested, he fled from West Point in the utmost haste, and in his flight took passage to New York City in the "Vulture," a British sloop-of-war. He was immediately made a brigadier-general in the British service, which rank he preserved throughout the war as a stipulated reward of his treachery.

Early in 1781 he was dispatched by Sir Henry Clinton to make a diversion into Virginia. After his recall he conducted an expedition against Connecticut. The objective point was the flourishing town of New London. He took Fort Trumbull, September 6th, with inconsiderable loss. A detachment made an assault on Fort Griswold, on Groton Heights, and with great difficulty entered the works. The brave but conquered defenders of the fortress after their surrender became the victims of a most merciless slaughter. New London was plundered and laid in ashes. After a brief campaign of conflagration and slaughter, Arnold returned to New York, crowned with a description of laurels that no one would covet unless totally lost to a true sense of honor. Arnold died at Gloucester, London, in June, 1801.

"CAPT. OLIVER ARNOLD, of Norwich, the uncle of Benedict, died in 1781. He had long been an invalid, and left his family with but little for their support. To these relatives Benedict was always liberal, and even after his exile made them occasional remittances. The oldest son, Freegift, he assisted in obtaining a good classical education, and designed him for one of the professions; but the young man joined himself to the Sons of Liberty, entered into the naval service under Paul Jones, and after fighting bravely came home with a ruined constitution to languish and die. The other son, Oliver, had a peculiar talent for making extemporaneous rhymes, which seemed to flow from him without premeditation, in all the ease of common speech, so that his casual remarks and answers to questions would often run in a jingling measure. Many of these familiar rhymes were formerly current in the neighborhood. They were mostly of a local and transient character. An example of more general interest, which has been often quoted, is the following:

"In a bookseller's shop in New Haven Oliver Arnold was introduced to Joel Barlow, who had just then acquired considerable notoriety by the publication of an altered edition of Watts' Psalms and Hymns. Barlow asked for a specimen of his talent, upon which the wandering poet immediately repeated the following stanza:

" 'You've proved yourself a sinful cre'tur';  
You've murdered Watts, and spoilt the metre;  
You've tried the Word of God to alter,  
And for your pains deserve a halter.'

"Oliver was also a sailor and a patriot, and cordially despised the course taken by his cousin Benedict in betraying his country.

"In his habits he was roving and unsettled, absenting himself from home in long and vagrant rambles, from one of which he never returned. According to report, he was found dead by the wayside on a road little frequented in the northern part of New York.

"Three daughters of Capt. Oliver Arnold, sisters of Freegift and Oliver the rhymester, died aged but unmarried, the last of the family in Norwich. The brothers Benedict and Oliver, with their wives, and six children of the former and four of the latter, were interred near the centre of the old burial-lot, but mostly without inscribed gravestones.

"GEN. EBENEZER HUNTINGTON.<sup>1</sup>—Ebenezer, the fourth son of Gen. Jabez, was a member of Yale College, and within two months of completing his course when the battle of Bunker Hill was fought. He and other ardent young patriots of his class asked permission of President Daggett to leave the institution and enlist as volunteers in the army that was gathering at Boston. Being refused, they decamped in the night, hastened to Wethersfield, where there was a recruiting station, enrolled their names, and were soon on duty at the heights of Dorchester.

"Mr. Huntington was at first threatened by the college faculty with the loss of his degree, but ultimately, as he was under no previous censure, he was allowed to graduate with his class in 1775.

"In the army he rose by successive promotions to the rank of colonel, and took part in several of the most remarkable contests of the war. After his commission as captain of a company, in October, 1776, he lived with the army, and was ever at his post in camp and field, losing no time in long furloughs for rest and recreation. Subsequent to the evacuation of New York his regiment was stationed on the Hudson, at Fort Lee, Tarrytown, and Tappan Bay. In 1778 he was sent in command of a battalion to Rhode Island to operate against the British, who then held possession of Newport. He afterwards joined the main army, and participated in several severe engagements with the enemy. At the siege of Yorktown he served a part of the time as volunteer aide to Gen. Lincoln,

<sup>1</sup> For biography of Gen. Jedediah Huntington, see chapter xxviii.

and in that capacity witnessed the magnificent spectacle of the surrender of Cornwallis to the soldiers of liberty.<sup>1</sup> He remained on duty with the army till the troops were disbanded, having served through the whole war from April, 1775, to May, 1783.

"Gen. Huntington retired from the army to the peaceful pursuits of merchandise. But his experience in tact and military evolutions and discipline made it desirable that he should be retained in the home service. In 1792 he was appointed major-general of the militia of the State, an office which he held more than thirty years, under six successive Governors.

"In 1799 he was appointed by President Adams, at the recommendation of Gen. Washington, a brigadier-general in the United States army, raised upon the apprehension of a war with France. In 1810, and again in 1817, he was elected member of Congress. He died June 17, 1834, in the eightieth year of his age.

"Gen. Huntington was noted for his fine manly form and military deportment. He was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Isham, of Colchester; his second, Mary Lucretia, daughter of Gen. Samuel McClellan, of Woodstock.

"Zachariah, the fifth son of Gen. Jabez Huntington, was too young to take part in the Revolutionary contest, but he attained a high rank in the militia, and was endowed by nature with many soldierlike qualities,—a commanding person, a voice of great compass, firmness of purpose, and habits of great precision and accuracy.

"It is seldom that five such distinguished men as the brothers Huntington appear in one family, all living to an age ranging from seventy to eighty-six years.

"JOSEPH TRUMBULL, *Commissary*.—When the war commenced Norwich had on her roll of inhabitants no one of fairer promise or of more zealous devotion to the cause of liberty than Joseph Trumbull. He was the eldest son of Governor Trumbull, and born at Lebanon, March 11, 1737, but had been for twelve or fifteen years a resident in Norwich, taking an active part in the business, the municipal affairs and patriotic proceedings of the town. In 1775 he was appointed the first commissary-general of the American army, an important and honorable office, but bringing with it a crushing weight of perplexity, labor, and responsibility. He devoted himself with unremitting ardor to his duties, and was soon worn out by them. In July, 1778, he came from Philadelphia with a desponding heart and a broken constitution. His father and other friends gathered around him, and after a few days of rest he was carefully removed from his home in Norwich to his father's house in Lebanon, where he died July 23d, aged forty-two.

<sup>1</sup> In Trumbull's historical picture of the surrender of Cornwallis, Gen. Huntington is represented in the group of American officers, his portrait having been taken by the artist from life.

"The hopes of his friends, who expected much from his talents and integrity, and whose affections were fondly fixed upon his person, were blasted by his untimely death. In the eulogy pronounced at his funeral great praise is awarded to his abilities, his patriotism, and his moral worth, and it is added, 'In all the winning and agreeable arts of life he had no superior.' These qualities account for the tender attachment of his friends and the lamentations that were uttered on his death.

"COL. JOHN DURKEE.—John Durkee was a native of Windham, but settled early in life at Norwich. He served upon the frontier against the French in several distinct expeditions, and afterwards held the rank of major in the militia. He kept an inn, cultivated a farm, and was often engaged in public business. After the repeal of the Stamp Act he became interested in the purchase made by the Susquehanna Company in Pennsylvania, and was one of the forty pioneers sent out by the company in 1769 to take possession of the Wyoming Valley. Robert Durkee was also of the company, and the first fortress erected by these emigrants was called Fort Durkee.

"Against this scanty band of settlers the Pennamites or Pennsylvania claimants of the valley soon appeared in considerable force, and an obstinate contest for the possession of the territory ensued. Maj. Durkee was at one time carried to Philadelphia as a prisoner, but when released returned to the scene of conflict. After a long and stormy experience the Connecticut party so far prevailed as to keep possession of their settlements.

"Maj. Durkee afterwards returned to Norwich, and the trouble with England deepening and gradually overshadowing the land, he relinquished the idea of removing to the western wilderness. His brother Robert remained at Wyoming, and was subsequently one of the victims of Indian barbarity in the fearful slaughter of July 3, 1778. His name is on the commemorative monument in the Wyoming Valley.

"Maj. Durkee was promoted to the command of a regiment, and took part in the battles of Long Island, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Trenton, and Monmouth. He was also with Gen. Sullivan in the expedition against the Six Nations. But his health gradually failed, and in 1780 he resigned his command, and was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. Thomas Grosvener, of Pomfret.

"He died before the return of peace, May 29, 1782, in his fifty-fourth year. One of his sons, a youthful volunteer, aged seventeen years, died in 1777, of wounds received in fighting for his country.<sup>2</sup>

"Col. Benjamin Throop was another gallant officer who served in the regular army. He enlisted as first lieutenant in April, 1775; was promoted by successive

<sup>2</sup> Out of twenty recruits that enlisted from Norwich in the company of Capt. Nathaniel Webb, of Windham (Durkee's regiment), from 1776 to 1778, engaging to serve during the war, only four were over twenty years of age.—*Webb's Orderly-Book*.

steps to the rank of colonel, and continued in the service to the end of the war.

"Col. Zabdiel Rogers, of the State militia, was often called out during the war. In 1775 his regiment was sent with others from the State to the city of New York. It was afterwards several times ordered to the western border line of Connecticut. In 1781 he was on duty at Rye and Horseneck.

"The brothers Christopher and Benajah Leffingwell, belonging to the State militia, were often summoned to the sea-coast upon an alarm of invasion, or to take a turn in manning the forts and batteries. In 1777, Benajah Leffingwell, then captain of a company, performed a tour of duty in Rhode Island.

"Christopher Leffingwell was an early and active member of the Committee of Correspondence, and eminently useful in rousing the spirit of the people, and in devising ways and means by which the common cause might be benefited.

"He was a grandson of the second Thomas Leffingwell, of Norwich, and died Nov. 27, 1810, aged seventy-six years. His life through its whole length was active, useful, and prosperous.

"Capt. David Nevins enlisted early in the contest for liberty, and lived long to witness its happy results. He was first employed as the confidential messenger of the Norwich Committee of Correspondence, one of those voluntary patriotic agencies that managed the whole business of the Revolution in its earlier stages. His personal activity and daring spirit, combined with trustworthiness and ardent participation in the popular cause, peculiarly fitted him for the work. But the battle of Lexington carried him from all minor employments into the army. He joined the Eighth Company, Sixth Regiment, which was organized on Norwich Green in May, 1765, and was its color-bearer on Dorchester Heights.

"He remained with the army during the siege of Boston, the occupation of New York, and the retreat through the Jerseys, returning home in the winter of 1777. He did not, however, relinquish the service of his country, but was several times again in the field upon various emergencies during the war.

"Capt. Nevins was born at Canterbury, Sept. 12, 1747, and died in New York, Jan. 21, 1838, aged ninety.

"Capt. Jedediah Hyde, son of the Separatist minister, born in 1738, left his farm and family—a wife and eight children—to enlist among the first recruits in the cause of liberty. After the war he removed to Vermont, and about the year 1788 established himself at Hyde Park, in that State, which place derives its name from him. He died in 1825.

"Capt. James Hyde, of Bean Hill, who married Martha Nevins, and Capt. James Hyde, of the West Farms, whose wife was Eunice Backus, were both engaged in the Revolutionary contest, the former on the land and the latter on the sea. Capt. Hyde of the army was a man noted for his gentleness and philan-

thropy, yet he enlisted early, fought bravely, and served to the end of the war. Great must have been the hatred of British tyranny that moved such a spirit to rush into the battle-field. He was afterwards a Methodist local preacher.

"Capt. Jared Tracy served as a commissary during the siege of Boston, and subsequently fought the enemy upon the sea. After the war he went into the West India trade, and died at Demerara in 1790. William G. Tracy, an early and prominent settler at Whitestown, N. Y., was his son.

"Capt. Simeon Huntington commanded a company in Col. Huntington's regiment, and served through the first two campaigns of the war. He was a man of bold, adventurous spirit, and had taken a conspicuous part in resistance to the Stamp Act. He died in 1817, aged seventy-seven.

"Capt. Elisha Prior, of Norwich, was in the garrison of Fort Griswold when it was stormed by the British, and received a severe wound. He died at Sag Harbor, L. I., in 1817.

"Lieut. Andrew Griswold, of Durkee's regiment, was wounded at the battle of Germantown by a ball in the knee and made a cripple for life. He lay for ten months in the hospital at Reading, Pa., and was afterwards only able to perform light service in camp and fortress. But he still clung to the army, and when the war closed was at West Point. He died at Norwich in 1827, at the age of seventy-two.

"Capt. Richard Lamb, a native of Leicester, Mass., served during most of the war in the Connecticut militia, and was stationed at Danbury and at Fishkill, N. Y. He belonged to a company of artificers, and recruited for this company at Norwich in September, 1777. After the conclusion of the war he came to Norwich, married the sister of Lieut. Andrew Griswold, and became a permanent inhabitant of the place. He died in 1810.

"Capt. Andrew Lathrop commanded a company in 1776, and was on duty in New York.

"The brothers Asa and Arunah Waterman took an active part in the war as soldiers, agents, and commissaries.

"Capts. Asa Kingsbury and Ebenezer Hartshorn, John Ellis, and Joshua Barker, all of the West Farms, were in the service for longer or shorter periods.

"Ebenezer and Simon Perkins, not brothers, but both of the Newent family, were Revolutionary captains.

"Lieut. Nathaniel Kirtland, of Newent, was killed in battle Oct. 12, 1777.

"Lieut. Charles Fanning was an ensign of the Fourth Connecticut Battalion in 1776; was often referred to as one of the town's quota during the war, and is on the roll of Continental officers that served till the army was disbanded.

"It would be a pleasing task to register the names and memorials of all those old soldiers and patriots of

Norwich, to whom later generations are so much indebted, but after the most diligent gleaning only a few individuals can be named. The town covered a large area. It furnished a throng of volunteers at the opening of the war, and its regular quota afterwards. But we have no muster-roll of the men, and respecting many of the officers nothing is recovered beyond a casual reference in the relation of incidental matters or the record of a death.

"The highest honor belongs to those who served during the whole war. The following have an undoubted claim to this distinction, as various public records and returns show that half-pay during life and bounty lands were awarded to them by the government on that account: Rev. John Ellis, chaplain; Brig.-Gen. Jedediah Huntington, Lieut.-Col. Ebenezer Huntington, Maj. Benjamin Throop, Lieuts. Charles Fanning, James Hyde, Andrew Griswold, Silas Goodell, Jacob Kingsbury.

"Preston was so near to Norwich and its military companies were so often united with those of the latter that the names of its prominent officers slide easily into our history. Cols. John Tyler and Samuel Mott, Majs. Nathan Peters, Jeremiah Halsey, Edward Mott, and Cpts. Samuel Capron and Jacob Meech were some of the patriots and soldiers from that town who breasted the first waters of the Revolution, and were often afterwards in the field during the war.

"Maj. Peters enlisted as an ensign in the company of Capt. Edward Mott, immediately after the battle of Lexington, and soon rose to the rank of captain. In 1777 he was appointed brigade-major in the Rhode Island campaign under Gen. Tyler, and performed several other tours of detached service during the war.

"Happening to be at home on furlough in September, 1781, when the British made a descent upon New London, with characteristic ardor he rushed to the scene of action, and was the first person who entered Groton fort after it had been deserted and a train laid for its destruction by the British troops. Hovering in the vicinity, he scarcely waited for them to leave the premises before he cautiously entered the fort, and with water from the pump extinguished the train which had been laid to cause an explosion of the magazine. In five minutes more the whole would have been a heap of ruins, under which the dead and dying would have been buried.

"Maj. Peters died in 1824, aged seventy-nine.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

NORWICH—(Continued).

### ECCLIASTICAL HISTORY.

First Congregational Church—Second Congregational Church—Broadway Congregational—Park Congregational—Greenville Congregational—Taftville Congregational—Christ Church—Trinity Church—Methodist Church, Bean Hill—East Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Central Methodist Episcopal Church—Sachem Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Greenville Methodist Episcopal Church—First Baptist Church—Central Baptist—Greenville Baptist—Mount Calvary Baptist—Universalist Church—St. Patrick's Church—Roman Catholic, Taftville.

The First Congregational Church of Norwich was organized in 1660. Most of its original members, with their pastor, the Rev. Mr. James Fitch, were from Saybrook.

Mr. Fitch was a native of Bocking, in Essex County, England. He was born in 1622, and came to this country in 1638, with thirteen other young men, designed and in a course of preparation for the ministry. He spent seven years under the tuition of the Rev. Messrs. Hooker and Stone, of Hartford.

It is not improbable that young Fitch had been a pupil of Mr. Hooker, in Chelmsford, England, which is in the vicinity of Bocking. John Elliott, the distinguished missionary to the Indians, was an usher in the school which Mr. Hooker taught in that place. From him Mr. Fitch may have imbibed the missionary spirit which he afterwards exhibited.

In 1646 he was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Saybrook. The Rev. Messrs. Hooker and Stone assisted in the ordination services; but so jealous were the people of their rights as an independent church, subject only to Christ the Supreme Head, that the imposition of hands was by a "presbytery" chosen from the church for that purpose.

As early as 1653 or '54 a company was organized in Saybrook for the planting of a colony at Mohegan. Capt. John Mason was one of the leaders of this enterprise. The township was purchased and preparations for the settlement made in 1659. But it was not till the spring of 1660 that Mr. Fitch with the great body of his church and other members of his congregation removed to Norwich, and here, uniting with others from other places, "were incorporated into a Religious Society and Church State."

In 1694, Mr. Fitch was disabled by a stroke of the palsy. The town, however, continued to vote him £30 to £50 a year till 1702, when he retired to Lebanon to spend the evening of his days with his children. He survived but a few months, and died November 18th, aged eighty.

Mr. Fitch was twice married. By his first wife, Abigail, daughter of the Rev. Henry Whitfield, he had two sons and four daughters. She died at Saybrook. After removing to Norwich he married Priscilla, daughter of Capt. John Mason. By her he had seven sons and one daughter. He was a large land-

holder. His residence was on the southeastern side of the green.

Mr. Fitch was distinguished for the penetration of his mind, the energy of his preaching, and the sanctity of his life. Cotton Mather characterized him as "the acute and holy Mr. Fitch." He was one of the leading men of his day. Many of the younger ministers studied theology with him, one of the last of whom was the Rev. Samuel Whiting, the first minister of Windham.

Soon after coming to Norwich he was invited to settle in Hartford. His laconic answer was, "With whom shall I leave these few sheep in the wilderness?" He preached to the Mohegans in their native tongue, and gave them of his own lands to induce them to adopt the habits of civilized life, but with little success. Uncas, their chief, though friendly to the whites as a matter of policy, was an enemy to their religion, and opposed its introduction among his people.

A sermon preached by Mr. Fitch on the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Anne Mason, and published in 1672, is still preserved. He published an election sermon in 1674, and letters concerning his labors among the Indians. In 1675, "the bloodiest year of Philip's war," he drew up a covenant, which was solemnly renewed by the church.

In 1683 he published a treatise concerning the judgments of God upon New England, and another upon the Sabbath.

On the retirement of Mr. Fitch, his son, Jabez Fitch, then a member of college, was invited to supply the pulpit. After preaching a year he was called, in January, 1695, to settle, but declined the call. He was afterwards settled in Portsmouth, N. H. In December, 1696, Mr. Henry Flint was invited to preach six months, with an allowance of "twenty shillings a week, with his board and horse meat." The next April he was invited to settle as a permanent pastor, — salary, £52 while he remains unmarried; when married, £50 in money, £20 in work or grain, and sixty loads of wood, to be increased after the death of Mr. Fitch, besides one hundred and fifty acres of land on Plain Hills. This call was declined.

Three years later he was chosen Fellow of Cambridge College, his Alma Mater, and was soon after appointed tutor. This office he retained for nearly fifty years. He never married, and to this fact Dr. Allen ascribes "the few foibles which he exhibited."

In 1698, Joseph Coit supplied the pulpit for a time, but declined to settle on the ground of disagreement with the church in matters of church polity. At length, in October, 1699, Mr. John Woodward, of Dedham, Mass., accepted a call, and was ordained in December following. During his ministry of sixteen years the church was constantly agitated by controversies and dissensions respecting "the order and exercise of church discipline." The pastor, who was one of the scribes of the convention which framed the

Saybrook Platform, urged the adoption of that platform as the basis of church government. The church insisted on their independence, in accordance with the Cambridge Platform.

Sept. 13, 1716, Mr. Woodward was dismissed, and retired to a farm which he owned in East Haven, where "he lived in private life and good state till he died," in 1746.

The third pastor was the Rev. Benjamin Lord. He was a native of Saybrook, born in 1693, graduated at Yale College in 1714, appointed tutor in 1715, ordained Nov. 20, 1717, elected member of the corporation in 1740, and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1774. At the time of his ordination the church, by a formal vote, renounced the Saybrook Platform, and adopted "that form of church government called CONGREGATIONAL, as formerly practiced by the generality of the churches in New England, and according to the agreement of the Synod at Cambridge in 1648." The church has ever since maintained its independence, and adhered to the Congregational form of church government.

The pastorate of Dr. Lord extended over a period of sixty-seven years. In the year 1745 some irregularities, which he greatly deplored, in connection with the religious excitement of the times, resulted in a secession from the church, and the establishment of a *separate* place of worship. Dr. Lord was an earnest friend of revivals of religion, and had the satisfaction of witnessing several in connection with his own labors. He lived to see eight religious societies grow out of the one of which he had charge. He published several occasional discourses, and died in April, 1784, aged ninety-one.

Dr. Lord was three times married. His first wife, Ann, was the daughter of the Rev. Edward Taylor, of Westfield, Mass., not by his first wife, Elizabeth Fitch, but by his second, Ruth Willis, of Hartford. His second wife was the widow of Henry Tisdale, of Newport, R. I. His third was Abigail Hooker, of Hartford. His children, five in number, were all by his first wife. Two sons, Joseph and Ebenezer, were graduated at Yale College in 1753.

Dr. Lord was of medium height, with a mild countenance, engaging manners, and venerable appearance. He was a man of respectable talents and accurate scholarship, a sound theologian, and an able expounder of Scripture. In the pulpit his deportment was graceful, his voice pleasant, his delivery natural and easy, his discourses plain, pungent, and edifying. He was able in prayer, a faithful pastor, and greatly esteemed in all the region.

The fourth pastor was the Rev. Joseph Strong. He was a son of the Rev. Nathan Strong, of Coventry. Born in 1754, graduated at Yale College in 1772, ordained in 1778 colleague pastor with Dr. Lord, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Princeton College in 1807, and in 1808 was elected Fellow of Yale College. He died Dec. 18, 1834, aged eighty.

During his ministry two seceding congregations became extinct, and a considerable portion of their members returned to the church.

Dr. Strong is described by one whose youth was passed under his ministry as "in person of more than middle size and stature, with a calm dignity in his movements, appearance, and address, blended with gentleness and courtesy of manner. In the pulpit he was grave and reverent; in prayer, impressive and solemn. His sermons were short, explanatory, natural in arrangement, and abounding in quotations from Scripture. His ministrations, in general, were distinguished rather for the mild and soothing than the fervent and awakening. In all the social and domestic relations of life he was most exemplary. His conversation was genial, enriched and illustrated from the results of his long experience. His old age was beautiful, like a soft twilight after a serene day."

The fifth pastor was the Rev. Cornelius B. Everest, a native of Cornwall, born in 1789, graduated at Williams College in 1811, ordained pastor of the church in Windham in 1815, installed colleague pastor with Dr. Strong in 1829, and dismissed in 1836; settled in Bloomfield, dismissed, preached in Pequonnock. Since 1858 has resided with his children in Philadelphia, is a member of a Congregational Church in that city, and retains his connection with the Congregational ministry.

The sixth pastor, Rev. H. P. Arms, D.D., was born in Windsor in the year 1799, graduated at Yale College in 1824, ordained pastor of the church in Hebron in 1830, dismissed and settled at Wolcottville in 1832, and installed at Norwich in 1836; received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of the City of New York in 1864; was elected Fellow of Yale College in 1866.

On the settlement of Rev. W. C. Scofield, Feb. 20, 1873, Dr. Arms became *pastor emeritus*. Rev. Charles T. Weitzel, the present pastor, was ordained and installed April 18, 1876.

The following is a list of deacons from organization of the church to the present time: Thomas Adgate, Hugh Calkins, Simon Huntington, Christopher Huntington, Simon Huntington, Christopher Huntington, Thomas Adgate, Thomas Leffingwell, Ebenezer Huntington, Hezekiah Huntington, Simon Tracy, Simon Huntington, Joshua Lathrop, John Backus, Caleb Huntington, William Cleveland, Charles Lathrop, Samuel Case, James Stedman, Edward A. Huntington, Lewis A. Hyde, DeWitt C. Lathrop, Elisha H. Mansfield, Samuel Case, Lewis A. Hyde, Daniel F. Gulliver, John H. Peck.

**The Second Congregational Church.**—It was one hundred years subsequent to the settlement of the town before a church was organized in what was called "Norwich Landing," now the city of Norwich. As this part of the town gradually increased in population, in consequence of facilities for commercial

pursuits, the few resident members of churches became organized into a Congregational Church, and immediately provided for the support of the ministry.

The ecclesiastical society was organized Nov. 29, 1751, and the church July 24, 1760, with Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, Nathaniel Backus, John Porter, Isaiah Tiffany, Nathaniel Shipman, and Seth Alden among the members.

The first pastor was Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, who remained until 1769. He was succeeded in 1771 by Ephraim Judson, who was dismissed in December, 1778. Rev. Walter King became pastor in 1778.

The first of the seven pastors who to any considerable extent have served this church within a century was Rev. Walter King. Rev. Mr. Judson left his work here very soon after the Declaration of Independence. It is true he returned within a year and continued for some time nominally pastor, but was too much of an invalid to render any great service. For a full decade after his dismissal the church was pastorless. It was a period of intense political excitement. War, with all its direful accompaniments, distracted the minds of the people. In reference to spiritual things, mournful apathy was generally prevalent. This church the while had various temporary supplies, but to Judge Niles, as he was always called, far more than to any other preacher, she owes the preservation of her life through all those years of peril. He was a scholar, but a man of affairs; a licensed preacher, but never ordained. He was largely devoted to secular work, yet Sabbath after Sabbath he preached abler and more carefully considered discourses than hundreds who devote all the week to preparation for the pulpit. The judge then resided in Norwich. "Afterwards," says Rev. Mr. Palmer, "he removed to Vermont, and it is a singular fact that, preaching there a score of years in his own house or barn, according to the season, far more than any other minister, he moulded the religious character of my mother's girlhood, and therefore, through her influence, the character of your present pastor. In ways we little think the past reappears in the present."

Though in the dark days of Revolution Judge Niles preserved this church alive, yet when Mr. King came in 1787 he must have found himself obliged to "lay the foundations," almost as though they had never been laid before. Mr. King's work opened most auspiciously. The first year of his ministry forty were added to the church, the first additions for more than a decade. In the end his light went out in a tempest of needless dissension,<sup>1</sup> yet as a whole his work was fruitful. During his twenty-four years of service more than one hundred and seventy-five new

<sup>1</sup> This unhappy dissension sprang up suddenly in 1810, and was concerning the scriptural lawfulness of a man's marrying his deceased wife's sister. It resulted in a Council, which, without criminating Mr. King in the least, advised the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

members were enrolled. When the old church edifice on Main Street was burned, the place of worship was transferred to this now "holy hill of Zion," which is a very desirable site for a sanctuary.

Next followed the brief but precious pastorate of Rev. Asabel Hooker. The gift of Mr. Hooker to this church was a signal providence. He was exactly the man to enter upon a ministry while yet there were wounds of strife unhealed. His short fifteen months of service not only proved him pre-eminently the "judicious Hooker" that he has often been called, they also prepared the way for that illustrious life-work of Rev. Alfred Mitchell which followed.

Seventeen years that man of God went in and out before this people. He came here in all the freshness and vigor of early manhood. While yet in the high noon of life's day he was translated to his reward, yet suddenly though his work was cut off, strangely though he was taken from his labors, he achieved much more than many who live on to the ripeness of old age. To meet the demand for more room which his ministry had created the house of worship was greatly enlarged, and this enlargement was brought about in no slight degree by his own pecuniary contributions.<sup>1</sup> The membership of the church was no less signally increased. In a single year of his pastorate eighty-nine were added to the roll by profession of faith; sixty the year following,—forty-four at one communion service.

The Rev. J. T. Dickinson was pastor for less than thirty brief months, yet he was a priceless gift of God. In that short pastorate one hundred and seventy-one professed faith in Christ. At its close the resident membership numbered about three hundred and twenty-five. There were three hundred and sixty names on the roll, and only about one hundred and thirty families, including some six hundred persons in all belonging to the parish. More than fifty per cent. of the entire number were professing Christians. Such was the state of things when Alvan Bond, D.D., entered upon his thirty years' ministry in this city. There was very little room for enlargement. It was for him simply to "keep the measure full." This, however, Dr. Bond, then in the midst of life, soon found a very unsatisfactory work. Numbers were added to the roll from year to year, but they came mainly by letter. After seven years of such toil the Broadway colony went out, and thus the way was opened for free expansion. The pastor girded himself anew for his great life-work. He summoned his people to most earnest endeavor. The gloom which forty vacant pews spread over the assembly was quickly dispelled. The people caught their pastor's enthusiasm, and "had a mind to work." At the very next sale of pews every slip was taken. For twenty-eight years Dr. Bond supplied the pulpit

an average of fifty Sabbaths a year. Only in a single instance in all that time was he absent from a communion service.

The full list of pastors from the organization of the church, July 24, 1760, to the present time is as follows: Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, installed Feb. 24, 1761; dismissed March 24, 1769. Rev. Ephraim Judson, ordained Oct. 3, 1771; dismissed Dec. 15, 1778. Rev. Walter King, ordained May 24, 1787; dismissed July 5, 1811. Rev. Asabel Hooker, installed Jan. 14, 1812; died April 16, 1813. Rev. Alfred Mitchell, ordained October, 1814; died Dec. 19, 1831. Rev. James Taylor Dickinson, ordained April 4, 1832; dismissed Aug. 20, 1834. Rev. Alvan Bond, D.D., installed May 6, 1835; dismissed Dec. 28, 1864. Rev. Malcom M. G. Dana, installed Dec. 28, 1864; dismissed April 10, 1874. Rev. William S. Palmer, installed Sept. 29, 1874, present pastor.

The first church edifice was completed and occupied in 1766. It was located on Main Street, and was forty-one by thirty-seven feet, and had thirty-six pews. For a while the bell was suspended on the limb of a tree, as a steeple was too expensive a luxury. This house was destroyed by fire in 1783, and Dec. 24, 1795, a second church edifice was dedicated. This was injured by fire in 1844, when it was decided to take it down and rebuild on the same site. The present substantial stone edifice was dedicated Jan. 1, 1846. It is located on Church Street.

**Broadway Congregational Church.**—As early as the year 1834 the house of the Second Congregational Society (the only one of this denomination in this part of the town) was filled to overflowing. Investigations were made which revealed the fact that a very large number of the inhabitants of the city were entirely deprived of an opportunity to attend upon public worship. The importance of providing enlarged church accommodations in some form was urged by the pastor and others, and was generally admitted. Numerous meetings for consultation were held, which resulted, in January, 1838, in the call of a society meeting, at which a committee was appointed to ascertain what families were disposed to associate in forming a new church, and what funds could be raised for the erection of a new house of worship. Efforts were also made to secure a site for the new church, with the expectation that the building would be erected by the entire society before a separation should take place.

These consultations and efforts, extending through a series of years, finally resulted, in January, 1842, in the withdrawal of a portion of the congregation to the town hall, where they established public worship.

On the 1st of June, 1842, the church was organized under the title of the Fifth Congregational Church, with one hundred and twelve members.

On the 31st of August following Rev. Willard Child was installed as pastor.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Mitchell contributed one-fourth of his salary that year to help forward this work.



In 1844 a house of worship was commenced, and was dedicated on the 1st of October, 1845. It stood on Main Street, upon the site now occupied by the Central Methodist church.

Mr. Child asked and received dismission in August, 1845.

Rev. John P. Gulliver was ordained and installed Oct. 1, 1846.

By a vote passed April 9, 1847, the name of the church was changed to Main Street Congregational Church.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 17, 1854, the house of worship on Main Street was destroyed by fire.

During nearly two years following the congregation worshiped in the town hall.

On the 13th of October, 1857, the present church edifice on Broadway was dedicated.

By a vote passed subsequently the name of the church was again changed to Broadway Congregational Church.

In May, 1864, a member of the church gave one thousand dollars as a fund for the foundation and maintenance of a library for the use of the pastor. By vote of the church the fund is known as "The Buckingham Fund." The library now numbers one hundred and seventy-three volumes.

Rev. Mr. Gulliver resigned his office as pastor Oct. 7, 1865, and was dismissed by the action of a Council convened October 24th of the same year.

In the summer of 1866 a chapel, costing with the lot five thousand five hundred dollars, was erected on Boswell Avenue, and given to the society by a member of the church for religious purposes. It was furnished by the ladies, was dedicated in December, 1866, and has since been occupied by the Avenue Chapel Sunday-school.

The church remained without a pastor until June, 1868, when Rev. Daniel Merriman, then a student at Andover Seminary, was called. He was ordained and installed as pastor Sept. 30, 1868.

He was dismissed June 30, 1875. The present pastor, Rev. L. T. Chamberlain, was installed Oct. 5, 1877.

*Deacons.*—Horace Colton, June 14, 1842, to Aug. 12, 1845; Lewis Edwards, June 14, 1842, to Aug. 12, 1845; William A. Buckingham, June 14, 1842; Charles Clark, June 14, 1842, to Aug. 12, 1845; Othniel Gager, Aug. 12, 1845, to Jan. 25, 1858; Charles Lee, Aug. 26, 1845, to May 8, 1846; Chester R. Parkhurst, Aug. 26, 1845, to ———, 1845; Jedediah Leavens, June 12, 1846, to April 30, 1855; Lewis Edwards, Jan. 6, 1852, to March 4, 1868; Benjamin W. Tompkins, Jan. 6, 1852; Jedediah Leavens, Jan. 27, 1863, to July 9, 1867; William Hutchison, Jan. 28, 1868; Sherman B. Bishop, Jan. 28, 1868; Gurdon A. Jones, Jr., Jan. 25, 1869; Frank J. Leavens, Jan. 25, 1869.

*Clerks.*—Charles Clark, June 6, 1842, to Aug. 12, 1845; Amos W. Prentice, Aug. 12, 1845, to Jan. 29, 1866; George W. Whittlesey, Jan. 29, 1866, to Jan. 25, 1869; Francis A. Dorrance, Jan. 25, 1869, to June

23, 1870; Charles A. Burnham, Sept. 8, 1870, present incumbent.

**Third (Greeneville) Congregational Church.**—The village of Greeneville (which became a part of the city of Norwich in 1874) owes its existence to the power which the river here affords for manufacturing purposes. This remained unemployed till 1829, when "The Norwich Water-Power Company," which was incorporated the year before, purchased a tract of land on both sides of the river and commenced operations. In 1831 the foundation of the first manufactory was laid. In the following year others were laid, and dwellings rose in rapid succession, and were as rapidly occupied.

William P. Greene, Esq., originator and president of the company, and William C. Gilman, Esq., the secretary, were its permanent and efficient directors. From the beginning they manifested a deep interest in the moral and religious welfare of the community which was to be gathered on their premises. A prayer-meeting was established in the spring of 1829, which was sustained by Deacon Horace Colton and other brethren of the Second Congregational Church. In the summer of 1832 fifteen children and youth became the nucleus of a Sabbath-school, and meetings were established for the worship of God on the Sabbath. On the 1st day of January, 1833, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened in an "upper room," and a Congregational Church was organized, consisting of twenty members.

The meeting-house was commenced in the autumn of the following year, and dedicated in April, 1835. In 1867 it was enlarged and improved to meet the wants of the growing congregation.

The Rev. Dennis Platt was chosen pastor in 1833, and entered upon the duties of the office, but by mutual consent the arrangement for his settlement was never consummated.

The Rev. John Storrs was its first pastor, installed March, 1834, and remained till April 17, 1835, when an Ecclesiastical Council dissolved the connection. The pulpit was supplied for about two years by Rev. Spencer F. Beard and others.

In the spring of 1837, Rev. Stephen Crosby became pastor-elect, and moved his family into the parish. It was a year of great pecuniary embarrassment, which delayed the settlement of Mr. Crosby, who continued to labor, and successfully, till disease laid him aside, and death ensued June 5, 1838.

Rev. A. L. Whitman was the next to sustain the pastoral relation, and retained the position from Dec. 4, 1838, to March 25, 1846.

His successor was Rev. C. P. Bush, who was installed Dec. 8, 1846, and continued till January, 1856, when his resignation was accepted.

Rev. Robert P. Stanton, after preaching two Sabbaths in February, was proffered the pastorate, which was accepted. The installation took place June 11, 1875.

The present pastor, Rev. Andrew J. Sullivan, was installed Feb. 11, 1880.

Present membership, two hundred and ninety-five.

**Park Congregational Church.**<sup>1</sup>—The manifest northward tendency of the growth of the city of Norwich occasioned the movement which resulted in 1874 in the beautiful edifice of Park Church. The enterprise originated in the Second Church, and the first plan was that this church, as a body, should remove from the Landing to the new building, and that a new church should be organized for the West Side. But after the building had been completed and tendered to the church for its acceptance, it appeared that a majority of the Second Church were unwilling to leave the old home. Consequently it was only a colony of the Second Church, consisting of a large number of its most useful and influential members, headed by its pastor, Mr. Dana, and strengthened by accessions from other churches, which removed to the new house. Mr. Dana remained as pastor of Park Church until 1878, when he removed to St. Paul, Minn., and was succeeded by Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, D.D.

The edifice of the Park Church is notable for the beauty of its architecture and of its position. The chime of ten bells and the clock were the gift of Mrs. Gen. Williams; the organ, from the famous factory of Walcker, in Ludwigsburg, Germany, was presented by James L. Hubbard, Esq.; and the three largest memorial windows were given by Mr. John F. Slater, Mrs. Williams, and the family of the late David Smith.

**Congregational Church, Taftville.**—This church was organized Dec. 3, 1867, with the following members: Samuel Prentice, Mrs. Sophia B. Prentice, Andrew T. Prentice, Mrs. Mary Weller, Mrs. Betsy Renoud, Miss Lucy A. Greenman, John Renoud, Jedediah Waters, Mrs. Aurela Waters, Mrs. Caroline Fenton, Miss Annis Waters. First pastor, Rev. Hiram A. Tracy, also Rev. W. A. Benedict, Rev. John T. Rea, Rev. Charles L. Ayre, Rev. George Dodson, Rev. T. M. May, and Rev. A. C. Hurd, the present pastor. Samuel Prentice, deacon. Present number of members, 27 male, 43 female; total, 70.

The first meeting held at Taftville, July 8, 1866, by Rev. John Edgar.

Sabbath-school organized first Sunday in November, 1866, assisted by Deacon Edward Huntington, of Norwich Town.

Ecclesiastical society was organized June 5, 1867. Meetings held during this time in Boadine House, adjoining the old Fame House. Preaching for two or three years in connection with church at Eagleville.

Congregation at this time about 200. Sunday-school average about 150.

**Christ Church.**—There is a tradition that an Episcopal Church existed in this town at a very early period,

and that its house of worship stood upon the green in Norwich Town. It was a small building, erected by a pious lady from Salem, Mass., principally for herself and family, and was occasionally supplied by the Rev. Mr. Cleveland, of that town. The earliest record of a church in this town bears date Jan. 7, 1746-47, to decide matters relative to the erection of an edifice "for the service of Almighty God, according to the Liturgie of the Church of England, as by law established."

The officers appointed at this meeting were Rev. Mr. Punderson, moderator; Capt. Benajah Bushnell, treasurer; Capt. Isaac Clarke, Mr. Thomas Grist, Mr. Elisha Hide, building committee.

A piece of ground for the site of a church edifice was given by Capt. Benajah Bushnell, "at the north-east end of Waweequaw's Hill, near the old Landing Place," and on the 7th of January, 1746-47, a meeting was held at the town-house.

The funds for building were raised by subscription, eighty-seven names being enrolled on the subscription-list, and the sum obtained £678. The greatest amount by one individual was £50 by Andrew Galloway. The three gentlemen who formed the building committee subscribed £40 each. Mr. Punderson afterwards collected in Rhode Island £138, and Capt. Bushnell, in Boston, £178. All this was probably old tenor money, or bills of credit of reduced value.

The land and the church, when erected, were conveyed by deed to the committee, in trust,—

"for the use of the 'Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts,' and their successors for evermore, to be appropriated for an Episcopal church and churchyard, for the benefit of an Episcopal minister and members of said church, and for no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever."

This edifice stood upon the site now occupied by Christ church. According to tradition, it was a substantial structure, but plain and unadorned, with neither porch nor spire, and a single granite block at the door for a threshold stone. It was completed in 1749. The number of pew-holders was twenty-eight; they built their own pews, and held them as their proper estate. The first church officers were Capt. Benajah Bushnell, Capt. Joseph Tracy, wardens; Capt. Isaac Clarke, Capt. Thomas Grist, Capt. Daniel Hall, vestrymen; Elisha Hide, clerk of the church; Phineas Holden, society clerk.

Rev. Ebenezer Punderson had the prime agency in forming this church, and was its first officiating clergyman; but in 1751 he was transferred by the society in England to New Haven.

Soon after the settlement of Mr. Tyler the Revolution broke out. Episcopacy was English, therefore no tolerance nor patience was had with it; and so the church-gates were closed for two years. Yet was the liturgy still heard, whispered low in private dwellings here and there, and at the fireside of the loyal and earnest pastor, with doors barricaded, to keep in peace and to keep out persecution. Then

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, D.D.

was it uttered publicly again, but it was mute where king and Parliament were prayed for. The church had to live down a rampant prejudice (strange enough, too, when Washington and many of the leaders of the time belonged to it), and that long rectorship of fifty-four years was consumed before these days of misapprehension were ended.

When the church was again opened the prayers for the king and Parliament were omitted, but the congregation had dwindled to an audience of about twenty persons. Under the popular ministry of Mr. Tyler, however, the society gradually increased in numbers and influence. In 1780 the church was repaired and a porch, bell, and steeple added. But the location was considered inconvenient, and in 1789 the society decided on removing to a more central position. A lot was proffered by Phineas Holden, near the east end of Main Street, "opposite the house of Capt. Stephen Colver," and accepted by the parish.

To this spot the old edifice, which had stood about forty years, was removed, and there enlarged and remodeled. The former owners of the pews relinquished their rights, the seats were sold, and the money applied to parochial uses. The new purchasers were thirty in number.

The committee for removing and reconstructing the church were Maj. Ebenezer Whiting, Barzillai Davison, Benadam Denison, and James Christie.

It was dedicated May 19, 1791, by the Rev. Dr. Seabury, Bishop of Connecticut, to the worship of God, "according to the liturgy of the Church of England accommodated to the civil constitution of these American States." Ebenezer Whiting, Ebenezer Huntington, wardens; Jabez Huntington, society clerk.

The designation of "Christ's Church in Chelsea" first appears on record in 1785.

Mr. Tyler died Jan. 20, 1823, in the eighty-first year of his age, after a pastorate of fifty-four years. He was an interesting preacher, his voice sweet and solemn, and his eloquence persuasive. The benevolence of his heart was manifested in daily acts of courtesy and charity to those around him. He studied medicine in order to benefit the poor, and to find out remedies for some of those peculiar diseases to which no common specifics seemed to apply. His pills, ointments, extracts, and syrups obtained a great local celebrity. During the latter years of his life he was so infirm as to need assistance in the performance of his functions.

Rev. Peter J. Clark served as his assistant for two or three years, and was succeeded by the Rev. Seth B. Paddock, who on the death of the venerable incumbent became rector of the church. The age and long infirmity of Dr. Tyler had operated against the growth and efficiency of the parish, and when Mr. Paddock's pastorate commenced the congregation was small and the sacred edifice itself in a decaying state. During his rectorship a new church was built.

Mr. Paddock resigned the pastorate in 1844, and took charge of an academy in Cheshire, Conn., at which place he died in 1851. He was a man of great integrity and piety, amiable in all the relations of life.

Rectors of Christ Church since Mr. Paddock:

Rev. William F. Morgan, in office twelve years and a half, from September, 1844, to March, 1857. He then accepted a call to St. Thomas' Church, New York.

The parish at that time reported 206 families, 210 communicants.

Rev. J. Treadwell Walden, in office six years. He resigned in March, 1863, in order to take charge of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

Two churches, both costly and imposing edifices, were erected by this society within the compass of twenty years, from 1828 to 1848. The first was during the rectorship of Mr. Paddock. It stands on a lot extending from Main to Church Street, a few rods west of the former church. The whole cost, including organ and furniture, was about thirteen thousand dollars. It was consecrated by the diocesan bishop, Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, July 29, 1829. This has since changed its designation, and is now Trinity Church.

In 1846, during the rectorship of Mr. Morgan, the society decided to resume for church service the old Bushnell site on Washington Street, from which the church was removed sixty years previous, and which had since been used as a cemetery. On this spot, over the ashes of the dead, the present church edifice, of an antique style of architecture, was erected at a cost of nearly fifty thousand dollars.

The corner-stone was laid by Bishop Lee, of Delaware, Aug. 31, 1846, and the church consecrated in 1848.

When the society removed to this new edifice they carried their designation, Christ Church, with them, and the house they left was for a short time closed. It was soon, however, reopened as a chapel, or dependent upon Christ Church, but this arrangement was of short duration. In 1850 a new and independent parish was organized, the edifice purchased, and a second Episcopal Church inaugurated, with the title of Trinity Church.<sup>1</sup>

The rectors since Rev. Mr. Walden have been Rev. David F. Banks, the Rev. John Binney, now professor in the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, and the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, D.D., from June 1, 1874, to present time. During the seven years of his pastorate Dr. Giesy has baptized 204 persons, officiated at 45 marriages and 141 funerals, and presented 118 candidates for confirmation. The contributions of the parish, during the same period, have aggregated \$67,272.

**Trinity Church.**<sup>2</sup>—The organization of Trinity Church parish took place A.D. 1850. The reasons

<sup>1</sup> See history of Trinity Church.

<sup>2</sup> By Rev. Edward H. Jewett, S.T.D.

therefor are given in the following "copy of the original association":

"Whereas, by the blessing of Almighty God the Episcopal Church in this city has been so far prospered that His people have been enabled to build two commodious and substantial churches, and now, and for months past, more sittings have been called for than could be furnished in the new and larger edifice on Washington Street. And, inasmuch as the time seems to have come when the interests of the Church would be still more prospered by the organization of a new and independent parish to occupy the old church edifice;

"And whereas, the parish of Christ Church have agreed to sell the said old church, organ, and all other fixtures, etc., appertaining thereto for the sum of five thousand dollars;

"Therefore, we, the undersigned, agree to associate and organize ourselves into a new Episcopal parish by the name of Trinity Church.

"F. W. Bushnell, F. B. Lee, Charles C. Hillard, Alby C. Thompson, Albert A. Bailey, Denison P. Coon, William G. Browning, D. B. Chapman, Samuel Tyler, Edwin Gavitt, Charles Gale, I. L. Sparks, Z. B. Robbins, William H. Hyde, Wheaton Cottrell, William Lewis, A. I. Bentley, Edward King, Alvin G. Rawson, Joel W. White, William W. Kinne, George E. Cooley, E. P. Cottrell, P. St. M. Andrews, E. C. Beach, Whitman Potter, Charles Ball, John W. Haughton, John H. Callahan, Avery Smith, Samuel Story, R. W. Roath, D. M. Prentiss, O. W. Freeman, E. D. Roath, James L. Geer, George Avery, Christopher Culver, Thomas Robinson.

"Norwich City, Jan. 7, 1850."

The Rev. Edward O. Flagg was called as the first rector April 10, 1850. Since his removal to Baltimore in June, 1853, the following gentlemen have occupied the position of rector: the Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, now Bishop of Massachusetts, from June, 1853, to January, 1860; the Rev. Giles A. Easton, from June, 1860, to June, 1862; the Rev. John V. Lewis, from August, 1862, to August, 1865; the Rev. Andrew Mackie, from October, 1865, to July, 1868; the Rev. William W. Silvester, from October, 1868, to May, 1874; the Rev. Storrs O. Seymour, from November, 1874, to April, 1879. The present rector, the Rev. Edward H. Jewett, S.T.D., assumed the position in May, 1879.

The church owns a substantial stone edifice, erected in 1828, a valuable rectory on Washington Street, and a recently-erected mission chapel, with adjoining lot, on Mount Pleasant Street. The contributions for the past year, as reported in the convention journal, were \$5910.10. The following-named gentlemen form the vestry at the present time: Edmund D. Roath, Henry L. Parker, wardens; Albert A. Bailey, William H. Cardwell, N. Douglas Sevin, Frederick R. Wasley, S. Alpheus Gilbert, John H. Keep, Hugh King, John F. Sevin, vestrymen; Charles B. Chapman, clerk and treasurer.

**Grace Church Parish (Episcopal), Yantic,** was organized November, 1853, through the instrumentality of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Williams, when John W. Bulkley and E. Winslow Williams were elected wardens.

Its first rector was the Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, who continued his connection with the parish until his death in 1857. He was succeeded by Rev. A. L. Brewer, who in 1860 resigned, to be followed by Rev. G. M. Bartlett and G. H. Ward.

In 1864, Rev. E. L. Whitcome accepted the rector-

ship, which position he filled for five years. The Rev. Wm. Walker, of St Johns, New Brunswick, succeeded, to be followed in 1872 by Rev. G. W. Hoffman, who resigned in 1880.

The present organization is: Rector, Rev. C. W. Kelley; Wardens, E. Winslow Williams, Chester Parkhurst; Vestrymen, James Smith, Wm. Dobson, John Beawick, Marvin Hanna, Arthur Gleason, Chas. Congdon, Chas. H. Carpenter, Amos Hobbs, Samuel Harrison, Samuel B. Blake, Thomas Derrick, David Smith, Paul Smith; Treasurer, Samuel Harrison; Clerk, Charles Longdon.

According to parish register, there have been christened 235; confirmed, 126; married, 186; buried, 118.

**Methodist Episcopal Church, Bean Hill.**—A class was formed at Bean Hill as early as 1796, which never lost its organization. The first meetings were held in the "Old Academy" at the foot of the hill. In this extemporized chapel many of the early noted itinerants preached in their rounds. Here Lee, Asbury, and other messengers of the church proclaimed their message. Here Maffit delivered one of the first of his flourishing effusions on this side of the water. When the eccentric Lorenzo Dow was to preach the bounds were too narrow, and the audience assembled in the open air, upon the hill, under the great elm. Among the prominent early members were Solomon Williams and Capt. James Hyde. The society was first known as "Norwich," subsequently "Norwich North," but latterly is designated as "Bean Hill." The first church edifice was erected in 1830, and the society became a separate charge in 1834. The first pastor was Rev. Daniel Dorchester. Among those who have filled the pulpit since are mentioned the names of A. U. Swinerton, W. Livesey, R. W. Allen, E. Benton, B. Otheman, L. Daggett, Jr., A. Palmer, L. W. Blood, G. M. Carpenter, P. T. Kenney, N. G. Lippitt, and G. W. Brewster, the present pastor.

**East Main Street M. E. Church.**—In 1833 the Methodists residing at Chelsea Landing, near Norwich City, petitioned the Conference for permission to supply themselves with local preaching. The petition was granted, and Rev. D. N. Bentley was appointed preacher in charge. Measures were soon after taken for the erection of a church edifice, which was commenced in 1834, and June 17, 1835, was dedicated. This church has been known as "Norwich South," the "Landing," and "East Main Street." It has been known by its present appellation since 1855. Among the pastors of this church have been Rev. D. N. Bentley, G. May, W. Livesey, A. U. Swinerton, R. Ransom, G. F. Pool, S. Bent, D. Dorchester, F. Gavitt, J. Howson, J. Lovejoy, G. M. Carpenter, J. D. Butler, M. Chase, G. W. Brewster, J. B. Gould, F. Upham, E. B. Bradford, E. F. Clark, H. W. Conant, E. J. Haynes, J. D. Weeks, F. H. Newhall, A. P. Palmer, A. Anderson, S. O. Benton, William C. Kellogg, George N. Kellogg, George A. Morse, and E. M. Taylor.

**The Central M. E. Church.**—This church was organized in 1864, and held its first meetings in a large hall upon Central Wharf. Its early ministrations were conducted chiefly by Rev. L. D. Bentley, a son of Rev. D. N. Bentley. The church edifice stands upon the site once occupied by an Episcopal, and subsequently by a Congregational church. It was founded as a free church, and continued as such until a few years since. Among the pastors who have officiated in this church are mentioned the names of C. R. Wilkins, L. D. Bentley, F. Gavitt, R. Parsons, C. Banning, N. G. Lippitt, Mr. Carter, M. P. Alderman, Ensign McChesney, W. T. Worth, W. V. Morrison, Mellen Howard, Hugh Montgomery, E. F. Jones, and Ezra Tinker, the present incumbent.

**Sachem Street M. E. Church.**<sup>1</sup>—Methodism at Norwich Falls dates back as far as 1813. At that time the Methodist societies of the county were united in "New London Circuit," the Revs. J. Steel and W. Marsh, preachers in charge. The only church in Norwich was that on "Bean Hill." The services at "the Landing" were held in a room in the upper story of a building on the north side of wharf bridge, where the market now stands. There was then a "class" regularly organized at "the Falls," with Mr. Jeremiah Ladd as its leader.

When the church at "the Landing," between the bridges on West Main Street, was swept away by the flood, Feb. 23, 1824, Mr. D. N. Bentley, the patriarch of Methodism, now (July, 1881) in his ninety-seventh year, moved in the matter of building a house of worship at "the Falls." This building stood on Sherman Street, near the bridge over the New London Northern Railroad. Its site is now occupied by a carriage manufactory.

The church was dedicated June 19, 1825, Rev. J. A. Merrill, then presiding elder, officiating. Until 1831 the church was, with the others of the region, on a circuit. At that time the town of Norwich was made a pastoral charge. In 1836, after a remarkable ingathering of members under the labors of the Rev. W. Livesey, "Norwich Falls" was placed under the care of the Rev. A. C. Wheat, who remained till 1838, when the Rev. D. N. Bentley "supplied."

In the year 1854 it was deemed advisable for the church to have a more eligible place of worship. That occupied by the Congregationalists, located on Sachem Street, was offered for sale, and was purchased. The following Ecclesiastical Society was duly incorporated under the title of the "Centre Methodist Episcopal Society:" Asa Manning, Amos E. Cobb, William Hulbert, William H. Hamilton, Nehemiah Upham, Maxon P. Lewis, William Greenman, Charles H. Allen, Edwin S. Barrows.

The pastors of the "Falls" Methodist Episcopal Church have been as follows: 1839, C. D. Rogers; 1840-41, E. Blake; 1842-43, W. H. Richards; 1844,

L. Leffingwell; 1845-46, F. Fisk; 1847-48, S. Dean; 1849, J. Mather; 1850-51, B. M. Walker; 1852-53, W. Leonard; 1854-55, Sachem Street, T. Ely; 1856, J. M. Worcester; 1857-59, D. H. Ela; 1860-61, J. Livesey; 1862-63, H. W. Conant; 1864-66, E. F. Clark; 1867, G. W. Alexander; 1868-70, T. M. House; 1871, W. H. Stetson; 1872-74, N. G. Lippitt; 1875, W. A. Cottle; 1876-77, W. A. Luce; 1878, E. M. Dunham; 1879-81, J. H. James.

The following are now, July, 1881, the regularly constituted officers of the "Sachem Street Methodist Episcopal Church:" Pastor, the Rev. Joseph H. James; Sunday-school Superintendent and Class-Leader, Daniel T. Adams; Stewards, C. W. Hopkins, C. H. Allen, G. Parkinson, G. W. Nash, B. M. Prince, B. M. Upham, W. Greenman, A. E. Cobb, W. T. Rogers; Treasurer, C. W. Hopkins.

**Ecclesiastical Society.**—A. E. Cobb, E. S. Barnes, W. Greenman, C. H. Allen, W. Hulbert, B. M. Upham, M. P. Lewis, S. Hopkins, C. W. Hopkins, S. Subub, J. Babcock, D. J. Woodward.

**Society Committee.**<sup>2</sup>—C. H. Allen, B. M. Upham.

The statistics in April, 1881, were: membership, 115; Sunday-school teachers, 16; Sunday-school scholars, 106.

**M. E. Church, Greeneville.**—The first Methodist class at Greeneville was formed prior to 1834, and consisted of the following: Hannah Cranston, Sabra Bushnell, Roxanna Starkweather, Sarah Dennison, and Belinda Rood. Jesse Dennison, an exhorter, was the first class-leader. Among other early leaders were John B. Truman, Richmond Cranston, Samuel Wilbur, James Babcock, and Martin Obernauer.

The first church edifice was dedicated in 1840, which was subsequently enlarged. Among the ministers who have officiated for this church were the Rev. George May, the venerable D. N. Bentley, D. N. Rogers, E. Blake, S. Benton, L. Daggett, Jr., A. Palmer, M. P. Alderman, Charles Morse, B. M. Walker, W. O. Cady, W. Turkington, J. Pack, N. G. Lippitt, F. Upham, E. B. Bradford, E. F. Clark, H. W. Conant, J. E. Hawkins. The present church edifice was dedicated April 7, 1864.

**First Baptist Church.**—The first regular Baptists within the bounds of the present town of Norwich were Ephraim Story and Elijah Herrick. "These men," says Miss Caulkins, "had been members of neighboring churches of Separatists, and soon after 1790 began to hold *night meetings*<sup>3</sup> at their own houses for mutual edification. Whenever they were visited by the neighboring Baptist elders, and the congregation was too large for a private room, they assembled in the school-house, or, if the weather was sufficiently mild, in a grove upon the hillside, or in a neighboring rope-walk. At first they were recognized as a

<sup>1</sup> One vacancy, caused by the death of B. M. Ladd.

<sup>2</sup> The term *night meetings* was at first used by way of reproach, as meetings after sundown in the evening were at that time unusual in the regular religious societies.

<sup>3</sup> Contributed by Rev. Joseph H. James.

branch of the church at Kingston, R. I., but were organized as a church July 12, 1800.

"The origin of the church is thus related in a document emanating from the church itself:

"In the year 1800 it pleased the Lord to collect and unite from a broken and scattered condition a few brethren and sisters, to the number of about 20, who were constituted into a church in fellowship with the Groton Union Conference. On the 25th Dec. following our beloved Elder was ordained and took the pastoral charge of the Church."

"This beloved elder was John Sterry, who had been for some time previous an acceptable leader in their meetings. Christopher Palmer, of Montville, had also labored among them, and assisted in their organization.

"The ordination services were performed in the Congregational church. Elder Silas Burrows, of Groton, preached the sermon. Dewey Bromley was at the same time ordained as first deacon of the church.

"The frame of a house of worship was raised by the society in 1801, and the building so far completed that services were held in it before the end of the year, but it remained long in an unfinished state.

"This church gathered in most of the inhabitants of the West Side. Bromley, Gavitt, Herrick, Willett, —these are names identified with West Chelsea and with the Baptist Church.

"In 1811, Eleazar Hatch left a bequest in his will of three or four thousand dollars, the interest of which was to be applied to the support of the Baptist ministry in West Chelsea.

"Elder Sterry died Nov. 5, 1823, in the twenty-third year of his ministry, and fifty-seventh of his age. He was a native of Preston, but had resided from his youth in the First Society in Norwich.

"His successor as pastor of the church was Elder William Palmer, who commenced his labors April 1, 1824, and continued in charge about ten years. He was a grandson of Elder Christopher Palmer, who has been mentioned as one of the forefathers of the church. In the mean time the congregation outgrew the meeting-house. It was removed in 1832, and a new house of worship erected on the same spot, which was dedicated in July, 1833.

"After the departure of Elder Palmer, the pastoral duties were discharged by Messrs. Samuel S. Mallory, Josiah M. Graves, and Russell Jennings in succession, neither of them exceeding two years of service. These frequent changes and other unfavorable circumstances, operating against the prosperity of the church, led to a new Baptist enterprise, which issued at length in the establishment of the present Central Church. At this period the church at West Chelsea almost died out. The meeting-house was closed, and finally sold to cancel a debt of fifteen hundred dollars that had been incurred.

"In 1841, Elder Palmer, the former pastor, was prevailed on to resume the office, and the meeting-house, hired for the purpose, was again opened for religious services. He resigned in 1845, but continued to reside

in Norwich till his death, which took place Dec. 25, 1853.

"Elder Palmer was one of the eleven ministers who organized the New London Baptist Association in 1817; had served from year to year as its sole clerk, and was the last survivor of the eleven originators.

"Mr. Palmer's successor in the pulpit was Miner H. Rising. The church-members at this time were but few in number, as the Bromley family and others who had united with the new church did not return. But in 1845 and 1846, through the influence of a revival which commenced with a protracted meeting, conducted by Rev. J. S. Swan, great accessions were made to the church, and the total membership reported two hundred and seventy-six.

"The church edifice was at this time redeemed, and Mr. Rising ordained. The health of the pastor, however, soon failed, and he was laid aside from ministerial duty. Since 1849 the ministry has been several times changed."

**Central Baptist Church.**—On the 1st of April, 1840, the First Baptist Church in Norwich obtained the services of Rev. M. G. Clarke, who continued to supply them until August following, when it was believed the many difficulties under which the Baptist interest labored might be much lessened, if not removed, by a change of location. So many embarrassments, however, seemed to attend this proposition that it was abandoned; but it was finally decided to commence a new interest in a more central and advantageous situation.

Accordingly, on the evening of Sept. 15, 1840, thirty-seven persons residing in the place, but not connected with the First Church, met at the house of Avery Bromley, on Union Street, and organized a Second Church, to be called the Central Baptist Church of Norwich. Articles of faith and church covenant were adopted, and Rev. M. G. Clarke was chosen to be their pastor.

A Council called to recognize the new church met on the 22d of the same month, consisting of delegates from the following churches: First Norwich, Bozrah, Lebanon, Colchester, Packersville, Jewett City, Voluntown, and Preston City; besides which, were invited Rev. I. R. Stewart and Rev. E. Denison. The church was duly recognized, and in the evening public services were held at the town hall, where a sermon was preached by Elder Tubal Wakefield, and the hand of fellowship extended to the new church, through their pastor, by Elder B. Cook. At the next meeting of that body the church was received a member of the New London Association.

The town hall was engaged as a place of worship, and so much did the congregation increase that the place was soon nearly filled. About this time also, the First Church being destitute of a pastor, many of its members took letters and united with the Central Church. The first deacons were Elisha W. Beckwith, Erastus Regwin, and George Lovis.

It now became evident that the comfort and prosperity of the church depended much on their having a house to worship in. But after the severe struggles through which they had passed, few in numbers and feeble in means, it was difficult to see how such an object could be attained. But after prayer and consultation, trusting in God, it was decided to go forward and make the attempt. A lot centrally and favorably located on Union Street was obtained, and in the following spring a house was commenced, which was dedicated Dec. 14, 1841, Elder R. H. Neale, of Boston, preaching the sermon. Cost of church edifice about \$11,000.

Among the pastors of this church have been the following: Revs. Miner G. Clarke, Edward T. Hiscox, Joseph A. Goodhue, Frederick Denison, Samuel Graves, and John Davies. In 1863 the church was enlarged and beautified at an expense of about \$7000. The present pastor is Rev. John D. Herr.

**Baptist Church, Greeneville.**—This church was organized with one hundred members in 1845, and a house of worship erected the following year. The first pastor was Rev. D. B. Cheney, who was succeeded in April, 1847, by Rev. Lemon Muzzy.

The church edifice was destroyed by fire in February, 1854, and the present brick building was erected in 1854, and December 21st, same year, was dedicated, Rev. J. B. Swan preaching the dedicatory sermon.

**The Universalist Church.**—In the autumn of 1772, John Murray, a Universalist preacher, first visited the town and delivered his message to the people. He had been in America about two years, and had preached in several places south of New York, from which city he started with the intention of visiting Newport, R. I. On his journey through our State he stopped with a friend in Guilford. Here he was persuaded to preach. Some Norwich gentlemen, and among them a Mr. Samuel Post, heard him, made his acquaintance, and urged him to come to Norwich. He came. A small house of worship was procured for him. It was probably the house occupied by the Separatists. It not being sufficiently large, the doors of the great meeting-house, occupied by Dr. Lord, were opened for his accommodation, and he says they "never afterwards were shut against him." Here he preached Universalism to a large and attentive audience, from these words, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. xlix. 10. He tarried but a short time, and continued his journey to Newport. The first sermon preached in Norwich in open advocacy of Universalism was delivered by John Murray, eighty-seven years ago, in Dr. Lord's meeting-house. For several years afterwards Murray visited the town annually, and sometimes oftener, and at every coming the number and attachment of his friends were increased and the influence of his sentiments was extended in the community.

A society was formed, probably about the year 1791. It was prospering when Elhanan Winchester, an eloquent preacher of the doctrine, visited Norwich, in 1794. He visited this town several times during the two or three years preceding his death. He was warmly received by many admirers. Rev. John Tyler, of the Episcopal Church, rendered him marked attention, and allowed him, as he had Murray, to preach in his church. In 1775, Winchester delivered a sermon, which was greatly admired by all classes, before the Masons, on the occasion of the St. John's festival. He died in Hartford in 1797.

Near the close of the year 1820 the present Universalist society was organized, under the name "Society of United Christian Friends in the towns of Norwich, Preston, and Groton." The first meeting was held at Paul Harvey's, in Preston. David Tracy was moderator, and Gurdon Bill was clerk. A committee, consisting of David Tracy, Gurdon Bill, and H. K. Park, were chosen to draft a constitution. The meeting adjourned to Poquetanoc, at which place the constitution was adopted, and the society fully organized by the choice of the proper officers.

In 1821 the Rev. Charles Hudson, since a member of Congress for Massachusetts, came into the neighborhood, and preached one-fourth of the time in this society. During this year the first meeting-house of the society was built. It was dedicated July 21st. Rev. Edward Mitchell preached the dedicatory sermon.

The site of the church was the one which this occupies, and it was bought by David Tracy, George Moore, and Daniel Carew of Naucy and Ebenezer Carew, of Norwich, and Simeon Carew, of Stonington, for sixty dollars. The site has been enlarged by a more recent purchase.

Zephaniah Crossman was the next preacher in the society. He preached about a year.

In 1825, Zelotes Fuller became their preacher, and continued his labors till July, 1827.

From 1827 to 1834 the society had no settled minister. In 1834, Rev. Asher Moore, then of New London, was engaged to preach for them once a month. In 1835, Rev. John H. Gihon took the pastoral charge of the society.

On the 6th of February, 1838, the present church organization was commenced with eighteen members.

In July of 1838, Rev. Henry Lyon became the pastor of the society, and continued with it until April, 1840.

In 1840, Rev. J. V. Wilson succeeded Mr. Lyon. He encouraged, by advice and material aid, the erection of the church in which the society now worship, which was completed and dedicated in the autumn of 1841. His connection with the society was dissolved in the early part of 1842.

In May of the same year Rev. R. O. Williams commenced his labors here, and continued till the autumn of 1844.

Rev. L. C. Brown was the next pastor. He was installed Nov. 5, 1845. He resigned his pastoral charge in September, 1848.

Rev. Elhanan Winchester Reynolds, his successor, commenced his labors in the October following, and was installed as pastor of the society Nov. 15, 1848, at which time this house, as then enlarged, was dedicated. His resignation occurred in September, 1850.

Rev. A. L. Loveland immediately succeeded him. He left October, 1858.

Rev. Benjamin Whittemore commenced his labors in April, 1854. The society was originally called the "Society of United Christian Friends in the towns of Norwich, Preston, and Groton." The name did not express the belief of the society, and in 1836, during Mr. Gihon's ministry, it was changed, and it was called "The First Universalist Society in Norwich." It was legalized by an act of the Legislature in 1842.

The pastors since Rev. Mr. Whittemore have been as follows: R. P. Ambler, 1862-65; J. R. Johnson, 1865-69; Asher Moore, 1869-71; J. M. Paine, 1871-72; J. J. Twiss, 1873-75; L. P. Blackford, 1875, present incumbent.

**Roman Catholic Church, Taftville.**—For some years the Catholics of Taftville were attended to by the Roman Catholic clergy of Norwich. In October, 1872, they were assigned to the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Reynolds, of Jewett City, and have since been in charge of the Catholic clergy of that village. Mass was said in the school-hall. Father Reynolds having died in December, 1874, Rev. John Russell succeeded him. To his zeal and energy the Catholics of Taftville owe the beautiful church which now crowns the village heights. It was dedicated with imposing ceremonies April 18, 1878, by the late Bishop Galberry. The same year Rev. Thomas R. Joseph became pastor. The congregation numbers upwards of 1600, two-thirds of whom are natives of Canada.

**Roman Catholic Church.**<sup>1</sup>—The following footnote, on page 472 of Miss Caulkins' "History of Norwich," appears to be the first known instance of a Catholic visitation in Norwich:

"The committee of this (First Congregational) society appears to have been almost indiscriminately liberal in the loan of their church to itinerant preachers. Witness the following newspaper item of Nov. 14, 1798:

"On Friday evening last Mr. John Thayer, Catholic missionary, delivered to a large audience at the Rev. Joseph Strong's meeting-house, in this city, a learned and ingenious discourse, in which he undertook to prove that the Catholic Church was the only true church of Christ."

On Sunday evening following, at the same place, he delivered a discourse on the propriety and true piety of invoking departed saints and the utility and efficacy of addressing prayers to them.

With the above exception, until 1824, no mention is made of the existence of a single Roman Catholic within the limits of the town. "In that year the same authority states that the population of Norwich was about 4000, and Edward Murphy was the only 'exile of Erin' among them." He probably was the pioneer Irish Catholic of Norwich. In the year 1831 the Catholics became numerous enough to have a priest visit them occasionally from Worcester, Mass., then the nearest Catholic mission, and the first mass known to be celebrated in Norwich was offered up by the late Rev. James Fitton, the so-called pioneer priest of New England, who continued his occasional pastoral visits until 1845.

The first sacrament recorded as administered in Norwich was the baptism of Catharine, daughter of John and Eleanor Connolly, born June 8, 1835, and baptized May 15, 1836, by Rev. James Fitton; sponsors, Thomas Connolly and Judy Donnelly. The first marriage recorded is that of John Savage and Mary Melvin, June 30, 1840, by the Rev. James Fitton, and the first male child born and baptized in the Catholic faith was James, son of David and Johanna Shaughnessy, Aug. 18, 1836,—Aug. 21, 1836.

St. Mary's church was commenced in 1843, and occupied for religious services for the first time on St. Patrick's Day, 1845. Its proportions, although meagre, were sufficient for the congregation of that period. Rev. John Brady took charge of the mission, which included Norwich, in May, 1845. He was succeeded by Rev. William Logan, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. Peter Blenkinsop, the latter remaining in charge of this and neighboring missions until September, 1851. The Catholic population of Norwich and vicinity by this time had increased to nearly three thousand souls, and Rev. Daniel Kelly was appointed the first resident pastor, and remained so until August, 1866, when he was removed to Providence, R. I., and was succeeded by Rev. Peter Kelly.

At this period St. Mary's church had been raised and enlarged several times to meet the necessities of the ever and rapidly increasing congregation, and being still insufficient to accommodate them, the project of erecting a new church edifice was practically commenced. Although Rev. Peter Kelly remained as pastor only about one year, he purchased two adjoining lots on Church Street, having a commanding view of the Thames River and that portion of the city lining either bank, at a cost of \$10,000, and ground was broken for a new church on St. Patrick's Day, 1867, but as the location was not considered suitable to the church authorities, it was abandoned for church purposes. Rev. Peter Kelly was soon after succeeded by Rev. Bernard Tully, who, however, remained but a few months, and on Jan. 20, 1868, Rev. Daniel Mullen was appointed pastor.

He was at one time chaplain of the Ninth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers in the war of the Rebellion. Previous to his appointment to the parish

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Daniel Lee.



various projects looking to the erection of a new church were commenced and abandoned, and the people became almost dispirited. He, however, carefully considered the matter, and finally selected a plot on Broadway, the most beautiful portion of the city, which, with the buildings thereon, were purchased at a cost of \$17,000. This location was chosen not only on account of its beautiful surroundings, but also because of its being so near the centre of the scattered parish, which extended from the village of Yantic on the north to Thamesville on the south and west, and Greeneville and a portion of the town of Preston on the east.

Ground was broken on St. Patrick's Day, 1870, with imposing ceremonies, by Rev. Daniel Mullen, and the blessing was given by Very Rev. James Hughes, of Hartford, vicar-general and administrator of the diocese, in the absence of the late Bishop F. P. McFarland, then in Europe, in the presence of the city and town authorities and a large concourse of people. During this year monthly collections were instituted to establish a fund for the commencement of the great work, and on Good Friday, April 7, 1871, the men of the congregation assembled with shovels, picks, etc., and accompanied by numerous horses and carts, formed in procession, and headed by a band of music, marched to the ground and commenced the work of excavating for the foundation walls. This portion of the work was completed in three days, and was entirely a free offering by the enthusiastic people. The work now commenced in earnest, and the collection of funds kept pace with the work. The church was built in the most substantial manner, the foundation walls, towers, and roof all being done by day work, more attention being given to good material and good workmanship than cost or speed. On July 13, 1873, the corner-stone was laid by Bishop McFarland, assisted by a large number of priests, with imposing ceremonies, in presence of the civil authorities and many thousands who were assembled. On this occasion over ten thousand dollars were contributed, the largest amount ever realized at a similar event in the State. The work so well begun progressed steadily until the fall of 1877, when Father Mullen was taken sick, and died shortly afterwards, leaving the church walls, roof, and towers up to the peak of the roof completed; and his successor, Rev. P. P. Strahan, who assumed control in April, 1878, with his accustomed energy at once took the responsibility of finishing the work so well begun.

It was estimated that the building cost up to this time over two hundred thousand dollars, and that it would cost one hundred thousand dollars more to finish it in keeping with the work already done. Contracts were made for the completed tower with Messrs. McCauley & Lawlor, of Springfield, Mass.; for the plastering and stucco-work with Andrew McDermott, of East Boston; with Edmund O'Keefe, now of Norwich, for the woodwork and various other con-

tracts, such as plumbing, heating, frescoing, painting, stained glass, organ, etc., and so rapidly was the work carried on that the first mass was offered up, although not entirely completed, on St. Patrick's Day, 1879, and on September 28th of the same year St. Patrick's church was dedicated by Bishop McMahon, of Hartford, in presence of Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, Md., who preached the sermon, Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Rev. James Fitton, of East Boston, Mass., who, thirty-six years previous, offered up the first mass and built the first church in Norwich, and assisted by a numerous array of clergymen from all parts of the country.

The following brief description of this magnificent specimen of church architecture is appended. The walls of the church are a light-blue granite from the Monson, Mass., quarries, cut and trimmed in blocks, and around the doors and windows are highly finished and carved. The building is two hundred and ten feet long, one hundred feet wide in the transept, with three towers, the main one being two hundred and sixteen feet high, exclusive of the finial and cross. The main entrances are approached from the sidewalk by an easy grade, and the grounds in front are tastefully laid out and heavily curbed, presenting an elegant appearance, in keeping with its aristocratic surroundings. With its five massive entrances, every door of which opens outward, the more than two thousand people who can find accommodation within can find easy egress to the street in less than five minutes. The interior presents a grand and imposing appearance, the arched ceiling rising to a height of seventy feet, and is divided into richly grooved and intersected panels, which with their carved bosses of various emblematic designs present a unique and harmonious arrangement. The walls throughout are frescoed in water-colors, except the closed panels around the clerestory and in the rear of the three altars, which are oil paintings executed with marvelous skill, the subjects being chosen with wondrous taste and judgment. The columns along the aisles are surmounted with richly gilt capitals, on which rest groups of nine smaller columns, from which spring the artistic groined ceiling. On the four main columns which support the arches which span the four corners of the transept at its intersection with the nave stand four winged angels, with closed hands, in reverent attitudes. The devices on the capitals and bosses are numerous and varied, but all of a highly religious character, such as lilies, flowers, monograms, chalices, and instruments of the passion. The grand altar is a perfect *chef-d'œuvre*, with its numberless tapering pinnacles, massive and rich covering, and illuminated turrets and towers. The transept windows are of the finest stained glass, the north one representing the Annunciation, and the south one St. Patrick before the royal family at Tara, defining the mystery of the Trinity with the symbolic shamrock, and each costing sixteen hundred dollars, the latter dedicated to

the memory of Rev. Daniel Mullen by the parishioners.

On the gospel side of the main altar is a magnificent marble altar, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and donated by the Rev. Daniel Mullen in his will, and immediately to its left is the marble slab raised by his friends to commemorate his services towards the great work. Even the stations of the cross, which are usually framed pictures representing the sufferings and death of our Saviour, are composed of carved figures, and are importations from Munich, Germany. This church will seat comfortably nineteen hundred and sixty persons, while the chapel in the basement, reserved for the children, will seat over a thousand. St. Mary's will seat about twelve hundred, and the chapel of the Sacred Heart, at Norwich Town, all in one parish, will seat about four hundred. Total seating capacity about four thousand five hundred. There are from one to three services every Sunday morning in each of the churches.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

### BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

The Norwich National Bank—The First National—The Thames National—The Shetucket National—The Merchants' National—The Second National—The Unos National—The Norwich Savings Society—The Chelsea Savings-Bank—The Dime Savings-Bank—The Thames Loan and Trust Company—New London County Mutual Fire Insurance Company—The Norwich Mutual Assurance Company.

**The Norwich Bank** was organized at a meeting held June 21, 1796, Elias Brown chairman, and James Lanman clerk. At this meeting eight hundred and five shares of stock were subscribed for, and the following directors chosen: Joshua Lathrop, Daniel Dunham, Elias Brown, Ebenezer Huntington, Joseph Williams, David Trumbull, Jabez Huntington, Jabez Perkins, Elijah House, Thomas Fanning, James Lauman, Luther Payne, and Jonathan Devotion. June 24, 1796, Ebenezer Huntington was chosen president and Hezekiah Perkins cashier. August 1st, same year, it was ordered that one thousand dollars in small bills be printed and signed. Feb. 28, 1797, the first dividend was declared, two dollars per share. June 19, 1807, subscriptions were opened for twelve hundred shares of new stock. Sept. 14, 1814, specie payment was suspended.

The following is a list of the officers of the bank from its organization to the present time: Presidents, Ebenezer Huntington, 1796-1819; Simeon Breed, 1819-22; Jabez Huntington, 1822-47; Charles Johnson, 1847-79; Frank Johnson, 1879, present incumbent. Cashiers, Hezekiah Perkins, 1796-1822; Francis A. Perkins, 1822-33; J. N. Perkins, 1833-34; Charles Johnson, 1834-47; Frank Johnson, 1847-78; Stephen B. Meech, 1878 to present time.

The bank was reorganized as a national bank May

15, 1865, with the following board of directors: Jedediah Huntington, Joseph Williams, Charles Johnson, John Dunham, Gurdon A. Jones, Joseph S. Gladding, Daniel Stoddard, Arnold Fenner, Thomas J. Ridgway, Frank Johnson, Willet R. Wood, David Smith, and H. F. Rudd. The present directors are Frank Johnson, H. F. Rudd, Amos E. Cobb, Charles C. Johnson, and A. H. Enmons.

The old bank has had an honorable and successful career, and has paid one hundred and sixty-nine dividends to its stockholders.

**The First National Bank.**—Quinnebaug Bank was incorporated at the General Assembly in New Haven in May, 1832. The first meeting of the stockholders (called by the commissioners, as provided by the charter) was held at Clark's Hotel, Norwich, June 11, 1833.

The directors chosen were as follows: Francis A. Perkins, Charles W. Rockwell, Asa Child, George L. Perkins, John A. Rockwell, Arthur F. Gilman, Thomas Robinson, Edmund Smith,—George L. Perkins being the only survivor in 1881. Charles W. Rockwell was appointed president, and Francis A. Perkins cashier. Alfred Lee (now Bishop Lee, of Wilmington, Del.) was added as a director in 1833. William C. Gilman was chosen president, and John Reed a director, in 1835. In 1839, F. A. Perkins was appointed president and Daniel L. Trumbull cashier. D. L. Trumbull resigned in 1846.

The capital stock was \$500,000, with the condition that \$200,000 of the amount was to be in the capital stock of the Boston, Norwich and New London Railroad Company (afterwards the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company), for which the bank was granted special privileges.

The stock was reduced to \$245,000 in 1842, and to \$225,000 in 1843, and increased to \$250,000 in 1845, in which year Samuel C. Morgan was appointed president.

In 1849, Edward H. Learned was appointed cashier, and the following persons directors: Samuel C. Morgan, Frederic Prentice, Erastus Williams, Joseph A. Yerrington, John G. Huntington, Edward Y. Thomas, Roger Huntington, Ashbel Woodward, Shubael Morgan, Leonard Ballou, Henry Thomas, none of whom now remain in this connection, and nine of the number are deceased.

In 1850 the capital stock was increased to \$350,000, and in 1856 to \$500,000.

Lewis A. Hyde was appointed cashier in 1854, and has held the office since.

Lucius W. Carroll was appointed president in 1861, and resigned in 1862, when David Gallup, of Plainfield, was appointed.

The bank was reorganized as a national bank, receiving the name of First National, in June, 1864; capital, \$325,000, subsequently increased to \$500,000. In 1872 it was increased to \$600,000, and in 1877 reduced to \$500,000, which is its present capital.

The directors first chosen by the stockholders of the

First National Bank were as follows: David Gallup, Samuel C. Morgan, Frederic Prentice, Ashbel Woodward, John A. Robinson, Jeremiah Halsey, Leonard Ballou, William P. Nash, Frederick W. Tyler,—Jeremiah Halsey being the only one continued in the office until the present time.

Lucius W. Carroll was chosen president and Lewis A. Hyde cashier, which office they have retained until the present time.

The list of directors as appointed at the annual meeting of stockholders in January, 1881, were as follows: Lucius W. Carroll, Jeremiah Halsey, Amos W. Prentice, Samuel B. Case, John A. Morgan, Charles D. Browning, Francis J. Leavens, Charles M. Pendleton, George R. Hyde.

The present surplus of the bank is \$77,000, and late dividends three and a half per cent. semi-annually.

The bank occupies a portion of the Richards Building by lease, located in an eligible position near the post-office.

**The Thames Bank** was the second institution of the kind chartered in Norwich, with a capital of \$200,000, in the year 1825. The first meeting of directors was held at Kinney's Hotel, June 30th of the same year, at which William P. Greene, Roger Huntington, Joseph Perkins, William C. Gilman, Joseph Breed, and Amos H. Hubbard were present, Calvin Goddard being the only other director. William P. Greene was made president, and on the 5th of July following Lyman Brewer was made cashier, at a salary of eight hundred dollars.

By the charter of the bank it was obliged to purchase all the stock of the Norwich Channel Company, and thereafter to perform all the requirements of the Channel Company as to deepening the river Thames, and were allowed to take a certain amount of tolls from all vessels coming to Norwich. This duty was well performed by this bank so long as it existed under the State charter. It was also obliged to receive deposits from the State School Fund, ecclesiastical societies, colleges, and schools at par, and paying any such dividends on their deposits as were made to their stockholders. This was performed in all cases when required.

At a meeting of the directors on Nov. 9, 1826, it was voted to build a banking-house on the lot then owned by F. A. Perkins on Main Street. The land was purchased at once, and the building erected and occupied. In the year 1847 the capital stock was increased to \$300,000, and in 1854 again it was increased to \$500,000.

The business of the bank had been regularly growing, and the demand for more capital compelled the directors to favor this enlargement. In April, 1861, at the commencement of the civil war, Governor Buckingham, who was a friend and customer of the bank, appealed to the institution for aid, and the bank at once took the lead in this direction, and voted,

"That to assist the State in meeting the requisition of the President of the United States for troops for the maintenance of the general government the Thames Bank offer a loan of \$100,000," which was duly paid into the treasury of the State of Connecticut, when the question was an open one whether we should have any government or not. Although the number of banks in Norwich had increased until there were five others in full operation, still the business of this one had been so much enlarged that the managers were desirous of adding to its capital and enlarging its building. Steadily had it been growing in favor with the business community, more and greater had become the demands on it for enlarged facilities. In a great measure this prosperity was due to the skill and courtesy of its executive officers, who were unwearied in their attention to the business of the bank and the accommodation of its customers. Not only were the wants of the customers of the bank promptly met, but to the stockholders dividends were largely increased and punctually paid.

At the beginning six per cent. was all that could be declared, but by gradual gains for many years ten per cent. was annually paid. All this prosperity called on the management to add to the pecuniary and physical ability of the institution, and in May, 1862, the bank purchased the lot on Shetucket Street, and at once proceeded to erect the building which it now occupies. In 1864 the whole business and capital of the Thames Bank were passed over, and became under the law of the United States a national bank, under the name of the "Thames National Bank," with a capital increased to \$1,000,000. The officers of the bank have been William P. Greene, president, from 1825 to 1842; Edward Whiting, from 1842 to 1851. Franklin Nichols was chosen president in 1851, and now is continued in the same office. The cashiers of this bank have been Lyman Brewer, until 1857; Charles Bard, until 1871, when Edward N. Gibbs was elected to the office, which he now holds.

The present board of directors with the dates of their election are Franklin Nichols, 1846; Ebenezer Learned, 1850; Alfred A. Young, 1852; James L. Hubbard, 1855; James Lloyd Greene, 1864; Lorenzo Blackstone, 1864; William G. Johnson, 1869; Hugh H. Osgood, 1869; John Mitchell, 1869; Charles Bard, 1869; Thomas D. Sayles, 1878; Edward N. Gibbs, 1878.

**The Second National Bank** was organized in March, 1864, and the first board of directors were J. Hunt Adams, Horace Whitaker, David Smith, James D. Mowry, and Edward H. Learned. The first officers were J. Hunt Adams, president, and James D. Mowry, cashier. Succeeding officers have been as follows: Presidents, J. Hunt Adams, David Smith, 1865; Alba F. Smith, 1874; E. R. Thompson, 1879. Vice-President, C. P. Cogswell, 1879. Cashiers, James D. Mowry, 1864; C. P. Cogswell, 1864; E. A. Tracy,

1879. Capital, \$300,000; surplus, \$53,000. The present board of directors are as follows: E. R. Thompson, W. C. Jillson, W. R. Austin, W. R. Burnham, C. P. Cogswell, and C. B. Platt. Their new banking-house was erected and occupied in 1880.

**The Uncas Bank** was organized in 1852, and incorporated by general act in 1855. It was converted into a national bank in 1865. The first board of directors were James A. Hovey, H. B. Norton, J. S. Webb, J. L. Greene, J. S. Ely, W. A. Buckingham, Joseph Backus, J. M. Huntington, Gurdon Chapman. The presidents from 1852 have been as follows: James A. Hovey, 1852-73; Jesse S. Ely, 1873-79; Lyman Gould, 1879 to present time. Cashiers from 1852 to present time: E. H. Learned, 1852-79; C. M. Tracy, 1879 to present time. The present board of directors are James A. Hovey, John T. Wait, Joseph Hutchins, Lyman Gould, Horace Whitaker, Adin Cook, E. S. Ely, George W. Gould, C. M. Tracy. Capital, \$200,000; surplus, \$40,000.

**The Shetucket National Bank.**—This bank was organized April, 1853, with the following list of directors: Charles Osgood, A. H. Almy, Horace Whitaker, Isaac Johnson, William H. Glover, William H. Hyde, Gilbert Osgood, Charles A. Converse, and J. S. T. Thurston. The first officers were Charles Osgood, president, and David O. Strong, cashier. Presidents since organization have been Charles Osgood and Charles Webb. Cashiers since organization have been David O. Strong, John L. Devotion, C. J. Fillmore, and William Roath. Changed to national bank May 15, 1865. Capital stock, \$100,000; surplus, \$20,000.

**The Merchants' Bank of Norwich** was organized in July, 1823, with the following as officers and directors: Directors, F. A. Perkins, William Williams, Jr., Walter Lester, John Lathrop, N. K. Fitch, Charles F. Lester, Elisha Tracy, Stephen Fitch, James L. Ripley, Charles Coit, Samuel Kellogg, Sherwood Raymond, Epaphras Porter, Lewis Hyde, Joseph H. Doane; William Williams, Jr., president; Joseph Williams, cashier. Presidents since, Henry B. Tracy, John Brewster; cashiers since, Joel W. White, James M. Meech. Capital stock, \$300,000; surplus and profit and loss, \$19,158. Changed to national bank, June, 1865. Present board of directors, John Brewster, William C. Osgood, Enoch F. Chapman, Lucius Brown, David T. Ruby, and John D. Brewster.

**The Norwich Savings Society** was incorporated in May, 1824, with the following incorporators: Benjamin Coit, Charles Rockwell, Newcomb Kinney, Charles P. Huntington, Eber Backus, John Lathrop, Joseph Williams, Russell Hubbard, Jabez Huntington, Amos H. Hubbard, Bela Peck, John L. Buswell, John Breed, Dwight Ripley, Isaac Story, Nathaniel Shipman, Francis A. Perkins, Lyman Brewer, George L. Perkins, and William C. Gilman.

The officers have been as follows: Presidents,

Charles Rockwell, Jabez Huntington, F. A. Perkins, Charles W. Rockwell, Wm. Williams, Henry Strong, Hon. L. F. S. Foster, Joseph Williams, Charles Johnson, Franklin Nichols (present incumbent); Secretaries and Treasurers, Joseph Williams, F. A. Perkins, Jabez Huntington, F. A. Perkins, Benjamin Huntington, Costello Lippitt (present incumbent). Present Board of Directors: President, Franklin Nichols; Vice-Presidents, Lucius W. Carroll, Amos W. Prentice, David Gallup, John A. Morgan; Directors, John Brewster, John Mitchell, Hezekiah F. Rudd, Henry Larrabee, Charles Webb, Lucius Brown, Bela P. Learned, Frank Johnson, George R. Hyde; Secretary and Treasurer, Costello Lippitt; Attorney, Jeremiah Halsey.

The first banking-room was in the rear of the present Norwich National Bank. From here, erected the present Dime Savings-Bank Building on Main Street, to whom it was sold after building the present imposing banking-house on Shetucket Street, the old building becoming inadequate. The first deposit was made by Dorcas Mansfield, \$200, July 23, 1824. The bank had but two business days per month, first and third Mondays. It was several years before it opened daily. The first treasurer was voted, after two years' services, one hundred dollars, and the secretary allowed for office-room, fuel, stationery, lights, etc., to June, 1828, fifteen dollars. The first dividend declared was two and half per cent., July 1, 1825. The bank was organized with forty trustees, holding to the same at present, from which number are chosen its officers and directors, Jeremiah Halsey being its present attorney. The amount of deposits Jan. 1, 1881, \$7,522,744.67.

**The Chelsea Savings-Bank** was incorporated in 1858, with the following incorporators:

Erastus Williams, John Dunham, Henry B. Norton, I. M. Buckingham, Lorenzo Blackstone, John T. Wait, David Smith, Elijah A. Bill, James M. Huntington, Gurdon Chapman, Augustus Brewster, Moses Pierce, John W. Stedman, Henry Bill, John S. Lester, Edward H. Learned, Learned Hebard, Henry H. Starkweather, Ralph Hurlbutt, William W. Backus, Comfort D. Fillmore, S. T. Holbrook, James A. Hovey, Samuel H. Grosvener, Timothy P. Norton, O. J. Lamb, John P. Barstow, William P. Nash, Alfred A. Young, Dwight Balley, William Smith, W. B. Wood, Henry Hallett, N. B. Williams, William E. Baker, Jephtha Geer, Thomas A. Clark, Dudley R. Wheeler, and Walter Peck.

At a meeting of the corporators held June 28, 1858, the following officers were elected: President, Lorenzo Blackstone; Vice-Presidents, David Smith, Learned Hebard, Henry Bill; Directors, I. M. Buckingham, Elijah A. Bill, Comfort D. Fillmore, John T. Wait, Gurdon Chapman, S. T. Holbrook, and Erastus Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, John Dunham; Attorney, James A. Hovey.

Mr. Blackstone still remains the honored president, having been annually re-elected without dissent. To his sound judgment, large experience, and unflagging interest is largely due the continued prosperity of the bank.

The Hon. Henry Bill has always occupied the office of vice-president. He was largely instrumental in

the starting of the bank, and is now as ever one of the most honored and valued members of the board of direction.

Hon. James A. Hovey was continued as attorney until his election to the bench of the Superior Court, a few years since, when he was succeeded by his partner, John M. Thayer, who still holds the office. Judge Hovey still retains a position on the board of directors.

In May, 1859, less than a year after the bank commenced business, Mr. Dunham resigning, Charles M. Coit was made secretary and treasurer. Mr. Coit, though a young man barely twenty-one, so won the confidence and esteem of the bank and the community that on his resignation, September, 1861, to enter the Union army, the trustees, in highly complimentary resolutions, declared that the position should be kept open for him, his successor being elected to serve only during his absence.

John B. Ward succeeded to the office, serving until July, 1865. On his resignation Col. Coit was again elected to his former position by a unanimous vote, and filled the office to the entire satisfaction of the bank until his sudden death, July 3, 1878.<sup>1</sup>

He was followed by his brother, George D. Coit, then treasurer of the Dime Savings-Bank, who is still in office.

The present officers of the bank are as follows: President, Lorenzo Blackstone; Vice-Presidents, Henry Bill, John F. Slater, John T. Wait; Directors, James A. Hovey, John P. Barstow, O. J. Lamb, Oliver P. Avery, Edward Harland, George D. Coit, Henry H. Gallup, David A. Billings, Charles J. Richards; Counsel, Jeremiah Halsey; Attorney, John M. Thayer; Secretary and Treasurer, George D. Coit; Assistant Treasurer, Charles B. Chapman.

The first deposit in the bank was made July 1, 1858, in the name of Julia O. Bill, and to the amount of \$100. The amount of deposits Sept. 1, 1881, is \$3,300,000, in addition to which is a surplus fund of about \$100,000.

The ample assets of the bank are invested with a view first to unquestioned security, then to the yielding of a fair income, and the ease and rapidity of conversion into cash in case of need.

Thus we find the bank holds over a million and a half dollars of real estate and collateral loans, over half a million governments at par, and over a million other choice municipal and railroad bonds, bank stocks, and other cash assets. If necessary, the bank could in a week's time convert one-half their securities into ready cash.

<sup>1</sup> Resolution passed by directors of the bank:

"Resolved, That in the recent sudden death of Col. Charles M. Coit, our secretary and treasurer, this bank has suffered the greatest loss which it has ever been called upon to bear. We have lost one who has been identified with the bank for nearly twenty years, in whose sound judgment and business capacity we have always had the greatest confidence; one whose integrity, both in thought and deed, was such that it seems impossible to replace him."

This institution is noticeable for the spirit of harmony which has pervaded its management. Personal interests and feelings have been largely subordinated to the welfare of the bank, and its abundant prosperity has been a source of honest pride to all who have had a hand in achieving it.

Such an institution is a blessing to the community in which it is located. It operates in both directions, offering the opportunity and inducement to thousands of frugal investors to accumulate their savings in a safe and profitable repository, and with these same accumulations provide the necessary capital to render possible a large part of our pleasant homesteads and busy manufactories.

**The Dime Savings-Bank.**—This bank was incorporated in May, 1809, with the following incorporators: Amasa C. Hall, Edward N. Gibbs, Francis J. Leavens, Gurdon A. Jones, Jr., N. T. Adams, E. R. Thompson, Albert S. Bolles, Hugh H. Osgood, Julius Webb, P. S. M. Andrews, Charles T. Palmer, Elijah Kinney, Willis R. Austin, Charles L. Richards, James Burnett, Curtis Jillson, Horace Whitaker, John E. Ward, William C. Osgood, and E. B. Trumbull.

The first president was E. R. Thompson, who has since held the office.

The secretaries and treasurers have been as follows: George D. Coit, William G. Abbot, and J. Hunt Smith. The present trustees are E. R. Thompson, E. N. Gibbs, Francis J. Leavens, N. T. Adams, A. S. Bolles, H. H. Osgood, Chas. T. Palmer, W. R. Austin, C. D. Browning, James Burnet, Curtis Jillson, Horace Whitaker, Azel W. Gibbs, Wm. C. Osgood, Frank Johnson, A. E. Wyman, George D. Spencer, W. R. Burnham, Thomas Clarke, C. E. Griggs, Chas. H. Rogers, H. E. Bowers, Chas. W. Carey, Wm. G. Abbot, Fred. S. Camp, S. B. Meech, Gardiner Greene, Jr., and J. Hunt Smith.

The first deposit was made Sept. 27, 1869, by Chas. P. Cosgrove, Jr.; amount, five dollars. The deposits, May 1, 1881, amounted to \$1,145,868.96.

**The Thames Loan and Trust Company.**—This company was incorporated June 4, 1869, with the following members: Lorenzo Blackstone, Ebenezer Learned, Franklin Nichols, George Pratt, James L. Hubbard, Hugh H. Osgood, William A. Aiken, Edward N. Gibbs, F. A. Dorrance, John Mitchell, and Charles Bard.

The presidents have been Franklin Nichols, L. F. S. Foster, and Charles Bard; secretaries and treasurers, Charles F. Setchel, Edward N. Gibbs, Charles Bard, and J. Hunt Smith.

The present trustees are Franklin Nichols, Ebenezer Learned, James L. Hubbard, Lorenzo Blackstone, Charles Bard, Gardiner Greene, Hugh H. Osgood, John Mitchell, Edward N. Gibbs, James O. Sweet, and J. Hunt Smith.

Is a depository for trust and estate funds, and does a general business in stocks, bonds, and securities.

**The New London County Mutual Fire Insur-**

**ance Company** was incorporated in July, 1840, with the following incorporators: Joseph Backus, Henry B. Norton, William P. Eaton, Newcomb Kinney, and F. Prentice.

Presidents since incorporation, Joseph Backus, Joel W. White, John G. Huntington, Elijah A. Bill, and Ebenezer F. Parker.

Secretaries since incorporation, John DeWitt, John L. Devotion, C. J. Fillmore, and William Roath. Surplus, Jan. 1, 1881, \$57,883.93.

Present board of directors, E. F. Parker, P. St. M. Andrews, John A. Morgan, H. H. Roath, William L. Brewer, D. P. Coon, Charles Webb, William Roath, Jedediah Huntington, and Charles L. Richards.

**The Norwich Mutual Assurance Company** was chartered in 1794, and the first meeting was held at the old court-house in Norwich Town, Dec. 29, 1794. Joshua Lathrop was one of the incorporators. Zachariah Huntington was the first secretary. Since 1844 Henry B. Tracy and Asa Backus have held the office of secretary and treasurer.

The Norwich Marine Insurance Company was chartered in 1803; capital, \$50,000. Joseph Howland, president; Shubael Breed, cashier.

The Fire Insurance Company was organized in 1813. Ebenezer Huntington, treasurer; Joseph Williams, secretary.

These two companies were consolidated by act of the Legislature in October, 1818, and incorporated as the Norwich Fire Insurance Company. Capital, \$100,000; increased to \$200,000.

First president, Charles P. Huntington. Joseph Williams, secretary, from 1818 to 1855. Obsolete.

Thames Fire Insurance. Incorporated 1859; capital, \$200,000. Amos W. Prentice, president; B. B. Whittemore, secretary. Assets, Jan. 1, 1866, \$249,747.97.

**Steamboat Companies.**—The communication with New York by steamers was inaugurated in 1817, and with but little interruption has been continued to the present time. The merchants of Norwich and New London were mutually interested in the earlier boats, and united in forming the first incorporated companies.

*The Norwich and New London Steamboat Company* was organized in 1848, with a capital of \$200,000; Henry B. Norton, president. This line ran their boats in connection with the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, the terminus being at Allyn's Point. Among the boats employed were the "Cleopatra," "Norwich," "Worcester," and "Connecticut." The "Commonwealth" was built for them in 1855, and sold in 1860, about which time the company discontinued their operations, wound up their affairs, and was dissolved.

*The Norwich and New York Transportation Company* was organized under the general act in 1860. The present capital is \$500,000. The presidents have been as follows: Capt. Joseph J. Comstock, David Smith, Alba F. Smith, and Moses Pierce, all of Norwich

except Capt. Comstock. Augustus Brewster was the first treasurer. The present treasurer is O. L. Johnson, Jr. P. St. M. Andrews has been secretary from the beginning.

This company was formed for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company by furnishing an advantageous connection with New York. It was indebted for its origin, organization, and subsequent success chiefly to the president of the railroad, Mr. Brewster, who, as treasurer of the company, was the general agent and efficient manager of the business from that time to March, 1866, when he resigned the office.

This company have four fine steamers. The "City of Boston" made her first trip from New York July 4, 1861; the "City of New York" eighteen days later, July 22d. The first trip of the "City of Norwich" was July 19, 1862; of the "City of New London,"<sup>1</sup> May 22, 1863; of the "City of Lawrence," Feb. 28, 1869; and the "City of Worcester," Sept. 26, 1881. This palatial steamer was built in Wilmington, Del., at an expense of about \$1,000,000, and is one of the finest steamers plying on American waters.

The present board of directors of the company is as follows: Moses Pierce, Francis H. Deney, William T. Hart, James H. Wilson, W. Bayard Cutting, Chas. W. Copeland, G. W. Gill, G. W. Phillips, and Oliver Woodworth.

## CHAPTER XXV.<sup>2</sup>

NORWICH—(Continued).

### THE PRESS, ETC.

The Pioneer Newspaper, the Norwich Packet and the Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island Weekly Advertiser—The Connecticut Centinel—The Weekly Register—The Chelsea Courier—The Courier—The Norwich Courier—The Daily Courier—The Norwich Evening Courier—The Morning Bulletin—The True Republican—The Native American—The Norwich Republican—The Canal of Intelligence—The Norwich Spectator—The Norwich Free Press—The Religious Intelligencer—Total Abstinence—The Gleaner—The Norwich News—Palmer's Gun, Needle—American Patriot—The Weekly Reporter—The Norwich Tribune—The Examiner—The Weekly Beveille—The Aurora—Daily Aurora—Daily Advertiser—Cooley's Weekly—The Vim—The No License Advocate—The American Conflict—The Observer—The Evening Star—The Norwich Daily News.

**The Pioneer Newspaper.**—*The Norwich Packet and the Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island Weekly Advertiser.* This was the ambitious title of the first newspaper which appeared at Norwich. It bore the date, "From Thursday, Oct. 1, to Thursday, Oct. 7, 1773."

At this time the population of the entire "nine miles square"—Norwich, Franklin, Lisbon, Bozrah, Sprague, Jewett City, and a part of Preston—was 7821, and the population of the area now included in the limits of the town of Norwich only 2997.

<sup>1</sup> Burned at Walden's Island Nov. 22, 1871.    <sup>2</sup> By A. P. Hitchcock.

The *Packet* was a small four-page sheet, varying somewhat in size and typography with the unequal fortunes of the colonists during the exciting years of its issue, but the pages were generally about nine by fifteen inches in size. Sometimes the title included the rude cut of a ship under full sail. At other times the cut was omitted. The name was sometimes set in highly ornate Old English type, sometimes in an ungainly, sprawling script, sometimes in plain Roman capitals. It was printed on paper made at Leffingwell's mill on the Yantic, and this also varied greatly in quality. Generally it was fairly strong and heavy, but there were weeks during the Revolution when paper was evidently hard to procure, and anything was seized by the printer which was clean enough to receive an impression and show the ink, and of sufficient consistency to go through the press untorn.

The *Packet* was issued at first by a firm composed of Alexander Robertson, James Robertson, and John Trumbull. They were editors, compositors, pressmen, mailing clerks, business managers, publishers, and news-boys, all in themselves. The Robertsons were brothers,—“Scotch interlopers” the Sons of Liberty were accustomed to call them,—and Tories in politics. There was so little political discussion in the papers of the time that this fact did not operate against them till the Revolution had fairly begun. A reference to the rare files of the *Packet* shows that its editors allowed the partisans of liberty as ample scope in its columns as the loyalists. Nevertheless feeling ran so high during the Revolution that the Robertsons found it wise to leave Norwich, where it had been their manifest intention to make themselves a home. They put the paper into Mr. Trumbull's hands and fled to New York, where, in 1768, they had begun their journalistic careers, setting up a royalist press there on their return.

The *Packet* was first issued from an office “at the foot of the Green, near the Court-house.” In 1775 it was removed to a building “near the meeting-house,” whence it was issued up to the time of its discontinuance. Its price was 6s. 8d. per annum.

Mr. Trumbull continued to edit and publish the paper from the summer or early fall of 1776, when the Robertsons left Norwich, until his own death, Aug. 14, 1802. Not long before his death the name of the paper was changed to *The Connecticut Centinel*, and was issued under that name for several years by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Trumbull, and his sons, Charles E. Trumbull and Henry Trumbull. The course of business, however, was already towards “Chelsea,” or “the Landing,” as the present city was then called, and the publication of a paper at the old town doubtless soon became unprofitable. It was discontinued, and had no lineal successor.

The task of preparing and issuing a newspaper in those days was utterly unlike that which now confronts the journalist. There was little news from abroad, and that weeks or months old, no editorial

comment, and no reproduction of the local news and gossip of the town in the form now demanded. A very long diplomatic document, “elegant extracts” from standard authors, letters and messages from generals, governors, and presidents,—sometimes so long that one ran in serial fashion through four weeks,—these made up the bulk of the reading matter; now and then an account of some important affair was given, other than the official and governmental report; occasionally a “local item” appeared, showing a distant family resemblance to the columns of such paragraphs which are now issued every day. But in the main the *Packet* could not be called a newsy sheet.

Not the least curious feature of the newspapers of that day is the character of their advertisements. Many of them consist of the briefest possible announcement of something wanted to buy or sell, and the conclusion “inquire of the printer.” The printer was the general factotum, the repository of all news in the social or business world. He was expected to carry in his head a full description of all the cows for sale in town, with their prices and whereabouts; to know all about the morals and manners of the last new dancing-master, what his terms were, and where he lodged; to have at his tongue's end an inventory of all the goods to be sold at the next auction, and to be always ready to be “inquired of” on these and all other topics.

The story is told that an old neighbor of Mr. Trumbull, known as Barney, lay dying somewhere near the close of the last century. He had passed into a comatose state, and was near his end when Mr. Trumbull came to call on him. “He is beyond knowing any one; he will not recognize you,” said the watchers. Mr. Trumbull persisted in seeing his old friend, and was admitted to the sick room. “Don't you know me, Barney?” he asked, lifting the dying man's hand, and holding it in his own. Barney opened his eyes feebly and uttered his last words: “If I don't, I can ‘inquire of the printer.’” There was no doubt that the old man knew his visitor.

**Register, Courier, Bulletin.**—Nov. 29, 1790, appeared the first number of *The Weekly Register*. It was “published by Ebenezer Bushnell, 24 rods (the first number says ‘34 rods,’ but this was a mistake of the printer, corrected in the next issue) west of the meeting-house.” This was also a four-page sheet, eighteen by eleven inches, and competed vigorously for patronage with the *Packet*. June 17, 1791, Thomas Hubbard, Mr. Bushnell's brother-in-law, joined the firm, and in October, 1793, Mr. Bushnell retired, and he assumed full control. Mr. Hubbard continued to publish the *Register* at the old town till 1796, when the growth of business at “the Landing” led him to change his base. He opened a new office there, removed his type and presses, and on Nov. 30, 1796, issued his paper under a new name, but with no other change as regards character, appearance, or “make-up.”

No. 1, vol. i., of this paper bore the title "*Chelsea Courier*, Norwich (Chelsea Society), printed and published by Thomas Hubbard." Although it was really only a continuation of the *Register*, the fact that this number was the first to bear the name *Courier*, which has been steadily retained up to the present time through a flourishing existence of eighty-five years, makes a reference to its appearance and contents of especial interest.

It displayed under the local heading "the Proposals of Thomas Hubbard for printing a weekly paper to be entitled the *Chelsea Courier*," in the following form:

"1. The *Courier* will be published in Chelsea on Wednesday, and delivered to city subscribers in the forenoon.

"2. It shall be printed on good paper of royal size (about eighteen by eleven inches).

"3. It shall contain the most important Foreign and Domestic Intelligence, together with such original productions, etc., as shall be thought worthy of public attention.

"4. The price to subscribers will be one dollar and sixty-seven cents per annum, exclusive of postage.

"5. One-half of the subscription will be expected on delivery of the first number."

The first and second pages contained a paper on "Cruelty to Inferior Animals," by Soame Jenyns; a proclamation by George Washington, President of the United States; foreign letters and news under dates from September 18th to October 7th, and news from Philadelphia up to November 16th. The matter under the "Norwich" head, corresponding to the present local items, consisted of an address by the New York Legislature to Governor Jay regarding Washington's refusal to accept another election as President, Governor Jay's response, a letter from Demerara, and "Pool's Marine List." A poem, several miscellaneous clippings, and a few columns of advertisements made up the paper. Not a very sensational table of contents!

Some of the advertisements in the early *Couriers* read strangely these days. Here is one from the edition of June 21, 1798:

"Ran away from the subscriber, a negro Boy named Polledore, about fourteen years of age, four feet high, thick set; wore away a short drab-colored jacket and tow-cloth trowsers. Whoever will take up said boy and return him shall have ten cents reward and no charges paid.

"GILES L'HOMMEDIEU."

Another, of a somewhat earlier date, is written in a style that would hardly be considered business-like nowadays:

"Attention!

"Young ladies of Norwich, awake from your sleep; it is high time to rise and trim the lamp of life; it is now past daylight, and the morning school at the Landing has begun. Look at the prize before you; it is no less than a Silver or Gold medal for the best Scholar in Reading or Speaking—those young misses who wish to run the race in this field of Ciceronian honor will please to make application in season before this female society is filled. Methinks one single consideration will animate the rising Fair to excel and obtain this immortal prize—the very thought

that this golden prize will be more durable than your natural life—will inspire you with redoubled ardor to gain the prize in view; yea, your Children and your Children's Children shall rise up with blessings on their lips and say: this gold medal was an honorary prize which my Grandmother won at school when she was but a very child.

"N.B. Application may be made to the master at his lodgings at Mr. Snow's—the hours of evening school are from half-past six to half-past eight o'clock.

"CHELSEA, March 15, 1797."

Aug. 9, 1797, the editor writes: "On Thursday last the President of the United States with his family passed through town on his way from Philadelphia to his seat in Massachusetts. The artillery company paraded in honor of the event, and fired a Federal salute, the intervals of which were filled by a band of music; after this a large number of gentlemen escorted him a few miles on his journey. As he rode through Chelsea, the bells rang peals of grateful respect." That is all about a visit from John Adams.

May 31, 1798, *The Chelsea Courier* appeared as simply *The Courier*. Aug. 6, 1800, the words "Chelsea Society" were omitted from the date-line, and "Norwich, Con.," substituted. Nov. 13, 1805, Thomas Hubbard retired from the office, and was succeeded by his son, Russell Hubbard. March 22, 1809, the name was changed to *Norwich Courier*. Feb. 12, 1817, Theophilus R. Marvin joined with Mr. Hubbard in publishing the paper, but his name was dropped out Feb. 17, 1819. Mr. Hubbard continued as publisher until April 3, 1822, when he sold the paper to Thomas Robinson and John Dunham, who began a new series with the number of April 10th, adding four columns to the size of the paper and otherwise improving it. Mr. Robinson retired from the firm in March, 1825, and Mr. Dunham conducted the paper until Sept. 15, 1841.

The *Courier* then passed into the hands of the Rev. Dorson E. Sykes. Mr. Sykes was evidently a pushing man, for on March 7, 1842, he began the issue of a *Daily Courier*, a small sixteen-column, penny sheet, which failed to pay expenses and was discontinued Aug. 12, 1842. It was promptly followed, however, by a tri-weekly, published on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, the weekly edition being steadily continued through all changes.

At this time the office of the paper was at No. 51 Water Street, but Oct. 28, 1845, it was removed to Franklin Square, and the next number appeared under the title *Norwich Evening Courier*, though still only a tri-weekly, and in an enlarged form. In the spring of 1846, Mr. Sykes adopted the plan of advance payments from subscribers, and thereby put the paper at once on a better financial footing than it had ever before occupied.

With the close of November, 1858, the tri-weekly was discontinued, and December 1st the *Daily Courier* again appeared, D. E. Sykes, editor and proprietor; C. D. Rice, manager. Mr. Sykes retired at the close of the following February, and George B. Smith succeeded him in control of the paper. Mr. Smith's



career was short and disastrous, and Sept. 3, 1859, Mr. Sykes again assumed the management. The daily was discontinued once more, and a semi-weekly edition took its place.

Mr. Sykes' second and final valedictory appeared June 6, 1860. H. C. Kinne was his successor, and signalized the change by again styling the paper *The Evening Courier*. Aug. 20, 1860, a daily edition was once more started, but proved the shortest-lived of all. Both daily and weekly ceased publication at the close of November, and for two weeks there was a hiatus. During this fortnight the *Courier* was bought by Manning, Platt & Co., and revived as the weekly edition of the *Morning Bulletin*, in connection with which daily it has since been published.

The *Norwich Morning Bulletin* was established Dec. 15, 1858, by W. D. Manning, James N. Perry, I. H. Bromley, and Homer Bliss, under the firm-name of Manning, Perry & Co. Mr. Bromley was the editor, Mr. Perry the business manager, and Mr. Manning the superintendent of printing. The salutatory was business-like and to the point, and its columns were from the first well filled with the latest news put in a fresh and readable form. Soon after its first number the publication of a weekly edition, *The Eastern Bulletin*, was begun. The daily paper was in every sense an experiment, and that, too, in a field which had been peculiarly disastrous to similar attempts, but hard work and journalistic tact soon put it on a firm foundation. Sept. 7, 1860, the firm consisted of W. D. Manning, C. B. Platt, and I. H. Bromley, under the firm-name of Manning, Platt & Co. The purchase of the *Courier* was speedily followed by the discontinuance of the *Eastern Bulletin*.

I. H. Bromley was editor of the *Bulletin* from its first number till his enlistment as captain of Company C, Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, July 26, 1862. During his absence in the army he retained his connection with the paper, though W. H. W. Campbell acted as editor. At the close of the war he returned to the editorial chair, retaining it till the middle of February, 1868, when he was succeeded by Mr. Campbell.

The *Bulletin* Association was formed in December, 1863, and published the *Bulletin* and *Courier* until 1870, when the papers were purchased by Campbell & Co. (W. H. W. Campbell, William Fitch, and Charles Spalding). March 1, 1873, the *Bulletin* Company was formed, and A. S. Bolles became editor. May 1, 1874, Mr. Bolles gave place to E. J. Edwards, the paper being under the general management of William Fitch after March 8, 1875. May 1, 1875, Mr. Edwards was succeeded in the editorial room by Mr. Campbell, who again gave place to Mr. Bolles, Dec. 17, 1875. Mr. Bolles retired in June, 1881.

The business management of the *Bulletin* has been in the hands of C. B. Platt, who retired Feb. 1, 1868; H. P. Gates, from Feb. 1, 1868, to Jan. 1, 1870; William Fitch, from Jan. 1, 1870, to March 1, 1873; E. C.

Rice, from March 1, 1873, to March 8, 1875; William Fitch, again, from March 8, 1875, to Dec. 14, 1875; and Charles E. Dyer, from Dec. 14, 1875, to May 1, 1880. The present business manager is A. H. Harris, and the managing editor A. P. Hitchcock.

The *Bulletin* was first issued from an office in Chapman's Block, Franklin Square. It was a four-page, 24-column sheet, each page about fifteen and a half by twenty-one inches in size. Early in August, 1866, the *Bulletin* Building was completed, and the *Bulletin* removed to it. Aug. 8, 1866, the paper was enlarged to twenty-eight columns, and the columns extended about three inches in length.

For many years the *Bulletin* has been accepted as the leading daily of Eastern Connecticut. It aims at being a worthy exponent of the principles of its constituents in this part of the State, as well as a live newspaper, giving all the news of the day and discussing it with freedom. It is and always has been Republican in politics.

**Other Newspapers.**—In June, 1804, Consider Sterry, John Sterry, and Epaphras Porter began the publication of a political paper, *The True Republican*, devoted to the defense of Jeffersonian Democracy. It lived about three years.

In February, 1812, Samuel Webb issued the first number of *The Native American* from a press at Norwichtown. In 1820, Mr. Webb's press was transferred to Windham, where he, with Henry and Horatio Webb, began the publication of the *Independent Observer and County Advertiser*, July 1, 1820.

The *Norwich Republican* was issued in September, 1828, by Boardman & Faulkner. In 1829 it came under the editorial control of John T. Adams, and the firm-name was changed to Adams & Faulkner. In the same year the *Stonington Telegraph*, which had previously been issued at Stonington, was merged with it. Mr. Adams remained in editorial charge till 1831. The paper was discontinued in 1838. During its last three years it was a Whig organ, published by Marcus B. Young, and edited by Lafayette S. Foster.

In 1826 the prospects of a canal from Norwich to Worcester were widely discussed, and Levi Huntington Young seized upon the theme of the day for the name of a new paper, *The Canal of Intelligence*. It was stopped in 1829.

Marcus B. Young issued *The Norwich Spectator* in 1829, and *The Norwich Free Press* in 1830. Park Benjamin was the editor of the first, but both were short-lived.

The *Religious Intelligencer*, edited by J. Huntington, and published by J. Dunham, appeared June 11, 1831, but was soon discontinued.

In May, 1841, John G. Cooley began the issue of *Total Abstinence* as a monthly. It was the first paper advocating total abstinence published in Connecticut. It was continued as a monthly about two years, and then followed by a weekly of the same name. Later the name was changed to the *Spectator*. It was after-

wards sold to B. F. Taylor, who again changed the name, calling it the *Norwich Gleaner*.

The *Norwich News*, *Paizhan Gun*, *Needle*, and *American Patriot* were 'ephemeral publications of about this period.

The *Weekly Reporter*, which began in 1845, had an existence of three or four years.

In January, 1852, E. S. Wells began the publication of *The Norwich Tribune*. The paper soon passed into the hands of C. B. Platt and Edmund C. Stedman, who made of it the best paper Norwich had yet seen. It was too good to live, and ceased to exist in June, 1853.

The *Examiner*, an advocate of the Maine Law, Sabbath observance, and the improvement of the common schools, was first issued July 16, 1853. John G. Cooley was its publisher and office editor, and among the other editorial writers were the Rev. H. P. Arms, the Rev. J. P. Gulliver, and the Rev. J. A. Goodhue. It survived till Nov. 16, 1855.

A Know-Nothing organ, the *State Guard*, was published during a part of 1855 and 1856, and the *Weekly Reveille* ran a few numbers in 1858.

May 20, 1835, J. Holbrook began the issue of the *Weekly Aurora*. In the summer of 1838 it became the property of Gad S. Gilbert, and afterwards of William French, and French & Conklin. Aug. 8, 1844, it appeared under the management of John W. Stedman, editor, proprietor, and printer. During the year 1860 a *Daily Aurora* was connected with the office. Jan. 21, 1867, the publication of the *Daily Advertiser* was begun. It was a large folio, devoted to the dissemination of Democratic principles. Its last issue bears date of Aug. 1, 1874. The *Aurora* was discontinued Nov. 26, 1878.

**Cooley's Weekly** was established July 15, 1876, by the veteran printer and publisher, Mr. John G. Cooley. Mr. Cooley threw his whole energy and persistency into the new enterprise, and although it met with formidable competition, he succeeded in placing it upon a solid footing. It grew rapidly into public favor, and now takes front rank among the leading weekly journals of the State. It is a large (thirty-two-column) four-page sheet. In consequence of impaired health, Mr. Cooley retired from the active management of the journal in 1880, since which time it has been conducted by Mr. John G. Cooley, Jr., with Mr. David S. Adams as editor.

During the summer and fall of 1877, *The Reformer* was published as a temperance paper, under the editorial management of the Rev. Hugh Montgomery. *The Vim* was published by the same gentleman from May to October, 1878, and *The No License Advocate* from May to October, 1879. The Rev. L. T. Chamberlain and the Rev. L. W. Bacon assisted Mr. Montgomery in editing the latter paper. In the fall of 1879, *The American Conflict* was begun by Henry Brown, and it has since been issued as either a weekly, semi-weekly, or monthly. It is now published at Danielsonville.

The *Observer*, a weekly paper, was published by Daniel Lee from April 8, 1879, to May 22, 1880. The *Evening Star*, a daily afternoon paper, issued by Gordon Wilcox, lived from May 15, 1880, to June 25, 1881.

**Norwich News.**—March 19, 1881, the News Publishing Company began the issue of the *Norwich News*, a daily afternoon paper, with J. F. Rathbone as editor. It is a wide-awake sheet, and justly deserves its present prosperity.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Free Academy—Other Schools—Post-Office—Slavery—The Bi-Centennial Celebration—Col. Mason's Monument—The Soldiers' Monument—Water-Works—Fire Department—Gas Company—City Hall—The Eliza Huntington Memorial Home—Otis Library—The Horse Railroad—Bridges—Laurel Hill—Masonic—Odd-Fellows—Other Societies—Manufactories—Villages.

**The Free Academy.**—The Norwich Free Academy was incorporated in May, 1854, having been endowed to the amount of about \$100,000 by the gifts of a few generous citizens of Norwich, three of whose subscriptions were for \$12,500 each. Of the whole amount raised \$50,000 was reserved as a fund for the maintenance of the school, and with the remainder a lot was secured and a noble school edifice erected. The academy offers free instruction in the higher branches of study to all the youth of Norwich who are disposed to avail themselves of its advantages. The original donors and incorporators of the institution were the following: R. Hubbard, W. P. Greene, W. A. Buckingham, W. Williams, H. B. Norton, J. Breed, C. B. Rogers, W. W. Coit, J. L. Greene, D. Tyler, S. C. Morgan, I. M. Buckingham, L. F. S. Foster, D. Smith, J. F. Slater, C. Osgood, E. Williams, L. Blackstone, J. A. Rockwell, L. Ballou, C. J. Stedman, J. P. Gulliver, C. N. Farnam, E. O. Abbott, C. Tracy, A. H. Almy, L. W. Carroll, J. Spalding, S. W. Meech, J. S. Webb, H. Thomas, C. C. Brand, C. Johnson, E. Learned, E. Edwards, A. J. Currier. Joseph Otis, the founder of the "Otis Library," was an original donor to the academy, but died before the incorporation. The donors since the incorporation are as follows: C. A. Converse, A. W. Perntice, T. P. Norton, W. M. Converse, H. Bill, G. Perkins, J. M. Huntington, J. H. Adams, J. N. Perkins.

A fund of five thousand dollars, beside other gifts to the amount of two thousand dollars, was presented by Mrs. Harriet Peck Williams for the establishment of the Peck Library, as a tribute of respect to the memory of her father, Capt. Bela Peck.

On the day of the bi-centennial celebration, in 1859, Mrs. W. P. Greene presented to the academy a lot of land and a house valued at eight thousand dollars for the residence of the principal of the institution.

The foundation of the academy is due to the suggestion as well as to the persevering efforts of Rev.

John P. Gulliver, whose privilege it was to inaugurate the institution (Oct. 21, 1856) by an address, in which, according to a vote of the trustees, a history was given of schools and education in Norwich, and the designs of the founders of the academy were set forth for the information of the public and the guidance of those who shall be intrusted with its future management.

The situation is especially fortunate for an institution of this kind. The city is large enough to give the students the peculiar advantages of city life, and at the same time the rural surroundings are so near and so accessible as to afford ample opportunity for invigorating excursions through old woods or green fields; while the junction of two rivers, forming the beautiful Thames, at whose head the city lies, offers all the varied resources of the water for health and strength. So whether we look for society and the refinements and amenities of cultured life, or seek that vigorous development of mind and body which nature gives by contact with her hills and streams, the boys and girls of the Norwich Free Academy have unusual privileges.

The instruction of the academy is in the hands of an ample corps of able teachers, most of them of long experience, and all devoted to their duties. Every effort is made to waken the interest of the pupils and inspire them with a love for honest work. The result of these efforts is seen in the success of those who go to higher institutions in passing the entrance examinations, and the high rank they maintain for scholarship and character after they enter.

The classic course of study embraces all that is required for entrance to the best colleges, and is kept up to the latest standards. A pupil who pursues this course faithfully and graduates with distinction is sure to enter Yale or Harvard, and, of course, colleges requiring less, without difficulty. The same is true of its relation to the scientific schools. It has also special studies for those who are preparing for a business life, and gives a great deal of attention to the natural sciences. In chemistry it has an excellent working laboratory, and in this branch, as also in botany, the students do a good deal of practical work, and it is intended in the future not only to increase the amount of such work in these branches, but to encourage special practical work in other branches whenever a special adaptation is found for it.

The library is perhaps larger and better appointed than that of any other institution of its grade, and is made of use in various ways in promoting the culture or advancement in knowledge of the pupils. The academy also has a course of literary study, extending through four years, intended to give the pupils an introduction to the best English authors, and a brief account of French authors is also studied as a part of the course in that language. Also more than usual attention is paid to English composition, and to dec-

lamation and reading. In short, no effort is spared to give the pupils, so far as it goes, a well-rounded training in all that pertains to the practical duties or higher pleasures of life.

Heretofore the academy has been deficient in means to take proper care of such pupils as have not homes in Norwich, but this deficiency has now been supplied by the "Williams' Mansion," which has just been leased by the Misses Marsh, ladies of unusual fitness for such a position, who will furnish such students as live with them a refined and pleasant home. Parents who are considering the desirability of placing their sons in this establishment are assured that they will be under kind but firm management, and that everything reasonable will be done for their comfort and improvement. Mrs. Davies, also, in leasing the Farnham House for a similar purpose, has made the academy her debtor, especially as she has shown that she knows how to make boys faithful and happy. There are also many private houses in which those who desire it can find good homes for their sons or daughters.

The first president of the board of trustees was Russell Hubbard, who retained the office till his death in 1857 (June 7th).

The second president was William P. Greene, who died June 18, 1864.

Third president, William Williams. Ebenezer Learned, secretary and treasurer from the beginning.

The Free Academy went into operation under Mr. Elbridge Smith as principal, who continued in office to the close of the ninth year, July, 1865. Mr. Smith was a native of Wayland, Mass., and a graduate of Brown University. He was previously principal of the high school at Cambridge, Mass.

He was succeeded in September, 1865, by the Rev. William Hutchison, formerly tutor in Yale College, and recently principal of the Lawrence Academy at Groton, Mass. Mr. Hutchison was ordained as a missionary in 1858, and went to Constantinople with the expectation of establishing a mission in Turkey, but the failing health of his family obliged him to relinquish the design. He is the present principal.

**Post-Offices.**—The first post-office in this town was established at Norwich Town, probably during the winter of 1782, with Dudley Woodbridge as postmaster.

Wm. Leffingwell, appointed postmaster during the month of Jan.....	1790
Christopher Leffingwell, appointed postmaster during the month of Aug.....	1793
Christopher Leffingwell, Jr., appointed postmaster during the month of July.....	1797
Gardner Carpenter, appointed postmaster on the 19th Jan.....	1799
John Hyde, " " " 1st July.....	1815

Who held the office up to the change of name to Norwich Town, which order was made by the postmaster-general on the 21st April, 1836.

Norwich Town (late Norwich), established 1st April.....	1836
John Hyde, appointed postmaster 1st April.....	1836
Henry Harland, appointed postmaster 5th Oct.....	1836
John T. Wait, " " 3d Oct.....	1840
John Hyde, " " 28th June.....	1841
Henry B. Tracy, " " 18th Jan.....	1844

Henry McNelly, appointed postmaster 12th April.....	1850
Eliza F. Rogers, " " 22d July.....	1853
Henry B. Tracy, " " 1st July.....	1854

Chelsea Landing office was probably established during the fall of.....1803  
 Jacob De Witt, appointed postmaster during the fall of.....1803  
 John De Witt, " " 18th Dec.....1809  
 Charles Kinney, " " 3d June.....1823

Who continued as postmaster till the change of name to Norwich City, which was made on the 6th of November, 1827.

Norwich City (late Chelsea Landing), established 6th Nov.....1827  
 Charles Kinney, appointed postmaster 6th Nov.....1827  
 William L'Hommedien, appointed postmaster 25th Aug.....1829

Who continued to act till the change of name to Norwich, which was ordered on the 21st April, 1836.

Norwich (late Norwich City), established on the 21st April.....	1836
William L'Hommedien, appointed postmaster 21st April.....	1836
Samuel M. Downer, " " 4th Feb.....	1842
Enoch C. Chapman, " " 11th April.....	1843
John H. Townsend, " " 16th June.....	1844
William L'Hommedien, " " 2d June.....	1845
John Dunham, " " 21st June.....	1849
John W. Stedman, " " 25th April.....	1853

The proceeds of Norwich in 1782 was about \$75, and that of Chelsea Landing, Norwich City, in 1803, about \$90.

**Slavery.**—The colored population of Norwich was more numerous than in most Northern towns. It consisted partly of free blacks, accruing from previous occasional manumissions, and partly of persons still held in servitude and bought and sold as property. From bills of sale that are extant, and from the valuation made in inventories, we learn that in the early part of the century the price for slaves ranged from 60s. to £30. After this the value increased, and the best were rated at £100. The Rev. William Hart, of Saybrook, in 1749 purchased a negro boy of Jabez Huntington, of Norwich, for whom he paid £290, old tenor; but this was a depreciated currency, probably not worth more than a fifth of its nominal value in silver coin. At a later period the price of a servant was considerably enhanced.

Capt. John and Matthew Perkins, of Hanover Society, had each what was called a houseful of slaves. The former, known as "big Captain John," died in 1761. His inventory enumerates his African servants—Tamar, Ziba, Jehu, Selah, etc.—to the number of fifteen, the best valued at £50. Probably no larger number than this could be found in any one family in the county.

Capt. Matthew Perkins was a large landholder, a man of energetic character, and, like his brother, strong and powerful in frame. "He died (in 1773) from lockjaw, caused by a bite on the thumb which he received from a young negro slave whom he was chastising for some fault."<sup>1</sup>

It was not until near the era of the Revolution that the reasonableness and equity of holding the African race in durance began to be questioned by the citizens. At length it was whispered about that it was inconsistent to complain of political oppression and yet withhold from others the privileges to which they were entitled, to fight for liberty and yet refuse it to a portion of the human family.

<sup>1</sup> For subsequent postmasters see Supplement.

<sup>2</sup> Perkins' Genealogy, Hist. and Gen. Reg., 14, 114.

Communications on this subject, bold and even eloquent, appeared in the newspapers, of which one from the *Norwich Packet* will serve as a specimen:

"July 7, 1774. To all those who call themselves Sons of Liberty in America, Greeting:

"My Friends. We know in some good measure the inestimable value of liberty. But were we once deprived of her, she would then appear much more valuable than she now appears. We also see her, standing as it were tiptoe on the highest bough ready for flight. Why is she departing? What is it that disturbs her repose? Surely some foul monster of hideous shape, and hateful kind, opposite in its nature to hers, with all its frightful appearances and properties, iron hands and leaden feet, formed to gripe and crush, hath intruded itself into her peaceful habitation and ejected her. Surely this must be the case, for we know opposition cannot dwell together. Is it not time, high time to search for this Achan? this disturber of Israel? High time, I say, to examine for the cause of those dark and gloomy appearances that cast a shadow over our glory. And is not this it? Are we not guilty of the same crime we impute to others? Of the same facts that we say are unjust, cruel, arbitrary, despotic, and without law in others? Paul argued in this manner:—'Thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law, dishonorest thou God?' And may we not use the same mode of argument and say—We that declare (and that with much warmth and seal) it is unjust, cruel, barbarous, unconstitutional, and without law, to enslave, do we enslave?—Yea, verily we do? *A black cloud witnesseth against us and our own mouths condemn us!* How preposterous our conduct! How vain and hypocritical our pretences! Can we expect to be free, so long as we are determined to enslave? HONESTY."

Under the influence of this new phase of public opinion and individual responsibility several persons voluntarily liberated their slaves and made them some compensation for former services.

"Dec. 1774. Mr. Samuel Gager, of Norwich, from a conscientious regard to justice, has lately liberated three faithful slaves, and as a compensation for their services, leased them a very valuable farm on very moderate terms. Mr. Jonathan Avery also emancipated an able industrious negro man, from the same noble principle."

An act of the Legislature, prescribing the rules and regulations under which emancipation should take place, was passed in 1777, and several instances of liberation, in accordance with the provisions of this statute,<sup>3</sup> are on record at Norwich, such as:

"Liberty given by the select men to Jabez Huntington, Esq., to emancipate a negro man named Gny, Oct. 2, 1780."

"Liberty to Col. Joshua Huntington to emancipate his negro servant, Bena, June 26, 1781."

But whether slaves or freemen, the Africans of Norwich have always been treated with forbearance and lenity. They have been particularly indulged in their annual elections and training. In former times the ceremony of a mock election of a negro Governor created no little excitement in their ranks. The servants for the time being assumed the relative rank

<sup>3</sup> Capt. William Browne, a noted loyalist of Salem, Mass., connected with the Winthrop family of New London, was the proprietor of a large tract of land lying south of Colchester, which formed almost a parish of itself, and was called by the owner New Salem. It is now in the town of Salem, Conn. A portion of it under cultivation had been leased for a term of years, with blue slaves as laborers upon it. When this land was confiscated in 1779, on account of the Toryism of the proprietor, the slaves petitioned the Legislature, through Benjamin Huntington, the administrator on confiscated estates, for their liberty. The petition was not granted, but the slaves had the benefit of the new laws regulating emancipation, and it is supposed that they were all set free sooner or later.

and condition of their masters, and were allowed to use the horses and many of the military trappings of their owners. Provisions, decorations, fruits, and liquors were liberally surrendered to them. Great electioneering prevailed, parties often ran high, stump harangues were made, and a vast deal of ceremony expended in counting the votes, proclaiming the result, and inducting the candidate into office, the whole too often terminating in a drunken frolic, if not a fight.

A very decent gravestone in the public burial-ground bears this inscription:

"In memory of Boston Trowtrow, governor of the African tribe in this town, who died 1772, aged 66."

After the death of this person "Sam Hun'ton" was annually elected to this mock dignity for a much greater number of years than his honorable namesake and master, Samuel Huntington, Esq., filled the gubernatorial chair. It was amusing to see this sham dignitary after his election, riding through the town on one of his master's horses, adorned with plaited gear, his aides on each side, *a la militaire*, himself puffing and swelling with pomposity, sitting bolt upright, and moving with a slow, majestic pace, as if the universe was looking on. When he mounted, or dismounted his aides flew to his assistance, holding his bridle, putting his feet into the stirrup, and bowing to the ground before him. The Great Mogul, in a triumphal procession, never assumed an air of more perfect self-importance than the negro Governor at such a time.

We must not leave this subject without recording the name of *Leb Quy*, a native of Africa, and a trusty Continental soldier. He served during three years of the war, and was one of the town's quota in 1780 and 1781.

**An Old-Time Love-Story.**—"From a Justice's Book of Record of Ebenezer Hartshorn, one of His Majesty's Justices of ye Peace, New London County, Conn.: Abert Page, of Havorhill, in ye province of Massachusetts Bay, and Dorcos Fillmore, of Norwich, in New London County, in ye Colony of Connecticut, and presented themselves for marriage without proof of being published as the law requires. This court refuses to joyne them in marriage this 15th day of Oct., 1759.

"On ye 16th day of October, 1759, ye above Abert Page and Dorcos Fillmore appeared to my office in Norwich with a certificate from Ira Post, one of His Majesty's grand jurors, and certifies that he read a publishment of ye intended marriage of ye above named standing on ye stepstone at ye door of ye First Society meetin house in sd. Norwich three Sundays running, so they were joined together in marriage by me this day and went forth. EBENEZER HARTSHORN, Justis of Peace."

**The Bi-Centennial Celebration.**—The two hundredth anniversary of the town was celebrated by a magnificent festival of two days' continuance, occu-

pying Wednesday and Thursday, 7th and 8th of September, 1859.

The arrangements of this great jubilee had been planned with a wise forecast. A committee of preparation had been for a year in office; invitations had been extensively circulated, and a general enthusiasm prevailed among the sons and daughters of Norwich and their descendants, far and near, to honor this interesting birthday. It was aptly termed the great Golden Wedding of the town, kept in remembrance of the hallowed union of the Puritan emigrant and his wilderness bride two hundred years before.

"Here where the tangled thicket grew,  
Where wolf and panther passed,  
An acorn from an English oak  
In the rude soil was cast."

A vast fraternity, genial intercourse, cordial fellowship, and lavish exchanges of thought and fact were confidently expected, and seldom are joyful anticipations and enlarged plans so fully realized.

The weather seemed adapted to the occasion. The season in all its bearings harmonized with the festal robes and outdoor encampments with which the inhabitants prepared their dear old homestead for the reception of its guests. A general glow of happiness pervaded every countenance. The absentees, the wanderers, the distant relatives, friends, and neighbors assembled. It was a mighty gathering, but yet far more orderly and quiet than a customary militia muster or political convention. It was an ovation, hilarious and triumphant, but not tumultuous. The devotional element was not perhaps sufficiently prevalent to chime with the principles of "two hundred years ago;" but, on the other hand, there was no bacchanal accompaniment, no rude disturbance to break the swell of a note of music or the sound of a speaker's voice, and it was said not a solitary case of inebriety was observed during the whole festival.

The most conspicuous features of the celebration were these:

The decoration of the streets and buildings, and the erection of a wide-winged tent upon the Parade.

A grand procession, military and civic, half a mile in extent, that made the tour of the town, with banners, bands of music, and exhibitions of trades and professions, many of them in active operation.

Two historical discourses of lasting value and interest.

Two descriptive addresses of an oratorical character,—impressive and eloquent in a high degree.

A dinner, with numerous toasts and speeches.

A closing ball at the great tent on the Town Park or Parade.

The various exercises were interspersed and enlivened with original poetry and good singing. A descriptive poem by Anson G. Chester, of Syracuse, N. Y., was one of the expected entertainments of the festival, but owing to the severe illness of the poet it was not delivered.

It was estimated that at this celebration fifteen hundred flags were spread upon the wind, not only those of our own country, but the motley emblems of all nations. Several magnificent arches were erected at prominent points. A very tasteful arch in Franklin Street represented two clasped hands, 1659 and 1859, with the motto, "A Hearty Greeting."

Gen. David Young was the chief marshal of the ceremonies. Governor Buckingham presided in the assemblies. Ex-President Fillmore was the most distinguished guest. The bi-centennial discourse was by Daniel C. Gilman; the discourse on the life and times of John Mason, by Hon. John A. Rockwell. The other addresses, or more properly orations, were by Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, Bishop of Delaware, and Donald G. Mitchell.

The speakers were all natives of the town, and had the same object in view,—gratefully to commemorate the scenes and influences by which they had been nurtured. It was beautiful to see with what variety of touch they struck the key-note, producing with great diversity of tone entire harmony. The faithful historic record, the biography of the founder, the chastened retrospect, and the graceful survey of the two centuries of the town's life presented by the orators, each in his own characteristic style, converged upon the same theme, Norwich, our home.

Many interesting incidents were connected with this great festivity. The corner-stone of a monument to the memory of Mason, the conqueror of the Pequots, was laid in Yantic Cemetery. A dinner was given by Gen. Williams to the Mohegans, of which more than sixty of the remains of that tribe partook. Mrs. William P. Greene, as a memorial of the celebration, presented a house and grounds to the Free Academy, for the residence of the principal, valued at seven thousand dollars. Mr. Giles L'Hommedieu, the oldest native-born American in the town, was then in his last illness, and the procession passed the house where he lay in reverential silence. He died six days after the celebration, in the ninety-fourth year of his age.

A history of the celebration, including the preliminary measures and a registry of the various committees, with the addresses, poems, hymns, speeches, and particulars of interest connected with the great festival, was published by John W. Stedman, of Norwich, in a well-executed, attractive volume, entitled "The Norwich Jubilee." The work was compiled, printed, and published by Mr. Stedman; the paper was manufactured at the Chelsea Mill, and the whole book, in its print, binding, and illustrations, is a Norwich production. As a memorial volume it is of enduring interest. Its contents are so comprehensive as to render it unnecessary to give in this history anything more than the foregoing brief outline of the two grand red-letter days of the bi-centennial commemoration.

The year 1859 was the bi-centennial anniversary of

the signing of the purchase deed, and of the preliminary steps taken by the proprietors in laying out the town, but the anniversary of the actual settlement, when woman arrived upon the ground and homes were constituted, was more definitely the year 1860.

**Uncas and the Indian Graves.**—"The ancient Indian cemetery, heavily shadowed with a native growth of trees, is now little more than an inclosure for the Uncas monument.

"During the summer of 1883, Gen. Jackson, President of the United States, with a part of his cabinet, made a tour through a portion of the Eastern States. The citizens of Norwich had long been desirous of erecting some memorial of respect for their 'Old Friend,' the Mohegan sachem, and they suddenly decided to celebrate the visit of the President by connecting it with the interesting ceremony of laying the corner-stone of an Uncas monument.

"The Presidential party came from Hartford by land, arriving by the Essex turnpike in open coaches, with a brilliant escort of cavalry that had gone forth to meet them. Vice-President Van Buren, Governor Edwards, of Connecticut, Maj. Donelson, and Messrs. Cass, Woodbury, and Poinsett, Secretaries of War, Navy, and State, formed the party. They arrived at three o'clock P.M., paused a few moments at the falls, and then advanced to the cemetery, where a great assemblage of the inhabitants, military companies, bands of children with banners and mottoes, and a few scattered Indians from Mohegan received the visitors with martial salutes and joyful acclamations.

"At the cemetery, where all stood with uncovered heads, N. L. Shipman, Esq., in behalf of the association, gave a brief sketch of the family of Uncas and the existing condition of the tribe. The President then moved the foundation-stone to its place. It was an interesting, suggestive ceremony; a token of respect from the modern warrior to the ancient,—from the emigrant race to the aborigines. Gen. Cass, in a short but eloquent address to the multitude, observed that the earth afforded but few more striking spectacles than that of one hero doing homage at the tomb of another.

"The ceremony being concluded, the children sang a hymn and the Presidential party passed away, pausing again at the Landing for refreshments, and embarking from thence in a steamer for New London.

"Though the corner-stone was thus auspiciously prepared, no funds had been obtained or plans matured for the erection of the monument. The ladies at length took hold of the work and brought it to a successful issue. Embracing the opportunity of a political mass-meeting which assembled at Norwich, Oct. 15, 1840, in honor of Harrison and Tyler, they prepared a refreshment fair, with generous enthusiasm arranged and filled their tables, took their station as saleswomen, and with the profits paid for the monument.

"It consists of a simple granite obelisk, with no inscription but the name,—

"UNCAS.<sup>1</sup>

"The raising of the shaft and fixing it upon the foundation-stone was the occasion of another festival. This was on the 4th of July, 1842, at which time William L. Stone, of New York, delivered an historical discourse on the life and times of the sachem.<sup>2</sup>

"Among the persons present in the tent where the address was delivered were ten citizens of the place over seventy-five years of age: Erastus Perkins, 89; Samuel Avery, 88; Seabury Brewster, 86; Christopher Vail, 82; Bela Peck, 82; Ichabod Ward, 80; Newcomb Kinney, 80; Benjamin Snow, 77; Nathaniel Shipman, 76; Zachariah Huntington, 75.

"The whole space inclosed as the Uncas Cemetery, and probably the ground for some distance upon its border, is thickly seeded with Indian graves, though but very few inscribed stones or even hillocks remain. The only inscription of any particular interest is on the grave-stone of Samuel Uncas, one of the latest of the Uncas family that bore even the nominal title of sachem, and who died not long before the Revolutionary war. The epitaph, written by Dr. Elisha Tracy, reads thus:

"SAMUEL UNCAS.

"For Beauty, wit, for Sterling sense,  
For temper mild, for Eliquence,  
For Courage Bold, for things wauregan,  
He was the Glory of Mohegan,  
Whose death has caused great lamentation,  
Both in ye English and ye Indian Nation."

**Col. Mason's Monument.**—A monument to the memory of Col. Mason was erected near the old Post and Gager burying-ground, on the street leading from Norwich Town to Bean Hill, with the following inscriptions.

At the base of the monument is cut the name Mason, and on the tablet in the centre, following Mason's full name and title, are these:

"Rev. James Fitch, John Pease, John Tracy, John Baldwin, Jonathan Boyce, John Post, Thomas Bingham, Thomas Waterman, and Robert Allen."

On the western base is the following inscription:

"Major John Mason, born in England, died in Norwich, January 30th, 1672, aged 73."

Above this is a tablet bearing the names of

"Sergeant Thomas Leffingwell, Richard Wallis, Thomas Adgate, John Olmstead, Stephen Backus, Thomas Bliss, John Reynolds, Josiah Reed, Richard Hendys, and Christopher Huntington."

On the north face are the names of

<sup>1</sup> The Rev. Mr. Fitch, in 1675, wrote this name *Uncas*. Before the monument was completed, G. L. Perkins, Esq., who had charge of the undertaking, wrote letters to Noah Webster, the philologist, Thomas Day, Secretary of the State of Connecticut, and Col. William L. Stone, a diligent investigator of Indian history, to inquire what they would consider the most eligible mode of spelling the name to be inscribed on the obelisk. They all concurred in recommending the modern orthography,—*Uncas*.

<sup>2</sup> Published afterwards in a small duodecimo volume, entitled "*Uncas and Miantonomoh*."

"Ensign William Backus, Francis Griswold, Neh. Smith, Thomas Howard, John Calkins, Richard Edgerton, Thomas Peet, and John Gager."

The southern face bearing the following:

"Samuel Hide, William Hide, Lieut. Thomas Tracy, Morgan Bowers, Robert Wade, John Birchard, Simon Huntington, Stephen Gifford, and John Bradford."

**The Soldiers' Monument.**—At a meeting of the citizens of Norwich, held at Breed Hall on the 14th of January, 1869, it was resolved "that a committee of seven be appointed to solicit and collect funds for the erection of a monument to the Norwich soldiers and seamen who fell in our late war for the preservation of the National Union." The committee consisted of Hon. W. A. Buckingham, Amos W. Prentice, John T. Wait, Rev. M. McG. Dana, Dr. C. B. Webster, James L. Carew, Edwin P. Avery, E. P. Slocum, and Misses Elizabeth Greene and Eliza Perkins. The committee did not make much progress; so at a town-meeting on the 3d of October, 1870, the subject was again brought up and disposed of by laying a tax of "fifteen cents on one hundred dollars of the assessment list of the town," and appointing a committee to expend it in the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the soldiers and seamen of the town in the great Rebellion. William A. Buckingham, John T. Wait, and James A. Hovey were appointed this committee. A contract for a monument was soon made, and in the spring of 1873 it was put in place at the head of the Great Plain. The monument is of a light granite, from Westerly, R. I. Its design is that of a colossal statue of a Union soldier supported on a massive pedestal. The statue is twelve feet high, and the entire height of the monument is twenty-seven feet six inches. It measures ten feet square at the base. Its cost was about eighteen thousand dollars. The inscriptions on the several sides are the motto of the State, the names of all those from this town who fell in active service, and these words on the front, "Erected by the town of Norwich in memory of her brave sons who voluntarily entered the military service of the United States and lost their lives in defense of the national government during the Rebellion."

**Norwich City Water-Works.**—At the May session of the General Assembly of the State, 1866, the charter of the city was so amended as to give the city the power to supply itself with pure water. This amendment was accepted by the city, and in October of the following year a site was selected for a reservoir and the work commenced. The reservoir is a natural basin between the Scotland road and Canterbury turnpike, one mile east of Norwich town green, through which a small tributary stream ran to the Yantic River.

**Fire Department.**—The present organization of the fire department is as follows:

Joseph B. Carrier, chief engineer, fire marshal, and superintendent fire-alarm telegraph; Assistant Engi-

neers, L. W. Greenburg, A. W. Park, W. T. Farrington.

Wauregan Steam Fire-Engine Company, No. 1, 180 Main Street.— — —, foreman; Walter T. Atchinson, first assistant; Charles Tracy, second assistant; A. T. Boone, secretary and treasurer; Sidney L. Smith, engineer; George S. Towne, stoker.

Niagara Hose Company, No. 2.—Thomas Cunningham, foreman; — — —, first assistant; Edward Horan, second assistant; John Looby, secretary; Frank N. Ranger, treasurer.

William M. Williams Steamer, No. 3.—Felix Callahan, foreman; William Danahy, first assistant; John Danahy, second assistant; Frank Case, secretary; Frank McKeag, engineer; Morris Welch, stoker.

Blackstone Hose Company, No. 1.—A. S. Barbour, foreman; Charles E. Rogers, first assistant; Ezra B. Howard, second assistant; John W. Burke, secretary; Charles A. Williams, treasurer.

Norwich Hose Company, No. 4.—Joseph N. Duchett, Jr., foreman; John Coffee, first assistant; William G. Tripp, second assistant; G. H. Wilbur, secretary; William Noss, treasurer.

Neptune Steamer, No. 5.—Howard L. Stanton, foreman; Charles L. Perry, first assistant; George H. Stanton, second assistant; Patrick F. Kelley, secretary and treasurer.

Wauregan Hook-and-Ladder Company.—Joseph B. Corey, foreman; Henry B. Lewis, first assistant; Herman S. Case, second assistant; Blyden Hedge, secretary; Joseph B. Corey, treasurer.

Independence Hose Company, No. 6.—John P. Murphy, foreman; Joseph Kennedy, first assistant; James B. Ward, second assistant; P. J. Sheridan, secretary; M. F. Kane, treasurer; James Cox, steward.

Shetucket Steamer, No. 7.—Patrick Barry, foreman; Martin Carroll, first assistant; James Rigney, second assistant; John Foley, secretary; Thomas J. Connor, treasurer; William H. Bell, engineer; John Reynolds, stoker.

Yantic Fire Company, Yantic.—Paul Smith, foreman; Arthur P. Gleason, first assistant; David Smith, second assistant; Charles H. Carpenter, secretary and treasurer.

**Court-House, City and Town Hall.**—On the 24th of April, 1865, a town-meeting was held to discuss the subject of petitioning the Legislature to make Norwich the sole shire town of the county. At the same meeting a committee was appointed to select a suitable site for a new building for county and town purposes to take the place of the house then recently burnt. This committee consisted of John T. Wait, Lorenzo Blackstone, James A. Hovey, James Lloyd Greene, Amos W. Prentice, John W. Stedman, John T. Brown, Jeremiah Halsey, Augustus Brewster, H. H. Starkweather, and Henry Bill. Subsequently the town voted to instruct this committee not to take definite action until the Legislature had decided the shire town question.

The action of the Legislature was adverse to the petition of the town, and the whole matter of a new building was postponed till the General Assembly of 1869. Then an act was passed giving the town of Norwich, the city of Norwich, and the county of New London power to combine for the erection of a building for town, city, and county purposes, with no other restriction as to the cost of the same except that the county should not expend to exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. The same act superseded the town committee appointed to select a site for the same by placing that duty in the hands of the selectmen of the town of Norwich, the mayor of the city of Norwich, and the commissioners of the county of New London.

Early in 1870, all the parties in interest having agreed to proceed with the work, and fixed upon a site for the building and plans for the same, the work commenced. It was not till the spring of 1873 that any portion of the building was ready for occupancy. The first session of the Superior Court in it was opened on the 11th day of November of that year.

The building stands at the junction of Broadway and Union Streets, facing Otis Square. It is one hundred and ten feet from front to rear, and one hundred and eight feet wide. It is three stories high (including the basement, occupied by the city for police purposes), with a French roof. The main cornice is fifty-eight feet from the ground. The tower rises twenty-nine feet from the roof. The basement story is of cut granite; the other stories are of pressed brick with granite trimmings. The cornices and tower are of galvanized iron, and the roof is covered with tin. The cellar is the whole size of the building, and contains the steam boilers for heating the building, coal-bins, etc. The basement floor is occupied by the cells for a lock-up, a police court-room thirty by fifty, and spacious rooms for all the ordinary police business of the city. On the first floor are the offices of the town clerk and other town officers, the county clerk's office, the probate office, the office of the chief engineer of the city fire department, the Common Council chamber, twenty-eight by forty-five, and the offices of the mayor, the city clerk, and water commissioners. On the floor above are the town hall, forty-eight by sixty-two, in the rear, and the court-room in front, forty-five by fifty, with ample anterooms, library-rooms, sheriff's office, etc. Each story is supplied with water-closets, fire-proof vaults of large dimensions, extending from the ground, and every convenience for the accommodation of business and the personal comfort of the occupants of the building that modern ingenuity has devised. The tower contains a clock with illuminated dials, which are lighted up by night, and a 3000-pounds bell, which is used by the clock, and also as an alarm-bell. Water, gas, and heat are carried to every room in the building. The interior finish is of yellow pine, chestnut, and black walnut.

The plans of the building were by Burdich & Ar-



nold. Evan Burdich superintended the work. Gilbert L. Congdon executed the wood-work, and Joseph H. Smith the masonry. The furniture was made to order by N. S. Gilbert & Son. In building and furniture the edifice will compare favorably with any public building in the country. Its entire cost was about three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

**The Eliza Huntington Memorial Home** for Respectable and Indigent Aged and Infirm Females was founded through the liberality of the late Jedediah Huntington, in furtherance of the desire of his deceased wife, Eliza, to render a public benefit to the community in which she lived. He bequeathed his dwelling-house, estimated to be worth twenty-five thousand dollars, and an additional sum of thirty-five thousand dollars. He placed the management of the home in the hands of his executors, John T. Wait, James A. Hovey, and Jedediah Huntington, and the rectors of Christ and Trinity Churches.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON was born in Norwich, Sept. 13, 1791.

From the early part of this century until the close of the second war with England he resided in Troy, N. Y., with his brother-in-law, Guilford Young. He then returned to Norwich and embarked in business in the stores that occupied the site of the present freight depot of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, and remained there alone or in company with his nephew, the late John G. Huntington, until he entirely retired from business, in 1836. In all his business enterprises he was eminently successful; and this success may well be attributed not only to his energy, enterprise, and constant devotion to his business pursuits, but to the enviable reputation that he enjoyed for his unbending integrity.

Jedediah Huntington, son of the late John G. Huntington, and John A. Morgan are now conducting the business which was established more than sixty years ago by the subject of this sketch, and in every way maintain the same reputation for honor and integrity in all their business relations which was enjoyed by the founder of the house.

In June, 1819, Mr. Huntington married Eliza, youngest daughter of the late Judge Marvin Wait, of New London. She was a lady with a warm heart and open hand, and the poor and the afflicted were ever drawn towards her by her deep and tender sympathy for them. Mr. and Mrs. Huntington lived together for more than fifty years. They celebrated their golden wedding in June, 1869.

The confidence that the public placed in Mr. Huntington is exhibited in the relations that he sustained to the moneyed and other corporations of this city. He was for nearly half a century a director of the Norwich Bank. He was a trustee and director of the Society for Savings from its organization, and one of the projectors and managers of the Norwich Water-Power Company. He took an active part in building the railroad from Norwich to Worcester, and when

the company, of which he was a director, was near sinking under pecuniary embarrassment, he united with a few others in lending his personal credit to sustain that of the corporation, and in that way secured the success of the enterprise.

The Sheltering Arms Home for the Sick and the Rock Nook Children's Home are two praiseworthy institutions both located in Norwich Town.

**The Otis Library.**<sup>1</sup>—This institution received its name from its founder, Deacon Joseph Otis, a son of Norwich, but for many years a merchant in New York. The last fifteen years of his life he spent in his native city. His first purpose was to endow a library by a bequest, but upon the earnest recommendation of his pastor and friend, Rev. Alvan Bond, D.D., he decided to begin the work before his death. The building was accordingly erected and delivered to trustees designated by the donor in January, 1850. The original board of trustees were Rev. Alvan Bond, D.D., Worthington Hooker, M.D., J. G. W. Trumbull, George Perkins, William A. Buckingham, Robert Johnson, and Charles Johnson, the board being by charter self-perpetuating.

At the completion of the building Deacon Otis advanced two thousand dollars for the purchase of books, and the work of the library began in July, 1850.

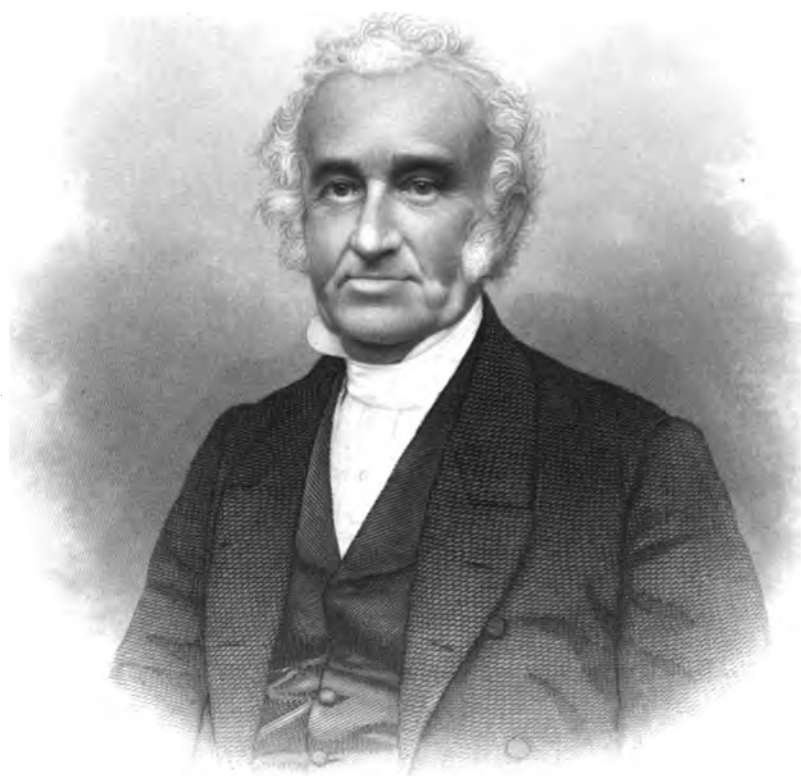
"A very general interest was taken in the institution," says Dr. Bond, "and a large number of readers applied for tickets, which were furnished at that time for one dollar a year. Constant additions were made to the books upon its shelves, chiefly through the continued liberality of its founder, who in his lifetime gave in all over ten thousand dollars, and at his death bequeathed seven thousand dollars more as a permanent fund."

In 1868, Mr. Charles Boswell, of West Hartford, a native of Norwich, added one thousand dollars to the permanent fund of the institution, and from time to time generous contributions have been made by numerous citizens towards the current expenses, and to enable the trustees to make larger purchases of books than the income of funds would warrant. Various public entertainments have been given to promote the same objects.

It has been the constant intention of the trustees to provide a large variety of literature, but rigidly to exclude everything that can be in any way hurtful in its influence. For ten or fifteen years past magazines and quarterlies, both American and foreign, have been furnished the patrons of the library. At present more than thirty different standard periodicals are regularly received, and year by year bound volumes of them are multiplying upon the shelves.

In 1867 a very complete catalogue of the books then owned was issued in a bound volume, and within the past three years, by the exceeding generosity of Mr. William Abbot, one of the trustees till

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer.



Engraved by J. H. Johnson, New York

*Frederick Douglass*



Engraved by J. H. Johnson

*Eliza Huntington*

he transferred his residence to Hartford, a card catalogue has been made, according to the plan adopted by many of the first libraries of the country.

Within the past year the institution has been enriched by the munificent bequests of the late Dr. Daniel Tyler Coit, for many years a prominent physician of Boston, Mass., but the last five years of his life a resident of Norwich. His bequests amount to nearly thirteen thousand dollars. The present trustees are Messrs. John T. Adams, William Aiken, E. N. Gibbs, Gardner Greene, William Hutchison, William S. Palmer, and Jonathan Trumbull.

**The Norwich Horse Railroad** was projected in 1869, and Sept. 12, 1870, the first cars passed over it from Bean Hill to Greeneville. The line extends from the city to Greeneville, to the falls, and Norwich Town, and has proven itself a great convenience.

**Bridges.**—One of the earliest bridges was over the Shetucket at the falls. It was built in 1717, and in February, 1727, this with three others were swept away by a freshet. The bridge was rebuilt in 1828, and at its raising a portion of it fell, killing two persons and seriously wounding several others. The Lathrop bridge has been rebuilt several times.

In 1750, or near that period, the following bridges were maintained by the town:

Over Bradford's or Susquetomscot Brook, on the road to Lebanon.

Great Pond Brook, on the road to Colchester.

Pease's Brook. These were the three branches of the Yantic.

At Bean Hill. Quarter bridge. The Court-House bridge. No-man's Acre bridge. These four crossed the Yantic.

Beaver's Brook, in West Farms Society.

Trading Cove Brook, on the road to New London.

Elderkin's bridge, on the road to Windham.

"Wood's bridge over Showtuckett, north of Pettipaug." This was afterwards Lord's bridge, uniting Franklin with Lisbon.

Lovett's bridge. Lathrop's bridge.

The last four were over the Shetucket.

Johnson's bridge over the Quinnebaug, on the road to Plainfield.

Pachaug bridge, east of the Quinnebaug.

The first bridge uniting "The Landing" (Norwich City) with Lisbon was built in 1737, and in 1751 was superseded by a bridge which cost £4000, old tenor. This was swept away in 1762, and was rebuilt in 1764. This was replaced by another structure in 1784, and still another in 1797. It is not strange that we find the town records alluding to the "enormous expenses" incurred for bridges.

The Norwich and Preston Bridge Company was incorporated in 1816, and in the following year a toll-bridge was erected about a mile above the mouth of the river. It was carried away in 1823, but rebuilt on the same foundation at an expense of five thousand dollars. In 1858 this bridge was purchased by the

towns of Norwich and Preston. This was replaced by the present iron bridge, which was built in 1870.

Giddings' bridge, which spanned the Shetucket about a mile from its mouth, was built in 1757.

Laurel Hill bridge was built in 1853, through the instrumentality of Hon. Henry Bill, John W. Stedman, Thomas Robinson, John A. Rockwell, Amos Davis, and others. It has since been repaired, and in 1860 its charter was relinquished, and since then it has belonged to the town.

The bridge over the Shetucket at Greeneville was built in 1854, damaged by floods and reconstructed in 1858, destroyed by fire in 1862, and rebuilt in 1863. The wharf bridge was built in 1771.

**Laurel Hill.**<sup>1</sup>—That portion of the city of Norwich on the east, where the Shetucket joins the Thames, from the heights of which the eye sweeps over the entire field of the city and its river-front, the old town, and the whole range of country as far southward as the highlands of Montville,—a natural panorama not surpassed in beauty in Connecticut,—was as rude and uncultured as when Mason's party first sailed up the Thames down to the year 1850. At that time it was known as Pepper's Hill, from one Michael Pepper, who formerly owned a portion of it and lived near it. This district was originally a part of the East or Long Society of Norwich, but in 1786 was set off to Preston with the rest of the society, and remained part of the town of Preston for seventy years.

In the fall of 1850 something over one hundred acres of this district were purchased by John A. Rockwell, Thomas Robinson, and Henry Bill, and its name changed to the more appropriate title of Laurel Hill. Soon after its purchase Mr. Bill acquired the entire interest of his partners, and whatever of success attended the enterprise from the beginning is to be attributed to him. Streets and building-lots were laid out; an ample tract of land was reserved in the centre, which was subsequently deeded to the city for a public park, and afterwards given to the city by Mr. Bill; a reservoir was built on an adjoining hill, and an aqueduct of pure spring-water carried to every part of the district, and a settlement at once commenced, which has grown to be one of the most beautiful portions of the city of Norwich. Here Mr. Bill erected an elegant residence for himself in 1852.

In 1853 an act of incorporation was granted to a company composed of John W. Stedman, Thomas Robinson, John A. Rockwell, Henry Bill, Amos Davis, and others, who at once proceeded to build a substantial wooden bridge by private subscription, at an expense of four thousand dollars, connecting the city of Norwich with Laurel Hill, on the precise spot now occupied by a heavy iron bridge, and where no less than five bridges had been built since the first settlement of the town.

In 1857 the Laurel Hill district was reannexed to

<sup>1</sup> By J. W. Stedman.

the city of Norwich by an act of the Legislature, and in 1867, the bridge charter of 1853 having been abandoned and the maintenance of the bridge left to the town of Norwich, the present iron bridge was built at an expense of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Laurel Hill district, so recently, as we have seen, a barren and wholly neglected locality, is now a most charming suburb of the city of Norwich.

**Masonic.**—The first lodge of Free and Accepted Masons instituted in Norwich was chartered by "St. John's Grand Lodge" of Massachusetts in the year 1767, as appears in the records of said Grand Lodge, now in possession of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

**COLUMBIA LODGE, F. and A. M.,** was chartered by "Massachusetts Grand Lodge," Joseph Webb, Grand Master, on the 23d day of July, 1785. The petitioners were Philip Turner, Bela Turner, John Richards, Samuel Mott, and Jeremiah Harris.

**SOMERSET LODGE, No. 34, F. and A. M.,** was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, May 25, 1795, with the following members: Elijah Clark, P. Coit, Stephen Culver, Cushing Eells, Jeremiah Harris, Giles L'Hommedieu, Ebenezer Huntington, Samuel Huntington, Daniel Lathrop, Gordon Lathrop, Simeon Lathrop, David Nevins, Robert Niles, John Richards, Benjamin Snow, Asa Spaulding, Elisha Tracy, John Trumbull, John Turner, and Philip Turner.

The first Master was Asa Spaulding, a prominent lawyer. Ebenezer Huntington was first senior warden, and Benjamin Snow junior warden.

This charter was revoked by the Grand Lodge May 9, 1838, and restored May 14, 1845.

The lodge is said to have been named in honor of Lord Somerset, of England. The first communication on record was held June 8, 1795. The second was held July 2d, same year. The officers were Asa Spaulding, W. M.; Benjamin Snow, J. W.; Daniel Lathrop, Treas.; Simeon Huntington, Sec.; David Nevins, S. D.; John Trumbull, J. D.; Gordon Lathrop, S. S.; John Turner, J. S.; John Richards, Tyler. At this communication the by-laws were adopted, and Joseph Huntington was placed on the minutes as a candidate for initiation. Peter Lamman was the first initiate in the lodge.

The lodge first met in a room owned by Cyrus Braman, Esq., and soon after a room owned by Mrs. Peal was occupied. In 1798 the lodge held its communications at the house of Dr. Joshua Lathrop. In 1801 the brick "store chamber" of Capt. Nathaniel Peabody was fitted up for a lodge, and was used for that purpose until June 5, 1850, when the lodge-room of the I. O. O. F. was secured, and held as the lodge-room of Somerset Lodge till June 19, 1865, when Uncas Hall was dedicated to the genius of Masonry.

The following is a list of Masters of the lodge from its organization to present time: Asa Spaulding, 1795; Ebenezer Huntington, 1796; Benjamin Snow, 1797–

98, 1801–8; Joseph Huntington, 1799–1800; Consider Sterry, 1807–9, 1815–16; Judah Hart, 1810–11; Joseph Kinney, 1812; Samuel Badey, 1813–14; James Cushman, 1817–18; Elisha Tracy, 1819; John Nichols, 1819–20; Wm. Belcher, 1821; Wm. P. Eaton, 1822–24, 1830–31; Asa Childs, 1825–29, 1832; Chauncey Burgess, 1845; Edward W. Eells, 1846; Wm. H. Copp, 1847–51, 1852–54; Charles Ball, 1848; Wm. L. Brewer, 1849–50; H. Hobart Roaths, 1855; Wm. Bond, 1856; Wm. H. Tingley, 1857–58; Martin R. Kenyon, 1859; P. St. M. Andrews, 1860–62; Lemuel H. Chester, 1863; Amos E. Cobb, 1864; Rufus M. Ladd, 1865–66; Austin Brewster, 1867; J. J. Wait, 1868–69; J. L. Devotion, 1870–71; J. W. Stedman, 1872; Chas. W. Carter, 1873; J. B. Mershon, 1874; B. H. Rogers, 1875; Robert A. France, 1876–78; E. S. Bishop, 1877; Arthur H. Brewer, 1879; Wm. L. Potter, 1880–81.<sup>1</sup>

**FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 4, R. A. M.,** was organized the year succeeding the organization of Somerset Lodge. It was constituted under a charter granted by "a Washington Chapter" of New York, March 15, A.D. 1796. The following were the petitioners: Joseph Huntington, Jacob Smith, Luther Spalding, Consider Sterry, Elisha Tracy, John Warner.

The following is a list of M. E. High Priests from 1796 to 1882:

1796, Elisha Tracy; 1797–1800, John Tyler; 1800–18, Consider Sterry; 1818–21, James Cushman; 1821–23, William Belcher; 1823–25, Thomas T. Wells; 1825–28, Asa Child; 1828, Lucius Tyler; 1829, Asa Child; 1830, Lucius Tyler; 1831, Alpheus Kingsley; 1832, Asa Child (no record from this time to restoration of charter in 1846); 1846, Appleton Meech; 1847–56, William H. Copp; 1856–58, Martin R. Kenyon; 1858–62, Benjamin B. Whittemore; 1862, Calvin G. Child; 1863–66, William H. Tingley; 1866–68, William W. Avery; 1868–70, John L. Devotion; 1870–72, Jacob B. Mershon; 1872–74, Increase W. Carpenter; 1874–76, Lloyd M. Cobb; 1876, Arthur H. Brewer, present H. P.

**FRANKLIN COUNCIL, No. 3, R. and S. M.,** was first constituted under a warrant of dispensation on Feb. 28, A.D. 1818. Jeremy L. Cross, clothed with authority for that purpose, appointed Companions James Cushman, G. M., David Tracy, D. G. M., and Elijah Ames, P. C.

At the organization of the Grand Council of the State of Connecticut, May 18, A.D. 1819, Franklin Council was represented by Companions James Cushman, Samuel Bailey, and Amos Williams, the first named being elected the first G. P. C. of the work.

The warrant of dispensation under which the council was constituted having been surrendered to the Grand Council and its authority recognized, that body at its annual assembly in May, 1821, granted a charter, which remained in force until the assembly

<sup>1</sup> For history of St. James' Lodge see Supplement.

of the Grand Council, May 9, 1839, when it was declared null and void, the companions having for a number of years neglected the duty of sending representatives and making returns to the Grand Council, as required by its by-laws.

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council, May 14, 1846, Ill. Companion C. Burgess, in behalf of the members of the late Franklin Council, No. 3, asked the Grand Council to restore the charter; whereupon, on motion of Ill. Companion H. Goodwin (2), it was

*"Resolved, That the charter of Franklin Council, No. 3, be restored to the companions residing at Norwich and vicinity, and that Companion Chauncey Burgess be authorized to convene the members and lead them to a choice of officers, and make report to the Grand Council."*

Agreeably to this vote, a meeting was holden May 7, 1847, and the council reorganized with Companion Burgess as G. M.

The degrees of Royal Master and Select Master were the only degrees conferred in the council until Dec. 1, 1864, when that of Superior Excellent Master was introduced.

The original by-laws, adopted Oct. 30, 1820, with various amendments, remained in force until Sept. 28, 1866, when a new code was adopted, which, with a few amendments, principally in regard to dues, are those now in use.

The following is a list of T. Ill. Masters from 1818 to 1882:

1818-19, James Cushman; 1820-23, William Belcher; 1824-25, Nathan Johnson; 1826-30, William P. Eaton; 1847-49, Chauncey Burgess; 1850-52, John Nichols; 1853-54, John H. Cutler; 1855-56, William L. Brewer; 1857-58, William H. Tingley; 1859, William H. Copp; 1860, H. Hobart Roath; 1861, John W. Stedman; 1862-68, H. Hobart Roath; 1869-71, I. W. Carpenter; 1872-73, Costello Lippitt; 1874-81, James Kirker.

COLUMBIAN COMMANDERY, No. 24, K. T.—Columbian Encampment was instituted on the 9th of November, 1853, and the following officers duly installed: William H. Copp, C.; Appleton Meech, Gen.; Isaac Williams, Capt.-Gen.; William L. Brewer, Prel.; John W. Stedman, S. W.; John H. Cutler, J. W.; Calvin G. Rawson, Treas.; John Backus, Rec.; John H. Gale, Sw.-Bearer; William H. Hyde, St. B.; Isaac H. Roath, W.

The following Sir Knights have held the office of Eminent Commander since the institution of the commandery: William H. Copp, November, 1853-56; William L. Brewer, 1856-57; William H. Tingley, 1857-58; William H. Copp, 1858-60; Benjamin B. Whittemore, 1860-64; Pierre St. M. Andrews, 1864-66; John W. Stedman, 1866-69; Charles W. Carter, 1869-71; Henry L. Parker, 1871-73; Jacob B. Mershon, 1873-75; Joseph J. Wait, 1875-77; Allen Tenney, 1877-79; Robert A. France, 1879-81; N. D. Levin, 1881.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.—The

following history of the Scottish Rite in Norwich is taken from an excellent address which was delivered by Charles W. Carter 33°, June 24, 1874: "On the 28th of September, 1863, in company with eight Sir Knights of Hartford, one of your number<sup>1</sup> visited Providence, R. I., for the purpose of receiving the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Arriving there at high twelve, they were conducted to the City Hotel, and from thence to the Masonic Hall, in What Cheer Building, where they were initiated into the sublime and superior degrees and orders of Ineffable Masonry, Rev. and Ill. Bro. Charles H. Titus 32°, presiding in the Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes of Jerusalem. Ill. Bro. N. H. Gould 33°, member of the Supreme Council of Sov. Grand Inspectors-General, and Deputy for the State of Rhode Island, was present and elevated them to the high grade of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret 32°. Early the next spring several Sir Knights, members of Columbian Commandery, No. 4, K. T., Norwich, Conn., solicited the aid of a Scottish Rite brother in arranging for them to receive the sublime and superior degrees. A preliminary meeting was held in Bro. W. W. Avery's room at the American House, and it was there agreed that application for the degrees should be made to Worcester Grand Lodge of Perfection, Worcester, Mass. In due time arrangements were perfected, and on the 14th of April, 1864, the company, consisting of Bros. W. W. Avery, Hiram Cook, H. L. Parker, John G. Brady, John Backus, and George A. Harris, proceeded to Worcester, Mass. Arriving at seven o'clock P.M., they were conducted by Bro. Benjamin Lewis 32° to the Masonic Hall, where the degrees from the 4th to the 14th were conferred by Ill. Bro. Alfred F. Chapman 32°, T. P. Gr. Master of Boston Gr. Lodge of Perfection. By invitation of John W. Dadman 32°, T. P. Gr. Master of Worcester Gr. Lodge of Perfection, Ill. Bro. W. S. Gardner 33°, Ins.-Gen. and Deputy of the Supreme Council for Massachusetts, then proceeded to advance the Norwich brethren to the high grade of S. P. of the R. S. 32°. No further business appearing, the meeting closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Bay State House, and there petitioned the Ill. Deputy for a dispensation to open and hold a Grand Lodge of Perfection in the city of Norwich, Conn., under the title of King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection. Ill. Bro. Gardner, having previous instruction from the Sov. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council, K. H. Van Rensselaer 33°, then and there granted said petition, the officers to take rank in the order in which their names appeared upon the dispensation.

"On their return to Norwich they made application to Somerset Lodge, No. 34, F. and A. M., for permission to hold meetings in their hall (which was at that time located on the fourth floor of the Uncas Hall building, in Water Street). Said petition was granted,

<sup>1</sup> Charles W. Carter (editor).

and Monday evenings assigned for their use. At the annual session of the Supreme Council 33°, held in the city of Boston, Mass., May 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1864, the new Lodge of Perfection was represented in Sov. Gr. Consistory by the first and third officers. Agreeable to request, the newly-acquired territory was annexed to the Masonic district of Rhode Island, and Ill. Bro. N. H. Gould 33°, appointed deputy for the united jurisdiction.

"The first meeting for work was held on the 26th of May, 1864, at which time the brethren were honored by the presence of Ill. Bros. K. H. Van Rensselaer 33°, Sov. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.; also, Ill. Bros. T. W. Wellington 32°, of Worcester, Mass.; M. J. Drummond 32°, of New York; Rev. Junius M. Wiley 32°, of Bridgeport, Conn., and John Shepley 32°, of Providence, R. I. K. H. Van Rensselaer 33°, presided and conferred the degrees from the 4th to the 14th upon Sir Kts. John W. Stedman, Wm. H. Tingley, and Geo. H. Lovegrove, after which the ceremonies concluded with a banquet.

"On the following day, May 27th, the members of King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection assembled at the Wauregan House, and in room No. 33 made application to the Sov. Gr. Commander for the remaining bodies of the rite, and also requested the Grand Commander to elevate to the high grade of S. P. of the R. S. 32°, Ill. Bros. John W. Stedman and Wm. H. Tingley, which was accordingly done, and the dispensations granted under the following titles: Van Rensselaer Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix D-H, and Connecticut Sov. Consistory of S. P. of the R. S. 32°.

"In the hands of these few brethren began the existence of the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Norwich, Conn. As all new enterprises are more or less surrounded by difficulties which require earnest efforts on the part of the organizers to overcome, so with this. The little band of brothers, in order to succeed, were compelled to contribute largely from their private resources, and to employ every leisure moment in perfecting themselves in the ritual and other duties, the extent of which few can appreciate but those who have been called to perform labor of a like character. At the annual session of the Supreme Council 33°, held in Boston, May 17, 18, and 19, 1865, the bodies were fully represented in the Sov. Gr. Consistory, and the progress which they had made was complimented by advancing two of their number to honorary membership in the Supreme Council, and upon the resignation of Ill. Bro. N. H. Gould 33°, as deputy for Connecticut, an active member was created from the honorary list of this State, and appointed deputy. Thursday, following the return of the delegation from the Supreme Council, they were again honored by a visit from the Gr. Commander, K. H. Van Rensselaer 33°, who witnessed an exemplification of the work in King Solo-

mon Gr. Lodge of Perfection, also Connecticut Sov. Consistory, at which time Ill. Bro. Wm. L. Brewer was elevated to the high grade of S. P. of the R. S. 32°.

"Visits of the Grand Commander and other members of the Supreme Council from time to time encouraged the brethren in their labors, and established the fact of their success.

"June 19, 1865, all the bodies of Masonry in Norwich removed from their old quarters into larger and more convenient apartments located on the first floor below the old hall.

"At the meeting of the Supreme Council, held in Boston, Mass., May 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1866, the bodies in Norwich were again fully represented in Sov. Gr. Consistory, and the first report of the new deputy was submitted to that supreme body.

"In the early part of July, 1866, the brethren were called to mourn the loss of Ill. Bro. John Backus 32°. He was one of the original seven who journeyed from home and received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the purpose of establishing the bodies in Connecticut. He was an efficient officer, and active in all the orders of Masonry located at Norwich, Conn. He expressed strong attachment for his Scottish Rite brethren, and rejoiced in the welfare of the order. His death occurred in this city, Saturday evening, the 7th of July, 1866. The funeral ceremonies took place on the following Tuesday at Trinity Church, of which he was a member, and, in compliance with his last request, the six surviving brethren deposited his remains in the silent tomb. The mystic number was broken, but the memory of the virtues of that departed one remains, and may we ever hold the precepts which governed his life in high and honorable estimation.

"Monday, the 25th of February, 1867, the Ill. Deputy delivered to King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes, Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Consistory their charters, which had been prepared by the Secretary-General of the H. E. He then proceeded to constitute the bodies and install their officers. The attendance of brethren was large, and the ceremonies closed with a grand reunion banquet.

"At the annual-session of the Supreme Council held in Boston, Mass., May 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1867, a larger number of Norwich brethren were present in the Sov. Gr. Consistory than on previous occasions, among whom were Bros. H. L. Parker 33°, John L. Devotion 32°, John W. Stedman 32°, Jason Beckwith 32°, C. M. Carleton 32°, J. E. Short, Jr. 32°, E. B. Partridge 32°, and Charles W. Carter 33°. As a special compliment to them and reward for the success of the rite in Connecticut, the Ill. Deputy was elected and installed Pres. Sov. Grand Commander of the Sov. Grand Consistory for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

"The first State Council of Deliberation for the

Masonic District of Connecticut was held in the city of Norwich, Dec. 17, 1867. There were present from abroad, as delegates, Ill. Bros. Joseph K. Wheeler 33°, Amos Pillsbury 32°, and Ira W. Ford 32°, of Hartford, George W. Bentley 33°, of New London, and Charles Webb 32°, of Bridgeport. Also, by invitation, the Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Josiah H. Drummond 33°, of Portland, Me., William Barrett 33°, Deputy, Aaron King 33°, and Allen Tenny 32°, of New Hampshire. At seven o'clock P.M. the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander and visitors were received by Connecticut Sov. Consistory with all the honors due their high positions.

"The 30th degree, Knight of Kadosh, was exemplified in full, after which the knights and princes proceeded to the Wauregan House and partook of a banquet given in honor of the illustrious visitors.

"At the annual session of the Supreme Council held in New York, June 24, 1868, the Ill. Deputy was for the first time unaccompanied by his brethren. At the meeting of the Council of Deliberation held in the city of Hartford, Dec. 31, 1868, the Norwich bodies were represented by Ill. Bros. H. L. Parker 33°, George A. Harris 32°, Luke Hillard 32°, and the Ill. Deputy. By invitation of the officers and members of Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection, the Norwich brethren conferred the 14th degree upon twelve candidates, after which they attended a banquet provided by the Hartford brethren in honor of the occasion.

"At the meeting of the Supreme Council held in Boston, Mass., June 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1869, the bodies were represented by Ill. Bro. H. L. Parker 33°, and the Ill. Deputy. At the Council of Deliberation held in the city of Hartford, Feb. 10, 1870, the bodies were represented by Ill. Bros. J. B. Mer-shon 32°, and Charles W. Carter 33°. In the evening they assisted in conferring the 14th degree upon candidates in Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection.

"At the annual session of the Supreme Council held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, June 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1870, the deputy was present and re-elected for the ensuing term.

"The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in this city were prompt in responding to the call, made by the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, asking aid for the unfortunate brethren of Chicago, Ill., who were made homeless and penniless by the great fire of Oct. 9, 1871.

"Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, D. H., was called to part with the living presence of their M. W. and P. Master, Dec. 10, 1871. From the organization of the chapter to the day of his death, Ill. Bro. William H. Tingley 32°, held the highest position in that body. His natural attainments, learning, kindness of heart, and high social position contributed to make him a prominent member of the orders in Norwich.

"At the State Council of Deliberation held in this city, June 24, 1872, the bodies were fully represented.

In the evening there was a meeting of King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection for work in the 14th degree. Ceremonies closed with the feast of friendship, and all separated in peace, love, and unity.

"At the annual session of the Supreme Council held in the city of New York, Sept. 17, 18, 19, and 20, 1872, full returns were made, showing the unexampled prosperity of the bodies of the rite in Norwich, Conn.

"Applications have been received and the sublime degrees conferred upon distinguished Masons at home and from afar. In the month of March, 1873, the propositions of John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and E. M. Copeland, Eminent Commander of Richard Cœur de Leon Encampment, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, were received. They were accepted, and on the 22d of April, 1873, received in King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection the degrees from 4th to 14th, inclusive. On the 23d they continued their upward course through the council, chapter, and consistory, and at ten o'clock P.M. were received at the grand reunion banquet in Breed Hall as sublime Princes of the Royal Secret 32°. R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Calkins 32°, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and many other distinguished Masons were present and participated in the ceremonies and festivities of the occasion.

"At the annual session of the Supreme Council held in the city of Chicago, Ill., the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th of November, 1873, your deputy was again re-elected for the ensuing term.

"At a special meeting of the bodies held in Masonic Hall, Norwich, March 2, 1874, the subject of leasing and furnishing new apartments for the exclusive use of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was considered, and final action taken by appointing the first three officers of each body as a joint committee, with full powers to complete said object.

"March 9, 1874, Charles E. Billings, first officer elect of Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection, and six other members from Hartford received in the bodies the rite in this jurisdiction, the sublime and superior degrees from 14th to 32d, inclusive. The consistory closed with a grand reunion banquet. Joseph K. Wheeler 33°, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and other brethren high in Masonic office were present in honor of the occasion.

"At the meeting of the Council of Deliberation held in the city of New Haven, April 14, 1874, the members of King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection received an invitation to visit E. G. Storer Grand Lodge of Perfection, U. D., and witness an exemplification of the 4th and 14th degrees. The Ill. Deputy and many others were in attendance. At the close of the evening they were conducted by the New Haven brethren to the banquet-hall, and there entertained in the most agreeable manner.

"We have now arrived to the present time. By it



we are reminded that a decade has passed with its joys and sorrows since the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite were planted in this city. A new era has begun. The accumulations of ten years have been expended to enrich and adorn this new and elegant hall, which is soon to be dedicated as the home of Ineffable Masonry in Eastern Connecticut. It is an occasion for special rejoicing, inasmuch as these apartments are the only ones fitted in accordance with history and devoted to the exclusive use of this rite in all New England. I congratulate the brethren upon the success which has crowned their efforts, and especially the few brethren who founded the order and labored zealously to secure for it life and dignity. How well they succeeded you all know, and we doubt not but that their fondest hopes have been more than realized.

"In the midst of prosperity let us not forget the duties we owe to the order, to society, and to those who are to follow after us. Let us practice virtue, shun vice, and labor to correct the evil fashions of these days, when men in high stations err without a blush, and life is sacrificed for worldly gain; when justice yields to bribery, and extravagance knows no bounds. In the midst of this darkness may the light of Masonry shine forth as a brilliant defender of that peace and happiness which governs the lives of all good men, and may the time be not far distant when we may proclaim, in the beautiful language of our ritual,—

"Glory to God, who reigns above,  
And to our fellow-creatures love!"

**KING SOLOMON GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION** was chartered April 14, 1864. The following were its first officers and charter members: Charles W. Carter, T.<sup>h</sup>.P.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>.; William W. Avery, H.<sup>h</sup>.T.<sup>h</sup>.D.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>.; Henry L. Parker, Ven.<sup>h</sup>.Sen.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; John G. Brady, Ven.<sup>h</sup>.Jun.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; John Backus, G.<sup>h</sup>.Treas.<sup>h</sup>.; Hiram Cook, G.<sup>h</sup>.Sec.<sup>h</sup>. and K.<sup>h</sup>. of S.<sup>h</sup>.; George A. Harris, G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of C.<sup>h</sup>.

**VAN RENSSELAER COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM** was chartered May 28, 1864. The first officers and charter members were John W. Stedman, M.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>.S.<sup>h</sup>.P.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>.; Henry L. Parker, T.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.H.<sup>h</sup>.P.<sup>h</sup>.D.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>.; George A. Harris, M.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>.S.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; Charles W. Carter, M.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>.J.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; John Backus, V.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.Treas.<sup>h</sup>.; John G. Brady, V.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>. of S.<sup>h</sup>. and O.<sup>h</sup>.; William H. Tingley, V.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of C.<sup>h</sup>.; Hiram Cook, V.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of E.<sup>h</sup>.; William W. Avery, Grand Tyler.

**NORWICH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, D-H**, was chartered May 28, 1864. The first officers and charter members were William H. Tingley, M.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>.; John G. Brady, M.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.S.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; John Backus, M.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.J.<sup>h</sup>.W.<sup>h</sup>.; Hiram Cook, R.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.T.<sup>h</sup>.; George A. Harris, R.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.S.<sup>h</sup>.; William W. Avery, R.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of C.<sup>h</sup>.; Henry L. Parker, R.<sup>h</sup>. and P.<sup>h</sup>.K.<sup>h</sup>.C.<sup>h</sup>. of G.<sup>h</sup>.; Charles W. Carter, John W. Stedman.

**CONNECTICUT SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY OF S.<sup>h</sup>.P.<sup>h</sup>.** OF THE ROYAL SECRET 32<sup>o</sup> was chartered May 28, 1864. The first officers and charter members were Charles W. Carter, Ill. Com.-in-Chief; William W. Avery, Ill. 1st Lieut. Com.-in-Chief; Hiram Cook, Ill. 2d Lieut. Com.-in-Chief; William H. Tingley, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of S.<sup>h</sup>.; John Backus, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.Treas.<sup>h</sup>.; Henry L. Parker, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.Sec.<sup>h</sup>. K.<sup>h</sup>. of S.<sup>h</sup>.; John W. Stedman, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.M.<sup>h</sup>. of C.<sup>h</sup>.; John G. Brady, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.E.<sup>h</sup>. and A.<sup>h</sup>.; George A. Harris, Val.<sup>h</sup>.G.<sup>h</sup>.C.<sup>h</sup>. of G.<sup>h</sup>.

There are also two colored lodges,—Eureka Lodge, No. 2, F. and A. M., Alexander Brent, W. M., and Fairmount Chapter, No. 18, O. E. S.

**FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 4, R. A. M.**, was organized the year succeeding the organization of Somerset Lodge. It was constituted under a charter granted by "a Washington Chapter" of New York, March 15, A.D. 1796. The following were the petitioners: Joseph Huntington, Jacob Smith, Luther Spalding, Consider Sterry, Elisha Tracy, John Warner. The following is a list of M. E. High Priests from 1796 to 1882: 1796, Elisha Tracy; 1797-1800, John Tyler; 1800-18, Consider Sterry; 1818-21, James Cushman; 1821-23, William Belcher; 1823-25, Thomas T. Wells; 1825-28, Asa Child; 1828, Lucius Tyler; 1829, Asa Child; 1830, Lucius Tyler; 1831, Alpheus Kingsley; 1832, Asa Child. No record from this time to restoration of charter in 1846. 1846, Appleton Meech; 1847-56, William H. Copp; 1856-58, Martin R. Kenyon; 1858-62, Benjamin B. Whittemore; 1862, Calvin G. Child; 1863-66, William H. Tingley; 1866-68, William W. Avery; 1868-70, John L. Devotion; 1870-72, Jacob B. Mershon; 1872-74, Increase W. Carpenter; 1874-76, Lloyd M. Cobb; 1876-78, Arthur H. Brewer; 1878-79, John Lighton; 1879-80, D. D. Lyman; 1881, Gilbert L. Hewitt.

**Miantonomoh.**—The spot where this chieftain was slain consists of a block or cube of granite, five feet square at the base, placed on a pedestal that raises the whole eight feet above the surface, and bearing the simple inscription, "Miantonomoh, 1643." This is the sachem's monument. The place where it stands has long been known as Sachem's Plain, or Sachem's Point. A small stream which here flows into the Shetucket is Sachem's Brook, and a living spring near by is Sachem's Spring. In fact, the whole neighborhood is overshadowed and engraven with the name and fame of the great Narragansett chief.

This granite block was dedicated in the presence of a concourse of people, young and old, from the neighborhood, the ceremony being connected with a festival of children from the village of Greeneville. It was consecrated by prayer and libations of pure water from the Sachem's Spring, where doubtless he had slaked his thirst and cooled his heated brow in his marches through the wilderness. This monument was erected July 4, 1841.

**New London County Agricultural Society** was

formed in the year 1818, which continued in operation five or six years, holding its annual fair alternately at Norwich and New London. Oct. 30, 1822, the fair was held at Norwich, on the town green. A book auction was connected with it, and an address by Mr. McCurdy, of Lyme. This association declined, and after a few years became extinct.

A new county society was organized April 12, 1854, in the town hall at Norwich. Rev. William Clift, of Stonington, was chosen president, and Dr. D. F. Gulliver, corresponding and recording secretary. The first fair was held at Norwich in September, 1855, at which time M. Paulin, the aeronaut, enlivened the show with a balloon ascension, remaining an hour in the air, and descending at South Kingston, R. I.

This society still continues in operation, and holds its annual fairs at Norwich.

**The Norwich City Gas Company** was organized Sept. 9, 1854. The first superintendent was Frederick W. Treadway.

The present officers are as follows: Franklin Nicholas, president; C. C. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; O. Gillmor, superintendent.

Present board of directors, Franklin Nichols, John F. Slater, C. C. Johnson, Frank Johnson, E. N. Gibbs.

**Yantic Cemetery.**—This rural burying-place was consecrated July 12, 1844, all denominations of Christians in the city uniting in the services. The address was delivered by Dr. Bond, of the Second Congregational Church, and the consecrating prayer made by Mr. Paddock, the Episcopal rector. Two original hymns were sung, composed by Mr. Charles Thurber.

This cemetery is the property of the city, and has been much enlarged since the first purchase. It contains many beautiful and interesting monuments, and has recently acquired a new and permanent interest by gathering within its bounds the hallowed remains of many of the victims of the late war. Several brave soldiers who fell upon distant battle-fields and others who perished in dreary prisons have been brought home, and now rest in peace beneath these quiet shades.

**Manufactures.**—From 1790, when Dr. Joshua Lathrop established a cotton-factory in the town plot to the present time, Norwich has been the resort of important manufacturing interests. It is impracticable to follow the history of the various establishments which have from time to time sprang into existence, but a brief notice of the leading manufactures of the present time is subjoined, illustrative of the present importance of Norwich as a manufacturing centre.

The following are stock companies, organized under the general joint-stock laws of the State:

Bacon Arms Company; capital stock, \$40,000. Jas. S. Carew,<sup>1</sup> president; A. E. Cobb, secretary, treasurer, and general agent.

C. B. Rogers & Co., machinists; capital stock, \$200,000. Lyman Gould, president; D. H. Rogers, secretary; R. M. Ladd, treasurer.

Chelsea Paper Manufacturing Company; capital stock, \$400,000. J. H. Hall, president; R. L. Campbell, treasurer; Robert A. France, secretary.

Clinton Mills Company, woolen goods; capital stock, \$200,000. J. D. Sturtevant, president; A. P. Sturtevant, agent; Francis Cabot, secretary and treasurer.

Falls Company, cotton goods; capital stock, \$500,000. John Jeffries, Jr., president; J. Lloyd Greene, secretary; Wm. G. Ely, treasurer; R. H. Plummer, superintendent and agent.

Hood Firearms Company, established 1874; capital stock, \$25,000. E. N. Gibbs, president; C. A. Converse, treasurer and general agent; E. A. Converse, secretary; H. C. Webb, mechanic superintendent.

Hopkins & Allen Manufacturing Company, firearms; capital stock, \$125,000. H. A. Briggs, president; C. W. Hopkins, secretary, treasurer, and general agent.

Norwich Bleaching and Calendering Company; capital stock, \$200,000. Moses Pierce, president and treasurer; W. P. Potter, secretary.

Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company; capital stock, \$75,000. Sidney Turner, president; Charles H. Beebe, secretary and treasurer; H. P. Appleton, superintendent.

Norwich Pistol Company, incorporated 1875; capital stock, \$26,000. C. W. Gale, president and treasurer; William H. Bliss, superintendent and secretary.

Norwich Plate Company; capital stock, \$22,000. F. W. Hood, president; F. L. Osgood, secretary; Wm. Roath, treasurer.

Norwich Water-Power Company; capital stock, \$80,000. Hiram Cook, president; H. L. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

Norwich Woolen Company; capital stock, \$100,000. J. D. Sturtevant, president; Francis Cabot, secretary; A. P. Sturtevant, treasurer and agent.

Occum Company; capital stock, \$100,000. L. B. Almy, M.D., president; L. W. Carroll, secretary and treasurer.

Ponemah Mills Company; capital stock, \$1,500,000. John F. Slater, president; Edward P. Taft, secretary, treasurer, and general agent; James S. Atwood, agent; Wm. C. Tucker, superintendent.

Richmond Stove Company; capital stock, \$100,000. John Mitchell, president; A. J. Hammett, secretary and treasurer; Werter C. Higgins, agent.

Shetucket Company, cotton goods; capital stock, \$500,000. J. B. Putnam, president; Wm. P. Greene, Jr., secretary; J. Lloyd Greene, treasurer; R. H. Plummer, superintendent and agent.

Sibley Machine Company; capital stock, \$12,000. Charles P. Cogswell, president; J. Hunt Smith, secretary and treasurer; Rufus Sibley, agent.

Thames Iron-Works; capital stock, \$25,000. John

<sup>1</sup> Deceased.

Mitchell, president; James Greenwood, secretary and treasurer.

The Allen Spool and Printing Company; capital stock, \$15,000. Edwin Allen, president; J. Henry Morrison, secretary and treasurer.

The Page Steam-Heater Company; capital stock, \$9000. Wm. H. Page, president; Wm. C. Mowry, secretary and treasurer.

The William H. Page Wood-Type Company; capital stock, \$10,000. G. C. Setchell, president; Wm. H. Page, treasurer; J. D. Mowry, secretary.

Yantic Woolen Company; capital stock, \$75,000. E. Winslow Williams, president, treasurer, and general manager; Charles A. Rallion, secretary.

J. H. Cranston, manufacturer of printing-presses.

*Belts*—Norwich Belt Manufacturing Company.

*Brooms*—Ezra Bill, Owen Stead.

*Candles*—William A. Bedent, William S. Hempstead.

*Carpet Yarn*—William A. Cook.

*Drain Pipe*—William D. True, John W. L. Coit.

*Envelope Machines*—Lester & Wasley.

*Files*—Chelsea File-Works.

*Lanterns*—Barrows & Grady, Palmer & Rogers.

*Machinery*—J. E. Barber & Co., Sibley Machine Company.

*Morocco*—S. B. Case, Wm. T. Case.

*Paper Boxes*—Heirs of George Bingham.

*Picture Cords*—Ossawan Mills Company.

*Soap*—Norwich Soap Company (Gallup & Hewitt).

*Steam-Heaters*—The Page Steam-Heater Company.

*Stockinet*—Spaulding & Allen.

*Stoneware*—George L. Risley.

*Water Wheels*—J. P. Collins & Co.

*Wood Type*—William H. Page Wood Type Manufacturing Company.

**Yantic.**—The village of Yantic is a manufacturing centre pleasantly located in the western part of the town, near the towns of Franklin and Bozrah. Here are located the immense Yantic Woolen-Mills, owned by E. Winslow Williams, Esq., son of the late Capt. Erastus Williams. It is purely a manufacturing village. It has one house of worship,—Grace Church (Episcopal).

**Greeneville.**—The present flourishing village of Greeneville was founded by the enterprise of William C. Gilman and William P. Greene in 1829. It rapidly grew into importance as a manufacturing village, and is now one of the most prosperous in New England.

Among the present manufacturing establishments are the following: Shetucket Company Cotton-Mill, J. Lloyd Greene, treasurer; Chelsea Paper-Mill, Campbell & Smith, owners, R. H. France, secretary; Norwich Bleaching and Calendering Company, Moses Price, president, W. P. Potter, superintendent; A. H. Hubbard & Co., Paper-Mill, L. D. Armstrong, superintendent; H. Houston's Dye-Works, James Houston, proprietor; Durfey's Grain-Mill, F. B. Durfey, proprietor; Norwich Water-Power Company, Hiram

Cook, president, H. L. Parker, treasurer, H. M. Durfey, superintendent.

**Occum and Taftville** are manufacturing villages located in the northeastern part of the town. At the former are located the Occum Woolen-Mills, and at the latter the Ponemah Mills. The Ponemah Cotton-Mills are the model mills of New England. Capital, \$1,500,000. John F. Slater, of Norwich, is president. The Falls and Thamesville are also manufacturing centres.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

### NORWICH—(Continued.)

#### DOCUMENTARY—CIVIL—MILITARY.

Votes of 1669—A Blacksmith—Church-Members only to Vote—Admission of Inhabitants—List of Town Debts, 1718—Justice's Courts—Selling Liquor to Indians—Stealing "Water-Millions"—Profane Swearing—Rules and Regulations—Town Clerks from 1678 to 1882—City Clerks from 1826 to 1882—Mayors of the City from 1784 to 1882—Presidential Electors—Representatives from 1662 to 1882—Military Record.

### Documentary History.

#### GRANTS.

1669. "Granted to one of Goodman Tracie's sonnes 100 akers of land in y<sup>e</sup> division of y<sup>e</sup> out lands.

"Granted to Sergeant Waterman liberty to lay down twenty acres of upland over Showtucket river, and take it up again on the same side of the river, against Potapang hills, adjoining to some other lands he is to take up, and the town leaves it to the measurers to judge respecting any meadow that may fall within the compass of it, whether it may be reasonable to allow it to him or not."

"Granted to Mr. Brewster and John Glover two bits of land on the east side of Showtucket river, near their own land, they two with the help of Goodman Elderkin to agree peaceably about the division of it between them, and in case they can't well agree about the division then it falls to the town again."

"Granted to Ch<sup>r</sup> Huntington, Sen<sup>r</sup>, an addition to his land at Beaver Brook to the quantity of seven or eight acres to bring his lot to the place where the great brook turns with an elbow."

In 1682. "It is voted y<sup>t</sup> there shall be a book procured at town charge for the recording of lands, and also a boat compass and y<sup>t</sup> there shall be allowed to any of the inhabitants of this towne to make a new survey of their land, provided they take their neighbors with y<sup>e</sup> whose land lyeth adjoining to them."

Dec. 31, 1669. "Ordered by the town concerning the outlands that there shall be only one allotment for the said lands, and every man shall take his allotment in the place where God by his Providence shall cast it, Mr. Fitch only accepted."

Nov. 6, 1670. "The towne have given liberty, promising defence, to any that shall demolish whatsoever building or fencing is done upon said lands by Samuel Starr."

In 1671, Hugh Amos was engaged to keep the ferry, and the land made over to him.

Nov. 18, 1679. "The ferry place over the Showtucket shall be at the upper end of the Island against the land of Lev<sup>t</sup>. Leffingwell.—The adjoining lands granted to Hugh Amos for keeping the ferry are to extend as far as his neighbor Rockwell's land.—None to set up a ferry between this place and the mouth of the river."

#### A BLACKSMITH.

March 11, 1699. "Granted to Joseph Backus so much land upon the hill by Thomas Post's house as may be needful for him to set a shop and coal-house upon, provided he improves it for the above use."

July 7, 1704. "The town being sensible of their need of another blacksmith desire that the son of Capt. Edmonds, of Providence, may be invited to settle in the town, engaging that coals and a place to work in shall be provided by the town."

This application was not successful. Jonathan Pierce was subsequently engaged as a smith, and land given him for his encouragement both in 1705 and 1712.

In 1680 a grant of two hundred acres of land was tendered to Capt. Fitch for his encouragement in setting up a saw-mill. This was reiterated in 1689, with the condition that if the mill was not forthcoming within two years the privilege should be forfeited. In 1691 no mill had been built, and the town proposed to erect one on its own account. This was not done, and it does not appear that any saw-mill was set in operation within the town limits until about 1700.

"In 1690 a committee was appointed to fix upon a suitable position for a fulling-mill.

"In 1704, Eleazer Burnham applied for 'liberty to set up a fulling-mill upon the stream that runs into Shetucket River by the Chemical Spring.' Thirty acres of land were granted to encourage the undertaking, and more promised if the enterprise should prove successful.

"The project, however, failed. Competent workmen in this trade were then scarce in the country. Before the year 1710 there was but one clothier in the whole colony of Connecticut."

"When Providence shall so order (says the act) that there are plenty of acorns, walnuts, or the like in the woods, then it may be considered and determined what liberty to grant in this respect that the swine may have the benefit and profit of it."

"In the time of acorns we judge it may be profitable to suffer swine two months or thereabouts to go in the woods without rings."

"Yokes for swine were to be two feet in length, and six inches above the neck.

"The town street was originally laid out four rods wide in the narrowest part. Most of the branches or side roads leading into the woods were kept as pentways, closed with gates or bars. Mill Lane was the regular avenue to the old Landing-Place. There was no direct path to that rock-incumbered, forest-crowned point between the rivers where now an imposing city sits upon the hill, with her shining garments trailing far around her. The road thither from Mill Lane and No-man's Acre was very circuitous, following the turns of the river and the declivities of the hills. The whole point was considered scarcely worth a pine-tree shilling. For the first fifty years almost the sole use made of that quarter of the town was for a sheep-walk, and for that purpose it was kept within fence and gate."

1670. "It is ordered if any person shall pass with horse or cattle over the general fence and so come through the Little Plain, to or from the town, he shall pay a fine of 5 shillings."

March 2, 1685-86. "Voted, that the town will cut bushes two days this ensuing year; one day on 'ye hill, the other in ye town, and that the townsmen procure hayseed at the town charge."

"No shop-keeper or merchant appears among the early inhabitants. Incidental allusions are found to temporary traders, but for a considerable period most of the commodities required for comfortable house-

keeping, not produced among themselves, were probably procured at New London. Alexander Pygan, an early merchant of that place, but originally from Saybrook, and doubtless well acquainted with Norwich people, had many customers among them, receiving in return for his merchandise the rich produce of the field, the stall, and the dairy. A notebook of Mr. Pygan has been preserved, which contains the names of thirty-two persons in 'Norwich and Windham' with whom he had accounts before 1700.

"Inn-keepers were considered as town officers. The appointment was one of honor and respectability, and to obtain a license to keep a house of entertainment a man must be of good report and possessed of a comfortable estate. The first of whom we have any notice was Thomas Waterman.

"Dec. 11, 1679. Agreed and voted by y<sup>e</sup> town y<sup>t</sup> Sergeant Thomas Waterman is desired to keepe the ordinary. And for his encouragement he is granted four ackers of paster land where he can conveniently find it ny about the valley going from his house into the woods."

"To him succeeded, about 1690, Deacon Simon Huntington. Under date of Dec. 18, 1694, is the following appointment:

"The towne makes choise of calib abell to keep ordinari or a house of entertaynement for this yeare or till another be chosen."

"In 1700 liberty was given to Thomas Leffingwell to keep a house of entertainment. This is supposed to have been the commencement of the famous Leffingwell tavern, at the east corner of the town plot, which was continued for more than a hundred years.

"In 1706, Simon Huntington, Jr., was licensed; in 1709, Joseph Reynolds."

Dec. 1, 1713. "Sargent William Hide is chosen Taverner."

"These were in the town plot.

"The frequency of taverns in the early days of the country, when the population was slender and travelers were few, excites some surprise. But our English ancestors had a prescriptive love for a common gathering-place,—not a bar-room, nor a caravansery, nor even a club, but a fireside, a porch, or a bench under the trees, where current events and private opinions might be circulated, and a kind of 'portico parliament' held, with an accompaniment of a mug of flip or a drawing of cider. They have sent down to us a maxim which their own practice contradicted:

"Taverns are not for town-dwellers."

CHURCH-MEMBERS ONLY TO VOTE.

Dec. 11, 1670. Agreed and voted at a town meeting,—

"That the power and privilege of voting in town meetings in ordering any town affairs shall only belong to those who are the purchasers of the said plantation and consequently to their lawful heirs and not to any others who have been or shall be admitted to be inhabitants upon other considerations. Only it is granted to those who are or shall be church members, in full communion, equal privileges with us in the above-mentioned town concerns."

WEARS.

March 7, 1686. "Shetucket river, from the mouth to the crotch of Quinnebaugh, is granted to Serg<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Bushnell and three others with liberty to increase the number to *twelve or twenty*, for the purpose of making wears and taking fish for the term of seven years, they attend-

ing to those things that are customary in other places in New England in respect to opening the weares."

#### ADMISSION OF INHABITANTS.

"At a towne meeting, January 24, 1678, the Towne having seriously considered the desires of Frederick Ellis, leather-dresser, respecting his admission into the towne to set up and make improvement of his trade, —we hearing some things y<sup>t</sup> doe appeare much discouraging and also his coming to us not being so orderly having no testimony from the place from whence he came of his comely behaviour among them, but reports passing rather to the contrary, yet notwithstanding he being providentially amongst us we are willing to take a tryall of him for one year provided y<sup>t</sup> if he carryeth not comely and comfortably amongst us y<sup>t</sup> he shall now at his entrance give security under his hand y<sup>t</sup> upon a warning given him by the Select Men of the town he shall without delayes remove his dwelling from us."

"1692. Whereas Richard Elsingham and Ephraim Phillips have petitioned this town that they may live here one year, the town do agree that they may dwell here the year ensuing, provided that they then provide for themselves elsewhere."

#### "SHEEP-WALKS AND A SHEPHERD.

"Several sheep-walks were laid out in different parts of the town to accommodate the several districts. One of these was at Wequonuck Plains, and another, agreed upon in 1673, lay 'between the Great River and the Great Plain, reaching south to Trading Cove.'

"Two others were reserved expressly for the benefit of sheep-owners living in the town plot, and not for farmers, and were called the East and West Sheep-walks. These remained long intact. The eastern reservation, of nine hundred acres, covered the point between the rivers, now the central part of Norwich City. No special appointment of a shepherd to preside over this walk has been found. The West Sheep-walk, of seven hundred acres, extended over West Wawecos Hill, and Richard Pasmoth was appointed the shepherd, Feb. 12, 1682. He was to have a salary of forty shillings per annum and twelve acres of land on the hill for a house-lot, and the sheep-owners were to take their turns with him in guarding and folding the flock on the Lord's days.

"Sheep-raising, however, was never carried to its expected extent in Norwich, and in 1726 the two reservations were relinquished and divided as commons among the inhabitants, according to the following general principles:

"No one to have less than a fifty-pound share.

"First-comers who had fallen in estate to be rated as at first.

"All other shares to be laid out according to estates in the list."

#### LIST OF TOWN DEBTS, DEC. 30, 1718.

	£	s.	d.
To John Tracy for killing 4 snakes.....	0	0	8
Th. Leffingwell Jr. 6 do.....	0	1	0
Elisha Waterman 67 birds.....	0	2	9½
John Rood 24 do.....	0	1	0½
Jabez Hyde 5 snakes.....	0	0	10
Th. Bingham 4 snakes and drumming.....	1	0	8
Th. Leffingwell Jr. one day to meet New London Committee.....	0	5	0
Joseph Reynolds for a plank.....	0	1	0
Solomon Tracy one day on Committee.....	0	5	0
Charges about Preston Line.....	6	13	10
Several persons for perambulating at 3s. per day each.			

In 1720, John and Simon Tracy were appointed by the town "to make search for the Towne Armes, with

their magazians of amunition and other accotremments for war, enjoyned by law," who reported as follows:

"At Lieut. Tracy's two Guns and two pair of Snoe shoes.

"At Samuel Fales one gun and at Lieut. Bushnells one Barril of Powder and one gun and 77 pound of Led.

"At Lieut. Backuses 344 pound of bullits.

"At Ens. Leffingwells one Barril of Powder.

"At Deacon Simon Huntingtons one half Barril of Powder and 31 pound of bullets and 400 flints.

"At Simon Tracys one pair of Snoe shoes, and 4 pair of mauseons—we were also informed y<sup>t</sup> there was formerly Lent to Mr. John Leffingwell pr Lieut. Bushnell 71 pound of Led which sd Leffingwell was obliged to pay in Bullits ye same quantity.

"All ye Led and Bullits 523 pound."

#### THE TOWN POOR.

Feb. 9, 1685-86. "The Corte having ordered Katherine Dunefin to be accounted the poore of Norwich and by them to be provided for, orders two shillings per weeke to be payde by the Town of Norwich for ye bringing up the child for 2 years from this date."

Expenses incurred for the poor rarely appear in the early accounts of the town, but occasionally in the course of years a few items are found, such as "a pair of shoes for Alice Cook, 5s.," "a coat and leather breeches for old Russell, 12s.," "a sheet to bury John Nickols in, 10s.," "13 watches with Gaylor at 2s. per night, £1 6s."

Dec. 19, 1727. "To Thomas Blythe for digging Gaylor's Grave, 5s."

Dec. 17, 1728. "To Jacob Hyde for digging Micah Rood's grave, 4s."

In 1723 great amazement seems to have been excited in the townsmen by what they designate "the extraordinary charge of Henry Wallbridge Jr. for entertayneing Christian Challenge in her late sickness and distraction at his house." Yet the whole charge for eight weeks' "nursing, diet, and strengthening salve," going for doctors, four days' waiting and tending, and finally conveying her to Windham, amounts only to £3 5s. 6d. Dr. Calib Bushnell's bill "tords the cure of Christian Challenge" stands thus, and will show what a physician's fees then were:

To 3 travells.....	£0	7	6
to Lusingall Bolom.....	0	4	0
to 3 times Bleeding.....	0	1	6

"Dec. 16 day 1745. The town is Dr. to me Jacob Hyde for 208 feet of 2 inch plank improved to make and mend bridges by order of the surveyor of highways. The price of said 208 feet of plank I think must be about 30s. more or less as the town thinks fit."

"Voted, that the selectmen pay Jacob Hyde what is just."

In 1746, Mr. Benedict Arnold was chosen grand juryman, but refused to serve.

The town declared that if any one hereafter refuse to serve on the grand jury he shall pay a fine.

1754. "At present the township of Norwich pays the highest tax of any township in the colony."

**Justices' Courts.**—A few examples of cases of trespass brought before justices of the peace for adjudication will illustrate the condition of society in the first half of the eighteenth century.

The penalties at this time were:

For drunkenness, a fine (5s. to 10s.), or to sit in the stocks a couple of hours.

Not attending public worship when there was no necessary detention, 5s.

Profane swearing, 10s.

Sabbath-breaking, by labor or vain recreation, making disturbance, or laughing during the service in the house of God, 5s.

Assault and battery, or abusive words, blows, and injuries, fines or imprisonment, at discretion of the justice.

Incontinence, births out of wedlock, or too soon after marriage, £10.

"These and actions of debt were cases which a justice's court was considered competent to decide, but appeals were allowed to a higher tribunal.

"If a judgment may be formed from the number of cases and the apparent respectability of some of the delinquents, drunkenness was increasing rapidly in the land. Another species of criminality so prevalent as to excite surprise was perhaps the natural result of an intercourse too little restrained between the young people of different sexes.

"No justice in the county was more popular than Richard Bushnell. Cases were brought before him from Windham, Plainfield, Canterbury, Killingly, Preston, North Groton, and North Stonington."

"3rd of June 1708. Joseph Bushnell of Norwich complained against himself to me Richard Bushnell, Justice of the Peace, for y<sup>e</sup> he had killed a Buck contrary to law. I sentenced him to pay a fine of 10s. one half to y<sup>e</sup> county treasury and one half to complainant."

#### SELLING LIQUOR TO INDIANS.

"March 26, 1718. Mrs. Sarah Knight, Samuel Bliss, Joseph Post, Theophilus Abell and his wife and y<sup>e</sup> wife of William Hild were brought before me R. B. Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace upon y<sup>e</sup> presentment of y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jurors of our Sovereign Lord y<sup>e</sup> king for selling strong drink to the Indians last Saturday.

"Mrs. Knight accused her maid, Ann Clark, of selling the liquor. Refusing to acquit themselves by oath they were each sentenced to pay a fine of 20s. to the County Treasury."

#### OUT LATE.

"July 20, 1720. Samuel Sabin appeareth before me R. B. Justice of the Peace, and complaineth against himself that the last Sabbath at night, he and John Olmsted went on to Wawwecoos Hill, to visit their relations, and were late home, did no harm, and fears it may be a transgression of y<sup>e</sup> law and if it be is very sorry for it and dont allow himself in unreasonable night-walking."

#### STEALING "WATER-MILLIONS."

"An Inferior Court held at Norwich y<sup>e</sup> 19. Sept. 1720. Present R. Bushnell Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace. Samuel Fox Juror pr. complaint, Lettis Minor and Hannah Minor Pts. for illegally and feloniously about y<sup>e</sup> 6 of Sept<sup>r</sup> inst. taking about 30 water-millions which is contrary to Law and is to his damage he saith y<sup>e</sup> sum of 20s. and prays for justice. This Court having considered y<sup>e</sup> evidence dont find matter of fact proved, do therefore acquit the Dts. and order y<sup>e</sup> Ptf. pay the charge of Presentment."

#### PROFANE SWEARING

"May 6, 1721. A complaint was entered by the constable against Samuel Law, doctor, for profane swearing: he was fined 10s."

"The same year Henry Holland, of Plainfield, was proved guilty of a like offense and adjudged to pay the fine and cost. Not long afterwards Holland was bound over to appear at the next County Court and answer for breaking the peace and the law by saying, 'in a tumultuous violent threatening manner, yt he would take the head of Jona'n Tracy off his shoulders.'

#### ASSAULT.

"1722, Nov. 16. Complaint made by Mr. Isaac Wheeler of Stonington against William Holdridge of Stonington, for an assault with sword, at the house of said Holdridge in Stonington: he was bound to appear at the County Court, giving £20 security."

"An Indian, being found drunk, was brought before Mr. Justice Bushnell and sentenced according to the statute, namely, to pay a fine of ten shillings or receive ten lashes on his naked body. The Indian immediately accuses Samuel Bliss of selling him that afternoon that which made him drunk, to wit, two pots of cider. The fine for selling cider or ardent spirits to an Indian was twenty shillings, one-half to go to the complainant. The Indian thus obtained just the sum requisite to pay his own mulct and set his body clear. The record of this affair is as follows:

"Feb. ye 7—1722-3. Apenanuck being drunk was brought before me R. Bushnell, Justice of ye peace. I do sentence ye sd Apenanuck for his transgression of ye law to pay a fine of 10s. or to be whipt ten Lashes on y<sup>e</sup> naked body, and to pay y<sup>e</sup> cost of his prosecution, and to continue in y<sup>e</sup> constable's custody till his sentence be performed.

"Cost allowed is 6s. 6.

"John Waterman promises to 6s. 4.

"Apenanuck accused Samuel Bliss y<sup>e</sup> he sold him 2 pots of cider this afternoon. Mr. Samuel Bliss appeared before me and confessed he let sd Indian have some cider and I do therefore sentence sd Bliss to pay y<sup>e</sup> fine of 20s. for ye transgression of y<sup>e</sup> law one half to y<sup>e</sup> town and one half to complainant.

"R. BUSHNELL, Justice."

"Isaac Huntington, Esq., was another noted justice, some of whose minutes have been preserved. A few cases will be given in an abridged form.

"In 1738 a charge was brought against Thomas Avery, Ebenezer Baldwin, Abiall Marshall, and David Bingham, single men and boarders or sojourners in the town, that they 'did convey and meet in company with sundry others att ye house of William Waterman ye 4th day of June last, it being Sabbath evening.'

"No complaint was made of any disturbance or impropriety of conduct. It was the bare fact of a social meeting on Sunday evening which was presented as contrary to law.<sup>1</sup>

"Ebenezer Baldwin pleaded not guilty, and replied to the charge as follows:

"True it is we did convey with the company and att ye time and place sett forth in ye Complaint, but he saith, he is not guilty for these reasons, first, he is not a *single* person, as having an apprentice by indenture, 2dly, he is not a *boarder*, having ye care of a family, 3dly, he is not a *sojourner* as living in ye place where he was born and bred."

"The Court is of opinion he is *guilty*, and fines him 5s. and costs. Appeal granted to be heard in ye County Court.

"July 12. John Downer and Samuel Hambleton for profaning the Sabbath day by oystering, fined 5s. and costs.

"2d day of November, 1738. Present Isaac Huntington Justice of Peace.

"Mary Leffingwell daughter of Daniell Leffingwell of Norwich, single woman, was brought before this Court to answer the complaint of one of ye grand Jurors of our Lord the king who upon oath presents that ye said Mary Leffingwell on the 24th day of September last, it being Saboth or Lord's day (and not being necessarily detained) did not duly attend ye publick worship of God on the said 24th day in any congregation by law

<sup>1</sup> "In County Court, 1715, Paul Davenport, of Canterbury, appeared and acknowledged himself guilty of a breach of the law by riding from Providence to Canterbury on the Sabbath-day, and paid the fine of 20s."

allowed as by the presentment dated October 7th 1738 and the writt dated Oct 30. 1738 on file may appear.

"The said Mary pleaded not Guilty. But not being able to prove to the satisfaction of this Court that she was necessarily detained; nor that she did attend the said worship, this Court is of opinion that she is guilty in manner and form.

"And it is therefore considered the said Mary Leffingwell pay as a fine to ye treasury of ye town of Norwich the sum of five shillings and cost of suit. Taxed £0.10.8. Judgment satisfied.

"In 1749, Mr. Huntington's record shows that a person was fined 20s. for playing cards, and another 5s. for laughing in meeting.

"In 1756 three sons of Capt. John Fillmore, Jr., viz., Nathaniel, Comfort, and Amaziah, were brought before Mr. Justice Huntington, charged with driving the rate-collector from their father's house, armed with clubs, and making use of threats and abusive language. Being minors, they were released without penalty, but the record intimates that their father was implicated in the misconduct of his sons. The family were probably Separatists, and refused to pay rates for the support of the regular ministry.

"These lads were between thirteen and seventeen years of age. Nathaniel, the oldest, was subsequently a soldier in the French war and also in the war of the Revolution. He settled at Bennington, Vt., and was grandfather of Millard Fillmore, thirteenth President of the United States.

"To show that this rigid supervision of the public morals continued until a late period a few minutes of cases of trespass will be given from MS. papers of Richard Hide, Esq., justice of the peace between the years 1760 and 1780:

"A man presented for profane swearing, having been heard to say at the public house—*damn me*. Sentenced to pay the fine of 6s. and the costs, 6s. 3d.

"Another for a similar offence, the culprit using the words *Go to the Devil*. Fine 6s., costs 8s. 10d.

"A breach of peace by tumultuous behavior,—fine 10s., costs 18s. 8d.

"1771. A young woman presented for laughing, in a meeting for public worship, at Mr. Grover's, Sabbath evening—two females for witnesses—culprit dismissed with a reprimand.

"1774. Eben Waterman Jr. presented by a grand juror, for profaning the Sabbath, in the gallery of the meeting-house in West Society, by talking in the time of divine service in a merry manner, to make sport. Plead guilty—fine 10s.

"To Richard Hile, Esq., of Norwich, one of his majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of New London, comes Ezra Huntington of said Norwich, one of the grand jurors of said county, and on oath informs and presents, that Asa Fuller, apprentice to said Ezra Huntington, and Ede Trap, son to Thomas Trap, and Lemuel Wentworth, son to James Wentworth, and Hannah Forsey, and Elizabeth Winship, a minor, and daughter of the widow Winship, all of Norwich aforesaid, did, in Norwich aforesaid, on the evening following the 27th day of May last, it being Sabbath or Lord's Day evening, meet and convene together, and walk in the street in company, upon no religious occasion, all which is contrary to the statute of this colony in such case made and provided.

"For evidence take Peter Latham and Unico Manning.

"Dated in Norwich, this 11th day of June, 1770."

### Town Clerks of Norwich.

Christopher Huntington, 1678-1702; Richard Bushnell, 1702-26; Isaac Huntington, 1726-64; Benjamin Huntington, 1764-65; Benjamin Huntington, Jr., 1765-78; Samuel Tracy, 1778-79; Benjamin Huntington, Jr., 1779-1801; Philip Huntington, 1801-25; Benjamin Huntington, 1825-28; William L'Hommédien, 1828-29; Benjamin Huntington, 1829-30; Alexander Lathrop, 1830-36; John H. Grace, 1836-37; Simcoé Thomas, 1837-39; Othniel Gager, 1839-82.

City clerks since 1826, when the town plot was separated from the city:

1827, John A. Rockwell, four years; 1831, Alexander Lathrop, who died in July, 1836; 1836, George Perkins, eight years; 1844, David Young, seven years; 1851, Levi Hart Goddard, four years; 1855, John L. Devotion; 1856, Charles Badd; 1857, Othniel Gager; 1861-69, John L. Devotion; 1870, H. N. Rathbun; 1871-73, John L. Devotion; 1874, James M. Meech; 1875, George C. Ripley; 1876, James M. Meech; 1877-81, Charles W. Gale.

**The City of Norwich** was incorporated in 1784. The following is a list of mayors from its incorporation to the present time:

Benjamin Huntington, 1784-96; John McLaren Breed, 1796-98; Elisha Hyde, 1798-1814; Calvin Goddard, 1814-31; James Lanman, 1831-34; Francis A. Perkins, 1834-35; Charles W. Rockwell, 1835-38; Charles J. Lanman, 1838-39; William C. Gilman, 1839-40; John Breed, 1840-42; William P. Greene, 1842-43; Gurdon Chapman, 1843-45; John Breed, 1845-46; Charles W. Rockwell, 1846-47; John Dunham, 1847-49; William A. Buckingham, 1849-51; Lafayette S. Foster, 1851-53; Erastus Williams, 1853-55; William L. Brewer, 1855-56; William A. Buckingham, 1856-58; Amos W. Prentice, 1858-60; James S. Carey, 1860-62; James Lloyd Green, 1862-66; Lorenzo Blackstone, 1866-70; James A. Hovey, 1870-71; James Lloyd Green, 1871-75; Hugh H. Osgood, 1875-76; Charles Osgood, 1876-77; Hugh H. Osgood, 1877-82.

### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FROM NORWICH.

Joshua Huntington, 1805, Thomas Jefferson elected; opposition candidate, C. C. Pinckney.  
Calvin Goddard, 1813, James Madison elected; opposition candidate, De Witt Clinton.  
Charles W. Rockwell, 1845, James K. Polk elected; opposition candidate, Henry Clay.  
William A. Buckingham, 1857, James Buchanan elected; opposition candidate, John C. Fremont.  
John T. Walt, 1864, Abraham Lincoln re-elected; opposition candidate, George B. McClellan.  
Henry Hill, 1868, Ulysses S. Grant elected; opposition candidate, Horatio Seymour.  
Henry P. Haven, 1872, Ulysses S. Grant re-elected; opposition candidate, Horace Greeley.  
Henry B. Norton, 1880, James A. Garfield elected; opposition candidate, Winfield Scott Hancock.

### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1662 TO 1882.

1662.—Thomas Leffingwell, Thomas Tracy.  
1663.—Hugh Calkin, Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1664.—Hugh Calkin, Francis Griswold.  
1665.—Hugh Calkin, Francis Griswold, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1666.—Hugh Calkin, Francis Griswold.  
1667.—Thomas Tracy, Francis Griswold.  
1668.—Francis Griswold, Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1669.—Francis Griswold, Hugh Calkin, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1670.—Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1671.—Francis Griswold, Thomas Leffingwell, Hugh Calkin.  
1672.—Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell, John Mason.  
1673.—Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1674.—Thomas Leffingwell, Simon Huntington, John Mason.  
1675.—John Mason, Thomas Tracy.  
1676.—Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1677.—Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell, Simon Huntington.  
1678.—Thomas Tracy, James Fitch, Jr., James Fitch.  
1679.—James Fitch, Thomas Leffingwell, Benjamin Brewster.  
1680.—James Fitch, William Backus.  
1681.—Benjamin Brewster, James Fitch, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1682.—Thomas Leffingwell, Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Tracy.  
1683.—Thomas Leffingwell, Thomas Tracy, William Backus.  
1684.—Thomas Tracy, William Backus, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1685.—Thomas Leffingwell, Simon Huntington, Thomas Waterman.  
1686.—Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1687.—Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Leffingwell.  
1689.—Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Leffingwell, William Backus.

1 Charter government suspended, October, 1687, to May, 1689.

- 1690.—Benjamin Brewster, Thomas Leffingwell.  
 1691.—Thomas Leffingwell, Richard Bushnell, John Birchard.  
 1692.—Benjamin Brewster, Richard Bushnell.  
 1693.—Thomas Leffingwell, Richard Bushnell, Benjamin Brewster.  
 1694.—Benjamin Brewster, Richard Bushnell, John Tracy.  
 1695.—Benjamin Brewster, William Bushnell,<sup>1</sup> Thomas Leffingwell.  
 1696.—Thomas Leffingwell, Richard Bushnell, Benjamin Brewster.  
 1697.—Benjamin Brewster, Richard Bushnell, John Tracy.  
 1698.—Richard Bushnell, John Tracy, Solomon Tracy.  
 1699.—Richard Bushnell, John Tracy.  
 1700.—Thomas Leffingwell, Solomon Tracy.  
 1701.—John Tracy, Solomon Tracy.  
 1702.—Richard Bushnell, Solomon Tracy.  
 1703.—Richard Bushnell, Thomas Leffingwell, Solomon Tracy.  
 1704.—Richard Bushnell, Solomon Tracy, Joseph Backus.  
 1705.—Richard Bushnell, Solomon Tracy, Joseph Backus.  
 1706.—Solomon Tracy, Richard Bushnell.  
 1707.—Richard Bushnell, Solomon Tracy, Samuel Griswold.  
 1708.—Richard Bushnell (clerk), Solomon Tracy, Joseph Backus.  
 1709.—Richard Bushnell (clerk), Solomon Tracy, Joseph Backus.  
 1710.—Richard Bushnell, Christopher Huntington, Solomon Tracy.  
 1711.—Richard Bushnell (clerk), Solomon Tracy.  
 1712.—Richard Bushnell (clerk), Joseph Backus.  
 1713.—Richard Bushnell (Speaker), Joseph Backus.  
 1714.—Richard Bushnell, Joseph Backus.  
 1715.—Richard Bushnell (Speaker), Joseph Backus.  
 1716.—Richard Bushnell, Joseph Backus, Thomas Leffingwell.  
 1717.—Richard Bushnell (Speaker), Solomon Tracy, Joseph Backus.  
 1718.—Richard Bushnell, Joseph Backus.  
 1719.—Richard Bushnell (Speaker), Joseph Backus, Daniel Tracy.  
 1720.—Richard Bushnell (Speaker), Jabez Hyde, Benajah Bushnell, Jabez Perkins.  
 1721.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Hyde, Benajah Bushnell, Thomas Adgate.  
 1722.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Perkins.  
 1723.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Perkins, Thomas Adgate.  
 1724.—Joseph Backus, Benajah Bushnell, Christopher Huntington, Thomas Adgate.  
 1725.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Hyde.  
 1726.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Hyde, Thomas Adgate, William Hyde.  
 1727.—Joseph Backus, James Huntington.  
 1728.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Hyde, Jabez Perkins.  
 1729.—Jabez Hyde, Joseph Tracy, Benajah Bushnell, Joseph Backus.  
 1730.—Joseph Backus, Benajah Bushnell, Jabez Hyde.  
 1731.—Joseph Backus, Isaac Huntington, Joseph Kingsbury, Jr.  
 1732.—Jabez Hyde, Simon Lothrop, Jabez Huntington, John Edgerton.  
 1733.—Joseph Backus, Jabez Hyde, Joseph Tracy.  
 1734.—Hezekiah Huntington, Joseph Kingsbury, Jr., Benajah Bushnell, Jabez Hyde.  
 1735.—Benajah Bushnell, Joseph Tracy, Simon Lothrop, Hezekiah Huntington.  
 1736.—Benajah Bushnell, Hezekiah Huntington, Joseph Tracy, Isaac Huntington.  
 1737.—Hezekiah Huntington, Joseph Tracy.  
 1738.—Hezekiah Huntington, Joseph Kingsbury, Samuel Backus.  
 1739.—Hezekiah Huntington, Joseph Kingsbury, Samuel Backus.  
 1740.—Hezekiah Huntington, Joshua Huntington, Samuel Backus.  
 1741.—Joshua Huntington, Isaac Huntington, Isaac Tracy.  
 1742.—Joshua Huntington, Isaac Huntington, Joseph Kingsbury, Simon Lothrop.  
 1743.—Joshua Huntington, Simon Lothrop, Hezekiah Huntington.  
 1744.—Joshua Huntington, Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Backus.  
 1745.—Joshua Huntington, Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Backus.  
 1746.—Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Backus.  
 1747.—Ebenezer Backus, Daniel Huntington, Hezekiah Huntington.  
 1748.—Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Backus, Isaac Tracy.  
 1749.—Ebenezer Backus, Isaac Tracy.  
 1750.—Ebenezer Backus, Jabez Huntington, Ebenezer Hartshorn, William Whiting.  
 1751.—Joseph Tracy, Jr., Ebenezer Hartshorn, William Whiting.  
 1752.—Philip Turner, Isaac Tracy, Elisha Tracy.  
 1753.—Isaac Tracy, Elisha Tracy, Jabez Huntington, Simon Tracy, Jr.  
 1754.—Isaac Tracy, Joseph Tracy, Jabez Huntington, Daniel Lothrop.  
 1755.—Isaac Tracy, Elisha Tracy, Elisha Fitch.  
 1756.—Isaac Tracy, Joseph Tracy, Jabez Huntington.  
 1757.—Isaac Tracy, Jabez Huntington (clerk), John Perkins.  
 1758.—Jabez Huntington (clerk), Isaac Tracy, John Perkins.  
 1759.—Jabez Huntington (clerk), Isaac Tracy, Daniel Lothrop.  
 1760.—Jabez Huntington (Speaker), Isaac Tracy, Daniel Lothrop.  
 1761.—Jabez Huntington (Speaker), Isaac Tracy.  
 1762.—Jabez Huntington (Speaker), Ebenezer Backus, Ebenezer Hartshorn.  
 1763.—Jabez Huntington, Isaac Tracy, Daniel Lothrop.  
 1764.—Daniel Lothrop, Ebenezer Backus.  
 1765.—Daniel Lothrop, Samuel Huntington, Isaac Tracy, Wm. Morgan.  
 1766.—Isaac Tracy, John Durkee, Joseph Tracy.  
 1767.—Isaac Tracy, Joseph Tracy.  
 1768.—Joseph Tracy, Elisha Lothrop, Elisha Fitch.  
 1769.—Elisha Fitch, Elijah Backus.  
 1770.—Elisha Fitch, Chris. Leffingwell, Elijah Backus.  
 1771.—Samuel Tracy, Benjamin Huntington.  
 1772.—Rufus Lothrop, Benjamin Huntington, Isaac Tracy.  
 1773.—Rufus Lothrop, Benjamin Huntington, Isaac Tracy.  
 1774.—Isaac Tracy, Benjamin Huntington.  
 1775.—Benjamin Huntington, Samuel Huntington, Isaac Tracy.  
 1776.—Benjamin Huntington, Rufus Lothrop.  
 1777.—Benjamin Huntington (clerk), Rufus Lothrop, Elijah Backus, Elisha Lothrop.  
 1778.—Benjamin Huntington (Speaker), Jabez Perkins.  
 1779.—Nathaniel Niles, Aaron Cleveland, Benjamin Huntington, Jabez Perkins.  
 1780.—Nathaniel Niles, Jabez Perkins, Elisha Lothrop.  
 1781.—Nathaniel Niles, Benjamin Huntington, Joshua Huntington, John Backus.  
 1782.—Barnabas Huntington, Samuel Lovett, John Backus, Elisha Lothrop.  
 1783.—Elisha Lothrop, John Backus, Chris. Leffingwell.  
 1784.—Elisha Lothrop, John Backus, Chris. Leffingwell.  
 1785.—Elisha Lothrop, Chris. Leffingwell, Barnabas Huntington.  
 1786.—Elisha Lothrop, Barnabas Huntington, Jed. Huntington, Nathaniel Backus.  
 1787.—Jed. Huntington, Jared Tracy, — Backus, — Tracy.  
 1788.—Jed. Huntington, John M. Breed, Elisha Hyde.  
 1789.—Elisha Hyde, Elijah Backus, Chris. Leffingwell.  
 1790.—Elisha Hyde, Chris. Leffingwell.  
 1791.—Benjamin Huntington, Elisha Hyde, Joseph Williams.  
 1792.—Elisha Hyde, Joseph Williams.  
 1793.—Joseph Williams, John Backus, Elisha Hyde.  
 1794.—Elisha Hyde, Roger Griswold (clerk), Joseph Williams.  
 1795.—Elisha Hyde, Asa Spalding, Joseph Williams, John Backus.  
 1796.—Joseph Williams, John Backus, Elisha Hyde, Asa Spalding.  
 1797.—Joseph Williams, John Backus, Elisha Hyde, John Turner.  
 1798.—John Backus, Eben. Huntington.  
 1799.—Elisha Hyde, John Turner, Jona. Frisbie.  
 1800.—Elisha Hyde, John Backus, Jacob De Witt.  
 1801.—Elisha Hyde, Jacob De Witt.  
 1802.—Elisha Tracy, Jacob De Witt, Elisha Hyde, Nath. Shipman, Jr.  
 1803.—Elisha Hyde, Nathaniel Shipman, Jr.  
 1804.—Asa Spalding, Benjamin Colt, Nath. Shipman, Jr., John Backus.  
 1805.—Nathaniel Shipman, Benjamin Snow.  
 1806.—Nathaniel Shipman, Benj. Snow, Cushing Eells, Jona. Devotion.  
 1807.—Cushing Eells, Newcomb Kinney, Simeon Thomas.  
 1808.—Simeon Thomas, Peter Lannan.  
 1809.—Thomas L. Thomas, John Fanning.  
 1810.—Cushing Eells, Daniel L. Colt, Moses Benjamin, Ezra Lothrop.  
 1811.—Moses Benjamin, Jabez Huntington, Daniel L. Colt.  
 1812.—Benj. Snow, Nath'l Shipman, John Hyde, Moses Benjamin.  
 1813.—Ezra Lothrop, Nathaniel Shipman, Joseph Williams.  
 1814.—Nathaniel Shipman, Joseph Williams.  
 1815.—Nathaniel Shipman, Newcomb Kinney, Charles Thomas.  
 1816.—Chas. Thomas, Roger Huntington, Eli-ba Tracy.  
 1817.—Ezra Lothrop, Roger Huntington, James Lanman (clerk).  
 1818.—Cushing Eells, Newcomb Kinney, Charles Thomas, Erastus Colt.  
 1819.—Calvin Goddard, Newcomb Kinney.  
 1820.—Roger Huntington, Erastus Colt.  
 1821.—Elisha Tracy, Asa Roath.  
 1822.—Charles Rockwell, Elisha Tracy.  
 1823.—Elisha Tracy, George Hill.  
 1824.—Elisha Tracy, David Tracy.

<sup>1</sup> So in the record, for Richard Bushnell probably.

<sup>2</sup> Under the new constitution only one session a year has been held, in May.



- 1825.—Roger Huntington, Newcomb Kinney.  
 1826.—Charles P. Huntington, Cushing Eells.  
 1827.—Frank T. Lathrop, George Hill.  
 1828.—Charles P. Huntington, Ichabod Ward.  
 1829.—Charles P. Huntington, Epaphras Porter.  
 1830.—John De Witt (clerk), Charles F. Lester.  
 1831.—Charles P. Huntington (clerk), Jona. G. W. Trumbull.  
 1832.—William H. Law, Charles P. Huntington.  
 1833.—Charles P. Huntington, James Lanman.  
 1834.—Charles W. Rockwell, Roger Huntington (Speaker).  
 1835.—Charles P. Huntington, Samuel Tyler.  
 1836.—Charles W. Rockwell, Lewis Hyde.  
 1837.—Lewis Hyde (clerk), Enoch C. Chapman.  
 1838.—Gurdon Chapman, James Stedman.  
 1839.—Roger Huntington, L. F. S. Foster.  
 1840.—Lafayette S. Foster, Charles Bliss.  
 1841.—Benj. W. Tompkins, John Dunham.  
 1842.—No choice.  
 1843.—No choice.  
 1844.—Zebulon R. Robbins, Roger Huntington.  
 1845.—Henry Strong, Charles W. Rockwell.  
 1846.—L. F. S. Foster, Gardiner Thurston.  
 1847.—L. F. S. Foster (Speaker), Charles Bliss.  
 1848.—L. F. S. Foster (Speaker), Thomas L. Stedman.  
 1849.—Henry McNelly, Alva F. Smith.  
 1850.—James Stedman, Edmund D. Roath.  
 1851.—Philo M. Judson, Benj. Durfee.  
 1852.—Jeremiah Halsey, Samuel Case.  
 1853.—Jeremiah Halsey, Oliver Woodworth.  
 1854.—L. F. S. Foster (Speaker), Moses Pierce.  
 1855.—Edmund Perkins, John D. Park.  
 1856.—Stephen W. Meech, Henry H. Starkweather.  
 1857.—S. W. Meech, Samuel H. Grosvenor.  
 1858.—George W. Gould, Charles N. Farnam.  
 1859.—Jeremiah Halsey, James A. Hovey.  
 1860.—John T. Adams, Jeremiah Halsey.  
 1861.—John T. Adams, Amos E. Cobb.  
 1862.—John T. Adams, Samuel B. Case.  
 1863.—John T. Adams, John A. Sterry.  
 1864.—John A. Sterry, George Pratt.  
 1865.—Samuel Mowry, George Pratt.  
 1866.—D. W. Perkins, I. H. Bromley.  
 1867.—John T. Wait, Paul B. Greene.  
 1868.—Joseph Selden, William B. Potter.  
 1869.—Edward Harland, George Pratt.  
 1870.—L. F. S. Foster, T. C. Gordon.  
 1871.—John T. Wait, Lorenzo Blackstone.  
 1872.—Alva T. Smith, A. S. Bolles.  
 1873.—John T. Wait, S. T. Holbrook.  
 1874.—Allen Tenny, Willis R. Austin.  
 1875.—Paul B. Greene, Willis R. Austin.  
 1876.—S. T. Holbrook, George R. Hyde.  
 1877.—A. W. Prentice, Horace Whitaker.  
 1878.—Edward Harland, I. W. Carpenter.  
 1879.—J. S. Lathrop, I. W. Carpenter.  
 1880.—J. P. Barstow, I. W. Carpenter.  
 1881.—J. P. Barstow, J. S. Lathrop.

**Military Record.**—The amount of indebtedness of the town of Norwich Sept. 1, 1861, was \$107,370. On the 1st of September, 1865, the debt had risen to \$180,303, showing an increase in the four years of \$72,933. During the war the town disbursed for directly war purposes \$164,178.68, and at its close its distinctive war debt was in the form of loans amounting to \$84,096.

The town action in the frequent meetings held during the progress of the civil conflict to devise means for promoting enlistments and filling up the quotas under the various calls of the President for volunteers was remarkably unanimous. Very little, if any, opposition was made to the liberal appropria-

tions voted for war purposes. There was not only great unanimity of spirit, but the utmost energy and promptitude of action, so that the town was kept in advance of the calls made upon it for men. Its contributions to the national armies were of its most worthy and promising citizens, and nobly did the latter maintain the reputation of Norwich for patriotic devotion to the country's weal.

The first action of the town in reference to war matters was on July 16, 1862, when, after a spirited meeting, the following votes were passed:

"Voted, That a bounty of thirteen dollars be paid from the town's treasury of the town of Norwich to every man who shall, on or before the 20th of August, 1862, enlist into any company enlisted in the town of Norwich, the same to be paid when he is mustered into the service of the United States.

"Voted, That the same bounty of thirteen dollars be paid to those who have already enlisted into companies now enlisting in the town of Norwich.

"Voted, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the town treasury for the purpose of paying said bounty, and such necessary expenses of recruiting as are not provided for by the General and State government, and for the purpose of aiding and encouraging in any proper way the enlistment of volunteers.

"Voted, That the selectmen of the town of Norwich be, and are hereby, instructed to raise, by loan or otherwise, and to place at the disposal of the committee, consisting of James Lloyd Greene, Amos W. Prentice, William M. Converse, Lorenzo Blackstone, N. C. Brackenridge, and F. M. Hale, from time to time, such sums of money as said committee shall desire, not exceeding the sum of eight thousand dollars, to be by said committee expended according to their judgment in carrying into effect the preceding vote, and said committee are authorized to pay said bounty of thirteen dollars for enlistments after said 20th day of August, if, in their discretion, it is deemed desirable to do so."

These measures were carried by a unanimous vote. On the 4th of August, 1862, in accordance with the warning of the selectmen, a town-meeting was held in the town hall. The attendance was very large, and the proceedings of the meeting were marked with great enthusiasm. Amos W. Prentice was called to preside, when it was

"Voted, That a bounty of thirty-seven dollars, in addition to the bounty heretofore voted by the town of Norwich, be paid from the town treasury to every resident of the town who has enlisted, or who shall, on or before the 20th day of August, enlist into any company raised in the town of Norwich, under the recent call of the government, and said bounty shall be payable when he is mustered into the service of the United States. And the same shall also be paid to every resident of the town of Norwich who has been enlisted by Capt. William H. Tubbs and James B. Colt for the Fourteenth Regiment.

"Voted, That the selectmen be authorized and directed to raise, by loan or otherwise, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, or so much of the same as may be necessary to pay the bounties provided for in the previous vote, and to pay such expenses of recruiting as are not provided for by the State or general government."

On the 30th of the same month (August, 1862), when the call for three hundred thousand nine months' troops was made, the town, in regular meeting convened,—

"Voted, That a bounty of one hundred dollars be paid to any resident of the town who has volunteered, or who shall volunteer, in any regiment of militia of this State, and who shall be accepted into the service of the United States, under the recent call of the President for three hundred thousand nine months' men."

The selectmen were further instructed to raise a sum not exceeding twenty-two thousand dollars, to be

placed at the disposal of the "war committee" for the purpose of paying the first voted bounty, and defraying the general expenses incident to recruiting. This meeting was one of the most spirited held during the war, and after it resolved itself into a committee of the whole to obtain volunteers, as elsewhere described, rose to the very highest pitch of enthusiasm.

In January, 1863, the debt of the town, incurred for "war expenses," was reported to be over forty thousand dollars, and it was voted to provide for this by the issue of town bonds, authorized by the action of the Legislature at the December session in 1862. These bonds bore interest at the rate of six per cent., the attached coupons being payable semi-annually.

On May 29, 1863, and by virtue of more recent legislative provision, the town voted to repeat this action, funding in the same way its increasing debt. The issue was limited by vote to sixty thousand dollars, and the bonds were made payable at the expiration of twenty years' time. It should, however, be stated that this new issue of town bonds was to provide for the general indebtedness of town, and not for exclusively war expenditures.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1863, a town-meeting was regularly warned, "to take action on the bounty question." There was a very large attendance, and the discussion showed a general interest to have those who were called into service under "the enrollment act" impartially provided for. The action taken was intended to meet any cases of distress that might occur in connection with the drafting of those who would leave their families in a dependent condition. The benevolence of the citizens, however, never permitted this to occur, and the town and State appropriations were always liberal enough to meet any exigency of this kind. Still, as showing the public interest in this matter, Judge Hovey presented the following resolution, which, after some debate, was passed with but one dissenting voice:

"Whereas, Four hundred and thirty-five persons residing in this town have been recently drafted for military service in the army of the United States, pursuant to the act of Congress entitled 'An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes,' approved March 3, 1863;

"And whereas, Nearly all the persons so drafted have been found to be exempt from military duty under said act, or have furnished substitutes to take their places in the draft, or paid the sum of money required by said act for the procurement of said substitutes;

"And whereas, Fears are entertained that a further draft may be ordered, pursuant to the provisions of said act, and that thereby individuals and families may become chargeable to the town, and otherwise greatly distressed, unless adequate measures of relief are adopted by the town;

"And whereas, Under the warning for this meeting it is believed that such measures cannot be legally adopted; therefore,

"Resolved, That in case a further draft from this town shall be ordered, pursuant to the said act of Congress, the selectmen be and are hereby directed to convene, as soon as possible, a meeting of the town, for the purpose of adopting such measures for the relief of those who may be drafted as the town shall deem adequate and proper."

At a town-meeting held Jan. 26, 1864, Mr. George Pratt stated that the quota of the town, numbering two hundred and six, had been filled by the select-

men at a cost to the town of \$20,950.76. After the quota was full the selectmen enlisted forty-three additional recruits, at a cost of \$2150, with the assurance on the part of the "war committee" that if the town did not pay this additional sum they would. A few men enlisted at Fort Trumbull would swell the number of recruits from the town on the present quota to two hundred and sixty.

Again, under date of July 15, 1864, after the President's call for five hundred thousand troops made the town feel the need of prompt action to fill up its quota, it was now voted, with no dissenting voices:

"That the selectmen of the town of Norwich be and they herely are authorized to pay to each resident of this town who enlists or procures a substitute or recruit, who shall count on the quota of this town, under the recent call of the President, the sum of one hundred dollars, and to draw orders on the town treasurer to pay the same. The selectmen were also authorized to employ persons to aid them in filling up the quota of the town."

The bounty of one hundred dollars to veterans re-enlisting and counting on this quota was continued. At this period of the war the business of raising the men apportioned to the town devolved upon the selectmen, and they, together with the most active and interested of our citizens, labored earnestly to secure recruits, and to keep the quota of the town full. And yet this was no easy task, for volunteering on the part of our citizens had perforce largely ceased, and good recruits were difficult to be procured. Still, their efforts were successful, and the town never failed to raise promptly its assignment of men.

On Dec. 1, 1864, at a regularly convened town-meeting, a new committee, consisting of Messrs. Samuel B. Case, Charles Crawley, John T. Brown, Henry B. Tracy, and William Peckham, was appointed to have in charge the moneys appropriated for bounties, and by vote this committee was authorized

"to pay to any person of this town liable to a draft who hereafter may furnish an acceptable and lawful military substitute, under the laws of the United States, to be credited to the town, such sums of money as to such shall seem necessary and proper, provided the number of such substitutes does not exceed the number required, in the judgment of the committee, to fill the next quota.

"Voted, That the selectmen are authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the town, such sums of money as shall be approved by the committee, not to exceed, in the whole, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars."

Under this liberal provision the quota of the town was again raised, and a surplus secured to apply on any future calls. At the close of the war Norwich was found to be in advance of the number regularly assigned to her to be raised, and this highly creditable fact was due to the energetic action of the town officers, supported, as they always were, by the loyal co-operation of all the citizens. These town-meetings were always well attended by our leading citizens, and though there were occasionally some sharp discussions, yet there were no war measures adopted by the town that did not receive a practically unanimous vote. It should be recorded to the honor of our citizens that, differing as they did in political views, yet

in the town assemblages to which they so often were summoned they acted with great cordiality, debated measures with earnestness but uniform courtesy, and maintained the reputation of the town for loyalty to the government and liberality in providing for all war expenses.

## TABLE OF DEBT.

UNITED STATES DEBT.		
March 31, 1862.....		\$2,030,000.00
July 1, 1860.....	\$64,769,703.08	" 1863..... 3,392,300.00
" 1861.....	90,867,828.68	" 1864..... 7,249,660.00
" 1862.....	514,211,371.92	" 1865..... 10,523,113.74
" 1863.....	1,098,793,181.37	
" 1864.....	1,740,690,489.49	
" 1865.....	2,783,425,879.21	
NORWICH TOWN DEBT.		
Sept. 1, 1860.....		113,582.28
" 1861.....		107,370.05
" 1862.....		124,270.52
" 1863.....		135,387.75
Sept. 15, 1864.....		169,918.95
" 1865.....		180,303.71
CONNECTICUT DEBT.		
March 31, 1860.....	\$34,142.04	
" 1861.....	\$7,719.50	

## TOWN EXPENSES FOR WAR PURPOSES.

Amount paid to volunteers or substitutes.....	\$139,149.68
Amount paid families of volunteers, additional to State allowance.....	15,000.00
All other war expenses.....	9,021.00
Total expenses for war purposes.....	163,170.68
Estimated amount paid for bounties to volunteers and substitutes.....	19,600.00
Estimated amount paid by individuals for commutation.....	5,700.00
Present indebtedness of town for war purposes.....	84,096.00
Grand list of the town.....	10,494,035.00

## LIST OF ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS.

Major-General Joseph Lanman, U.S.N.; app. midshipman from the State, Jan. 1, 1825; passed midshipman June 4, 1831; com. Lieut. March 3, 1835; commander Sept. 14, 1855; capt. July 16, 1862; commodore Aug. 29, 1862; com. rear-admiral Dec. 8, 1867.

## Brigadier-Generals.

Daniel Tyler, 1st Inf.; col. April 13, 1861; pro. brig.-gen. March 13, 1862; resigned.

Edward Harland, 3d Inf.; capt. May 11, 1861; 8th Inf., Lieut.-col. Aug. 30, 1861; 8th Inf., col. Oct. 5, 1861; pro. brig.-gen. Nov. 29, 1862; resigned June 20, 1865.

Henry W. Birge (by brevet maj.-gen.), 4th Inf. (changed to 1st Heavy Art.); maj. May 23, 1861; 13th Inf., col. Nov. 2, 1861; pro. brig.-gen. Sept. 10, 1863; app. while in the service brevet maj.-gen., Feb. 26, 1865; resigned Oct. 18, 1865.

## Colonels.

William G. Ely (brevet brig.-gen.), brigade commissary (rank of capt.), May 28, 1861, and vol. A.D.C. staff Col. E. D. Keyes, battle Bull Run; 6th Inf., Lieut.-col. Sept. 4, 1861; 18th Inf., col. July 24, 1862; brevet brig.-gen. March 12, 1863; resigned Sept. 18, 1864.

John E. Ward, 3d Inf., 1st Lieut. May, 1861; 8th Inf., capt. Sept. 21, 1861; maj. March 28, 1862; Lieut.-col. Dec. 21, 1862; col. April 2, 1863; must. out March 14, 1865.

Alfred P. Rockwell (brevet brig.-gen.), 1st Light Battery, capt. Jan. 21, 1862; 6th Inf., col. June 11, 1864; app. brev. brig.-gen. March 13, 1865; hon. disch. Feb. 9, 1865.

Hiram B. Crosby, 21st Inf., adjt. Aug. 22, 1862; maj. Sept. 3, 1862; Lieut.-col. June 8, 1864; col. June 27, 1864; hon. disch. Sept. 14, 1864.

Henry Case (brevet brig.-gen.), 14th Inf., Illinois, 1st Lieut. May 3, 1861; pro. capt. Nov. 25, 1861; 7th Cav., maj. Feb. 1, 1862; res. April 24, 1862; 129th Inf., Lieut.-col. Sept. 8, 1862; pro. col. May 8, 1863; app. brevet brig.-gen. (while in service) March 16, 1865; must. out June 8, 1865.

## Lieutenant-Colonels.

David Young, 2d Inf., Lieut.-col. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

Joseph Selden, 26th Inf., capt. Sept. 6, 1862; Lieut.-col. Sept. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Charles Farnsworth, 1st Cav., adjt. Oct. 19, 1861; capt. Nov. 26, 1861; maj. March 21, 1863; Lieut.-col. Jan. 18, 1864; res. May 17, 1864.

Henry Peale, 2d Inf., capt. May 7, 1861; 18th Inf., capt. Aug. 8, 1862; maj. May 20, 1863; Lieut.-col. Sept. 24, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.

David Torrance, 29th Inf., capt. Jan. 6, 1864; maj. July 21, 1864; Lieut.-col. Nov. 24, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.

Calvin Goddard, 12th Inf., Ohio, com. 1st Lieut. and A.D.C. staff of Gen. Rosecrans, Jan. 9, 1862; app. A.D.C. by President Lincoln on staff

of Maj.-Gen. Rosecrans (with rank of maj.), Nov. 14, 1862; app. A.A.G. (with rank of Lieut.-col.) Jan. 23, 1863; res. October, 1863.

## Majors.

Thomas Maguire, 2d Heavy Art., N. Y., capt. Nov. 1, 1861; maj. June 14, 1862; disch. Aug. 24, 1863; recommissioned.

James H. Coit (brevet brig.-gen.) 14th Inf., 1st Lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; capt. Dec. 20, 1862; maj. Oct. 3, 1862; app. brevet Lieut.-col., brevet col., brevet brig.-gen., March 13, 1865; res. Sept. 6, 1864.

Frank S. Bond, 10th Inf., 1st Lieut. March 29, 1862; res. Feb. 25, 1863; maj. and A.D.C. staff Gen. Rosecrans, March 11, 1863; res. Dec. 3, 1864.

John B. Dennis (brevet brig.-gen.), 7th Inf., capt. Aug. 26, 1861; maj. and paymaster, U.S.V., Jan. 15, 1865; app. brevet brig.-gen. March 13, 1865; must. out July 31, 1866.

William J. Ross, 20th Inf., capt. Feb. 3, 1864; maj. May 12, 1865; must. out Oct. 25, 1865.

D. R. Bushnell, 13th Inf., Ill.; killed at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Frank H. Arms, com. acting assistant paymaster U.S.N., April 14, 1864, U. S. steamer "Memphis"; pro. paymaster (with rank of major) Oct. 6, 1871; still in service.

## Quartermasters.

Joseph B. Bromley, 13th Inf., quartermaster Nov. 12, 1861; hon. disch. Dec. 29, 1863.

De Laroo Wilson, 30th Inf., quartermaster April 14, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.

Benjamin F. Tracy, 26th Inf., quartermaster Sept. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

L. V. B. Williams, 6th Inf., quartermaster Sept. 2, 1861; resigned May 11, 1863.

## Adjutants.

George W. Whittlesey, 13th Inf., 1st Lieut. July 17, 1862; pro. adjt. Dec. 31, 1862; hon. disch. Oct. 9, 1863.

Enoch B. Culver, 18th Inf., adjt. May 20, 1863; mortally wounded in battle of Piedmont, June 5, 1864; died June 6, 1864.

Stephen B. Meech, 26th Inf., adjt. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

James L. Richardson, 1st Cav., adjt. Dec. 31, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.

Joseph H. Jewett, 8th Inf., 1st Lieut. April 1, 1865; app. acting assistant adjutant-general on staff of Brig.-Gen. J. C. Briscoe, July 1, 1865; must. out as adjt. Dec. 12, 1865.

George W. Brady, 18th Inf., adjt. Oct. 17, 1864; must. out June 26, 1865.

Amos R. Ladd, 73d Regt. U.S.C.T., 1st Lieut. Dec. 14, 1863; pro. adjt. 1863; must. out June, 1866.

## Surgeons.

Charles M. Carleton, 18th Inf., Aug. 6, 1862; hon. disch. April 17, 1863.

Nathan A. Fisher, 13th Inf., March 7, 1863; declined commission.

Dewitt C. Lathrop, 8th Inf., asst. surg. Sept. 21, 1861; died April 13, 1862.

J. Hamilton Lee, 21st Inf., April 21, 1863; hon. disch. Oct. 31, 1864.

Elisha Phinney, 26th Inf., asst. surg. Nov. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.

Edward Bentley, 1st Art., asst. surg. June 5, 1861; pro. brigade surg. Oct. 4, 1861.

C. B. Webster, acting asst. surg. U.S.A., December, 1862; resigned April, 1864; recom. A. A. surg., U.S.A., June, 1864; resigned September, 1865.

John O. Bronson (by brevet Lieut.-col.), surg. of volunteers Nov. 7, 1862, District of California; subsequently Chief Medical Officer of Northern District of the South; must. out Nov. 27, 1865.

## Captains.

Frank S. Chester, 2d Inf., capt. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.

Bela P. Learned (by brevet maj.), 1st Art.; 2d Lieut. Feb. 21, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. May 28, 1862; pro. capt. Dec. 29, 1864; app. brevet major while in service, April 9, 1865; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.

Oscar A. Dennis, 1st Art., capt. May 11, 1861; resigned Dec. 11, 1861.

Joab B. Rogers, 1st Cav., 2d Lieut. Dec. 1, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. March 25, 1863; pro. capt. Oct. 12, 1863; hon. disch. Feb. 2, 1865.

Henry T. Phillips, 1st Cav., 2d Lieut. Jan. 18, 1863; 1st Lieut. May 5, 1864; pro. capt. Sept. 24, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.

John H. Platt (by brevet maj.), 1st Cav., Ohio, adjt. Oct. 2, 1861; app. capt. U.S.V. and A. D. C. staff Gen. Pope July, 1862; capt. 31st Inf., U.S.A. Sept., 1866; app. brevet maj. July, 1866; resigned May, 1869.

\* After deducting the amount in the treasury.

- Theodore Burdick, 7th Inf., 1st lieut. Sept. 2, 1861; pro. capt. July 1, 1862; killed in action at Fort Wagner, July 11, 1863.
- John McCall, 8th Inf., 2d lieut. March 28, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Aug. 1, 1862; pro. capt. Dec. 23, 1862; killed in action at Fort Darling, May 16, 1864.
- James R. Moore, 8th Inf., 1st lieut. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. capt. March 28, 1862; hon. disch. May 30, 1865.
- Charles M. Coit (by brevet lieut.-col.), 8th Inf., adjt. Sept. 18, 1861; pro. capt. March 27, 1862; declined com. as maj. Oct. 12, 1864; app. brevet lieut.-col. March 13, 1865; hon. disch. May 30, 1865.
- Horace P. Gates, 8th Inf., adjt. March 27, 1862; app. asst. adjt.-gen. U. S. Vols. May 20, 1863; resigned Dec. 19, 1865.
- Addie E. Payne, 9th Inf., 2d lieut. Sept. 15, 1861; pro. 1st lieut. Sept. 15, 1862; pro. capt. Nov. 21, 1863; must. out Oct. 26, 1864.
- Elias W. Sawyer, 9th Inf., capt. Sept. 10, 1861; resigned Feb. 16, 1864.
- Joseph H. Nickerson, 11th Inf., 2d lieut. Oct. 27, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Oct. 30, 1862; pro. capt. Aug. 6, 1863; disch. Oct. 12, 1864.
- Albert E. Daniels, 11th Inf., capt. Oct. 1, 1861; resigned July 27, 1862.
- James E. Fuller, 11th Inf., 2d lieut. Oct. 27, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. April 1, 1864; must. out Nov. 11, 1864; app. asst. qmtr. (rank of capt.) Dec. 8, 1864; resigned July 6, 1865.
- Edward K. Abbott, 12th Inf., capt. Nov. 20, 1861; resigned Aug. 25, 1862.
- Alfred Mitchell, 13th Inf., capt. Feb. 14, 1862; pro. maj. May 12, 1863 (declined appointment); resigned March 11, 1864.
- Robert A. Ripley, 13th Inf., 1st lieut. Dec. 31, 1862; pro. capt. Oct. 15, 1864; must. out Jan. 6, 1865, term expired.
- James J. McCord, 2d Inf., 2d lieut. May 7, 1861; 13th Inf., com. capt. Jan. 29, 1862; must. out Jan. 6, 1865, term expired.
- William H. Tubbs (by brevet maj.), 14th Inf., capt. June 15, 1862; resigned Feb. 20, 1863; app. capt. of C.S.U.V. Jan. 18, 1862; A.D.C. staff of Gen. Stagg; app. brevet maj. April 17, 1865; must. out July 10, 1866.
- James R. Nickels, 14th Inf., 2d lieut. Dec. 20, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Jan. 19, 1863; pro. capt. Nov. 5, 1863; died of wounds Feb. 20, 1865.
- Morton F. Hule, 14th Inf., 1st lieut. June 15, 1862; disch. for promotion Dec. 28, 1862; capt. and C. S. U.S.V.
- Henry P. Goddard, 2d Cav. N. Y., 2d lieut. May 7, 1862; disch. May 26, 1862; 14th Inf., 2d lieut. Sept. 17, 1863; pro. 1st lieut. Dec. 20, 1862; pro. capt. March 10, 1864; resigned April 28, 1864.
- Frederick A. Palmer, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. capt. Dec. 20, 1862; disch. May 28, 1864.
- Samuel R. Knapp, 18th Inf., capt. Aug. 8, 1862; res. June 6, 1863.
- Isaac W. Hakes, Jr., 18th Inf., capt. Aug. 8, 1862; res. Dec. 20, 1862.
- Isaac H. Bromley, 18th Inf., com. capt. Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. March 31, 1863.
- Henry C. Davis, 18th Inf., com. capt. Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 25, 1865.
- John E. Woodward, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. capt. Oct. 10, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Dwight W. Hakes (by brevet major), 18th Inf., qmtr. Aug. 4, 1862; pro. capt. and C. S. U.S.V. April 13, 1865; app. brev. maj. June 20, 1866; hon. disch. June 20, 1865.
- Samuel T. C. Merwin, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. capt. June 22, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Joseph P. Rockwell, 18th Inf., 2d lieut. Dec. 22, 1862; pro. adjt. June 5, 1864; app. capt. Oct. 17, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- John Lilley, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. June 5, 1864; pro. capt. Oct. 17, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Martin V. B. Tiffany, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. Oct. 19, 1863; pro. capt. Aug. 12, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- John H. Morrison, 18th Inf., 1st lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. capt. Oct. 19, 1863; dismissed Sept. 1, 1864.
- Charles J. Arms, 20th Inf., adjt. Aug. 20, 1862; pro. capt. Nov. 18, 1862; res. May 15, 1863, to take staff appointment 16th Inf.; 1st lieut. May 30, 1863, A.D.C. to Gen. Harland; must. out June 24, 1865.
- Clarke Harrington, 26th Inf., com. capt. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- John L. Stanton, 26th Inf., com. capt. Sept. 6, 1862; killed in action May 27, 1863, at Port Hudson.
- Loren A. Gallup, 26th Inf., 1st lieut. Sept. 6, 1862; pro. capt. Sept. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- Samuel P. Hinton, 26th Inf., capt. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- J. Lewis Spaulding, 18th Inf., Mass., capt. Aug. 20, 1861; res. Oct. 20, 1862; app. adjt. 20th Inf. C. V., Jan. 24, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865; com. 2d lieut. 1st Regt. U.S.A. April 6, 1866; pro. 1st lieut. Aug. 9, 1866; res. Jan. 1, 1871.
- George Greenman, 30th Inf., 1st lieut. April 7, 1864; app. adjt. April 7, 1864; pro. capt. 31st Regt. U.S.C.T., Jan. 31, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- B. B. Blackman, 43d Inf. U.S.C.T., capt. March 8, 1864, hon. disch. (term expired) Nov. 30, 1865.
- Jesse D. Wilkinson, 43d U.S.C.T., com. capt. March 8, 1864; hon. disch. (term expired) Nov. 30, 1865.
- George R. Case, 1st Inf. Corps d'Afrique, La., 1st lieut. Sept. 27, 1862; pro. capt. March 5, 1863; hon. disch. Feb. 11, 1864.
- William T. Lusk, 79th Inf. N. Y., 2d lieut. Aug. 3, 1861; pro. capt. Jan. 19, 1862; res. Feb. 28, 1863; app. A.A.G. staff Gen. Daniel Tyler (rank of capt.), June 26, 1863; res. Oct. 1863.
- Charles H. Rockwell, asst. quartermaster U.S.V. (rank of capt.); must. out.
- William A. Derry, 2d Inf., 2d lieut. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861; 2d N. Y. Art., 1st lieut. Nov. 1, 1861; pro. capt. June 14, 1862; killed in action near Petersburg, Va., June 18, 1864.
- Warrington D. Roath, com. acting master U.S.N. May, 1861; pro. vol. lieut. July 11, 1863; res. March 7, 1865.
- Robert B. Smith, com. vol. lieut. U.S.N. Dec. 3, 1863; hon. disch. Nov. 1865.
- Francis S. Wells, com. acting vol. lieut. U.S.N. May 7, 1863; hon. disch. 1865.
- First Lieutenants.*
- Thomas Scott, 2d Inf., May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861; 2d Art. N. Y., 2d lieut. Nov. 1, 1861; pro. 1st lieut. June 14, 1862; must. out (term expired) Oct. 7, 1864.
- Charles W. Spalding, 3d Inf., May 11, 1861; res. May 20, 1861.
- Frank J. Jones, 1st Art., 2d lieut. Feb. 28, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Jan. 1, 1863; res. July 27, 1863.
- George W. Rogers, 2d Inf., May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Marvin Wait, 8th Inf., 2d lieut. Dec. 25, 1861; pro. 1st lieut. March 28, 1862; killed in action Sept. 17, 1862.
- Charles H. Carpenter, 29th Inf., 1st lieut. March 10, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Charles A. Breed, 8th Inf., 2d lieut. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. 1st lieut. March 28, 1862; died July 30, 1862.
- Samuel S. Foss, 8th Inf., 1st lieut. Aug. 2, 1864; must. out Jan. 27, 1865.
- William H. Peck, 8th Inf., 1st lieut. April 1, 1865; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Alfred M. Goddard, 8th Inf., 1st lieut. July 24, 1863, aide-de-camp staff of Brig.-Gen. Harland; died of wounds May 9, 1864.
- George C. Ripley, 10th Inf., 1st lieut. 14th Regt. Dec. 22, 1863; trans. to 10th Regt., 1st lieut. Jan. 19, 1863.
- Joseph H. Lawler, 9th Inf., 2d lieut. Jan. 26, 1863; pro. 1st lieut. Dec. 5, 1864; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- George H. Keables, 11th Inf., 2d lieut. Nov. 30, 1864; pro. 1st lieut. Jan. 3, 1865; hon. disch. May 4, 1865.
- John H. Norris, 11th Inf., 1st lieut. Oct. 1, 1861; res. April 5, 1862.
- Henry A. White, 12th Inf., 1st lieut. Dec. 2, 1864; commission revoked Jan. 10, 1865.
- John C. Abbott, 13th Inf., 2d lieut. Jan. 29, 1863; pro. 1st lieut. Sept. 1, 1863; trans. to Signal Corps Sept. 19, 1864.
- James S. Maples, 26th Inf., 2d lieut. Sept. 6, 1862; res. to accept pro. Aug. 11, 1863; 1st lieut. July 27, 1863; commission revoked Aug. 11, 1863.
- Edward W. Ellis, 26th Inf., 1st lieut. Sept. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- Edward P. Rogers, 29th Inf., 1st lieut. Jan. 26, 1864; res. Aug. 3, 1863.
- Albert Latham, 30th Inf., 2d lieut. April 20, 1864; pro. 1st lieut. Jan. 31, 1865; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- James H. Kane, 1st Cav., 1st lieut. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Timothy W. Tracy, 26th Inf., 1st lieut. Sept. 6, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- Chester W. Converse, 3d La., Native Guard, 2d lieut. April 3, 1863; pro. 1st lieut. Dec. 23, 1863; res. and hon. disch. May 28, 1864.
- Peter L. Hyde, 26th Inf., Iowa, 1st lieut. Sept. 30, 1862; killed at Arkansas Post, Ark., Jan. 11, 1863.
- Edwin T. Leach, 30th Inf., 1st lieut. March 12, 1864; dismissed May 9, 1864.
- A. Dwight McCall, 12th Inf., 1st lieut. Nov. 20, 1861; must. out (term expired) Nov. 21, 1864.
- William P. Muer, 13th Inf., 2d lieut. Jan. 30, 1862; pro. 1st lieut. Feb. 20, 1863; disch. July 16, 1864.
- Frederick E. Schalk, 14th Inf., 2d lieut. May 16, 1863; pro. 1st lieut. Nov. 5, 1863; died of wounds May 4, 1864.
- William Carruthers, 18th Inf., 2d lieut. Oct. 17, 1864; pro. 1st lieut. Jan. 7, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865.

Robert Kerr, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. June 5, 1864; pro. 1st Lieut. June 22, 1865; must. out June 27, 1862.  
 John A. Francis, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. Jan. 30, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Henry F. Cowles, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. Oct. 10, 1863; hon. disch. May 15, 1865.  
 Adam H. Lindsley, 18th Inf., 1st Lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 17, 1865.  
 Christopher A. Brand, 21st Inf., 2d Lieut. Oct. 12, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. Nov. 8, 1862; res. Feb. 23, 1863.  
 James Stanley, 21st Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 3, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. Feb. 23, 1863; hon. disch. Sept. 20, 1864.  
 Pliny Brewer, 26th Inf., 2d Lieut. Sept. 6, 1862; pro. 1st Lieut. May 27, 1863; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Thomas C. Lawler, 9th Inf., 1st Lieut. Oct. 29, 1861; res. Feb. 25, 1862.  
 Luther M. Leonard, 29th Inf., 1st Lieut. March 15, 1864; must. out Oct. 25, 1865.  
 William A. Aiken, com. acting assist. paymaster U.S.A. Aug. 10, 1861; hon. disch. to receive app. as quartermaster-general State militia, July 10, 1862.  
 George W. Huntington, com. acting assist. paymaster U.S.N. Oct. 1863; hon. disch. Nov. 1865.  
 John W. Bentley, com. acting master U.S.N. May 24, 1861; died May 24, 1864.  
 Charles C. Adams, com. acting assistant paymaster U.S.N., May 6, 1861; res. Oct. 1, 1865.  
 Lewis G. Cook, com. acting master U.S.N., Dec. 10, 1861; hon. disch. 1865.  
 Amos D. Allen, appointed paymaster's clerk U.S.N., Nov. 9, 1863; com. acting assistant paymaster Oct. 21, 1864; hon. disch. Sept. 5, 1865.  
 George E. Martin, appointed paymaster's clerk U.S.N., Dec. 30, 1861; com. acting assistant paymaster Nov. 1864; hon. disch. Aug. 1865; reappointed, and died Aug. 16, 1867.

#### Second Lieutenants.

William W. Barnes, 3d Inf., May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.  
 William P. Ford, 1st Cav., 2d Lieut. Nov. 30, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 James Bradley, 1st Cav., 2d Lieut. Nov. 30, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Edward L. Tyler, 1st Art., 2d Lieut. March 29, 1862; res. for disability April 9, 1864.  
 John H. Tingley, 1st Art., 2d Lieut. March 1, 1862, and A.D.C. on staff of Gen. Daniel Tyler; res. Dec. 31, 1862.  
 Charles A. Murray, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. Jan. 30, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Francis McKeag, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. Dec. 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 James D. Higgins, 18th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. Oct. 27, 1864.  
 Joseph D. Plunkett, 21st Inf., 2d Lieut. Oct. 11, 1862; disch. Dec. 20, 1862.  
 Isaac N. Leonard, 26th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 11, 1863; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Hervey F. Jacobs, 26th Inf., 2d Lieut. Sept. 6, 1862; died July 5, 1863.  
 Edward P. Manning, 26th Inf., 2d Lieut. July 27, 1863; died Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Gorham Dennis, 7th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 30, 1861; res. Jan. 3, 1862.  
 Amos L. Keables, 8th Inf., 2d Lieut. Aug. 1, 1862; hon. disch. May 15, 1865.  
 Charles Shepard, 8th Inf., 2d Lieut. Feb. 1, 1862; res. Feb. 14, 1863.  
 Edmund Downing, 9th Inf., 2d Lieut. Dec. 5, 1864; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 T. Brennan, 2d H. Art., New York, 2d Lieut.  
 James H. Nash, com. acting ensign U.S.N., Jan. 20, 1863; hon. disch. 1865.

#### GENERAL MUSTER-ROLL OF ALL NORWICH SOLDIERS.

Abbott, E. Kempton, 1st Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; capt. 12th; res. Aug. 25, 1862.  
 Abbott, John C., 2d Lieut., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 20, 1862; lieut.; trans. to Signal Corps.  
 Ackles, Adam, 18th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; died Madisonville, Oct. 5, 1864.  
 Adams, Anthony, 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Adams, George, 8th Regt.; enl. March 19, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Adams, Lewis, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864.

\* Those whose names are marked with an asterisk re-enlisted as veterans in 1864.

Adams, William, 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 3, 1861.  
 Adams, William N., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; trans. Vet. Res. Corps.  
 Alford, George, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864.  
 Alger, Silas J., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 2, 1865.  
 Alldrich, Albert C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out July 18, 1865.  
 Allen, Charles, 18th Regt.; enl. Dec. 28, 1864; must. out July 27, 1865.  
 Allen, Daniel B., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 17, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.  
 Allen, James A., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; sergt. 18th; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Allen, Nelson R., 18th Regt.; enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Allen, Raymond, 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 14, 1861; hon. disch. Nov. 13, 1864.  
 Allyn, William R., 14th Regt.; enl. July 11, 1862; died March 9, 1863.  
 Amesbury, Marvin H., 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 20, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.  
 Anderson, Charles W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 \*Anderson, James S., 1st Art.; enl. March 20, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.  
 Appleton, Henry, 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Arns, Charles J., adjt., 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; lieut. 16th; must. June 24, 1865.  
 Armstrong, Harvey S., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.  
 Armstrong, Joseph C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1862.  
 Arnold, Ludwig, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.  
 Ashley, Charles, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 3, 1865.  
 Atchison, Robert, cav.; enl. Dec. 8, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Avery, Alexander S., sergt., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; killed Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862.  
 Avery, Courtlund C., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; died June 23, 1863.  
 Babcock, George W., 14th Regt.; enl. June 10, 1862; disch. for disability Oct. 20, 1862.  
 Bacon, Harrison E., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1862; must. out May 23, 1865.  
 Bacon, Isaac B., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 31, 1864; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 Bacon, James M., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability Jan. 19, 1863.  
 Bailey, Amos E., 11th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.  
 Bailey, Joseph A., cav.; enl. Dec. 15, 1863; died at Andersonville, Aug. 13, 1864.  
 Bailey, Levi H., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability Dec. 19, 1862.  
 \*Baird, Thomas W., corp., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; Vet. Res. Corps, April 21, 1865.  
 Baker, Frederick W., cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; died Jan. 27, 1864.  
 Baldwin, Thomas M., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; died at Andersonville, July 3, 1864.  
 Barber, Ezra N., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 11th; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.  
 Barlow, James G., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Barlow, Otis W., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 1st Art.  
 Barnes, Owen, 6th Regt.; enl. Dec. 9, 1864.  
 Barnes, William W., 2d Lieut., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.  
 Barney, John, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; died of wounds Aug. 14, 1864.  
 \*Barrett, Joseph, 1st Art.; enl. March 1, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.  
 \*Barry, James, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861.  
 Barstow, Charles S., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out June 1, 1865.  
 \*Bassett, Reuel H., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 Beckwith, Charles H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 18th; died Dec. 1, 1862.  
 Beckwith, Henry M., 1st Art.; enl. March 10, 1862; died Oct. 10, 1863.  
 Beckwith, Herbert E., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; Corp. Mass. Art.; died Annapolis, Dec. 30, 1864.  
 Beckwith, John A., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 20, 1864.  
 Beckwith, William, cav.; enl. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out July 15, 1865.  
 Beebe, Daniel E., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 18th; must. out May 30, 1865.  
 Bemont, Nelson J., 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out May 31, 1863.

- Bennett, Elieha, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Bennett, John A., 18th Regt.; enl. July 18, 1862; disch. for disability May 3, 1863.
- Bennett, Steward C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Benson, Olaph, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Bentley, Edwin, asst. surg., 1st Art.; enl. May 23, 1861; still in service.
- Bentley, John W., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Bentley, Samuel, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Berg, August, 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 2, 1864; killed in action Sept. 19, 1864.
- Berry, William A., 2d lieut., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; capt. 2d N. Y. Art.; killed June 5, 1864.
- Best, John, 2d Art.; enl. Dec. 30, 1863; killed at Petersburg, March 25, 1865.
- Bexner, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 31, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Billings, Samuel D., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Birge, Henry W., maj., M.G.V., by brevet, 1st Art.; enl. May 23, 1861; col. 13th Regt.; must. out October, 1865.
- Black, David, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 30, 1861; killed Oct. 27, 1862.
- Blackman, Burrit B., 18th Regt.; enl. July 20, 1862; capt. 43d U.S.C.T.; must. out Nov. 30, 1865.
- Blackman, John F., cav.; enl. Aug. 12, 1861.
- Blake, Charles S., 18th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862.
- Blake, George W., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1862; corp. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Blake, John G., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; hon. disch. July 22, 1864.
- Blau, Anthony, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 11, 1864.
- \*Blumley, Edward, 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died at Andersonville, Oct. 6, 1864.
- Bogue, Richard H., 6th Regt.; enl. July 13, 1863; died Feb. 23, 1865.
- Bolles, Orin S., cav.; enl. Dec. 15, 1863; captured Oct. 17, 1864.
- Bolmau, Lemuel, 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 27, 1861; died Aug. 22, 1863.
- Bond, Frank S., lieut., 10th Regt.; enl. March 29, 1862; maj. U.S.V.; resigned January, 1865.
- \*Bond, John T., 0th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Booth, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Bottom, William H., 11th Regt.; enl. Dec. 2, 1861; disch. July 15, 1865.
- \*Bottomly, H. A., corp., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; died March 13, 1864.
- Bowen, Ezra P., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; must. out May 29, 1865.
- Boyle, James, 1st Art.; enl. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Bradley, John T., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed at Piedmont, June 5, 1864.
- Bradley, William, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; U.S.N., April 4, 1864.
- Brady, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1864; pro. adjt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Brady, Patrick, 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Brady, Terrence, 14th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Braman, Edwin W., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Braman, Henry T., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Braman, Lucius R., 18th Regt.; enl. July 30, 1862; disch. for disab. Nov. 16, 1864.
- Brand, Christ A., 18th Regt.; enl. July 20, 1862; lieut. 21st Regt.; res. Feb. 23, 1863.
- \*Brandon, Benj., 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Brash, Hen. J., 6th Regt.; enl. Dec. 9, 1861.
- Bray, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864.
- Breed, Charles A., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; lieut. 8th Regt.; died July 30, 1862.
- Breed, John, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 12, 1861.
- Brennan, Cornelius, 14th Regt.; enl. June 21, 1862; V.R.C.; must. out July 5, 1865.
- Bresnahan, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 10, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Brewer, Pliny, 2d lieut. 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 23, 1862; pro. lieut.; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Brewster, William H., 21st Regt.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; trans. to 10th Regt.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Brierly, John J., 14th Regt.; enl. June 10, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Briggs, Abram, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862.
- Broadhead, John P., 29th Regt.; enl. Nov. 14, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Brogan, John, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Bromley, Edwin F., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Bromley, Isaac H., capt., 18th Regt.; enl. July 20, 1862; hon. disch. March 31, 1863.
- Bromley, Joseph B., qr.mr., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 19, 1861; res. Dec. 29, 1863.
- Brooks, Albert O., 11th Regt.; enl. Feb. 15, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Brooks, Henry, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; died July 3, 1863.
- Brown, Asher P., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 11, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Brown, Charles H., 14th Regt.; enl. July 18, 1863; trans. to 2d Art., May 31, 1865.
- Brown, Daniel H., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; died May 14, 1862.
- \*Brown, David H., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862; died May 15, 1864.
- Brown, Edward, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 10, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865.
- Brown, George, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp., 13th Regt.; dropped Oct. 31, 1864.
- Brown, George, 10th Regt.; enl. Dec. 20, 1864; died Jan. 27, 1865.
- Brown, George E., 17th Regt.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out July 19, 1865.
- Brown, James, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 29, 1864.
- Brown, John, 1st Art.; enl. Dec. 22, 1864.
- Brown, Leander, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.
- Brown, Reuben B., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865.
- Brown, Silas, 20th Regt.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; died Jan. 25, 1865.
- Brown, William, 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 2, 1864.
- Brown, William H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Brown, William, sergt., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Buchanan, Howard R., cav.; enl. Jan. 11, 1864.
- Buck, Charles B., 29th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Buckingham, E. C., 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1863; died March 3, 1864.
- Buckley, Daniel C., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864.
- Bump, Henry G., Jr., 1st Art.; enl. May 23, 1861; hon. disch. May 22, 1864.
- Burdick, Charles, 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 20, 1861; died Jan. 16, 1863.
- Burdick, Horatio, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; died Oct. 10, 1862.
- Burdick, Joel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; disch. Aug. 25, 1862.
- Burdick, Samuel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability Jan. 4, 1864.
- Burdick, Theodore, 2d lieut., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; capt.; killed at Fort Wagner, July 11, 1863.
- Burdick, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 19, 1865.
- Burghmayer, Anton, cav.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; died April 11, 1865.
- \*Burgoyne, Walter, 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 27, 1861; died Feb. 5, 1865.
- Burke, Charles F., 3d Regt.; enl. May 12, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.
- Burke, Horace E., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.
- \*Burke, John, 0th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862.
- Burke, Patrick, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Burnett, Albert, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; killed at Winchester, June 15, 1863.
- Burns, George, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 14, 1864.
- Burns, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864.
- Burns, Peter, 1st Art.; enl. Dec. 22, 1864.
- Butler, Francis, cav.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864.
- Butler, John, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Butler, John B., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 24, 1864.
- Butler, Roswell, 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Butler, Rufus, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability June 14, 1862.
- Buttery, Ira, 17th Regt.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out July 19, 1865.
- Button, Gny D., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; disch. for disability June 18, 1865.
- Button, Samuel A., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; disch. for disability March 16, 1862.
- Byford, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- Byrnes, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; disch. for disability Oct. 16, 1862.
- Byron, James, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Calhoun, Martin, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; 1st Art.; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Callahan, Jeremiah, 14th Regt.; enl. May 23, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Cameron, Daniel, 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1864; trans. to 2d Art. May 31, 1865.
- Campbell, Edward, 14th Regt.; enl. July 18, 1863; died Jan. 18, 1865.
- \*Campbell, Thomas, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 12, 1861; disch. for disability January, 1865.
- Canfield, Lawrence, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864.
- Cantwell, Wm., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.

- \*Carey, And'w E., 11th Regt.; enl. Dec. 3, 1861; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.  
 Carey, Chas. W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 24, 1862; must. out July 1, 1865.  
 Carey, Joel, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out May 22, 1865.  
 Carikins, Amos D., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Carl, Martin, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; died Sept. 25, 1864.  
 Carleton, Charles M., snrg, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; res. April 17, 1863.  
 Carlton, George, cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.  
 Carney, Daniel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out May 28, 1865.  
 \*Carney, John, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.  
 Carpenter, Charles H., corp., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; pro. lieut. 29th Regt. March 10, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.  
 Carpenter, Chas. H., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Carpenter, Daniel D., 8th Regt.; enl. April 2, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 \*Carpenter, Delano N., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; must. out July 19, 1865.  
 Carpenter, Franklin L., 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.  
 Carroll, Charles H., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Carroll, George, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Carroll, Joseph W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.  
 Carroll, Mortimer, 1st Art.; enl. Aug. 25, 1864.  
 \*Carroll, Theodore R., 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 27, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Carroll, Timothy, cav.; enl. Nov. 2, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 \*Carroll, William B., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 7th Regt.; died Nov. 8, 1864.  
 Carruthers, William, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; pro. lieut. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Carter, Thomas S., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864.  
 Carver, James, 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Carver, Michael, cav.; enl. Oct. 20, 1861; killed at Stafford Court-House, Va., Jan. 3, 1863.  
 Carver, Thomas, cav.; enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 3, 1865.  
 Carver, William, 18th Regt.; enl. April 21, 1864.  
 Case, Charles E., 18th Regt.; enl. July 20, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Case, Benjamin, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864.  
 Case, David C., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; killed at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.  
 Case, George R., 1st Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; capt. Louisiana National Guards.  
 \*Case, James, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 30, 1861; disch. for disability July 3, 1865.  
 Case, John P., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.  
 Case, Joseph, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability July 20, 1862.  
 Casidy, Patrick, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability Sept. 19, 1861.  
 Chalmers, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Champlin, H. F., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; died at Andersonville, Aug. 11, 1864.  
 Chandler, Nelson, cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; captured May 5, 1864.  
 Chantley, William H., 1st Bat.; enl. Aug. 8, 1864; must. out June 11, 1865.  
 Chapman, C. E., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.  
 Chapman, Giles D., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chappell, Alfred S., 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; died Sept. 17, 1863.  
 Chappell, Charles L., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Chappell, Samuel H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 19, 1862.  
 Charlton, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cheesbri, James F., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability May 14, 1862.  
 Chester, Frank S., capt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Chiam, Samuel, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.  
 Church, Daniel B., 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clancey, Wm., 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1863; trans. to 2d Art.; must. out May 31, 1865.  
 Clark, Edward S., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, Henry T., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, James, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, James N., sergt., 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 25, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Clark, John, 18th Regt.; enl. Dec. 24, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, John S., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, Patrick, 18th Regt.; enl. Feb. 29, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Clark, Vinson H., 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 2, 1864.  
 Clayton, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864.  
 Cobb, Charles H., Jr., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cobb, James L., sergt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cochran, Alexander R., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862.  
 Coggawell, Geo., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Coil, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Coit, Charles M., adjt. (lieut.-col. by brevet), 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; pro. capt.; must. out May 30, 1865.  
 Coit, James B., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. maj. 14th Regt. (brig.-gen. vols. by brevet); res. Sept. 6, 1864.  
 Cole, Henry B., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Colgrove, Charles H., corp., 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861; disch. for disability, May 13, 1863.  
 Collins, Andrew, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1862; disch. for disability May 20, 1862.  
 Collins, James, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; U. S. Navy, April 4, 1864.  
 \*Colton, James S., corp., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Comins, George E., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Conant, Oscar, 14th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1864; trans. to 2d Art. May 31, 1865.  
 Congdon, John C., corp., 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Conger, Thomas B., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Conklin, Patrick, 21st Regt.; enl. March 11, 1864; died Aug. 2, 1864.  
 Connell, Daniel O., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Connell, Joseph, 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; disch. for disability June 21, 1865.  
 Connell, Michael O., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Converse, Chester W., corp., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; lieut. Louisiana National Guards; resigned.  
 Conway, Thomas, cav.; enl. Sept. 5, 1864; must. out July 14, 1865.  
 Conway, Thomas, 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 26, 1862; disch. for disability Jan. 27, 1863.  
 Cook, Frederick N., sergt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Cooley, Charles D., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.  
 Cooper, George, cav.; enl. Nov. 28, 1863; must. out July 17, 1865.  
 Corbet, Michael, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861; died at Baton Rouge, May 23, 1863.  
 Corcoran, Michael, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 \*Corcoran, Stephen, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability June 5, 1865.  
 Corey, Caleb R., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862; must. out May 10, 1865.  
 Corey, Charles W., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Corey, John F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Corney, Patrick, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1862; captured and dropped from rolls, Dec. 31, 1864.  
 Cotter, William, cav.; enl. Dec. 15, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Cowles, H. F., sergt.-maj., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. lieut. 18th Regt.; must. out May 15, 1865.  
 \*Cox, Charles H., 12th Regt.; enl. Nov. 20, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.  
 Cox, John, 8th Regt.; enl. July 27, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.  
 Cragg, George G., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Cramer, David, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864; killed at Petersburg, March 25, 1865.  
 Crandall, John, 14th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.  
 Cranston, Joseph J. S., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.

- Crawford, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; died at Winchester, July 2, 1863.
- Crary, John T., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Crocker, Byron, 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 5, 1862; died July 15, 1864.
- Crosby, Hiram B., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; pro. lieut.-col.; hon. disch. Sept. 14, 1864.
- Cross, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, '65.
- Crowther, James A., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out July 1, 1863.
- Crowthers, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Calver, Enoch B., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; pro. adjt.; died of wounds June 6, 1864.
- Cullin, John, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; died March 22, 1864.
- Cummings, William, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862.
- Cunningham, Michael, 14th Regt.; enl. July 10, 1862; hon. disch. May 19, 1863.
- Curtis, William R., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; hon. disch. Sept. 25, '65.
- Curtis, William R., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.
- \*Cushman, Alonzo S., 11th Regt.; enl. Dec. 3, 1861; killed at Swift's Creek, Va., May 9, 1864.
- Cushman, David F., 18th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Cutler, Charles, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Cutler, Leonard, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.
- Daffett, Lewis, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 5, 1864.
- Dalley, John, 1st Art.; enl. Aug. 27, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Daily, Charles H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 24, 1862; disch. February, 1864.
- Davidson, Oscar, 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 2, 1864.
- Davis, George P., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Davis, Henry C., capt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out April 25, 1865.
- Davis, Isaac, 29th Regt.; enl. Dec. 9, 1863; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Davis, Joseph, 8th Regt.; enl. Nov. 18, 1864; died March 10, 1865.
- Davis, Job A., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Davis, Marcus, 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Davis, William, cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; died at Andersonville, Aug. 30, 1864.
- Davis, William, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864; must. out July 8, 1865.
- Davis, Wm. L., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 15, 1862; must. out June 27, '64.
- Davis, William F., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Dayton, Nathaniel F., cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Dean, Jerry B., 17th Regt.; enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out July 10, 1865.
- Degnan, John, 14th Regt.; enl. June 5, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Delaney, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 16, 1862.
- Delaney, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; killed at Snicker's Ferry, July 18, 1864.
- Deming, Alfred H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1864.
- Deemling, Henry R., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 14, 1864.
- Dennis, Gorham, corp., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 2d lieut. 7th; re-assigned Jan. 3, 1862.
- Dennis, J. B., capt., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out Feb. 17, 1865 (B.G.V. by brevet).
- Dennis, Oscar A., capt., 1st Art.; enl. May 23, 1861; res. Dec. 11, 1861.
- Dennison, Andrew J., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Dennison, John J., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 7, 1861.
- Derby, Charles, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Dexhnadr, William, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- \*Diamond, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 22, 1861.
- Dillaly, Asa, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, '65.
- Ditmus, Edward A., corp., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Dixon, Lawrence, 26th Regt.; enl. Oct. 17, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.
- Dole, Abe, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.
- \*Donahue, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 21, 1861.
- Donahue, William, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1864.
- Dorrigan, Hugh, 14th Regt.; enl. July 10, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 8, 1863.
- Donnivan, Tim, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Donovan, John, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 1, 1863.
- Donovan, John, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 1, 1863.
- Dorsey, Edward, corp., 14th Regt.; enl. June 23, 1862; died of wounds at Antietam, Oct. 8, 1862.
- Dorkins, William, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Dorrance, George E., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; trans. to Inv. Corps, March 15, 1864.
- Douglass, William P., cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Dowling, Michael W., 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; trans. to Sig. Corps.
- Downer, Sylvanus, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died at Andersonville, Nov. 5, 1864.
- \*Downing, Edmund, 9th Regt.; enl. May 31, 1862; 2d lieut.; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Doyle, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 4, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.
- Doyle, Timothy O., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out July 14, 1865.
- Draper, Albion, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Draper, George, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 22, 1863.
- Drew, William, 2d Art.; enl. Dec. 23, 1864.
- Dricoll, Alexander, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 10, 1862; cavalry; died March 7, 1865.
- Dryer, Henry, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- Dubois, George S., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864.
- Duff, John, 20th Regt.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Dugan, James, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 9, 1862; died July 28, 1863.
- Dugan, Thomas, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 21st Regt.; died at Andersonville, June 4, 1864.
- Dunbar, Edmund, corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1862.
- Dunton, William W., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 9th Regt.; veteran.
- \*Dunn, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Dec. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Durfee, Henry M., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Dutton, Rodman, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Dwyer, Edward, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Oct. 11, 1862.
- Eagan, James, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 11, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Eastman, Shirland L., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 2, 1861.
- Edgerton, George F., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 23, 1862; died July 23, 1863.
- Edwards, Alfred, 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 7, 1861; disch. for disability, May 14, 1862.
- Edwards, George L., cav.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864.
- Edwards, Henry, 14th Regt.; enl. May 31, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 23, 1862.
- Edwards, Thomas F., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 12, 1863.
- Edwards, William, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, March 28, 1863.
- Eells, Edward W., lieut., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Ehlers, August, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 19, 1862; died of wounds July 2, 1864.
- Elmer, Ferdinand, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 11, 1864.
- Eldridge, Daniel D., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Elliot, William, 10th Regt.; enl. Dec. 17, 1864.
- Ellis, William H. H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Ely, W. G., 1st Regt.; enl. April 24, 1861; col. 18th B. G. V. by brevet; res. Sept. 18, 1864.
- Emmons, Daniel, 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1864; died June 13, 1864.
- Enwright, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Erskine, Edward, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Erwin, Edward, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, March 9, 1864.
- Fanning, Charles T., 18th Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; killed at Piedmont, June 5, 1864.
- Fanning, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; disch. for disability, March 25, 1864.
- Fanning, Henry C., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died of wounds at Antietam, Oct. 28, 1862.
- Fanning, John T., corp., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.



- Fanning, Theo. A., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died of wounds at Antietam, Oct. 19, 1862.
- Fanning, William D., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Farnsworth, Charles, capt., cav.; enl. Nov. 26, 1861; must. out May 17, 1864.
- Farrell, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.
- \*Farrell, Laurence P., 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 28, 1861.
- Farrell, Thomas, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1862; V. R. C.; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Farris, John W., 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 26, 1864.
- Fellowes, Joshua, corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Fenner, Frank A., 8th Regt.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Fenton, James E., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Ferguson, Orrin, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864.
- Field, Stephen O., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 24, 1861; disch. Nov. 14, 1862.
- \*Fillburn, Thomas, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 9, 1861; died at Millen, Ga., Oct. 21, 1864.
- Finken, William, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1863.
- Fisher, George W., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Fisher, Nathan A., asst. surg., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 4, 1861; res. June 16, 1863.
- Fitch, Edwin S., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Fitch, James E., cav.; enl. Oct. 26, 1861.
- Fitzgerald, Edward, 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1863.
- Fitzgerald, Michael, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 11, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Flannagan, Edward, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Flannagan, James, cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Fletcher, Freeborn O., 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Fletcher, Joseph E., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. sergt. 8th; disch. for disability Jan. 9, 1863.
- Flynn, John, 6th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1863.
- Ford, David M., 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 14, 1861; killed Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.
- \*Ford, William P., cav.; enl. Nov. 2, 1861; pro. 2d lieut.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Forestner, Joseph, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died Aug. 9, 1863.
- Foss, Samuel S., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. lieut.; disch. Jan. 27, 1865.
- Foster, Charles, 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Foster, Joel M., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- \*Fowler, Samuel F., 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 30, 1861; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Fox, David D., 1st Art.; enl. April 1, 1862; hon. disch. April 1, 1865.
- Fox, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; died Martinsburg, April 17, 1865.
- Fox, Patrick, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Fox, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Fox, Walter M., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; killed Petersburg, June 22, 1864.
- Francis, Charles, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Francis, E., 29th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1864; died Sept. 17, 1865.
- Francis, Edwin, asst. surg., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Francis, John A., second lieut., 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; pro. lieut.; must. out June 27, 1864.
- Francis, William, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Fraser, Daniel, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Frazier, George W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; sergt. 7th; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Frazier, Richard, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Freeman, S. H., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Frink, Lewis F., cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Frisby, Lyman, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Fuller, George H., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Fuller, James E., sergt., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; pro. lieut. Nov. 11, 1864.
- Fuller, Wallace, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Gardel, Paul, 2d Art.; enl. Dec. 30, 1863; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Gallagher, Francis, 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Gallivan, David, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.
- Gallivan, Humphrey, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 8, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Gallup, Loren A., capt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Gardner, John, 5th Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1863; must. out June 14, 1865.
- Gaskill, Henry C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1863; died at Danville, Feb. 20, 1865.
- Gates, Horace P., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; adjt. 8th; appt. A.A.G. U.S.V.
- Gates, William H., cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Gattel, Peter, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 20, 1864.
- Gavitt, Edwin, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; hon. disch. Aug. 11, 1861.
- Gibson, James, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; disch. for disability, March 18, 1865.
- Gibson, Savillian F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Gilchrist, John W., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Giles, William, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out June 18, 1865.
- Gillernan, Oweu, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.
- Gilligan, Thomas, 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 3, 1864.
- Gilroy, Charles, 18th Regt.; enl. July 24, 1862.
- Gleason, Henry D., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; captured June 11, 1864.
- Gleason, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; disch. for disability Oct. 16, 1862.
- \*Glynn, Patrick, 9th Regt.; enl. May 26, 1862; died Nov. 25, 1864.
- Goddard, Alfred M., lieut., 8th Regt.; enl. July 24, 1863; died Petersburg, May 9, 1864.
- Goddard, Henry P., 2d lieut., cav.; enl. May 7, 1862; pro. capt. 14th; res. April 26, 1864.
- Gorry, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Gorry, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Goss, James W., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Gould, Augustus, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Gould, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Gould, Munroe A., cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; must. out Aug. 6, 1865.
- \*Grady, James, 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Graham, Thomas H., cav.; enl. Dec. 23, 1864.
- Graves, Albert G., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Green, Lafayette M., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability Dec. 20, 1862.
- Green, R. J., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Green, William B., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Greenman, George, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1862; pro. capt. 31st U.S.C.T.; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Greenman, Rufus, 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, May 13, 1863.
- Greenough, H. W., cav.; enl. Jan. 8, 1864; died Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 9, 1864.
- Greenwood, George, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864.
- Griffin, Peter, 21st Regt.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; disch. for disability, April 3, 1864.
- Griffin, Thomas, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Gunn, Augustus W., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Guttmann, C. B., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864.
- Guyle, John W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.
- Hakes, Dwight W., q.r.mr., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; capt. (com. sub.) U.S.V.
- Hakes, Isaac H., capt., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; resigned Dec. 26, 1862.
- Hale, Morton F., q.r.mr., 1st Regt.; enl. May 28, 1861; capt. (com. sub.) U.S.V.
- Hall, Aaron M., corp., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Hall, George, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861; disch. for disability, May 20, 1862.
- Hall, William, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Hallam, Chester H., 14th Regt., 1st Art.; died May 4, 1864.
- \*Hallapan, T. A., 1st Art.; enl. May 23, 1861.
- \*Hamilton, F. T., 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862.
- Hamilton, James, 8th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1864; captured Sept. 29, 1864.
- Hamilton, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; killed Piedmont, June 5, 1864.
- Hancock, Joseph A., 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

- Hanley, Michael, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; disch. for disability June 16, 1864.
- Hanson, H. C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Hanson, Olet T., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; U.S.N., April 14, 1865.
- Harland, Edward, capt., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; col. 8th Regt.; B. G. V. April 29, 1863; resigned June 20, 1865.
- Harper, William, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.
- Harrington, Clark, capt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 25, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Harrington, Joseph W., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Harris, George L., 18th Regt.; enl. July 19, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps.
- Hartie, Philip C., 14th Regt.; enl. June 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 9, 1862.
- Harvey, George F., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 10, 1862; disch. Nov. 7, 1862.
- Harvey, James, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Harvey, St. John, 26th Regt.; enl. Nov. 6, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Haslem, Wesley W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865.
- Hathaway, Philip B., cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. Sept. 15, 1864.
- Hawthorne, Andrew, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Hayes, Charles, 14th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1864; trans. to 2d Art. May 31, 1865.
- Hayes, William, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862.
- Hayward, William G., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1862; died at Andersonville, Sept. 11, 1864.
- Hazlehurst, Edwin, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 8, 1862; disch. for disability, May 20, 1862.
- Healey, Edward, 14th Regt.; enl. July 16, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 25, 1862.
- Heath, Leonard, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 18, 1863; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Heath, Thomas, 1st Art.; enl. Aug. 29, 1864.
- Hempstead, Albert, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1864.
- Hempstead, Henry, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Henderson, Andrew, 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 26, 1862.
- Hennessey, Thomas J., 18th Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Henney, George, 20th Regt.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- Hernandez, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864.
- Herrick, James, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 6, 1863.
- \*Hickey, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Hickey, Patrick, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 28, 1862.
- Hicks, James W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 30, 1862; died Martinsburg, April 13, 1864.
- Higgins, James D., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 2d Lieut. 18th Regt.; hon. disch. Oct. 27, 1864.
- Highey, Patrick, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Hill, Edwin, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Hill, Elisha D., 18th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Hill, Jubilee B., 27th Regt.; enl. Sept. 25, 1862; 2d Art.
- Hilliard, William C., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; disch. Dec. 3, 1864.
- Hills, Herman, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862.
- Hinckley, Edwin F., cav.; enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 3, 1862.
- Hislop, James, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Hoey, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Hoey, William, cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Hogan, James, 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 15, 1862.
- Holmes, Joseph, cav.; enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Nov. 3, 1862.
- Holmes, Joseph W., 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 27, 1862.
- Holwell, John C., 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 23, 1861; killed Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.
- Hotchkiss, Edwin O., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Hovey, Henry, color-sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Howard, Francis, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Sept. 18, 1865.
- Howard, Solomon M., sergt., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Howard, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Howell, Abbott, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; died July 31, 1865.
- Hughes, Asa L., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1862; 14th Regt.; disch. for disability, Dec. 15, 1862.
- Hull, Henry H., 14th Regt.; enl. May 27, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1863.
- Huntington, C. L. F., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Huntington, Daniel, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 11, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.
- Huntington, George F., 14th Regt.; enl. July 5, 1862; Vet. Res. Corps, Jan. 15, 1864.
- Huntington, Thomas D., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; died Sept. 29, 1861.
- Huntoon, Samuel, capt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Hutchins, Lyman, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, May 18, 1862.
- Hutchins, William, 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 14, 1861; died June 14, 1862.
- Hyatt, Isaac B., 17th Regt.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out July 19, 1865.
- Hyde, John P., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Hyland, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Irons, Thomas, 14th Regt.; enl. June 12, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- \*Ittall, George, corp., 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861.
- Jacobs, Hervey F., 2d Lieut., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; died at Port Hudson, July 5, 1863.
- Jaques, Benjamin F., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Jaques, David D., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 28, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.
- \*Jaques, William, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 18, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Jennings, John B., corp., 2d Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; captured July 21, 1861.
- Jewell, William C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1862; disch. for disability, March 28, 1863.
- Jewett, Eleazar, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 12, 1863.
- Jewett, Joseph H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; adj. 8th Regt.; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Jewett, Leo L., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 25, 1862; disch. for disability, May 8, 1863.
- Jillson, George W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- \*Johnson, Abel, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Johnson, Charles H., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Johnson, D. H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Johnson, Irvin, 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 26, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Johnson, John W., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 21, 1861.
- Johnson, Lovell, 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; must. out June 19, 1865.
- Johnson, Marquis L., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 28, 1862; disch. for disability, July 29, 1862.
- \*Johnson, Robert, 2d Regt., enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 9th Regt.; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- \*Johnson, Samuel, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 17, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Johnson, Stephen T., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died Aug. 3, 1863.
- Johnson, William, 9th Regt.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Jones, Frank J., 2d Lieut., 1st Art.; enl. March 13, 1862; pro. Lieut.; res. July 27, 1863.
- Kampf, George, 1st Art.; enl. April 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 8, 1865.
- Kampf, Herman, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Kane, J. Hammond, 1st Cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Keables, Amos L., sergt., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. 2d Lieut.; disch. May 15, 1865.
- Keables, Charles F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.
- Keables, N. Armand, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; 26th Regt.; must. out Aug. 17, 1865.
- \*Keane, Michael, 9th Regt.; enl. May 22, 1862.
- Keech, Charles, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; must. out Jan. 13, 1865.
- Keeler, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 29, 1865.
- Keeler, John M., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Keeler, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; killed at Fort Fisher, March 26, 1865.
- \*Kehr, Jacob, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 28, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Keigwin, Daniel, 18th Regt.; enl. Dec. 19, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Kelly, Andrew J., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.

- Kelly, Henry, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Feb. 26, 1864.  
 Kelly, James A., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 1, 1862; hon. disch. Jan. 6, 1865.  
 Kelly, John, 21st Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862.  
 Kelly, Michael, 8th Regt.; July 15, 1864.  
 Kelly, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.  
 Kenely, James, 10th Regt.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; killed at Petersburg, April 2, 1865.  
 Kenney, Charles L., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kenney, Ralph, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kepler, Sebast. B., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Kerley, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; died on transport, July 24, 1862.  
 Kerr, Francis, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1862; disch. for disability, Nov. 23, 1863.  
 Kerr, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; Vet. Res. Corps; must. out May 1, 1864.  
 Kerr, Robert, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. 2d Lieut. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 \*Kerr, Robert, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 22, 1862; qr.mr.-sergt.; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 Kerrigan, Thomas, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Kies, David B., 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.  
 Kimball, James, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.  
 Kimball, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 King, David, 14th Regt.; enl. July 13, 1863; trans. to 2d Art. May 31, 1865.  
 Kingsley, Jared L., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 \*Kingsley, Willet W., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, '65.  
 Kingston, Elias, Jr., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 \*Kinney, Albert B., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out July 20, '65.  
 Kinney, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Kirby, John, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Klein, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; must. out Oct. 10, 1865.  
 Knapp, Samuel R., capt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 21, 1862; res. June 6, 1863.  
 Knox, Joseph W., cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Kohler, William S., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 29, 1864.  
 Kraus, Adam, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Krepps, James, 15th Regt.; enl. Dec. 20, 1864; 7th Regt.; must. out Aug. 14, 1865.  
 Lacy, David, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864; killed at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864.  
 Ladd, Albert W., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. for disability, April 6, 1864.  
 Ladd, Amos R., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; adj. 73d U. S. Col. Troops.  
 Ladd, Daniel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 24, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Laferty, James, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865.  
 Laird, Daniel, 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 11, 1862; killed in action Sept. 19, 1864.  
 Laird, John, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lamb, George W., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lampheare, Charles H., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 7, 1861.  
 Lampheare, Chauncey G., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 \*Lamphere, James M., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861.  
 Lanphere, Calvin J., 14th Regt.; enl. July 20, 1863; trans. to 2d Art. May 31, 1865.  
 Lampeon, Charles E., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.  
 Lane, Joseph M., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Lapierre, H. H., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; trans. to Signal Corps.  
 Lasthins, August, 26th Regt.; enl. Oct. 13, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.  
 Latham, Albert, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; Lieut. 30th Regt.; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.  
 Latham, Ira C., 21st Regt.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; trans. to 10th Regt.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.  
 Lathrop, Dewitt C., surg., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; died April 18, 1862.  
 Lathrop, Erastus D., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 1st Art.; disch. for disability, Dec. 24, 1862.  
 Lathrop, Joseph O., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Laughlin, Patrick, 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1863.  
 Lawler, Joseph H., corp., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; pro. lieut.; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 Lawler, Thomas C., corp., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; Lieut. 9th Regt.; res. Feb. 25, 1862.  
 Leach, Edwin T., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; Lieut. 31st U.S.C.T.; disch. May 9, 1864.  
 \*Leahy, Edward, 9th Regt.; enl. May 5, 1862.  
 Learned, Bela P., second lieut., 1st Art.; enl. March 12, 1862; maj. by brevet; pro. capt. Sept. 25, 1865.  
 \*Leary, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 Lee, Charles C., 18th Regt.; enl. Dec. 24, 1863; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lee, J. Hamilton, assistant surg., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 22, 1862; surg.; disch. Oct. 31, 1864.  
 Lee, Samuel J., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Leman, Theodore, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 11, '64.  
 Leonard, Isaac N., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; sergt., 26th Regt.; hon. disch. Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Leonard, M. L., 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; 2d Lieut. 20th Regt.; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.  
 Leruscher, William, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, '64.  
 Lester, Henry W., corp., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, June 26, 1861.  
 Lewis, Charles, 8th Regt.; enl. Feb. 20, 1864.  
 Lewis, James S., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862.  
 \*Levison, Moritz, 1st Art.; enl. March 1, 1862.  
 Lilley, John, sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 14, 1862; pro. capt.; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lillibridge, Clark, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Lillibridge, M. M., 2d Art.; enl. Dec. 30, 1863; disch. for disability, June 13, 1865.  
 Lindsay, Adam H., Lieut., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; hon. disch. April 17, 1865.  
 Livingston, F. D., corp., 6th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 10, 1862.  
 Lloyd, Patrick, 14th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; died of wounds May 11, 1864.  
 \*Loonis, Charles A., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt., 13th Regt.  
 Loonis, Ezra M., 11th Regt.; enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died of wounds at Antietam, Sept. 10, 1862.  
 Loomis, George W., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Loomis, Henry N., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; died Aug. 21, 1864.  
 Loomis, James W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 14, 1862; disch. Nov. 1, 1864.  
 Loomis, John W., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.  
 Long, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lovering, Fred. E., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1861; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Lowrey, Joshua, 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 7, 1861; rejected Nov. 2, 1861.  
 Lumia, T. J., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lydon, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 17, 1861; disch. Oct. 26, 1864.  
 Lynch, Charles, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Lynch, Heury, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; died of wounds Oct. 31, 1864.  
 Lynch, James, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864.  
 Lyon, George N., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1863.  
 Lyon, Nelson A., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 22, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.  
 \*Maguire, Patrick, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.  
 Mahony, Wm., 1st Art.; enl. March 5, 1862.  
 Manion, Thomas, cav.; enl. Dec. 30, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.  
 Manning, David W., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864; disch. for disability, July 15, 1865.  
 Mannlug, E. P., com.-sergt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; 2d Lieut.; died Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Manning, Lem. A., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.  
 Maples, C. H., q.m.-sergt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.  
 Maples, James L., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; U.S.C.T.  
 Maples, Wm. L., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.  
 Marks, Michael, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.  
 Maro, Patrick, 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Newbern, March 14, 1862.  
 Marrarty, John, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; Vet. Res. Corps.  
 Marsh, F. B., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 3, 1862.

- Marshall, George B., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; corp. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Marshall, Hamlet J., 28th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1862; disch. July 24, 1863.
- Marshall, John, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 23, 1865.
- Marshall, William S., cav.; enl. Dec. 22, 1863; must. out June 3, 1865.
- Marshall, Wilson C., 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Martin, Islay B., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; died of wounds at Winchester, July 2, 1863.
- Martin, John W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Martin, Patrick, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1862; hon. disch. Jan. 6, 1865.
- Mason, John, cav.; enl. Nov. 19, 1864; must. out Aug. 2.
- Massey, James, 18th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; died at Florence, S. C., Jan. 7, 1865.
- Matson, George, 20th Regt.; enl. Dec. 4, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Maurer, Richard, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Maynard, Roswell E., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- McAllister, Ronald, 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 12, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 10, 1863.
- McAllister, Ronald, Jr., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; killed at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.
- McCall, A. Dwight, lieut., 12th Regt.; enl. Jan. 1, 1862; must. out Nov. 21, 1864.
- McCall, John, sergt., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. capt.; killed at Fort Darling, May 10, 1864.
- McCall, Gideon, corp., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; died of wounds Oct. 8, 1864.
- McCarty, Michael, 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1863; disch. Dec. 6, 1863.
- McCarty, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 1, 1864.
- McCaulay, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- McClure, George, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- McClure, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- McCool, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- McCorm, James J., 2d lieut., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. capt. 13th Regt.; must. out Jan. 6, 1865.
- McCoy, George, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864; Vet. Res. Corps; must. out Sept. 22, 1865.
- McCracken, Henry, cav.; enl. Dec. 16, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- McCracken, James, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; killed at Winchester, June 15, 1863.
- McCusker, Hugh, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- McCusker, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 26, 1865.
- McDavid, George, 18th Regt.; enl. July 19, 1862; disch. for disability, March 1, 1863.
- McDavid, James S., cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; died at Andersonville, Aug. 21, 1864.
- \*McDonald, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 27, 1862; died May 2, 1865.
- McDonald, John, 14th Regt.; enl. June 3, 1862; must. out June 29, 1865.
- McDonnell, Thomas, 9th Regt.; enl. Jan. 17, 1864.
- McGarry, Andrew, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 9th Regt.; disch. for disability, Oct. 16, 1862.
- McGlone, James, 1st Art.; enl. Feb. 26, 1862.
- McGovern, Michael, 14th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862.
- \*McGovern, Thomas, 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861.
- McGrath, John, 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864.
- McGuigan, Frank, 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.
- \*McKay, James, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; must. out July 19, 1865.
- McKeag, Francis, sergt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 2d lieut., 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- McKee, James, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*McKenna, John, corp., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- McKenna, John, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1862.
- McKenna, Peter, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.
- McKnight, Wm., 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 3, 1861; died Aug. 18, 1863.
- McLaughlin, Thomas, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861.
- McLeland, George, 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 18, 1862.
- McMahon, Gilbert, 2d Art.; enl. Dec. 30, 1863; disch. for disability, June 4, 1865.
- McMahon, Thomas, 18th Regt.; enl. Nov. 16, 1863; killed at Piedmont, June 5, 1864.
- \*McNamara, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 20, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- McNamara, Patrick, 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 1, 1864; died Jan. 19, 1865.
- McNeil, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- McSorly, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 12, 1861; died April 18, 1863.
- McVay, Francis, 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- McVay, James, 14th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; died Sept. 9, 1862.
- McVay, Michael, 14th Regt.; enl. July 5, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- McWhirr, John F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Meany, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; died Nov. 12, 1862.
- Meech, Stephen B., adjt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Meehan, Peter, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 12, 1861.
- \*Meehan, William, 9th Regt.; enl. May 10, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Melmer, Charles, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; killed at Morris Island, July 18, 1863.
- \*Meldrum, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 28, 1862; died April 8, 1864.
- Meledy, Michael, sergt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Mell, Augustus, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; must. out June 14, 1865.
- Merwin, S. T. C., 1st Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; pro. capt. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Metcalf, John G., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Meyer, Adolph L., 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; 11th Regt.; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Miller, Henry C., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. to sergt. 14th Regt.; disch. for disability, Nov. 17, 1862.
- Miller, Jacob W., killed at Spottsylvania, May 18, 1864.
- Minard, Enos G., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Miner, Charles H., Jr., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Miuer, William P., 2d lieut., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 18, 1862; pro. 1st lieut.; must. out July 16, 1864.
- Mitchell, Alfred, capt., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 18, 1862; res. March 11, 1864.
- \*Moan, Owen, 1st Art.; enl. March 1, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Moffett, Albert, cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; killed at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
- Moore, Allen L., sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Moore, James R., sergt., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; capt. 8th Regt.; disch. May 30, 1865.
- Moore, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; trans. to U. S. navy.
- Moore, Michael, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 9, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Moultingham, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; died July 21, 1861.
- Monroe, Austin G., sergt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Monroe, Charles H., 20th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; died Jan. 11, 1865.
- Morgan, Charles D., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Morris, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Morris, Patrick, 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1864.
- Morris, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 10, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Morris, William C., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Sept. 18, 1865.
- Morrison, John H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; capt. 18th Regt.; dismissed Sept. 1, 1864.
- Morrow, George, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Morrow, Joseph, sergt., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 26, 1864.
- Mossman, Alexander, 18th Regt.; enl. July 19, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Mott, Oramel M., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Mott, Willard L., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; trans. to Signal Corps, Feb. 29, 1863.
- Mowry, Bernard R. O., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862.
- Mouch, Peter, 26th Regt.; enl. Oct. 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Moush, Adolph, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; must. out July 19, 1865.
- Mulcahey, Michael, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.
- Mulcahey, Thos., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Mulligan, Peter, 26th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Mumford, Henry, 20th Regt.; enl. Dec. 4, 1863; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- \*Munroe, John C., 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861; must. out July 19, 1865.
- Murphy, Dennis, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 13, 1862; died March 12, 1864.
- Murphy, Frank E., 18th Regt.; enl. July 10, 1862; must. out June 27, '65.
- Murphy, James, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 13, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865.
- Murphy, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 4, 1861; died Aug. 16, 1862.
- \*Murphy, Jeremiah, 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1861; must. out Sept. 7, 1865.
- Murphy, John, 5th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1863.

- Murphy, Orlando C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Murphy, Patrick, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864; must. out Aug. 7, 1865.
- Murphy, Wm. M., corp., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, May 5, 1863.
- Murray, Charles A., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. 2d lieut. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Murthagh, Patrick, 21st Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Musharue, Henry, 29th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Mussel, Christian, cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Muzzy, Benj. H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; must. out May 20, 1865.
- Muzzy, Harvey L., 18th Regt.; enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 10, 1865.
- Muzzy, Walter H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 12, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Nash, Eugene S., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. corp. in 13th Regt.
- Neff, A. Martin, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Neill, Henry P., 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Nelson, Samuel, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; trans. to U.S.N. April 14, 1864.
- Nelson, Wm. F., 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1863.
- Newman, Thos., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 8, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Newton, Charles J., 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1863; trans. to U.S. navy, April 23, 1864.
- \*Nicholls, Robert, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 30, 1861.
- \*Nicholson, Michael, 9th Regt.; enl. May 22, 1862.
- Nickels, James R., sergt., 14th Regt.; enl. May 29, 1862; capt.; died of wounds, Feb. 20, 1865.
- Nickerson, Joseph H., sergt., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; capt.; disch. for disability, Oct. 12, 1864.
- Nickerson, Paris R., corp., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Nickle, Arthur, 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 2, 1861; disch. for disability, Feb. 28, 1863.
- Norris, John H., lieut., 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 27, 1861; res. April 5, 1862.
- Northrop, George, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, May 10, 1862.
- Norton, George B., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 29, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Noyes, Caleb H., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Noyes, Charles C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; killed at Winchester, June 15, 1864.
- Noyes, John D., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 7, 1864.
- O'Brien, Edward, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- O'Connor, Cornelius, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 23, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 20, 1864.
- O'Donnell, George, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- O'Donnell, Matthew, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- O'Donnell, Olney, 14th Regt.; enl. July 7, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 12, 1863.
- O'Neill, David, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; cav.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- \*O'Neil, James, 9th Regt.; enl. May 21, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- O'Neil, John, 14th Regt.; enl. July 7, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- \*Osborne, Charles, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Osborne, James, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1865.
- Otis, Josiah L. D., 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; died from wounds received at Fredericksburg, Feb. 10, 1863.
- Page, James F., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Palmer, Almon B., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 27, '65.
- Palmer, Andrew, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Palmer, Fred. A., lieut., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; pro. capt.; disch. May 28, 1864.
- Palmer, Julius, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Palmer, Lewis O., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; trans. to Inv. Corps.
- Palmer, Orin V., 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 14, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Palmer, Roswell, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Parker, Henry W., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; U.S.N. April 14, 1864.
- Parker, Joseph M., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; capt. 32d U.S.C.
- Parker, Timothy, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, '65.
- Parkerson, James, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; died of wounds received at Port Hudson, June 1, 1863.
- Parkinson, Geo., 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Parkus, Simon, sergt., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Parrish, Wm. W., 1st Art.; enl. May 22, 1861; hon. disch. May 28, 1864.
- \*Patten, Charles, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Payne, Burton H., cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Jan. 10, 1865.
- Payne, Ichabod S., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Peale, Henry, capt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; pro. lieut.-col. 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Pearce, Martin, 18th Regt.; enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Peck, Seth L., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Peck, Wm. H., corp., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; pro. lieut.; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- \*Pendergraft, James, 9th Regt.; enl. Jan. 10, 1863.
- \*Perkins, Chas. W., corp., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Perry, Hylon N., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Peter, William, 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862.
- Peters, Charles, 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864.
- Peters, William, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 4, 1861; disch. for disability, July 8, 1863.
- Peterson, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; U.S.N. April 14, 1864.
- Phillips, Benjamin F., cav.; enl. Oct. 5, 1863.
- Phillips, Henry T., cav.; enl. Nov. 18, 1862; capt.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Phillips, Thomas D., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Phinney, Elisha, asst. surg., 26th Regt.; enl. Nov. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Phinney, Henry E., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1862; hon. disch. June 6, 1865.
- Pierce, Thomas H., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Pitcher, Abner D., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, May 8, 1864.
- Pitcher, Albert H., 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Pitcher, Frank W., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Pitcher, George, 1st Art.; enl. Aug. 1, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Pitcher, George, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Plunkett, Joseph D., color-sergt., 21st Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; second lieut.; disch. Dec. 20, 1862.
- Porter, Edgar, 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 14, 1864; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Porter, Sabart M., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Potter, Charles H., 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 1, 1861; died Aug. 10, 1862.
- Potter, Elisha R., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 8, 1862; must. out June 9, 1865.
- Potter, James, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Potter, Mandeville A., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Powers, Richard, 9th Regt.; enl. May 21, 1861; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Price, Joseph H., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864.
- \*Price, Orrin M., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Primus, Daniel, 30th Regt.; enl. Feb. 15, 1864.
- Purdy, William H., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Ragan, James, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 29, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- \*Ranger, Richard, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Ransom, Henry A., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 3, 1862.
- Rathbone, Oramel W., cav.; enl. Dec. 8, 1863; must. out July 28, 1865.
- Rardon, Patrick, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 12, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 10, 1862.
- Reeder, Karl, cav.; enl. Dec. 3, 1863; died of wounds July 29, 1864.
- Reed, Albert O., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Reynolds, John T., corp., 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 5, 1865.
- Reynolds, Samuel W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Reynolds, William, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 30, 1862; hon. disch. Jan. 6, 1865.
- Richards, Charles J., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Richardson, James L., cav.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; adjt.; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Rider, James H., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1864.
- \*Riely, Bernard, 9th Regt.; enl. May 31, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Riley, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Sept. 15, 1865.
- Ringrous, Michael, 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862; disch. Nov. 23, 1863.
- Ripley, George C., lieut., 14th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1862; A.D.C.; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.

- Ripley, James D., 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Ripley, Robert A., lieut., 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 31, 1862; capt.; must. out Jan. 6, 1865.
- Roach, David, 5th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1861.
- Roath, Henry G., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 11, 1862; trans. Sig. Corps.
- Roberts, George, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; U.S.N.
- Robinson, Francis, 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1861; disch. for disability, March 2, 1863.
- Robinson, James A., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 24, 1861; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Rockwell, Alfred P., capt., 1st Bat.; enl. Jan. 21, 1861; col. 6th; must. out Feb. 9, 1865; B.G.V. bvt.
- Rockwell, Joseph P., sergt.-maj., 14th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; capt. June 27, 1865.
- Roden, James, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 2, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Roe, Edward, 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; killed Oct. 19, 1861.
- \*Rogers, Charles L., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; must. out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Rogers, Eben H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Rogers, E. P., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; lieut. 29th; res. Aug. 3, 1865.
- Rogers, George W., lieut., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; corp. 26th; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Rogers, Horace E., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; 7th; disch. for disability, March 10, 1863.
- Rogers, Joab B., sergt., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; capt. cav.; must. out Feb. 2, 1865.
- Ross, Daniel V., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1862; must. out June 2, 1865.
- Ross, Enos C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Ross, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864.
- Ross, William J., corp., 14th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; maj. 29th; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Rouse, Charles W., corp., 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; hon. disch. Oct. 24, 1864.
- \*Rouse, James E., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. July 20, 1865.
- Rozenblatt, David, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; missing at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.
- \*Ruhl, August, 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- \*Ryan, James, 9th Regt.; enl. May 22, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Ryan, John O., cav.; enl. Jan. 12, 1864.
- \*Ryan, Michael, 9th Regt.; enl. May 22, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1865.
- Ryder, Arthur F., corp., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; disch. for disability, July 3, 1861.
- \*Sanders, David, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Aug. 7, 1865.
- \*Sanders, Julius, 9th Regt.; enl. June 2, 1862; disch. for disability, Aug. 1, 1865.
- Sanders, Ralph G., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; V.R.C. Jan. 15, 1864.
- Sanford, John, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1864.
- Sawyer, Silas W., capt., 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; resigned Feb. 10, 1864.
- Schneider, Jacob, 14th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862; disch. for disability, Aug. 31, 1864.
- Schneider, John, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Schultz, Peter, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864.
- Schofield, Henry M., 1st Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; 11th; died of wounds at Antietam, Sept. 28, 1862.
- Schofield, Le Grand, 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Scott, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Scott, Thomas, lieut., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; capt. N. Y. Bat.
- Selden, Joseph, lieut.-col., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Semples, James W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Service, John, 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Service, Thomas, 1st Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Setchel, Charles F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Setchel, George C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 2, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Serlin, Nathan D., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 25, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Shalk, Frederick E., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; lieut. 14th; died of wounds May 6, 1864.
- Shaw, Dentley, sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Shaw, Daniel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Shaw, Jasper A. H., sergt., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Shay, John, 14th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1863.
- Shay, Michael, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 18, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Shea, James, 26th Regt.; enl. Oct. 17, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Shea, John, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1862; died July 18, 1863.
- Shea, Michael, 20th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Sheehan, David D., 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; dropped from rolls Oct. 3, 1864.
- Shelden, George W., 1st Art.; enl. May 22, 1861; hon. disch. May 28, 1864.
- Sheppard, Charles, sergt., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; 2d lieut.; res. Feb. 14, 1863.
- Sheppard, Willis D., 5th Regt.; enl. Aug. 18, 1863.
- Sherman, Horace W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Sherman, William M., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 26th; died of wounds at Port Hudson, June 28, 1863.
- Sherwood, Stephen, cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864; must. out June 10, 1865.
- Shugrean, Charles, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862.
- Shumway, Millen, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Simmons, John H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Simons, Leonard, 14th Regt.; enl. June 9, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Simpson, James, cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Simpson, John, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 30, 1861; died Oct. 8, 1862.
- Sizer, Charles O., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1862.
- Smiley, John S., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smiley, Lyman, 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 19, 1861; disch. for disability, Dec. 11, 1862.
- Smith, Augustus F., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 11, 1862; 26th; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Smith, Bradford W., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, March 3, 1863.
- Smith, Daniel, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Smith, Edward, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, Edward, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Smith, George, cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Smith, George E., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, George S., cav.; enl. June 27, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Smith, George W., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 3, 1862.
- Smith, James, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Smith, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.
- Smith, John, corp., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. Sept. 20, 1864.
- Smith, John, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1864.
- Smith, John A., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Smith, Joseph, 14th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1864; trans. to 2d Art.
- Smith, Obed C., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Smith, Stephen A., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 25, 1864; died Feb. 23, 1864.
- Smith, Theodore E., cav.; enl. Dec. 15, 1863; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Smith, Thomas H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Smith, William, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; disch. for disability, June 10, 1865.
- Smith, William R., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Snow, Edward A., 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 3, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Snow, Edwin E., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 5, 1862; disch. Jan. 29, 1863.
- Snow, Henry L., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; discharged.
- Snyder, Leander, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864; must. out Nov. 25, 1865.
- Somerlot, Henry, sergt., 20th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Souter, James, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; killed at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.
- Spafford, L. E. Forrest, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; sergt.-maj.; hon. disch. Sept. 20, 1864.
- Spalding, Charles W., lieut., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; res. May 20, 1861.
- Spalding, J. L., sergt.-maj., 1st Regt.; enl. April 23, 1861; adjt. 29th Regt.; res. Aug. 21, 1865.
- Spalding, William H., cav.; enl. Jan. 5, 1864; disch. for disability, June 30, 1865.
- Spencer, Charles C., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; V.R.C.; must. out Sept. 4, 1865.
- Spencer, Cyrus R., 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 10, 1862; disch. for disability, April 8, 1864.
- Spencer, Orin N., 18th Regt.; enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Spencer, Robert R., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.

- Spencer, Stephen H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 26, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Standt, George, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861.
- Stanley, James, second Lieut., 21st Regt.; enl. July 31, 1862; disch. for disability, Sept. 20, 1864.
- Stanton, George H., corp., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, Jan. 8, 1863.
- Stanton, John L., capt., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 23, 1862; killed at Port Hudson, May 27, 1863.
- Stark, Henry, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Starret, Myron W., 22d Regt.; enl. Aug. 27, 1862; missing at Port Hudson, May 27, 1863.
- Staubly, Anthony, sergt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 18th; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Staubly, Michael, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 1, 1862.
- Stearns, Charles J., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Steers, Thomas A., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Stephenson, Moses, 29th Regt.; enl. Dec. 21, 1863; died of wounds, Oct. 27, 1864.
- Sterry, Tully W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Stetson, Vine S., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 26th; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Stetson, Wm. D., 1st Art.; enl. March 15, 1862; must. out Sept. 25, '65.
- \*Stevens, Henry M., 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 17, 1862; must. out April 25, 1866.
- Stewart, Henry, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; killed at Petersburg, July 7, 1864.
- Stocket, George, 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out May 29, 1865.
- Stocking, Theodore B., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Stokes, Joseph, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; died July 25, 1861.
- \*Strange, William, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 28, 1862; disch. Nov. 20, 1865.
- Strauss, Jacob, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1861.
- \*Studley, George H., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Sullivan, Daniel, 9th Regt.; enl. Sept. 27, 1861; disch. Oct. 26, 1864.
- Sullivan, Daniel B., 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out May 18, 1865.
- Sullivan, James, 1st Art.; enl. Aug. 25, 1864.
- Sullivan, Jeremiah, 11th Regt.; enl. Nov. 17, 1864.
- Sullivan, John O., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Sullivan, Michael, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862.
- Sullivan, Michael, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1864.
- Sullivan, Patrick, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Summers, F. B., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Swain, George W., sergt., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Swan, Henry W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; 13th Regt.; disch. for disability, June 5, 1863.
- Sweet, James H., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; trans. to Signal Corps, Nov. 26, 1863.
- Sweet, James L., 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 8, 1864; disch. for disability, March 25, 1865.
- Tanner, J. Frank, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Taylor, Charles W., 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 28, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Taylor, Francis W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died March 28, 1865.
- Taylor, Henry H., corp., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 12, 1864.
- Taylor, Samuel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 22, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Taylor, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 14, 1862; disch. June 1, 1864.
- Teff, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865.
- \*Tenney, Edward, 9th Regt.; enl. May 21, 1862.
- Terhune, Henry, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 18, 1863.
- Thecklenburg, Henry, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. 10, 1865.
- Thompson, Michael, 14th Regt.; enl. Aug. 3, 1864.
- Thompson, Nelson C., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; died of wounds (Winchester), June 30, 1863.
- Thompson, William, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864; trans. to U.S.N.
- Thurber, Charles F., 18th Regt.; enl. July 28, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Tiffany, M. V. B., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; capt., 18th Regt.; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Tift, John H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Tilden, Eugene S., 1st Art.; enl. March 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 20, 1863.
- Tingley, John H., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 2d Lieut. 1st Art.; resigned Dec. 31, 1862.
- Tisdale, Edward F., 9th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1861; cav.; died at Andersonville, Sept. 29, 1865.
- Tisdale, James W., 18th Regt.; enl. July 29, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Toft, Luther, 1st Art.; enl. May 21, 1861.
- Tomlinson, Benjamin L., 29th Regt.; enl. Jan. 2, 1864; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Tomlinson, Richard, 20th Regt.; enl. Nov. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Toomey, Patrick, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out June 18, 1865.
- Toomey, Thomas, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 1st Art.; disch. for disability, March 7, 1863.
- Torbush, Joseph H., corp., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Torpy, Thomas, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 15, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Torrance, David, sergt., 18th Regt.; enl. July 17, 1862; Lieut.-col. 29th; must. out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Torrance, James, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; sergt. 13th; killed Port Hudson, May 24, 1863.
- Tourtellotte, Marvin, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; disch. for disability, Feb. 15, 1864.
- Town, George S., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; sergt. 18th; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Town, William H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died March 28, 1864.
- Tracy, Benjamin F., q.m.r., 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Tracy, Joseph A., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; died of wounds, Aug. 7, 1864.
- Tracy, Timothy W., Lieut., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 26, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Trainor, Charles, 9th Regt.; enl. May 21, 1862.
- Trainor, Felix, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 28, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Treadway, Russell, 12th Regt.; enl. Nov. 28, 1861; must. out Aug. 12, 1865.
- Treadway, John F., cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; died at Andersonville, Aug. 3, 1864.
- Treun, Charles K. T., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 9, 1862; must. out May 30, 1865.
- Trimmer, Richard, 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; 18th; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Truman, Frank M., 18th Regt.; enl. Dec. 10, 1863.
- Tubbs, Charles A., 14th Regt.; enl. June 9, 1862; must. out May 31, 1865.
- Tubbs, William H., capt., 14th Regt.; enl. June 15, 1862; res. Feb. 20, 1863.
- Tucker, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1862.
- Turner, Samuel, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864.
- Tyler, Daniel, col., 1st Regt.; enl. April 23, 1861; B.G.V.; res. April, 1864.
- Tyler, Edwin L., 2d Lieut., 1st Art.; enl. March 20, 1862; res. Aug. 19, 1864.
- Tyler, Moses, 14th Regt.; enl. July 15, 1862; died at Andersonville, April 14, 1864.
- Underhill, Joseph, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; disch. for disability, Feb. 9, 1865.
- Upham, Benjamin M., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; V.R.C., Jan. 1, 1865.
- Upham, George R., 18th Regt.; enl. July 18, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Varney, Israel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 10, 1862; died at Florence, S. C., Feb. 10, 1865.
- Vergason, Erastus, 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 1, 1861; killed at Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862.
- Vergason, Isaac D., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Vergason, James H., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Volkman, Ferdinand, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; died at Beaufort, S. C., Oct. 21, 1862.
- Wait, Marvin, Lieut., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; killed at Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.
- Walden, Oliver, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; disch. for disability, March 18, 1862.
- Walden, Winthrop, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.

- Walden, William Henry, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- \*Walker, Charles H., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Wallace, William, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 14, 1862.
- Ward, David, 7th Regt.; enl. Nov. 25, 1864; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Ward, George W., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; died at Andersonville, Feb. 6, 1865.
- Ward, John E., Lieut., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; col. 8th; must. out March 13, 1865.
- Ward, James, 18th Regt.; enl. July 16, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Warden, Alexander, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Warren, George, 21st Regt.; enl. Aug. 14, 1862; must. out June 16, 1865.
- Warren, Henry, cav.; enl. Jan. 23, 1864.
- Warren, Walter P., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Washington, George, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 18, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Watson, Jonathan, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability May 5, 1862.
- Watson, Myron, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861; disch. for disability, May 7, 1862.
- Webb, Charles, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 20, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Webb, William H., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 7, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Welch, George H., cav.; enl. Oct. 26, 1861; disch. for disability, Oct. 9, 1862.
- Welch, John, cav.; enl. Jan. 19, 1864.
- Welch, Thomas, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Welden, Patrick, 9th Regt.; enl. Oct. 20, 1861; died Aug. 14, 1862.
- Weller, John, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Wells, John W., 12th Regt.; enl. Dec. 7, 1861; disch. for disability, Aug. 11, 1862.
- Wenlick, Frank, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- \*West, George W., sergt., 12th Regt.; enl. Nov. 26, 1861.
- Wetherell, Benjamin S., 18th Regt.; enl. Jan. 3, 1865; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Whaley, George G., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Wheatley, Charles, 7th Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- \*Wheelock, William H., 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; must. out July 20, 1865.
- Whipple, John A., cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- White, Edwin, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 4, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- White, Frank, 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; killed at Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863.
- White, Isaac, 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 6, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- White, Mortimer, 20th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1861.
- White, William, cav.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864.
- Whiteley, Henry A., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 23, 1861; disch. for disability, Aug. 2, 1862.
- Whiting, Andrew F., 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; disch. Feb. 18, 1864.
- Whitmore, Horace W., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 20th; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Whitney, John, 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Whittlesey, George W., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; adjt. 13th; res. Oct. 9, 1863.
- Wight, Edgar S., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Wilber, Daniel, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; accidentally shot, Jan. 5, 1863.
- Wilber, John A., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, May 8, 1865.
- Wilber, Edward O., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Wilcox, Gordon, corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 21, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- \*Wilcox, Stephen E., 10th Regt.; enl. Oct. 9, 1861; must. out Aug. 25, 1865.
- \*Wilcox, Sylvanus J., 8th Regt.; enl. Oct. 5, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Wilkins, Geo. W., 1st Art.; enl. Jan. 14, 1864; must. out Sept. 25, '65.
- Wilkinson, Jesse D., corp., 18th Regt.; enl. July 12, 1862; capt. 43d U.S.C.T.; must. out Nov. 30, 1865.
- Willard, Robert, 11th Regt.; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; disch. for disability, March 19, 1865.
- Williams, Calvin, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- \*Williams, Charles M., 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 21, 1861; must. out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Williams, Eri, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Williams, George E., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Williams, George E., 3d Regt.; enl. May 11, 1861; must. out Aug. 11, 1861.
- Williams, George S., 30th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1863; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Williams, I. V. B., qr.-mr., 1st Regt.; enl. April 22, 1861; qr.-mr. 6th Regt.; res. May 11, 1863.
- Williams, James, cav.; enl. Jan. 4, 1864; must. out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Williams, John, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 20, 1864; must. out Aug. '8, 1865.
- \*Williams, John, 9th Regt.; enl. May 24, 1862.
- Williams, John, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Williams, John H., corp., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Williams, John W., 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 21, 1864.
- Williams, Julius, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, '63.
- Williams, William, 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 1, 1864; must. out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Williams, William E., 1st Art.; enl. March 20, 1862; disch. for disability, Dec. 18, 1862.
- Wilson, De Laroo, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; qr.-mr. 30th Regt.; must. out Nov. 7, 1865.
- Wilson, George, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 30, 1864.
- Wilson, James, 8th Regt.; enl. Sept. 1, 1863.
- Wilson, James, 14th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1863; trans. to U.S.N.
- \*Wilson, James, 12th Regt.; enl. Jan. 21, 1862.
- Wilson, James, corp., 30th Regt.; enl. Jan. 27, 1864; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Winship, Joseph H., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; died at Andersonville, April 5, 1864.
- Wierth, George, cav.; enl. Jan. 22, 1864.
- Wolf, Henry, 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 11, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Wood, Alfred, 18th Regt.; enl. July 23, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Wood, Asa F., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 6, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Wood, George, 2d Art.; enl. Jan. 29, 1864.
- Wood, Henry, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, July 29, 1862.
- Wood, Horace B., 2d Art.; enl. Feb. 4, 1864; died at Richmond, Va., Dec. 27, 1864.
- Wood, John, 13th Regt.; enl. Jan. 7, 1862; disch. for disability, June 17, 1863.
- Wood, John W., 11th Regt.; enl. Dec. 5, 1861; died of wounds received at Antietam.
- Woodward, William H., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Wright, Franklin S., 18th Regt.; enl. Aug. 17, 1862; disch. for disability, Jan. 20, 1865.
- Wright, Henry C., 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Wright, Sylvanus, 11th Regt.; enl. Oct. 25, 1861.
- \*Yule, Russell, 13th Regt.; enl. Dec. 22, 1861.
- Yerrington, Henry P., 14th Regt.; enl. June 9, 1862; died of wounds received at Antietam, Sept. 21, 1862.
- Yerrington, Perry, 7th Regt.; enl. Sept. 5, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 15, 1864.
- York, James E., 18th Regt.; enl. July 30, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- York, Nathan, 26th Regt.; enl. Aug. 30, 1862; must. out Aug. 17, 1863.
- Young, Adam, corp., 6th Regt.; enl. Sept. 6, 1861; hon. disch. Sept. 5, 1864.
- Young, Charles, 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; 1st Art.; must. out Sept. 25, 1865.
- Young, David, Lieut.-col., 2d Regt.; enl. May 7, 1861; must. out Aug. 7, 1861.
- Young, Robert, 18th Regt.; enl. July 25, 1862; must. out June 27, 1865.
- Zamphiropolos, Michael, 13th Regt.; enl. Feb. 1, 1864; Vet. Res. Corps, April 23, 1865.

The names of "unassigned recruits" are not given in this "roll"; they were for the most part unworthy substitutes, who enlisted for the sake of the bounty, and, with few exceptions, never served in their regiments.



## CHAPTER XXVIII.

NORWICH—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Gen. Jedediah Huntington.**—Among the distinguished names of those of the Revolutionary era which shed a lustre about New London County, that of Gen. Jedediah Huntington stands pre-eminent. Born of a noble stock, he united inherited excellence with a superior education, and was eminently qualified for the important positions, both in the field and council, to which he was subsequently elected.

He was born in Norwich, Aug. 4, 1743, where he was prepared for a collegiate course, and graduated at Harvard College with distinguished honor in the class of 1763. The high social rank of his family is indicated by the order of his name on the college catalogue, it being the second in the list of his class, above that of John Quincy. The Master's degree was also conferred on him by Yale College in 1770. After leaving college he became associated with his father in commercial pursuits, and was engaged in this business when the Revolutionary cloud began to lower, and he soon became noted as a Son of Liberty and an active captain of the militia. The bursting of the storm found him ready, and just one week from the firing of the first shot at Lexington he reported at Cambridge with a regiment under his command, and was detailed to occupy Dorchester Heights. After the evacuation of Boston by the British he marched with his army to New York, and entertained the commander-in-chief on the way at Norwich.

During the year 1776 he was at New York, Kingsbridge, Northcastle, Sidmun's Bridge, and other posts. In April of that year he assisted in repulsing the British at Danbury, Conn., assailing the enemy's rear, and effecting a junction with his fellow-townsmen, Benedict Arnold.

In March, 1777, Roger Sherman writes thus, "Col. Huntington was recommended by Gen. Washington as a fit person for brigadier, but then Connecticut had more than her share." May 12th of that year he was promoted to that rank, as Mr. Sherman states, "at Gen. Washington's request."

In July he joined Gen. Putnam at Peekskill with all the Continental troops which he could collect, and in the following September was ordered to join the main army near Philadelphia, where he remained at headquarters, at Worcester, Whippin, Whitemarsh, Gulph Hills, etc. In November, on receiving information of the enemy's movement upon Red Bank, he was detached with his brigade, among other troops, to its relief, but Cornwallis had anticipated them. Having shared the hardships of his companions in arms at Valley Forge through the winter of 1777-78, he, together with Col. Wigglesworth, was in March appointed by the commander-in-chief "to aid Gen.

McDougal in inquiring into the loss of Forts Montgomery and Clinton, in the State of New York, and into the conduct of the principal officers commanding those posts." In May he was ordered with his brigade to the North River, and was stationed successively at Camp Reading, Highlands, Neilson's Point, Springfield, Shorthills, Potowa, Peekskill, West Point, etc. In July he was a member of the court-martial which tried Gen. Charles Lee for misconduct at the battle of Monmouth, and in September he sat upon the court of inquiry to whom was referred the case of Maj. André. In December, 1780, his was the only Connecticut brigade that remained in the service. On the 10th of May, 1783, at a meeting of officers, he was appointed one of a committee of four to draft a plan of organization, which resulted in their reporting on the 13th the constitution of the famous "Society of Cincinnati." On the 24th of June, Washington writes that the army was "reduced to a competent garrison for West Point, Patterson, Huntington, and Greaton being the only brigadiers now left with it, besides the adjutant-general." At the close of the war he received the brevet rank of major-general. Gen. Huntington was also one of the founders of West Point Academy.

On returning from the army he resumed business in his native town, and was successively chosen sheriff of the county, State treasurer, and delegate to the State convention which adopted the constitution of the United States.

In 1789 he was appointed by President Washington collector of customs at New London, then the port of entry for Eastern Connecticut and Connecticut River, which office he retained under four administrations, and resigned shortly before his death.

At twenty-three years of age he made a public profession of religion, and was for many years an officer and pillar of the church of which he was a member. "His munificence, for its profusion, its uniformity, its long continuance, and for the discretion, by which it was directed," was pronounced "without an example or a parallel in his native State."

Gen. Huntington was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Governor Trumbull, and she died at Dedham, Mass., while on her way to the camp to visit her husband. Two of her brothers, one of them the distinguished painter, were associated with her husband in the war, of which her father was one of the main supports. She died leaving a son. His second wife was Ann, daughter of Thomas Moore, and sister of Bishop Moore, of Virginia. She survived her husband, and was the mother of seven children.

Gen. Huntington died in New London, Sept. 25, 1818, where his remains were interred, though subsequently transferred to the family tomb at Norwich.

**William A. Buckingham** was born May 28, 1804, in the town of Lebanon, Conn. He is a descendant of a family of Puritans, who left England and migrated



*Jed Huntington*



W. W. Buckingham



Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Truly Yours  
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to America in 1637. The memorials of the family are still preserved, from Thomas Buckingham, the pioneer, down to the present time, nearly two centuries and a half. Throughout the line they have been men remarkable for earnestness and piety, and his immediate ancestors were specially notable for kindness of heart, firmness of purpose, and nobility of character. Reared under the tutelage of such parents, and with the pure blood of a noble ancestry coursing through his veins, it is not strange that Governor Buckingham developed a noble manhood. He was educated at the public schools of the day, and during vacations he performed his part of the labor incident to a farmer's life. At the early age of eighteen he began life for himself. His first venture was as a teacher. He taught but one year, however, and then relinquished the calling for the to him more congenial vocation of merchant. He engaged first as clerk with a mercantile firm at Norwich, and made a study of his pursuit. At the age of twenty-three he deemed himself sufficiently well versed in trade to commence business for himself. He opened a store in Norwich, and met with success from the beginning. He soon added manufacturing to his mercantile pursuits, and the latter venture proving so profitable, he in 1848 abandoned merchandising altogether, and devoted his entire energies and means to the development of his manufacturing business. Prosperity and success crowned his efforts, and as the knowledge of his character and abilities spread abroad the circle of his personal influence and popularity expanded, and he became noted for possessing in a remarkable degree that stern integrity and grandeur of character which had distinguished his ancestors.

Up to the year 1856 Governor Buckingham had given no particular attention to politics, had never courted or accepted office further than the mayoralty of Norwich. In principle, however, he had always been a Whig and opposed to the institution of slavery. The repeal of the "Missouri Compromise" roused his nature, however, and in the Presidential canvass of 1856 he came forth as an active, ardent, and intelligent Republican. His name was placed on the Republican electoral ticket, and greatly contributed to its success. Becoming thus extensively and favorably known to the people of his State, he in 1858 was nominated on the Republican ticket and elected Governor of Connecticut. For eight consecutive years he was re-elected to that exalted and honorable position. Those years cover the most eventful period of American history. From the fall of Fort Sumter it has been said of him that he "devoted himself, mind, body, and estate, to the Union cause." From the "Military and Civil History of Connecticut during the War of 1861-65" we quote the following:

"The Governor anticipated the enactment of laws, assumed responsibility, and pledged his private credit in purchase of supplies and munitions of war, etc. When the Legislature assembled it passed acts of

indemnity, and literally placed the whole resources of the State at his disposal." Never was a trust more faithfully executed. To a citizen of the State whose duties kept him at the front Governor Buckingham said, "You will see many battles and much suffering: don't let any Connecticut man suffer for want of anything that can be done for him,—*if it costs money, draw on me for it.*" His last term as Governor expired in May, 1866. In May, 1868, he was elected Senator of the United States, and for a period of six years he remained a much-revered, able, efficient, and highly-respected member of that august body. When the session of 1874-75 began it was manifest that his active and useful career was drawing to a close. Though his mind still remained clear and strong, yet his bodily health was fast failing. His last days were peaceful and serene. A short time prior to his demise he sank into unconsciousness, and thus fell asleep. The representatives and dignitaries of the land gathered round his bier to take one last fond look at their compeer and associate. Many and sincere were the eulogies pronounced on Governor William A. Buckingham by men high in station, and deep and sorrowful were the heart-throbbings of all who had the good fortune to know him. In his early manhood he embraced the Christian faith and united himself to the church of his ancestors.

Through life, in all its varied relations, he was true to its teachings. Of all the great, grand, and noble men Connecticut has furnished to the world there is no one to whom she can point with more pride and which posterity will more delight to honor than William A. Buckingham, the *great war Governor*.

**Gen. William Williams** was born in Stonington, Conn., March 12, 1788. He was the son of William Williams, a self-made man of great business enterprise, and a citizen often honored by various offices of trust and responsibility. He inherited from his father to some extent that fondness for mercantile pursuits which distinguished him, and that perseverance and tenacity of purpose which contributed so largely to his success. He was educated at the district schools in Stonington and the Plainfield Academy, and at an early age commenced his business career as clerk in a store in his native town. He remained here, however, but a short time, when he went to New York and entered the commission-house of W. & S. Robinson, where he served a faithful clerkship of about three years, acquiring a practical knowledge of the duties of a shipping merchant's vocation.

In July, 1806, when eighteen years of age, he returned to Stonington, and soon after was dispatched as supercargo in one of his father's vessels bound for Labrador, and thence to Bordeaux. This was his first voyage, and consumed two years. Upon his return he commenced on his own account in New London, but soon after removed to Norwich, and in company with his father turned his attention to manufactures. He engaged in manufacturing flour

on a large scale, and afterwards in that of cotton, until the closing up of this kind of enterprise, in the years 1818 and 1819. He then returned to mercantile life, and from 1821 to 1827 made a number of successful commercial voyages to Europe and South America. In 1828 he engaged in the whaling business with the late Capt. Acors Barns, under the firm-name of Williams & Barns, and remained interested in the whaling business until his death. This was an enterprising and successful firm, and contributed largely to the reputation New London attained as a famous whaling port.

He was one of the incorporators of the Merchants' Bank of Norwich in 1833, and was chosen its first president, and officiated in that capacity a quarter of a century, until he resigned at the age of seventy.

In his connection with the militia of the State he rose through the several grades up to the rank of major-general, a title which adhered to him to the last, and by which he was almost universally addressed. He manifested a laudable interest in educational matters, and was one of the public-spirited men who organized and endowed the Norwich Free Academy, which has proved one of the model high schools of New England. He united with the Congregational Church in 1820, and remained a consistent and prominent member of the church during life. His charities were large and judicious. He was a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and vice-president of the Bible, Seaman's Friend, and Home Missionary Societies. For nearly a quarter of a century he devoted a large portion of his time to the promotion of the cause of education in Eastern Connecticut, and during many seasons he visited annually nearly every school district within twenty miles of his home, distributing among them useful books and papers, and encouraging both teachers and pupils by his words of advice and the interest he evinced in their welfare.

He always manifested an especial interest in the moral and religious condition of the Mohegan Indians, living on a government reservation a few miles from Norwich, and by his personal efforts and weekly visits their church was in a great measure sustained.

In May, 1862, Gen. Williams and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding, and in July, 1870, he celebrated the completion of fifty years' union with the church in which he had so long been a leading member and counselor, and for nearly twenty-five years a consistent and useful office-bearer. In his death, which occurred Oct. 28, 1870, Norwich lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens and benefactors.

**Harriet Peck Williams.**<sup>1</sup>—The long married life of this venerable and beloved lady, extending over more than fifty-eight years, needs little record than that of the prosperity, the wide and useful influence,

the noble hospitality, and the large munificence of her husband, Gen. William Williams, recounted elsewhere in this volume, and more fully in the *Congregational Quarterly* for July, 1872. She was the daughter of Capt. Bela Peck, some of whose high qualities of character she reproduced in her own life, and whose memory she loved to honor.

The death of her husband in 1870 left her the last survivor of her family. All her three children, the last of them in the strength of manhood, had preceded her husband to the grave. With what stately courtesy, bright wit, and true benevolence she ministered the hospitalities and charities of the bereaved but cheerful house there are multitudes, both rich and poor, to testify.

At the time when her husband was among the leaders in the founding of the Free Academy, she of herself instituted various prizes for scholarship, and founded the library of the new institution, naming it, in honor of her father, "The Bela Peck Library." It was in her widowhood that the building of the Park Church was undertaken, and to that enterprise she gave earnest thought and prayer and liberal benefactions. The lot for the church, immediately opposite her window, the chime of ten bells, the clock,<sup>2</sup> the great window in the west transept were among her gifts. But generous as she was in public charities, it was in acts of private and personal beneficence that she most abounded. In her last will she bequeathed the greater part of her fortune for the foundation of a high school for girls at New London, in memory of her son, Thomas W. Williams, who at the time of his death was a citizen of that place.

She was born at Norwich Town, March 17, 1795, was married May, 1812, and died Oct. 14, 1880.

**Charles Johnson**<sup>3</sup> traces his ancestry to Capt. Edward Johnson, who was born at Herne Hill, near Canterbury, Kent, England, in 1599. He came to America with Governor Winthrop, and was his intimate friend. He was a founder of Woburn, Mass., and was one of the most prominent men of his time. For many years he was a captain in the colonial army, and was also a deputy to the General Court for the colony of Massachusetts, and served on many important committees. He died at Woburn, April 23, 1672. He was the author of the first history of New England ever published. It was printed in London in 1654, entitled "Wonderworking Providence of Sion's Savior in New England." This is now a very rare work, and commands a high price. Only a few copies of this antique publication are in existence, one of which is

<sup>1</sup> The gift of the tower-clock was made in the closing year of Mrs. Williams' life. Soon after it had been put in place, at a church festival, a series of conundrums on the clock was proposed, among which was this: "Why is it like its giver? Because it is full of good works." When the old lady heard of this she remarked that a better answer would be, "Because it bears the marks of time on its face." Her friends will recognize the quick wit of the answer as characteristic of the dear old lady.

<sup>2</sup> The following sketch is taken principally from the *Norwich Daily Bulletin*.

<sup>3</sup> Contributed by Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, D.D.





Charles Johnson



owned by Mr. C. C. Johnson, of this city. The ancestral line from Capt. Edward Johnson to the subject of this sketch is as follows: John Johnson, fifth son of Capt. Edward Johnson, was born in England in 1635 or '36; Obadiah Johnson, third son of John, was born at Woburn, Mass., Jan. 15, 1664; Obadiah Johnson, second son of Obadiah above named, was born at Canterbury, April 10, 1702. For wealth, religion, and political influence he was one of the first men in that part of the colony.

Obadiah Johnson, grandfather of the subject of this sketch and son of Obadiah, was born in Canterbury, Feb. 18, 1736, and died Oct. 27, 1801. He was conspicuous during the Revolutionary war, and held the office of lieutenant-colonel and colonel in the Continental army, and was a brave and gallant officer. His commission, signed by John Hancock, president of Congress, is in the possession of Mr. C. C. Johnson.

John Johnson, fourth son of Obadiah and Lucy Cady Johnson, was born at Canterbury, Sept. 26, 1774. They had nine children, of whom Charles Johnson was the eldest son.

Charles Johnson was born in Jewett City, April 29, 1806, and spent the earlier period of his life in that thriving village. When about fourteen years of age he began working in the cotton-mill at that place, where he remained two years, at the expiration of which time, says the "New England Official Directory and Handbook," "he was taken into the factory-store and office, remaining there until the mill was sold to Samuel and John Slater. From 1823 to 1824 he was employed as accountant by the Hopkins & Morse Machine Company, of Norwich; as book-keeper in the Griswold Woolen Company, by Trumbull, Breed & Co., from 1824 to 1827."

Becoming of age in the last-named year, he invested the savings of this period of labor in a mercantile enterprise in which he was associated with his father, under the firm-name of John Johnson & Son, and which he pursued with a profit which thus early indicated his possession of shrewd business talent. Later he conducted a store at Norwich Falls under the firm-name of Cobb & Johnson.

When the Jewett City Bank was organized in 1831, Mr. Charles Johnson was chosen its cashier at the modest salary of two hundred dollars per annum. Three years afterwards, when the late Newton Perkins, of this city, resigned the corresponding position in the old Norwich Bank to accept the trusteeship of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, Mr. Johnson was offered and accepted the vacant position at a salary of one thousand dollars, beginning his services in January, 1835, and being succeeded in the cashiership at Jewett City by his father, who retained it until within a year of the close of his life, a period of some twenty years. In the year 1847, upon the death of the late Jabez Huntington, Mr. Johnson was chosen president of the Norwich Bank, and held that position until his demise.

At the time Mr. Johnson came to this city the business of the young Norwich Savings Society was conducted in the same edifice with the venerable Norwich Bank, and Mr. Johnson assisted in transacting its then diminutive business. In June, 1840, he was made a trustee, and about the same time a director, and in 1865, on the death of the late Joseph Williams, he was chosen its president.

It was in connection with these institutions that Mr. Johnson was most prominently known in the community, and in his relations with both his duties were ever performed with a scrupulous precision and honesty that are worthy of the widest imitation. The Norwich Bank is one of the three oldest banks in Connecticut, and has a record of which those who have been connected with it have always been peculiarly and justly proud. Since it was founded, some eighty-three years ago, it has not once failed to pay its regular semi-annual dividend, and it is largely due to the discretion and virtue of Mr. Johnson that it has stood so well and proved so successful for the past forty-five years. During his connection with the Savings Society the deposits have swelled from less than one hundred and fifty thousand to nearly eight million of dollars, and more than fifty thousand persons have availed themselves of its privileges. With the principal share of the grave responsibility of judiciously investing this money, and of protecting the loans when once made, Mr. Johnson was charged for many years.

In addition to his regular banking business, Mr. Johnson conducted extensive brokerage operations for many years, and was called upon to administer several public and private trusts. In the first-named capacity, and in connection with the Savings-Bank, he probably placed more money than any other gentleman in Norwich. His management of estates, as of all other trusts, was marked by exactness, even to the minutest details, and by universally recognized fidelity to the interests of his clients. Never was it suggested that he had misused a cent that was not his own. The office of treasurer of the Otis Library ever since the first meeting of the trustees, twenty-nine years ago, and of the local fund for the benefit of the soldiers' families during the late war, were only two of several responsibilities imposed upon him and borne with satisfaction to the community.

Among Mr. Johnson's other public relations may be mentioned his share in the directory of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad from 1848 to 1869; he was the only member of the board who openly asserted his disapproval of the lease to the New York and New England management, believing that negotiation to be detrimental to Norwich interests. For more than six years prior to his death he had been engaged in reorganizing the affairs of the Southern Minnesota Railroad, in the interest of the first mortgage bondholders, having been elected first director in the new company, and having had the most prominent share

in the undertaking, The interest involved was some six million dollars; and inasmuch as Mr. Johnson had been one of the several who had marketed those bonds here, it was a great consolation to him that, after their depreciation, they had been again brought up to or above the price at which they were originally taken. The work of reorganization had been very nearly consummated before his death; but it was a matter of regret that he could not make just one more trip to New York to arrange a few remaining details. Mr. Johnson was one of the originators of the Norwich City Gas Company, in which he was a director until the time of his death. From 1845 to 1851 he was president of the Norwich Fire Insurance Company, now defunct. Of all the old directors of this corporation, as also the original directors of the Norwich Bank and the trustees of the Otis Library, he was the last to be taken away.

Mr. Johnson was a large contributor to the Second Congregational Church of this city until the formation of the Park Church and society, towards which he subsequently held a similar relation. Of the former he was more than once treasurer. He was prominent and enthusiastic in the movement for the erection of a new place of worship on the Plain, though reluctant to have a distinct organization effected. No one gave more largely than he, in proportion to his means, to the new enterprise. Mr. Johnson was also one of the incorporators of the Free Academy. It might be remarked in this connection that Mr. Johnson was not only a liberal giver, but was also gifted with the public spirit, the tact and the energy which made him prominent and successful in all sorts of movements for raising money.

A large part of Mr. Johnson's life is recorded only in the grateful memories of those whom he has peculiarly and otherwise befriended. He was a man of large and varied though quiet benevolence. Although he lived in a very unostentatious way and died without any accumulation of wealth, it has been estimated by one who knew him well that he scattered during his life nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for religious and benevolent purposes and personal charities. Never anything of a politician, and not always hopeful in his views, he nevertheless took a decided interest in national affairs, and was fond of discussing them with his friends. In the days of the old Whig party he was a devoted admirer of Daniel Webster, whose funeral at Marshfield, in 1852, he attended as an act of personal reverence. In the days of the anti-slavery agitation he was a strong Abolitionist, and later an ardent friend of the Union cause and of the universal brotherhood of mankind. The eagerness with which he watched the progress of material civilization amounted almost to a passion, and he took pride in relating the circumstance that he sent the first paid telegram over the wire from Baltimore to Washington. Another of his traits was his singularly clear memory, which retained events

and dates of even trifling importance with rare accuracy, and which was often of great assistance to his associates in business.

Though well fitted to enjoy domestic happiness and to confer it, Mr. Johnson's life was clouded by signal bereavements. He was thrice robbed of the conjugal partners of his joys and sorrows by death, and lost two promising children also. The only surviving child is Mr. C. C. Johnson, of this city. Mr. Johnson was a consistent Christian, and the advancement of the religious interests of the city found in him an earnest advocate. A former friend and pastor speaks of Mr. Johnson as "one who was such a signal embodiment of every noble, unselfish, and generous trait as to give a new significance to the word friend. He was a representative of everything that was noble, and his life was a river of help and cheer to all who knew him."

For his varied and prolonged business activities, his faithfulness to large responsibilities, his quick response to the demands of charity or public weal, his modest voluntary generosity, and his cordial and gentlemanly bearing, Mr. Johnson will be long held in kindly remembrance by the community of which for so long a period he was so useful and worthy a member, and prove a wholesome model to a rising generation. He died April 16, 1879.

**Charles Osgood.**—A man who entirely by his own efforts rose to affluence and social position, and through all the changing events of a remarkably active business life preserved his integrity unimpeached, well deserves the pen of the historian. Such an one was Dr. Charles Osgood, of honored memory. Without the advantages of inherited aid, he worked the problem of his own fortune and lived to enjoy the fruition of a successful business career.

He was born in Lebanon, Conn., in February, 1808. He was graduated at the Plainfield Academy, and having decided upon the medical profession as a life-work, he commenced its study in the office of his father, the late Dr. Erastus Osgood, who for nearly half a century was a successful practitioner in this section.

In 1833 he graduated from Yale College, receiving a medical diploma from that institution. In the same year he went to Providence, R. I., and became associated with Dr. Arnold in the practice of medicine. Here he remained but a short time, and removing to Monroe, Mich., at once entered upon a large and successful practice. In 1840 he returned to his native county, locating in this city, and in the following year, 1841, established his drug business, which subsequently made his name familiar in the business circles of the East. He commenced business in this city, in the building now occupied by the Henry Bill Publishing Company, on Shetucket Street. Here was located his first drug-store and laboratory. He pursued his business with energy and tact, and came to be ranked among the millionaires of Connecticut.



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*Leonard Ballou*



The history of the life of Dr. Osgood since his return to Norwich is in a great measure a history of the town itself. He was identified with the city as but few men have been. In every enterprise that a large public spirit inspired his hand was always among those most potent, his practical wisdom most earnestly sought and prized, and his purse always ready.

He was connected with many prominent manufacturing institutions and corporations, among which may be mentioned the Boston Rubber Shoe Company, located at Malden, Mass.; the Brown Cotton-Gin Company, at New London; the Norwich City Gas Company, etc. He was prominent in banking circles; was the founder of the Shetucket Bank, and was its president from its organization in 1853. He was also a director in the New London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in the Norwich Water-Power Company, and was one of the vice-presidents of the Norwich Savings Society. Dr. Osgood also did much to advance the interests of the New London Junction Railroad, and was its president since 1873.

He not only labored to advance the business interests of the city, but educational matters also found in him an earnest advocate. He aided in founding the Free Academy, and became one of its incorporators.

Politically Dr. Osgood was a Democrat, but never a bitter partisan. He seemed content with the places of honor and trust won by his business achievements, and had little ambition for public office. In 1876, however, by the earnest solicitation of his fellow-citizens, he accepted the nomination for the mayoralty of the city and was elected; but failing health compelled him to resign when his term had only half expired. He dignified the office as long as he held it, and his resignation evoked universal expression of regret from his fellow-citizens irrespective of party.

Dr. Charles Osgood was a good citizen, a gentleman of superior culture, genial and social in manner, very popular with the masses, and was distinguished for his sterling integrity and business energy and tact. He died March 18, 1881, leaving a wife, two sons, Charles H. and F. L. Osgood, and a daughter (wife of A. C. Tyler).

**Leonard Ballou.**—After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in the early part of the seventeenth century, a large body of Huguenots, driven from their homes in the "sunny land of France" by the relentless persecutions under the reign of Louis XIV., fled to this country in search of religious liberty.

As a body they represented the most intelligent, industrious, and enterprising of her citizens, belonging principally to the nobility and middle classes. They brought with them to the American colonies characters and habits which were of more value than large amounts of money, together with the most useful industrial arts of their native land. Their descendants, in New England, New York, and the West,

have been among our most useful and honored citizens, and their names are blended with our national history. The most notable instance is seen in the life of our late President James A. Garfield, who inherited in a marked degree the characteristics of his ancestor, Maturin Ballou, the earliest of the name in this country, who settled on the shore of Narragansett Bay, and afterwards became identified with the Roger Williams colony. His son Nathaniel subsequently purchased a large tract of land in Cumberland, in the colony of Rhode Island, and engaged in its cultivation. His eldest son, according to the law of primogeniture, then in force, inherited all the landed estate of his father, but he, not recognizing the principle of the old feudal system, gave a farm to each of his brothers. Of these, Noah had ten children, many of whom, together with their ancestors and four succeeding generations, counting seven in all, lie buried in the old Ballou burying-ground, in Cumberland, opposite the old church long known as the Elder Ballou Meeting-house, its pulpit having been occupied for thirty-five years by Elder Abner Ballou, who died in 1806, in his eighty-first year. The old meeting-house, which was built in the seventeenth century, has long ceased to be a place of regular worship, but has become a sort of Mecca, to which the Ballous from all parts of the country make regular pilgrimages. The old house is built of wood, shingled on the outside, and has a gallery and pews, all hewn from solid oak, and put together with wooden pins. At the time of its construction there were no saw-mills in the country, and no nails were to be purchased, and even the floor was originally hewn from oak and fastened down with wooden pins. The pulpit was built with a solidity which was absolutely essential to its permanence under the eloquent and vehement fervor of the many Ballous who occupied it from generation to generation.

The second Noah, who was the son of the one before mentioned, and the father of Leonard Ballou, the subject of this sketch, having enterprise, industry, and mechanical skill, engaged in the business of boat-building, quite an important industry at that period, in addition to his farming interests. In his sixteenth year he entered the Revolutionary army, and afterwards became a commissioned officer under Gen. Greene. He died in Cumberland, in 1843, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

His eldest son, Leonard, was born in Cumberland, Feb. 23, 1794, and in his boyhood attended the common school of the town. He afterwards pursued his studies in a private school preparatory to a classical course, working in the mean time in his father's shop and on the farm. When he had reached the age of sixteen the non-intercourse act and the embargo which preceded the war of 1812 entirely destroyed all the mechanical industries of the country connected with commerce, and the father was obliged to abandon his plans for the higher education of his son.



The next winter he taught acceptably the public school in his own district, and later had charge of a much larger school in another part of the town. Under these circumstances, finding that he must rely upon his own efforts for his future support, and having a natural taste for mechanical pursuits, as well as a facility in the use of tools, acquired in his father's shop, he sought and obtained work as a carpenter and joiner in building houses for the small manufacturing establishments just making their appearance on the Blackstone River. In 1819 he entered the employment of Jason Tower, a millwright, engaged at that time in mill-work generally, and in building a water-wheel for Mr. Harris. The charge of constructing and placing the wheel, and arranging the shafting, with the gearing, pulleys, draws, etc., crude as they were in that early period of manufacturing, devolved chiefly on Mr. Ballou, a great responsibility for a young man of so little experience in that specialty. At that time there were few competent mechanics, even in Rhode Island, where the first mills were erected.

He succeeded so entirely to the satisfaction of Mr. Harris that soon afterwards, when Watson, Tingley & Rathbone, of Providence, proposed to take up the water-power at the present important manufacturing centre, Willimantic, Conn., then almost a wilderness, he recommended the young Ballou as a competent man for that great work, involving, as it did, not only the construction of the water-wheel, shafting, etc., for the mill, but also determining the fall of the water-power by practical engineering, which had not then been reduced to an exact science.

Young as he was, diffident as to his ability to accomplish the work, he yet saw that if he was to earn larger wages than an ordinary mechanic he must do what an ordinary mechanic could not do. Acting under the advice of his friend Harris, he went to Willimantic, surveyed the water-power, constructed the wheel, shafted the mill, and applied the water successfully, thus justifying the confidence of Mr. Harris as to his ability, and having the satisfaction of engineering the first water-power in a wild and almost uninhabitable section, which to-day teems with a large and thriving population, and whose immense and elegant mills represent the highest manufacturing skill to be found in New England. On Mr. Ballou's return to Rhode Island his services were eagerly sought after as a millwright by the Wilkinses, the Slaters, and the Browns, who were the leading manufacturers of that period.

In 1825, having accumulated a small property as the result of this hard labor, he decided he would have a mill of his own, however small it might be, and in November of that year he purchased a mill privilege on the Five-Mile River, in Killingly, Conn.

On this privilege was a small mill, built for the purpose of grinding rye to make gin, a business then very common in that part of the State. The power was so poorly applied that it was barely possible to

carry one run of stones, while to-day, known as the Ballou Mills, it runs twenty-six thousand spindles.

Here came in the value of the knowledge which he had acquired of the capacity of mill-sites, and which led to his future success.

In making this purchase his father-in-law, Jabez Amsbury, a practical machinist, was associated with him, under the firm-name of Amsbury & Ballou.

During the winter they built a part of the necessary machinery. The following spring they removed their families to Killingly, and with them came George Weatherhead, another son-in-law, and Mowry Amsbury, son of Jabez Amsbury.

The entire capital possessed by the parties was six thousand dollars, but each was qualified to fill the position required in the running of a small mill, Mr. Ballou being the manager and leading spirit of the whole.

Their small capital necessitated their utilizing the old gin-mill, which was a small one-story building; but soon, under the impulses and labors of these earnest workers, it assumed the form of a factory, fifty feet long, thirty-two feet wide, and three stories in height. They started the mill in the following autumn, with only ten looms in full operation.

After running the factory for one year, Mr. Ballou discovered that an income sufficient to support four families could not be derived from the product of ten looms. He saw from the beginning that the only way to realize a larger profit was to increase the machinery, which had been contemplated in the building of the factory, but he had not the money to do this, and he hesitated.

He was in a dilemma. Instead of laying up a small sum every year, as he had been doing while working for others, he found himself losing daily working for himself. But that was not the worst of it. His father-in-law and brothers-in-law could not abandon the enterprise without great loss and even failure, and to him alone they looked for relief.

Of the Ballous it may be truly said that whatever they undertake they seldom or never stop at any obstacle to success which industry, energy, and enterprise can conquer, and this was a trait of character for which the subject of this sketch was pre-eminently distinguished.

Yet a young man and with very little experience in the management of business affairs, he sought the advice of a friend in Providence, R. I.,—a gentleman of excellent reputation as a manufacturer, of a kindly nature and sound judgment,—and was confirmed in his own opinion as to the necessity of the case and its remedy; but, always careful and conservative, he hesitated about incurring so large an indebtedness, and feared he might not be able to raise the money to carry out the plan, until his friend assured him that he would give him whatever aid he might need, saying to him, "Go ahead, and I will see that you do not fail."



The machinery was ordered the same day, and he returned home greatly encouraged by the confidence placed in him by the successful merchant and shrewd business man, who had known him but a single year, but had doubtless discerned in him qualities which satisfied him that the loan of his credit would not be misplaced.

The business at once commenced to increase, and the firm were able to meet all their payments without availing themselves of the proffered aid. Mr. Ballou always regarded this event as "the turn in the tide" of his affairs "which led on to fortune."

Having secured these increased facilities, he made a contract with Robert Rhodes, of Providence, to receive cotton and manufacture cloth for a fixed price per yard, thus providing for the working capital to run the mill. In 1833 he commenced to buy his own cotton, and sold his goods in New York, and during the financial crisis of 1837 made no losses, while many other manufacturers were greatly embarrassed by the failure of their commission-houses. It is a notable fact that during that year the paper of every domestic commission merchant in New York went to protest excepting that of two firms, and with them alone had Mr. Ballou any business relations.

In 1834 he increased the capacity of his mill more than double, and in 1836 purchased the entire interests of his partners, whom he helped to establish in mills of their own on the same river.

In subsequent years he continued to enlarge his mill, and introduced new machinery as his means accumulated and the inventions of the age made it imperative, for he never could be satisfied if his relative cost of production, which is the key to manufacturing success, was not as low as any of his competitors.

He passed through the several financial crises of half a century without compromise of any kind and with steadily-increasing resources, relying always for success on the result of patient, honest, and skillful labor rather than on any combination of any especially favorable circumstances, promising speculations, or hazardous ventures. His unimpeachable integrity, promptness in meeting his payments, never having failed to meet an indebtedness, never having been sued, and never having sued any other person, all contributed to make him respected and honored by all who knew him.

The unusual success of Mr. Ballou in the manufacture of cotton goods in a small mill, where so many of his compeers have failed, was due in a great measure to the fact that his mechanical education and superior intelligence in the manufacturing departments enabled him to adopt or reject the various new theories or systems which were daily presented during nearly half a century of active business life, and thus he never failed to produce fabrics at the smallest possible cost.

Yet he was one of the most considerate of mill-

owners to his operatives. Their counselor and friend, to them, as to others, his name was a synonym for honesty and fair dealing, and they regarded him with respect and affection.

His opinions were sought on all occasions with reference to manufacturing changes and methods, even to the last years of his life, for even in his retiracy he loved to mark the progress of his favorite business, which he had seen rise almost from its birth, with its crude devices and surroundings, and lived to see the rapid improvements and ingenious applications which have resulted in making a modern cotton-mill one of the wonders of the nineteenth century.

He had for many years entertained the purpose of retiring from active business when he should attain the age of threescore and ten. Accordingly, in February, 1864, he closed his career as a manufacturer, and sold all his property in Killingly to the Attawau-gan Company. The village where he first commenced operations is now known as Ballouville.

After that time his only active business was the discharge of financial trusts in connection with various corporations in which a portion of his capital was invested. He was a director in the First National Bank of Norwich for thirty-five years, and trustee of the Norwich Savings Society, the largest institution for savings in the State, and until increasing years rendered the work too onerous his services were of great value to the institution, his long experience as a manufacturer and his thorough knowledge of machinery making him an expert in the valuation of real estate and other manufacturing properties proposed as securities for loans. He was president for many years of the Norwich Water-Power Company, and at the time of his death was president of the Occum Water-Power Company, director in the Norwich Bleaching and Calendering Company, and in the Norwich City Gas Company.

Mr. Ballou was a resident of Killingly for twenty years, and in the autumn of 1845 removed to Norwich, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was married in 1822 to Ann Eliza Amsbury, of Cumberland, R. I., who died in Norwich in May, 1852. In 1854 he was again married to Mrs. Kingsley, of Norwich, who died in 1862.

He had been for many years a prominent and active member of the Congregational Church in North Killingly, and on his removal to Norwich joined the Second Congregational Church there, and afterwards became identified with the Park Congregational Church. He was an active promoter of the enterprise for erecting the church edifice for that religious society in 1873, and was one of the largest contributors for that object.

In politics he was a Whig of the old school, and a decided Republican. He was a man of strong convictions and uncompromising for the right, yet was willing to concede the rights of opinion to those who differed from him. To a fine, manly physique he added superior intellectual qualities, a well-balanced

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mind and sound judgment, with great kindness of heart and a calm and even temperament. Always a consistent Christian, he was a peacemaker in all difficulties, and was often looked to by friends to arrange mutual misunderstandings.

He died at his home on Washington Street, Aug. 5, 1880, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, having retained all his faculties to a remarkable degree until within a few months of his death. Two daughters survive him, one of whom married John B. Young, of the firm of Tiffany & Young, now Tiffany & Co., New York; the other is the wife of Mr. A. H. Almy, of Norwich; and one grandson, Leonard Ballou Almy, now a practicing physician in Norwich.

**Edward Boylston Huntington**, son of Deacon Jabez Huntington and Mary Lanman, daughter of Peter Lanman, Esq., was born in Norwich, Conn., June 18, 1806. His boyhood was passed in his native city, where he remained until twenty-one years of age, when he went to New York and engaged in business. He continued in business in New York City until 1850, when he changed his residence to Boston and became associated in business with the old and highly-respected firm of Naylor & Co., with whom he remained until 1871, when, in consequence of failing health, he retired from active business life and removed to his native city.

Mr. Huntington was prominently identified with religious matters, and all measures tending to advance the moral and religious welfare of the community wherein he resided found in him an earnest advocate. He was for twenty years a member and officer of the Eliot Congregational Church, in Roxbury, near Boston, which was under the pastoral care of Rev. A. C. Thompson, D.D. He was a large contributor to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which society he regarded with the deepest interest and affection. His views were broad, and his sympathies extended to all needing his help.

Edward B. Huntington was a consistent Christian, a courteous and polished gentleman, thoughtful of others in the highest degree, with a kind word and sweet smile for all. He was a grandson of Gen. Jedediah Huntington, of New London, and great-grandson of Jonathan Trumbull, the first Governor of Connecticut.

Mr. Huntington married early in life his cousin, daughter of the Rev. Joshua Huntington, pastor of the old South Church in Boston. Mr. Huntington died June 18, 1875, and was buried, at his request, at Forest Hills, the lovely cemetery near Roxbury. His wife, three children, and four grandchildren survive him.

**Alba F. Smith** was born in Lebanon, Conn., June 28, 1817. When a boy his father moved to New London, and after a brief residence there returned to Windham, where his youth was spent. He received a common-school education, and as a lad exhibited

strong tastes and a natural genius for mechanical arts. He worked early in life at the machinist's bench, where he constantly exhibited marks of genius. He married and came to Norwich in 1840, at the age of twenty-three, and established himself in business with one Chester Hatch, for the manufacture and sale of lead pipe. He subsequently formed a partnership on Ferry Street, under the title of Smith & Congdon, plumbers.

Mr. Smith's ingenuity soon after took practical shape, and he began improvements in the locomotive engine, which resulted in the invention of many of the most important improvements in locomotive construction, truck bearings, etc., of the age, now in daily use all over the country.

He remained in business here ten years, during which time he was a member of the fire department, and in 1846 was elected chief engineer of the department.

Gen. Dan Tyler took a deep interest in young Smith, and recognizing his superior qualities for railroading, urged him to relinquish his business here in 1849 to go to Pennsylvania, where, by his influence, he obtained for him the superintendency of the Cumberland Valley Railroad. In this position he continued to develop unequalled sagacity and skill in management, and after seven years' service he was tendered the superintendency of the Hudson River Railroad, in 1856, which he accepted. He busied himself in putting its machinery in first-class condition, and had the supervision of the first bridge built across the Hudson at Albany. After a service of twelve years in this capacity he resigned, notwithstanding the earnest solicitation of Commodore Vanderbilt for his continuance and the offer of an increased salary, determined to return to this place, build for himself and family a residence at Norwich Town, and retire from active business life.

The distinction that he had earned abroad both as inventor and manager had preceded him, and he was not permitted to carry out the plan he had laid for a quiet and sequestered conclusion to a busy life. In January, 1868, he was elected president of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, succeeding Augustus Brewster, and in December of the same year succeeded the late David Smith as president of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company. He was also elected "managing agent" of the Norwich and Worcester road under the lease to the Boston, Hartford and Erie road, in March, 1869. He resigned the presidency of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company in December, 1874, retaining the presidency of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company and the office of "managing agent" until his death, and exhibited rare judgment in all practical matters connected with railroad management.

On his return to the home of his adoption the people began to press him into public service, having honored him, previous to his leaving in 1849, with a





*A. A. Smith*

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*Robertson*

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seat in the Legislature, and in 1846 as first alderman under the mayoralty of William A. Buckingham, and knowing well his faithfulness to his constituents, and ability and willingness to serve them.

His perfect success in civil engineering, which had made him prominent among the eminent engineers of the country and brought his judgment as an expert into demand to solve all the difficult problems of railroad construction, made him pre-eminently in demand at home when, in 1866, it was thought that the health of the people required that a reservoir should be built, and the old wells abandoned that were liable to contaminate with city sewage and produce an epidemic among the people, and he was on the first committee appointed to consider the matter of locating and constructing the city water-works. He was one of a committee of three to draw the plans and make the specifications. He superintended the vast project and watched it to its completion; he was the first water commissioner elected, and for twelve years he was chairman of the board and the moving spirit and director of all that appertained to the enterprise, defending it from aspersion as a father would a child, clearly and indisputably setting forth the benefits.

In 1870 his residence was completed at Norwich Town, and he went there to reside, contemplating resigning the presidency of the Board of Water Commissioners in this city; but he was pressed to continue in office, and a special act was passed in the Legislature making his service legal. In 1872 he represented the town in the Legislature for the second time with marked ability. Besides these public honors, he was elected a director of the Second National Bank in 1868. In 1869 he succeeded the Hon. William A. Buckingham as president of the Norwich Lock Company, from which he resigned after a brief term of service. In 1872 he succeeded the late Augustus Brewster as president of the Norwich Water-Power Company, and also David Smith as president of the Second National Bank, both of which positions he continued to hold until his decease. He was also president of the Locomotive Engine Safety Truck Company at the time of his death.

With the presidency of five corporations on his hands, besides the supervision of the building of the Laurel Hill tunnel and the improvements there, and the building of the viaduct at Worcester, his health began to fail, and after a brief illness he died, July 21, 1879.

**James Monroe Huntington**, the subject of this memoir, dates his ancestry in this country to Simon Huntington, an English gentleman, whose family arrived in Boston, Mass., in 1633, he having died on board the vessel a short time before its arrival in port. The grandfather of James M. was Judge Andrew Huntington, of whom the late Mrs. Sigourney once said "was a man of plain manners and incorruptible integrity. His few words were always those of good sense and truth, and the weight of his influence was

given to the best interests of society." He rendered invaluable services to the Revolutionary cause, and was one of Governor Trumbull's most trusted counselors. His brothers, Gen. Jedediah, Gen. Ebenezer, and Capt. Joshua, all sons of the old heroic patriot, Gen. Jabez Huntington, rendered distinguished services during the Revolutionary struggle.

James M. Huntington was born in Norwich, Aug. 8, 1817, and in a large degree inherited the virtues and ennobling characteristics of his illustrious ancestors, whose names have ever been synonymous with integrity, uprightness, and a devotion to the best interests of society. He was educated in his native town, and commenced his business career as a clerk for the late A. F. Gilman, who conducted a drug business in the building now occupied by the firm of Lee & Osgood.

In 1837, when but twenty years of age, he was admitted as a partner, and when Mr. Gilman retired, in 1840, he formed a new partnership with the late Jedediah Leavens. In 1844 the firm removed to the wharf, in the building now occupied by Charles Osgood & Co. In 1846, Mr. Leavens retired from the firm, and a new partnership was formed, consisting of J. M. Huntington, Theodore Raymond, and James M. Meech, which continued until 1850, when Mr. Meech retired. The firm then removed to Commerce Street, where they engaged in extensive business enterprises, and became widely known throughout this section of country.

In 1856 the firm purchased the Cold Spring Iron-Works, which were subsequently sold to the Mitchell Bros. Ship-building was next commenced, at what is now Thamesville, where this enterprising firm built eleven vessels, nine of which were steamers, constructing not only the hulls but the entire machinery. Three of these steamers, the "Uncas," the "Norwich," and the "Whirlwind," were in the service of the government during the late Rebellion. They were also largely interested in the West India trade, owning a wharf and bonded warehouse in New London. One of their steamers, the "Whirlwind," was the first American merchant steamer that entered the port of Porto Rico. In 1852 the firm held a contract for transacting all the coal business over the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, with an extensive coal-yard and business in the city of Worcester.

Mr. Huntington was largely interested in the cotton and woolen manufacturing business from its infancy in Eastern Connecticut to the breaking out of the late war. He was also, during the Rebellion, largely interested in manufacturing in Worcester, and furnished the machinery for all or nearly all the arsenals in the country.

In 1866 this firm established a line of passenger and freight steamers from Providence to Philadelphia, and in fact there is not a port from Newfoundland to Mexico of any importance that their vessels have not visited.



Public-spirited and generous, Mr. Huntington was ever found an earnest advocate of all measures which, in his superior judgment, tended to advance the material, educational, and religious interests of his native city.

He was in all respects an ideal merchant, combining boldness of conception with unusual care and clearheadedness in planning and uncommon skill in the mastery and management of details. Upright and honorable in all his dealings with his fellow-men, it was often, and of truth, said of him that his word was as good as his bond. Stern integrity was born in him, a legacy of his Puritan ancestry, and what he exacted from those who had business relations with him he was equally scrupulous to accord to others. United with his indomitable energy was an inflexible will and an unflinching courage that no obstacle could turn aside and no disaster could daunt.

Oct. 11, 1841, Mr. Huntington united in marriage with Emily Brewster Meech, who died Dec. 11, 1843, leaving one child. Nov. 24, 1846, he married Sarah G. Burgess, of Plainfield. She died Nov. 14, 1864. He was again married, Dec. 14, 1865, to Elizabeth R. Barstow, of this city, who survives him. In religious matters Mr. Huntington was a Congregationalist, and politically a Republican. He died Nov. 17, 1874, aged fifty-seven years.

**David Smith** was born in Norwich, September, 1796. He began his active business career in Windham, organizing a company there for the manufacture of paper. His success in this then comparatively new line of industry, his practical understanding of the business, together with his high personal character, procured him the invitation to the Chelsea Paper-Mill of this town, which he accepted in 1833. Here, associated with J. C. Rives, formerly publisher of the *Congressional Globe* at Washington, D. C., Mr. Smith was for many years a prominent proprietor of the mill, and during his direction it achieved a marked success. While thus engaged in the manufacturing of paper he resided in Greeneville, and by his public spirit and benevolence did all in his power for the building up of that part of the town. He was an active member of the Congregational Church there, and is still gratefully remembered for his generous contributions in its behalf, as well as in aid of every good cause that appealed to him through the church.

In 1856 he removed to the city, having built the fine residence in which he continued to live up to the time of his decease. In 1858 he retired from the manufacturing business, having through his successful management of the business accumulated a handsome property. From this time onward he was connected for a longer or shorter period with various business enterprises here. He was a prominent director in the Norwich Water-Power Company, and was president for some twenty years of the Jewett City Bank. In the organization of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, Mr. Smith was among the

first movers, and succeeded Capt. Joseph J. Comstock as its second president, serving with ability as such until 1873, when he declined a re-election. Interested in all that promised to promote the general growth of Norwich, he was identified with both the Norwich and Worcester and the New London Northern Railroads, being a director in each. He was the second president of the Second National Bank of this city, and by his personal interest in its affairs and his good business judgment contributed not a little to its prosperity. The Chelsea Savings-Bank also had him as one of its vice-presidents, and found in him an able and wise friend. Mr. Smith had no taste for political life and studiously abstained therefrom, departing only once from this settled preference to represent the town for one year in the State Senate.

The *Norwich Bulletin*, in speaking of him, says, "He was widely known for his benevolence, and many are the institutions and charitable societies which reckon him amongst their most generous contributors. Uniting with the church while in Willimantic, just prior to his removal to Greeneville, he till the day of his death maintained a consistent and universally respected Christian life. He aided in building the churches in both the above places, was a liberal donor to the Second Church in this city when it was remodeled, and made his last contribution in this line to Park Church. Missed in all the walks of business, in which he maintained an integrity unsullied; missed by the great causes he was prompt and liberal to assist with his personal gifts; missed by the poor, to whom he was a thoughtful and open-handed friend, the valued citizen and honored Christian has gone from us. None will name him but to speak kindly of him; none will recall his genial face, his kindly speech and spirit, but to bear witness to his genuinely good life. Quietly and faithfully he lived, beloved and trusted by neighbors, citizens, churchmates, and by his death are all these bereaved of a tried and generous friend. The memory of his guileless, useful life will long be cherished, and Norwich will write him down amongst her noblest and most worthy sons."

**Henry B. Tracy** was born in Bozrah, Conn., and died in Norwich, Dec. 19, 1878. Mr. Tracy was one of the leading and influential citizens of Norwich, and was honored by his fellow-townsmen with various positions of trust and responsibility in political and financial circles. Year after year he held the office of postmaster at Norwich Town, and many town offices were his townsmen only too glad to honor him with. He was for many years secretary of the old Norwich Mutual Assurance Company, and until a short time previous to his death was president of the Merchants' Bank in this city. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Norwich Savings Society, and until June, 1878, was a director of the same, when his resignation was pressed upon and reluctantly accepted by the society. In his early life Mr. Tracy was connected with the Yantic Manufacturing Company.



*David Smith*



*Henry B. Tracy*

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*Yours truly D. A. Bentley*

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*H. B. Norton*



The character of Mr. Tracy was distinguished by sterling uprightness, and it was said of him by those who placed business transactions in his hands that he discharged the trusts assigned to him with the same promptness, energy, and fidelity that he would in the conduct of his own affairs. Socially he was loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends and admirers, who valued him not less for his genuine personal qualities than for his integrity, justness, and high-minded business habits. Politically he was a Democrat.

**Henry Barker Norton**, born in the town of Branford, State of Connecticut, county of New Haven, May 5, 1807, came to the town of Norwich, county of New London, in the month of April, 1824. From then to the present time has been continually occupied in merchandise, commerce, and manufactures.

**Hiram P. Arms** was born at Windsor, Conn., June 1, 1799, a descendant in the fifth generation of William Arms, of Deerfield, Mass. Fitted for college under the tuition of the Rev. Nathan Perkins, of Amherst, Mass., class of 1795, and at Phillips Academy, under John Adams, LL.D., class of 1795. After graduation taught a private school in New Haven, and pursued theological studies under the instruction of Profs. Taylor, Fitch, and Gibbs. Took charge of the Kingston Academy, N. Y., for a year or two.

After preaching a few years in Sing Sing, N. Y., and in Longmeadow, Mass., was ordained at Hebron, Conn., June 30, 1830. Dismissed at his own request, Oct. 10, 1832. Installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Wolcottville, Conn., Feb. 6, 1833. Dismissed July 6, 1836, to accept a call from the First Church in Norwich, Conn., where he was installed Aug. 3, 1836.

On the 20th of February, 1873, being then seventy-four years of age, he resigned the active duties of his pastorate, but continues to reside among his people as *pastor emeritus*.

On retiring from the active labors of the ministry, the parish generously presented him with a life-annuity, which gives to his family a comfortable support while he lives.

He has been twice married, first to Lucy Ann Wadhams, of New Haven, Sept. 12, 1824. She died July 3, 1837, leaving five children. His second wife was Abby Jane Baker, of New York, to whom he was married Sept. 12, 1838.

The evening of his uneventful life he is passing pleasantly in a quiet home, among a kind and affectionate people.

**Rev. David Niles Bentley** was born in North Stonington, Conn., July 27, 1785. He was the third son of Mr. Ezekiel Bentley, who died Feb. 4, 1834, in the ninety-seventh year of his age. His mother was Miss Anna Chapman, eldest daughter of Deacon Joseph Chapman, of Groton, now Ledyard. She died Oct. 25, 1853, aged ninety-seven years.

On the last of April, 1799, young Bentley was hired

as a chore-boy to Mr. Barzillai Davison, of this city. He, with the family of Mr. Davison, attended the old Episcopal Church, of which Rev. John Tyler was pastor. He obtained the English Prayer-Book then in use, and read the lessons and prayers with the congregation, and made the responses as audibly as Deacon Warren. At the expiration of six months he went home, where he spent most of the winter in attending the district school. The intermissions were passed with the teacher in study. In the spring of 1800 he was "bound out" as an apprentice to Mr. Barzillai Davison, of Norwich, to learn the trade of a goldsmith. Soon after he went with a fellow-apprentice, Mr. Nicholas Chevalier, several years older, to the Methodist meeting, where the latter, who was very wicked, soon professed to be converted, quit his business, and went about holding meetings. About this time Capt. William Davison, brother of his employer, ran a packet from Norwich to New York, and coming home sick with the yellow fever, and dying, with his mate, the citizens became alarmed and many families went into the country. Among them was the family of Mr. Barzillai Davison, leaving Mr. Bentley to take care of the house and shop. He had now but little to do other than reading the Bible, watching with the sick, and attending prayer-meetings. Just at this time the eccentric Lorenzo Dow came into the place and preached in a room then occupied by the Methodists, in an old wooden building on the north side of Water Street. In his unsettled and gloomy state of mind he went to hear, taking a seat directly behind him, partially concealed by the door. During his discourse the preacher described the condition and feelings of a sinner under conviction for sin. After he had very clearly portrayed to the congregation his condition, he turned himself squarely round, and laying his hand on the head of Mr. Bentley, said, "Young man, is not that the truth, and you can't deny it?"

He was baptized in the Yantic River, near the New London depot, by Rev. Peter Vannest, in the same year, and began the practice of fasting on Friday, which he continued nearly three years (when he was taken with the yellow fever), and still continued it until he was instructed by his physician that the habit was injurious to his health. After convalescence, becoming free from the indentures of his employer, and being at leisure, he traveled on horse the New London Circuit with Rev. Nathan Emory. Believing that he could be more useful in local than itinerant ministry, he commenced business as a plumber and brass-founder in 1805. In the fall of this year he married Miss Letitia Gardner, daughter of David Gardner, Esq., of Bozrah. She was an earnest Christian, an affectionate mother, an obliging friend, and a devoted wife. Eleven children lived to realize and return her undying love, and four died in infancy.



Mr. Bentley began business with nothing but his hands, the respect of the community, and His blessing "that maketh rich;" yet by honesty and integrity in his transactions, despite the expenses of a numerous family, he amassed property, and has presented a noble instance of generosity which should lead others to emulate his heaven-deposited charity. Chiefly by his liberality and indemnification the church was built upon the Wharf Bridge, previous to which a large part of the expenses accruing from the rents of religious conventicles—"keeping" the preachers' horses, fuel, and lights—was met by his unstinted charity. The Sachem Street, Main Street, Central, and Greenville Churches were all early indebted largely to his contributions, both of money and exertions. In order to prosecute the erection of the church that was lost by the flood, after suffering it to absorb his ready means, he mortgaged his house to furnish the requisite deficiency, making it a security for a note of six hundred dollars. His name, in gold, at least, is inscribed on all the pillars of the above churches, and the memory of his munificence can hardly be less than "apples of gold in baskets of silver."

In 1817 he was solicited to remove to Zanesville, Ohio, and taking the precaution to go and become fully apprised of the position before concluding the agreement, he passed most of the journey in a single team, and decided to emigrate by the 25th of December following. He was prevented from going by a fall from a horse, and was disabled for three months, the effects of which have never been fully removed. His peculiar experience in 1827 is transcribed from his own pen:

"It was the commencement of the great 'anti-Masonic excitement,' which extended all over the country, from one end to the other, entering every circle, domestic, political, and religious. If any one did not take sides with either party he was despised by both. I was a Freemason; had passed through every degree of the institution from an Entered Apprentice to the Council, but had not met with the lodge since the laying of the corner-stone of the Sachem Street Methodist Episcopal Church, not because there was anything wicked in the institution, but because my time was required by duties to my family, the church, and the salvation of my fellow-men. After a while it became known that I had not renounced the institution, and a committee was appointed to wait on me and inform me that I must renounce Masonry or be renounced as a preacher. I wrote to them that I did not understand what they meant by 'renouncing.' If they meant that I must expose or divulge any secret, mark, or sign, I never should do it. They said there were no 'secrets' now, that they had been all revealed and published to the world. 'Then,' I replied, 'I can't reveal that which is already exposed to public view.' So they let me alone, threatening to raise a mob and pry out the corner-stone of the church which the Freemasons had laid."

As will be remembered from the previous references, Mr. Bentley commenced his labors as a local preacher soon after conversion, and continued in this unremunerative field as long as his health would permit. In 1811, and for several succeeding years, he alternated with the traveling ministry at the Landing and Bean Hill, except at such times as an exchange was effected with other local ministers. He also at this early date began to preach at the almshouse.

This abbreviated account of his life cannot be better concluded than in his own language:

"It is now (1859) more than sixty-two years since I received my first license to preach, although the world called my labors 'preaching' two or three years before. During all those many years I never have pocketed a dollar beyond my expenses of traveling to and from my appointments. More than half of that time I kept a team of my own. It may truly be said I have been the poor man's minister. For more than sixty-three years I have held meetings at the almshouse in this city regularly once in three weeks, and when sick or absent I have supplied a substitute. During that length of time I have attended two hundred and three funerals at the almshouse."

"I began the world with nothing but my hands. I have literally labored seven days in the week for fifty years. Quite a number of times when I have been at work casting brass a messenger has called for me to go and attend a funeral three or six miles off. Such calls, or something not altogether dissimilar, I have answered in all the towns within twenty miles of my residence. And now, if I can but see weeping penitents inquiring what they shall do to be saved, and hear them shout the praise of a sin-forgiving God, I think I shall feel like exclaiming, with Simeon, 'Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.'"

Mrs. Betsey Bentley, the venerable consort of Rev. David N. Bentley, was the fourth child of Mr. James Rogers, of Monville, Conn. Her mother's maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Howard. She was born Aug. 9, 1790.

Mr. Bentley is now one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living natives of the county, being ninety-six years of age.

Franklin Nichols, one of the successful business men and leading bankers in Connecticut, was born in Thompson, Conn., Aug. 11, 1805. His boyhood was passed in his native town, sharing the advantages of the schools of those days. At an early age he commenced business for himself in the improvement of extensive farming lands inherited from his father, which honorable vocation he continued, with an older brother, until May, 1840, when he removed to Norwich and became a member of the firm of Nichols & Eddy, wholesale grocers. The firm subsequently changed to Nichols & Evans, and later to Nichols, Evans & Almy.

In 1844, Mr. Nichols retired from the firm, and engaged in the cotton business in company with the late Leonard Ballou. He, however, remained in this business but about two years, and then engaged in banking operations.

In the spring of 1833 he assisted in obtaining the charter for the Thompson Bank, which was organized in the fall of the same year with eleven directors, all of whom are deceased except himself.

He has been prominently identified with the Thames Bank since 1846. He was chosen president in 1851, and has officiated in that capacity to the present time. When he entered the bank as a director it had a capital of two hundred thousand dollars, with little or no surplus. It has made dividends all this time of from six to twelve per cent. per annum, and now has a capital of one million dollars, with about three hundred and fifty thousand dollars surplus.

Mr. Nichols has been a director in the Norwich



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Savings Society since 1851, and its president since 1879. He was also one of the incorporators of the Thames Loan and Trust Company in 1869, and for several years its president. He was chosen a director in the Gas Company upon its organization, and is now the president and only surviving member of the original board of directors. He assisted in the organization of the Bank of Mutual Redemption in Boston, and in this institution also he is the only original member left in the board. Mr. Nichols was also a director in the Norwich and Worcester Railroad. Politically he is a Republican; was formerly a Whig.

Mr. Nichols is a public-spirited citizen, and all measures for the development of either the material, religious, or educational interests of his adopted city find in him an earnest supporter. He is a prominent member of Park Congregational Church, and was active in the organization of the society and the erection of the church edifice. He was chairman of the first meeting of the church and society.

Oct. 17, 1839, he united in marriage with Hannah P. Fairfield, a native of Pomfret, and their family consisted of one child, a son, Franklin Nichols, deceased.

Franklin Nichols' life has been one of steady and active devotion to business, and his success is the natural result of his ability to examine and readily comprehend any subject presented to him, power to decide promptly, and courage to act with vigor and persistency in accordance with his convictions.

**Hon. Lorenzo Blackstone** dates his ancestry in this country to William Blackstone, to whom is accorded the honor of having been the first settler in Boston. William Blackstone came to America prior to 1628, and first located in Charlestown, where he remained until 1635, when he removed to lands which he had purchased near the present junction of Beacon and Charles Streets. He is also of the same stock as the great English legal commentator of the last century, Sir William Blackstone.

Lorenzo Blackstone was born at Branford, Conn., June 21, 1819. His boyhood was passed in his native town, where he attended the district school and academy. After spending a number of years in acquiring a knowledge of accounts, he resolved to engage in business for himself, and in 1842 left America for Liverpool, England, where he established an agency and commission-house for the sale of American merchandise. He entered into the business with energy and perseverance, and it rapidly increased, until he had branches in London and Manchester, and his transactions reached every part of Great Britain and even extended to the Continent and Australia. In about the year 18— he added to his business the sale of rubber overshoes, being the first to introduce the Good-year rubber goods into Great Britain. He had built up a large trade in this particular line of business when he was notified by Charles Mackintosh & Co., the great rubber manufacturers of Manchester, that he was in-

fringing on their rights as owners of the patents of Thomas Hancock, who was in litigation with Charles Goodyear. And just here the business tact and characteristic foresight of the man displayed itself. He at once entered into an arrangement with Messrs. Mackintosh & Co. which gave him the exclusive right to sell rubber boots and shoes in every part of Great Britain, and at the same time secured himself against the competition of American manufacturers and their English agents. For a time he purchased goods indiscriminately of various American companies, but in 1846 he began to sell the goods of the Hayward Rubber Company, of Colchester, Conn., and soon after invested in the stock, which he holds at the present time. His sales of rubber boots and shoes amounted to several hundred thousand dollars per year. He continued in this business until 1855, when he returned to Branford, continuing, however, the business of his house, with its branches in England.

His intimate relations with his brothers-in-law, the Messrs. Norton, who had been for several years prominent merchants in Norwich, Governor Buckingham, and other officers of the Hayward Rubber Company resident in Norwich, decided him to make that thriving city his permanent home, and removed thither in 1857, where he has since resided.

Mr. Blackstone soon after closed his business in Europe, and in 1859 embarked in the cotton manufacture, in which he has since continued with great success. In three years he purchased the property formerly known as the Blashfield Factory, one of the earliest enterprises in the State. The mill had been burned prior to the purchase of the property by Mr. Blackstone, and he at once erected a substantial brick building, which is supplied with all the modern improvements and has a capacity of ten thousand spindles. The mill received the name of the Attawaugan Mill, the name being of local Indian origin. Additional machinery to the capacity of eight thousand spindles was soon after added, making twenty-eight thousand in all. In 1865 he enlarged his business by the purchase of the privilege next above that of the Attawaugan Mill, owned by Leonard Ballou, and erected a new mill with a capacity of eighteen thousand spindles. Soon after the erection of this mill he purchased the Amesbury privilege and erected a mill for weaving subsidiary to the Ballou Mill. The Attawaugan Manufacturing Company, owning and operating these mills, consists of Mr. Blackstone, together with his brothers-in-law, Henry B., Timothy P., and William T. Norton. In 1870 this company purchased the Potokett Mills (built in 1868 for a woolen-mill), in the town of Norwich, with a capacity of fourteen thousand spindles, and in 1877 built the Pequot Mills, Montville.

Mr. Blackstone is also largely interested in other corporations, and is a successful and progressive capitalist. He is a director and one of the executive committee of the Ponemah Manufacturing Company,



the largest cotton manufacturing company in Connecticut, and one of the largest in New England; is president of the Chelsea Savings-Bank, and director of the Thames National Bank of Norwich, and in the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company of Illinois, and also has large interests in other railroads, mostly in the West.

Mr. Blackstone is a public-spirited citizen, and has ever labored earnestly to advance the interests of his adopted city. He is a trustee of the Norwich Free Academy; has been alderman of the city a number of years; mayor four years; represented his town in the Legislature in 1871, and in 1878 he was elected State Senator on the Republican ticket, and in the session of 1879 served on the Committee on Finance with marked ability and success.

Oct. 17, 1842, he united in marriage with Emily, daughter of Asa Norton, of Branford, Conn., and their family has consisted of three children,—James De Trafford, Harriet Belle, Ellen Frances, William Norton, and Louis Lorenzo, all of whom reside in Norwich.

**John Mitchell** was born in Stonebridge, near Birmingham, England. He remained in his native land until eight years of age, when he emigrated with his parents to America, settling in New York City, and three years later in Wareham, Mass.

The iron business seems to have been an heirloom in the Mitchell family, as his grandfather was engaged in the same business, and his father came to this country in the employ of the Sterling Iron Company, whose works were located on the ground now occupied by the dry-goods establishment of Lord & Taylor, on Broadway, New York. Mr. Mitchell remained in the iron business at Wareham, a portion of the time in the employ of his father, who was conducting the Washington Iron-Works, until 1845, when he came to Norwich with his father, the latter taking the management of the Cold Spring Iron-Works. Upon the failure of these works the property was purchased, in 1850, by Mr. Mitchell, his father, and in 1852 the late J. M. Huntington also became a partner in the business, under the firm-name of J. M. Huntington & Co. This firm continued until 1862, when Mr. Huntington withdrew, and it was continued by Mr. Mitchell and his next youngest brother, under the firm-name of Mitchell Brothers. His brother was killed in May, 1864, and soon after Mr. Mitchell's eldest son, Albert G., and Mr. Azel W. Gibbs became associated with him, and in 1879 his youngest son, Frank, also became interested in the business. This enterprising firm added to their already large operations the Thames Iron-Works, which were purchased in November, 1879. Mr. Mitchell is also president of the Richmond Stove Company. The annual product of the three mills amounts to about half a million dollars.

Mr. Mitchell is a public-spirited citizen, and all measures tending to advance the interests of his adopted city receive his earnest support. He has held many

positions of trust and responsibility in financial circles. He is a director in the Thames National Bank, in Norwich Savings Society, and also in the Thames Loan and Trust Company. Politically he is a Republican, and attends the Second Congregational Church. In 1841 he united in marriage with Joanna Dexter Gibbs, and they have two children living, Albert G. and Frank A.

**Benjamin Durfey** was born in the town of Griswold, New London Co., Conn. He was one of a family of seven sons and daughters. His father was a sturdy farmer. His acres were like many others common to New England,—well fitted to develop both mind and muscle. The constant problem to be solved by their owners is how to extort from the unwilling soil the necessities of life. This problem has in numerous instances been solved, and the reluctant earth made to yield to those engaged in its cultivation not a bare subsistence merely, but the means of moral and intellectual culture also, developing by the process a race of men unexcelled for physical and mental endurance.

So great was the disparity between the natural capabilities of Mr. Durfey's farm and the wants of his large family, and so apparent the blessing of God upon his labors in the harvest which followed them, that his neighbors were accustomed to say that "Mr. Durfey could not have reared his large family from the avails of such a poor farm unless he had been a very good man," thus honoring his industry and piety, two qualifications for success which seem to have descended as a rich legacy to his son, who, beginning with no other inheritance, also reared a family of seven children, and accumulated as a surplus a handsome estate. Benjamin Durfey passed the early part of his life upon his father's farm, sharing its toils and availing himself of such educational advantages as the district school afforded. In 1828 he went to Greenville, now an important part of the city of Norwich, but then without an existence except on the surveyor's map. The waters of the Shetucket River had hitherto flowed uselessly along on their way to the sea, past the sites of the present flourishing villages of Baltic, Occum, Taftville, and Greenville. But now the time had come for turning them into use. A few large-minded men, among whom the late W. P. Greene and W. C. Gilman were prominent, conceived the project of throwing a dam across the river about two miles from its mouth. To carry out this project and thus make these waters available, the Norwich Water-Power Company was incorporated in 1828, and a considerable tract of land purchased on both sides of the river. It was at this time that Benjamin Durfey appeared on the ground, before a stone had been laid, or a street opened, or a spade driven into the earth. In the following year he married, and commenced house-keeping in the only building then standing within the corporate limits. Thus he was literally the "pioneer" in the settlement of the large and flourishing village





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*Willis R. Austin*



of Greenville. From the first he manifested a decided interest in all measures to advance the material and religious welfare of the community, enjoying the confidence and respect of the people. There was scarcely an important civil office or place of trust in the gift of his fellow-citizens which he was not called to fill. He was manager of the Water-Power Company, president and treasurer of the Fire Association, constable, and justice of the peace. He was repeatedly on the Board of Relief and Board of Assessors. He was called to represent the town in the State Legislature. Before a stone in the foundation of the first factory was laid a weekly prayer-meeting was established at his house, a Sunday-school soon followed at the same place, and then public religious worship. He and nineteen others were constituted a Congregational Church by an Ecclesiastical Council convened for the purpose. For thirty-six years he served as chairman of the committee of the ecclesiastical society connected with that church.

Mr. Durfey was twice married,—in 1829, to Miss Adelia E. Avery, who died Jan. 28, 1835; to Miss Harmony Kingsley, who survives him. He died April 24, 1875, and was buried from the Congregational church on the following Tuesday. A large concourse of citizens from all classes of society, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, bore testimony to the universal respect in which he had been held and the deep regret which was felt in his death.

**E. Winslow Williams**, one of the leading woolen manufacturers in Eastern Connecticut, was born in Norwich in 1830. He prepared for college at Dr. Muhlenburg's school at Flushing, and graduated from Trinity College in the class of 1853. He soon after became interested in manufacturing, and upon the death of his father, the late Capt. Erastus Williams, succeeded to the interest of the Yantic Woolen-Mills, and has since continued in that business with marked success. These mills were erected in 1822, and destroyed by fire in 1865. The present stone mills were erected the same year.

In 1858, Mr. Williams united in marriage with Miss McNulty, of New York, and their family consists of four children, two sons and two daughters, viz.: Louis Brinckerhoff, Winslow Tracy, Jessie Huntington, and Lilian Marvin. Politically he is a Republican. He is a churchman, and a liberal supporter of Grace Church (Episcopal), at Yantic, where he resides. Notwithstanding Mr. Williams is the proprietor and active manager of an immense business, he is ever alive to the public good, and all measures tending to advance the interests of his native town find in him an earnest advocate.

**Willis R. Austin**.—The Austin family, of which the subject of this sketch is a direct descendant, is one of the oldest families in the State. The name appears among those of the earlier settlers of New Haven, and frequently and prominently in the records of the town since.

David Austin, the grandfather of Willis R. Austin, was a prominent citizen of New Haven, for a long time government collector of customs in that city, and the founder and first president of the New Haven Bank. It was he who, associated with James Hillhouse, at his own expense planted the elm-trees which now adorn New Haven green. His son, John P. Austin, in middle life removed to Norwich, where the subject of this sketch was born in the year 1819. He married, in 1851, Louisa, daughter of the late E. B. M. Hughes, of New Haven, well remembered for her personal attractions and true excellence of character, whose death occurred in Philadelphia, where they resided, in 1854, leaving a daughter of two years, who has since died. In 1864 he married his present accomplished wife, Mary McComb, daughter of John McComb, of a well-known and prominent New York family, and granddaughter of John McComb, who was identified with almost all the progressive movements of his day.

He was the executive manager in the erection of the New York City Hall and other public buildings, and, as appears from the publications and records of the day, was one of the most active promoters of those public improvements which have been so instrumental in the prosperity of that city, and in all his varied public trusts his name was a synonym of strict integrity.

One child, a son, named Willis Austin, was born of this union in 1878.

The marked character and enterprise of the Austin family not only stamped itself upon the State of their nativity, but have stretched out to the distant domain of Texas, then a part of Mexico, in the persons of a cousin of the subject of this sketch, Stephen F. Austin, and John Austin, his eldest brother, who established a colony, and after whom was named the city of Austin.

Mr. Austin was educated for the bar, graduating at the Yale College Law-School in the year 1849.

Shortly after graduating he visited Texas, and it was his intention to have located there in the practice of the law, but after some successful operations in cotton, concluded to return North, and locating in Philadelphia, engaged in the banking business. In this he was also successful, and having gathered in a few years a fair amount of this world's goods, he determined to retire from business and take relaxation in travel. He first traveled extensively in this country, visiting all the most interesting sections of the West and South, including his former abode in Texas. He then went abroad and traveled over Europe and Asia, spending three years in his tour. Upon returning to the United States he fixed upon Connecticut, the State of his ancestors, and Norwich, his native city, as his future home, and here he has since resided, preferring the enjoyment of social private life to the harassing cares of business.

Mr. Austin has never sought political preferment. Personally popular, however, he has often been urged

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to accept of office, but steadily refused until, at the urgent solicitation of his fellow-citizens of Norwich, he consented to be one of their representatives in the General Assembly of 1874.

In 1875 he was re-elected a representative in the General Assembly, and in 1876—the centennial year of our national independence—he was elected senator from the Eighth District of the State.

Mr. Austin's service in the Legislature was characterized by the most constant and faithful attendance and attention to his duties. His quiet and unobtrusive dignity of manner and bearing gained for him the respect and confidence of all to whom he became known. During the sessions of which he was a member he served upon the Committees of Finance, of Railroad, and of Constitutional Amendments. During his various terms of service in the Legislature of the State he took a prominent and active part in all important measures both in the House and Senate, and, as the public records and journals of the day fully indicate, the results obtained in favor or against the laws and measures before the Assembly were greatly influenced by his careful and conscientious attention. After Mr. Austin's term of service in the Senate he determined not to pursue a further political life. Nevertheless, he was induced to serve as a member of the Republican State Central Committee for five years, and during the years 1877-80 he was president of the New London County Agricultural Society. These four years the society experienced marked prosperity. The grounds were enlarged, new buildings erected, premiums and expenses all paid, and a considerable sum of profit remained each year. He is at present chairman of the Connecticut State Board of Charities, and in Norwich (his own city) he has been for many years an active member of the board of directors of the Second National Bank, also a trustee and vice-president of the Dime Savings-Bank from its beginning. Though not impelled to the pursuit of business as a means of support, Mr. Austin is a confirmed believer in the maxim that occupation and usefulness are requirements for the health and happiness of mankind; hence he selected his home with ample grounds that he might see the growth of various objects of ornament and necessity. He always holds himself ready to discharge all the duties of friend and citizen. The various offices to which he has been appointed or elected to fill occupy a very large portion of his time and attention, yet he enters upon these duties with the same zeal, and discharges them with the same fidelity, as though they were productive of emolument.

Mr. Austin, though himself a native of Norwich, is a descendant of a long line of New Haven ancestry. The founder of the Austin family in America was John Austin; he came from England in the ship "Hercules," with his wife, Constance, from Sandwich, County Kent. He died in Greenwich, Conn., Sept. 5, 1657.

His son, John Austin, was born in Greenwich, removed to East Haven, and married Mercy Atwater, 13th of May, 1667, and died in 1690.

His son, David Austin, was born in New Haven, Feb. 23, 1670.

David (2), his son, was born in New Haven, Oct. 25, 1703.

His son, David Austin (3), was born in New Haven, May 6, 1732; died Feb. 5, 1801.

This David Austin, the grandfather of Willis Austin, was collector of customs when New Haven was the chief port of entry in this section of country; also the founder and first president of the New Haven Bank. He had thirteen children, and at his death left a large estate to his surviving children. He lived on the southwest corner of Church and Crown Streets, and built two large houses on the opposite corners for his two sons, David and John P. Austin. His eldest son, Rev. David Austin, then settled over the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabethtown, N. J., was executor of his father's estate. But in the midst of a distinguished career he was stricken by scarlet fever, from which, though physically restored, his mind remained dimmed for the greater portion of his succeeding years.

Unfortunately for the estate, he expended large sums of money in building "Long Wharf" and erecting a block of houses for the return of the Jews; also purchased a vessel, and sailing himself as supercargo to England, there loaded the vessel with costly articles, mostly musical instruments. On the return voyage the vessel was lost without insurance.

It is related of him when a theological student, while taking a walk early in the morning, during the siege of New Haven, he encountered a British soldier, who ordered Austin to surrender. Young Austin seized the musket from the guard and marched him a prisoner of war into New Haven.

In the annals of New Haven it is recorded that young David Austin and his two uncles, John and David, were wounded in the battle for the defense of New Haven against the British, July 5, 1779.

Rev. David Austin having married Miss Lydia Lathrop, an estimable lady, of one of the most wealthy and respectable families of Norwich, and his sister Sarah having married Rev. Walter King, also of Norwich, he concluded to remain in that city, and accepted the pastorate of the Bozrah Church.

His sister, Sarah Austin, married Rev. Walter King, for some time pastor of the Second Congregational Church, Norwich. His sister Rebecca married John Sherman, son of Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His sister Mary married Andrew Yates, of Schenectady, a professor in Union College, and brother of Governor Yates, of New York.

John P. Austin, the father of Willis R. Austin, was born in New Haven, June 28, 1772; died June 24, 1834, in Brazoria, Texas. His remains were re-





*Geo. H. Green*



moved and placed in the family cemetery, New Haven. He was a graduate of Yale College, a man of culture and refinement. He succeeded his father as government collector of customs, and lived on the corner of Church and Crown Streets, opposite his father and brother.

Being embarrassed by the loss of much of his estate through the misfortunes of his elder brother, who was executor of his father's estate, was induced by his brother to remove to Norwich with his wife and ten children. Three others were born to him in Norwich, of which Willis Rogers Austin was the second.

The remaining years of his life were spent in retirement, in teaching and rearing his children, until he visited Texas, where he died in the year 1834.

Willis R. Austin's mother was Susan Rogers, daughter of Dr. David Rogers, of Greenfield, Conn., born 15th September, 1778, married 11th September, 1797. She was the mother of thirteen children, all of whom grew to years and were married. She died Aug. 24, 1870, in the ninety-second year of her age. She was interred by the side of her husband in New Haven.

Her grandfather, Dr. Uriah Rogers, died in Norwich, May 6, 1773. Her father, Dr. David Rogers, died in Norwich in 1831, aged seventy-nine years. He was a physician and surgeon in the regiment of Continentals commanded by Gen. Silliman, of Connecticut.

He was an eminent and successful physician, and retired to spend the last years of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Austin; and from the old doctor's lips Willis R. Austin, when a child, had the history of his dangers and escapes during the contests of the brave and determined Connecticut troops while defending the towns on the Connecticut shore near New York.

This brave old patriot and accomplished physician was buried in the old Up-town Norwich Cemetery.

Willis R. Austin is the twelfth of a family of thirteen children. His eldest brother, John, was associated with S. F. Austin (a relative) in effecting the settlement of Austin's colony on the Brazos, in Texas. During the early period of the settlement of the colony John Austin embarked in navigation, sailing between New Orleans and Texas in vessels in which he was interested. He was twice taken by pirates; the last time he only escaped by swimming.

His cousin and associate, S. F. Austin, in whose father's name (Moses Austin) the grant of the colony had originally been obtained, having died before the terms of the grant were completed, the entire responsibility of the settlement of the colony devolved upon John Austin. He having a superior business education, and great experience for so young a man, was elected governor of the colony and general of the army, and through his wise and efficient service the colony was successfully established, becoming a peaceful and prosperous community. In 1833 he died suddenly of cholera, his two children dying the same day.

Two other brothers, William T. and Alfred J. Austin, went to Texas, and died suddenly of one of the malignant epidemics which are inevitable in that country, and especially fatal to settlers from the Eastern States. It was this which deterred Willis R. Austin and others of the family from settling in Texas.

The Austin name is said to have been derived from the sect of Christians who were followers of St. Augustine. It is certain the Austins who came to Connecticut were a devout, Christian people, as is evidenced by the devices of their antique coat of arms, which they brought from England, and is now in the possession of Willis R. Austin.

In looking back to the history of the Austins, two hundred and fifty years in this country, it is noticed that many of the same characteristics have prevailed among them in every age.

**Capt. George W. Geer** was born in Norwich, Conn., March 27, 1806. He is the son of Wheeler Geer, who was born Nov. 9, 1773, and grandson of Uzziel Geer, also born in Norwich, Feb. 22, 1732. His father was named Oliver Geer, and was grandson of George Geer, the original ancestor in this country of the present extensive Geer family (see biography of Erastus Geer). Uzziel Geer's mother, Elizabeth Newbury, was a lady of culture and education for that day, and taught a number of young men the sciences of surveying and navigation. What education Uzziel received was chiefly under the tutelage of his mother; he became an excellent mathematician, was of an inventive turn of mind, and made quite a number of improvements in machinery, etc. He was the originator of many devices which have since been enlarged upon and have proved of great benefit to the world. He was the patentee of the jackscrew and other inventions which are in use at the present day. His chief occupation in life was the "getting off" or relaunching of castaway vessels, or craft cast ashore by storms, removing buildings, etc., and in originating and perfecting various devices pertaining to that work.

Wheeler Geer, father of Capt. Geer, was an active, industrious man, and most of his life was spent in building vessels and various marine craft, and as commander of small vessels plying in the coast trade. He was married in 1799 to Sally Roath. They had ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Of the seven sons, six of them became masters of sailing-vessels, and when steam-vessels came in vogue five of them became masters of steam-vessels. Of the daughters, one died in infancy. The other two grew up to womanhood, married, and their husbands also became masters of vessels. One of the sons had charge of the steamer "Carolina," which during the "patriot invasion" of Canada went down the Niagara from Buffalo to Claussius, and there the high sheriff (Canadian), with a force of armed men, boarded the vessel, and both crew and passengers were compelled to jump overboard to escape with their lives. The sheriff and



his posse afterwards fired the boat, set her adrift, and she went over the falls. During the boyhood of Capt. Geer the facilities for obtaining an education were limited indeed, yet, notwithstanding many difficulties and obstacles, he by diligent study and close application succeeded in obtaining a very fair education. During his early years he was all the time connected in some capacity with river and coast navigation, and became practically and thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business, so much so that on his eighteenth birthday he became master of a small vessel plying in the coast trade. From this time up to 1841 or 1842 he was in charge either as pilot or master of various packets and sail-vessels. He superintended the building of and owned an interest in several vessels during this time.

In 1843-44 the steamer "Shetucket" was built under his superintendence, and when the boat was launched, June 1, 1844, he took command of her. When the vessel was first built she was propelled by the "Ericsson wheel." After a six months' trial this wheel proved entirely unsatisfactory, so its use was abandoned, and the "R. F. Loper wheel" substituted; this, too, proved an entire failure. Capt. Geer being impressed with the necessity of a better wheel for the propulsion of steam-vessels, set his inventive faculties to work, and contrived a screw-wheel upon an entirely new principle, which proved an unqualified success, and all the wheels in use throughout the world to-day are constructed in accordance with the principle discovered by Capt. Geer. These wheels, as perfected by him, were first put on the "Shetucket," in New York, and on her first or trial trip there was a gain of nearly one-third in time, and a corresponding saving in fuel. After this wheel had been in use a short time the attention of other vessel-owners and navigators began to be attracted by its superior merits, and it was but a few months after its first introduction that a committee, composed of the president, agent, one of the directors, and chief engineer, of the Ericsson line of propellers came to New York to negotiate with Capt. Geer for the privilege of making and using his wheel. With his usual magnanimity he refused to accept any remuneration, but generously granted them the privilege of using his patterns in making the wheels to be used on their own boats without money and without price. After about three years' trial the president of the Ericsson Company informed Capt. Geer personally that the privilege of using his invention had been "the making of their business," and as a memento of his generosity in allowing them the use of his wheel they made him a handsome present.

Capt. Geer unfortunately neglected for some time to apply for a patent on his invention, and it appears that the liberality he exercised towards other ship-owners in allowing them the use of his wheel eventually worked to his disadvantage, as other parties had in the mean time appropriated his idea, and when

he did finally apply for a patent some one set up an objection, or rather counter claim that it was an infringement on some part of an invention previously patented by them. Consequently a patent could not be issued until an investigation was made. Capt. Geer, knowing his invention to be his own, and that it was totally unlike any other wheel, deemed it unnecessary to push matters, and so neglected to press the investigation, and to add to the complication of affairs the attorney in charge of his application died, and all the papers in the case were lost or mislaid. By this time the invention had come into general use and was regarded as common property, but the matter of the patent was thus postponed, neglected, and delayed to the present time. The invention, however, belongs in right to Capt. Geer, and if the matter were taken up and properly presented many think that Capt. Geer would be granted by the government either a patent or other compensation for his invention. It has worked a complete revolution in steam navigation throughout the world, and yet the inventor has received no compensation beyond a few dollars paid by certain parties to him for the privilege of using his wheel when it was first invented, and when every one naturally supposed it would soon be covered by letters patent.

About 1851 or 1852, Capt. Geer was one of a company<sup>1</sup> which purchased the line of steamboats belonging to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company. He owned an interest in this company about twelve years, and would occasionally devote his attention to the piloting or command of said boats. During this time he was connected with various enterprises and held different positions of trust. He was a member of Common Council three years, and was appointed by the Governor channel commissioner, which position he held two years. About this time he built the steamer "Charles Osgood," and a few years later sold his interest to Mr. Osgood, for whom she was named. In 1855 he built the tug-boat "George W. Geer," which is still in active use at New York. About 1861 he was appointed inspector, weigher, and gauger of Norwich, which position he still holds. The following extract we clip from the *New London Day*:

"Capt. George W. Geer, the inspector of customs at Norwich, in this district, came to this city last Friday in the revenue-boat 'Clarise,' which has been assigned for his use by the collector. Capt. Geer has held the position for more than twenty years, having been first appointed by Collector Prentiss, and continued in office by Collector Marshall and the present incumbent. Although considerably over seventy years of age, Capt. Geer is still in vigorous health. He has discharged the duties of his office to the entire acceptance both of the government and the public."

Capt. Geer was married Oct. 22, 1827, to Elizabeth Button (born April 12, 1808), daughter of William Button and Lucy Pollard. To them were born four sons and four daughters. Mrs. Geer died Aug. 12, 1858. He married for his second wife Mrs. William

<sup>1</sup> Norwich and New London Transportation Company.



G. Parsons, Oct. 22, 1861. She was born March 20, 1813.

Capt. Geer has been for many years a member and liberal supporter of the Congregational Church, and is usually among the first to contribute to any charitable or public enterprise. He has led a very active life, and has always enjoyed the confidence, respect, and esteem of those who knew him. As an evidence of the esteem in which he is held, he has been the recipient of many handsome presents and testimonials, which afford him much pleasure, and which he delights to exhibit as being tangible proofs of the sincerity of the friendship of the donors.

He is kind, affable, and hospitable, and in his old age is surrounded by all that could tend to render happy his declining years.

**Backus.**<sup>1</sup>—Little is known of the history of William Backus, Sr. He is supposed to have lived in Saybrook as early as 1637. In the settlement of the estate of John Charles, who died at Branford in 1673, the children of William Backus received a share in the right of their deceased mother, who was his daughter. From this fact it is ascertained that the first wife of William Backus was Sarah, daughter of John Charles.

Before removing to Norwich he married Mrs. Anne Bingham, and brought with him to the new settlement three daughters, two sons, and his wife's son, Thomas Bingham. The three young men were of mature age, or near maturity, and are all usually reckoned as first proprietors. The daughters were subsequently united in marriage to John Reynolds, Benjamin Crane, and John Bayley. The house-lots of the younger William and of Stephen Backus are both recorded as laid out in 1659; but the latter was the allotment of his father, who dying at an early period after the settlement, and the land records being made at a later date, it was registered in Stephen's name, who had received it by request from his father. Hence William Backus, Sr., does not appear on the town records as a landholder.

His will, dated June 12, 1661, and witnessed by Thomas Tracy and John Roth, is recorded at New London, and indorsed as allowed by a court held in that place June 21, 1665.

It is interesting to observe how rapidly the settlement advanced in property and comfort. This family and others in the course of a single generation grew strong and luxuriant, throwing out buds and branches of rich and noble growth.

The death of Mrs. Backus is registered with the Bingham family.

Mrs. Anne Backus, mother of Thomas Bingham, Sr., died in May, 1670.

**STEPHEN BACKUS.**—The rights and privileges of William Backus, Sr., were transferred so soon after the settlement to his son Stephen that the latter is

accounted the original proprietor. The house-lot was entered in his name, as to a first purchaser. It lay upon the pent highway by the Yantic, between the town green and the allotment of Thomas Bliss, bounded by the Bliss homestead on the east and Hammer Brook on the west, and descended by gift or purchase to the Leffingwells, who were connected by marriage. Thomas Leffingwell married Mary Backus, who left eight children, and Lucy Backus, daughter of Samuel Backus, married Benajah Bushnell, 1764, and had born seven children; from them descended the Leffingwells. Of this home-lot of Stephen Backus, the house now occupied by Benjamin Huntington, late deceased, and the stores and buildings nearly to the brook called Hammer Brook, from the tradition that Stephen Backus had a hammer and shop carried by water.

Stephen Backus was married in December, 1666, to Sarah Spencer. After a residence of over thirty years in Norwich, he removed with his family, about the year 1692, to Canterbury, and there died, 1695. His sons, Stephen and Timothy, are counted among the early settlers of that town, from whence have sprung Deacon Timothy Backus, Dr. Sylvanus Backus, Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Backus, and many others.

William Backus, Jr., the second William Backus, married Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut. William Pratt, of Saybrook. She was born Feb. 1, 1641.

William Backus (2) is found on record with the successive titles of sergeant, ensign, and lieutenant.

William Backus (3), son of the above, sold his accumulations in Norwich to his father in 1692 and removed to "the nameless new town lying about ten miles northwest of Norwich."

His brother John emigrated to the same place, afterwards named Windham, and both are recorded among the early proprietors of that town. The present Windham Green was part of the original home-lot of William Backus.

Joseph and Nathaniel, the youngest sons of William Backus (2), remained in Norwich. Joseph married Elizabeth Huntington, and Nathaniel married Elizabeth Tracy, daughters of the proprietors Simon Huntington and John Tracy. Joseph and Simon Backus, the first two graduates of Yale College of the name, were sons of Joseph. The former graduated in 1768, and some eight or ten years later was styled by his contemporaries Lawyer Backus of Norwich. It was a saying the Backuses always settled, if possible, near a stream of water or near some pond; they made use of the power for some mechanical service.

Elizabeth Backus, daughter of Capt. Samuel Backus, and granddaughter of Joseph Backus, married Jabez Huntington, Esq., Jan. 20, 1742.<sup>2</sup> Their children were Jedediah Huntington, born July, 1743; Andrew Huntington, born June, 1745, father of the late Ch. P. Huntington.

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by William W. Backus.

<sup>2</sup> She died July 1, and Mr. Huntington Oct. 5, 1786.



Jedediah, a general and a distinguished officer in the American army during the Revolution, afterwards treasurer of the State of Connecticut and collector of the customs for the port of New London, succeeding Elijah Backus, Jr.

A large number of the Backus family have acquired distinction in the various walks of life. Elijah Backus, grandson of Joseph, whose iron-works at Yantic were so serviceable to the country in the Revolutionary war, was a grandson of Joseph. He married Lucy Griswold, of Lyme. His three sons and his son-in-law, Dudley Woodbridge, were among the first emigrants to the banks of the Ohio. James Backus, the youngest son, as agent of the Ohio Company, made the first surveys of Marietta, and is said to have built the first regular house in the town at the point of the junction of the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers, afterwards owned and occupied by his brother-in-law, Judge Dudley Woodbridge, it being the first house in Ohio, at that time Northwest Territory. He afterwards returned to Norwich, and died there at the family residence, Sept. 29, 1816. The second Elijah Backus, an older brother of James, and the oldest son of Elijah Backus, Esq., graduated at Yale College in 1777, and for several years held the office of collector of customs in New London, being succeeded by Gen. Jedediah Huntington. His first wife was Lucretia, daughter of Russell Hubbard, who died in New London, 1787.

He afterwards married Hannah Richards, daughter of Guy Richards, and removed with his family to Marietta, Ohio. He died in Kaskaskia, whither he went as receiver in the United States land department. He owned and operated the first printing-press west of the mountains, and printed a newspaper called the *Northwest News-Letter*. The second printing-press was owned and run in Cincinnati the next year. He was a lawyer by profession, and a man of large attainments, and left a large estate to his two children, Thomas and Lucretia, their mother being Hubbard.

His daughter Lucretia, born at New London in 1787, married Nathaniel Pope, of Illinois, delegate in Congress from Illinois in 1816, and judge of the United States District Court. Maj.-Gen. John Pope, United States army, is their son, born March 12, 1823. His mother, Mrs. Lucretia Pope, in remembrance of the place of her father's nativity and of her own early associations, came from her Western home to attend the bi-centennial jubilee at Norwich in September, 1859, and carried from the old home of her father a chest of papers and other articles relative to her father, Elijah Backus, Jr.

Among the descendants of William Backus who were natives of Norwich the following clergymen are of note:

1. Simon Backus, son of Joseph, born at Norwich, Feb. 11, 1701, graduated at Yale College in 1724, and was ordained pastor of the church at Newington in 1727. He attended the expedition to Cape Breton as chaplain of the Connecticut troops, and died while on

duty at that place in May, 1746. His wife was a sister of President Edwards, of the New Jersey College.

2. Rev. Simon Backus, son of the above, was pastor in Granby, Mass., and died in 1828, aged eighty-seven.

3. Rev. Charles Backus, D.D., of Somers, Conn. He had a high reputation as an acute and able theologian, and prepared many young men for the sacred office. Dr. Dwight said of him, "I have not known a wiser man."

4. Rev. Azel Backus, D.D., born Oct. 13, 1765, was a nephew of Rev. Charles Backus, of Somers. His father died when he was a youth and left him a farm, which, he said, "I wisely exchanged for an education in college." He settled in Bethel, Conn., as the successor of Dr. Bellamy, but in 1812 was chosen the first president of Hamilton College.

5. Rev. Isaac Backus, A.M., of Middleborough, Mass., was born at Norwich, within the limits of the old town plot, Jan. 9, 1724, and died Nov. 20, 1806. Our account of the family in which the childhood and youth of Isaac Backus were spent may be fitly closed from an imperfect sketch of his life, written by himself when more than eighty years old: "My mother sprang from the family of Mr. Winslow, who came over to Plymouth in 1620, and my father from one of the first planters in Norwich, Conn., in 1660. Both my father and mother and their parents were members of the first church in Norwich, and trained up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I was born there and was well educated in the Christian religion, and also in the principles of civil liberty."

Isaac Backus traveled thousands of miles, when traveling was more difficult than at the present time, in New England, the Middle States, and in the South, preaching the gospel and advocating the principles of civil and religious liberty. He was a most prolific writer. The Backus Historical Society of Massachusetts, the Rev. Frederick Denison, and the Rev. Alvah Hovey, D.D., compiled a memoir of the life and times of Rev. Isaac Backus, A.M., in 1858. No one in the country did more service.

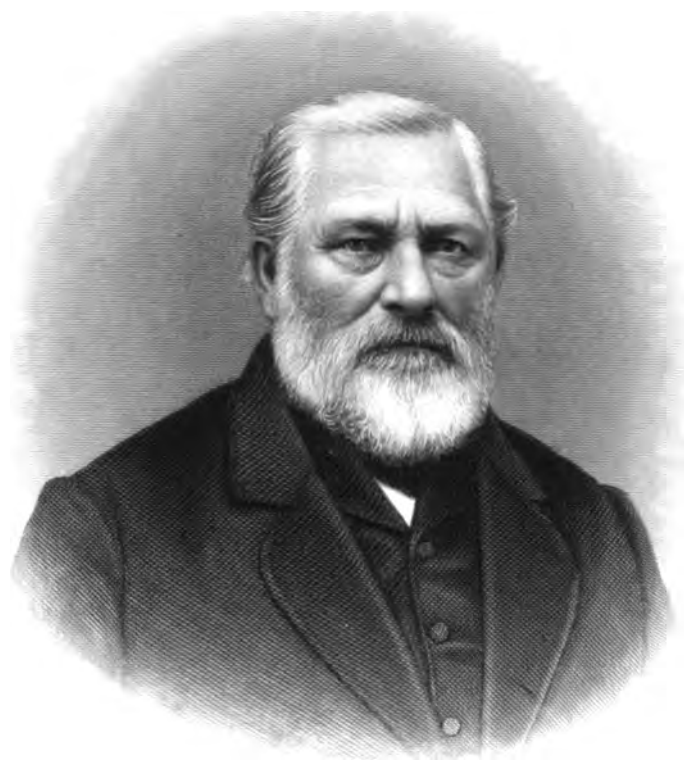
Tradition says the Backuses came from Norwich, county of Norfolk, England, and in deference to the ancestor, who was the oldest man of the party from Saybrook, and the first Englishman who died in Norwich, the matter of the name of the new town was submitted to him, who called it Norwich after his native place. The emigration of the Backuses has been constant, some to New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Ohio, and elsewhere; a great exodus about 1781. From Windham County the emigration has not been so extensive.

James Backus, the youngest of the sons of Elijah, returned from the Northwest Territory at the earnest request of his father, and remained, greatly against his wishes, to help and assist his father, who was possessed of a large estate, and had been the most successful mechanic in this vicinity. His son James



*Wm. H. Backus,*

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*Chauncey H. Bushnell*



was a man of great ability, both physically and mentally. He commenced and carried on a large business. The grist-mill, which was the first erection on the premises, and supposed to have been built by Joseph or his son Samuel, was the cause of their removal from the home-lot nearer the Landing, and by grants of land from the town for that express purpose, followed by the erection of the iron-works. The grist-mill was supposed to have been the second one, the first being built at the falls of the Yantic by the Lathrops. The grist-mill was for the accommodation of the farmers, who raised their bread by the sweat of the brow; no labor-saving machine in that day.

The iron-works was of a more varied and expensive character, supposed to have been commenced by Samuel Backus, but enlarged by his son Elijah, and was of great service both before and after the war. They made a variety of work, from a horseshoe to great anchors for the privateers and merchantmen.

The saw-mill was built by James Backus, who in later days built and ran two carding machines for carding wool for the farmers, hatters, and others, about 1812. James Backus built a merchant's store, and also manufactured potash and pearlash; also a large provision-store for the purpose of packing beef and pork, and kept salt. James Backus carried on the whole, together with a large farm.

During the life of Elijah, Mr. Joseph Otis was connected by the firm of Backus & Otis, Mr. Otis being a worker of iron (his son afterwards founded the Otis Library, and it is believed was born at the house built by his father in Yantic). This connection of Backus & Otis was not of long duration.

James Backus bought all the interest of his brothers and sisters, and owned and conducted the whole. The iron manufacture began to change its complexion and assume new and more varied shapes. Bar iron, instead of being hammered out, was rolled out; nails, instead of being hammered out, were cut out; and so of all the former practices, new and quicker and cheaper practices supplied the market and vastly extended its use. Finally the manufacture of iron in the old way ceased, and the site gave place to other enterprises. The store did a large business for many years until James Backus died, in 1816.

William W. Backus, the son of James Backus and Dorothy Church Chandler, of Woodstock, was the sixth of a family of seven children, and at the time of his father's death was but thirteen years of age.

His whole life has been spent in Norwich, except part of a year passed in Marietta, Ohio, in the mercantile establishments of his kinsman, Dudley Woodbridge, Jr., the judge, his father, being then alive, 1819.

From ill health he was necessitated to return to Norwich. Since 1819 he has resided in Norwich, at the home of his ancestors, completing seven generations. His time has been spent mainly in farm operations, causing the old farm, with large additions, to bud and

blossom, raising large crops of Indian corn (in some instances more than one hundred bushels of shelled corn per acre), rye, potatoes, grass, turnips, keeping a large stock, annually fattening about one hundred, and buying and selling many more. Supposed to have owned a greater number of horned cattle than any one owner in New London County during a period of fifty years or more. His losses have been heavy, amounting to fifty thousand dollars. Some gains and some losses all the time. An eager student, worked days, studied nights after going to bed, by candle-light, sometimes to the small hours, or as long as fatigue would permit; still follows the habit as far as possible.

**Chauncey Knight Bushnell**, son of Adonijah Bushnell and Hannah Tracy, was born in Lisbon on the 25th day of February, 1805. He has a younger brother, Lyndes E. Bushnell, now living in the town of Sturbridge, Mass. Chauncey worked on his father's farm summers, attending a small district school for about four months winters, taught by some inexperienced youngster at six to eight dollars per month and board, until he was eighteen, when he commenced teaching the same school with twenty-one scholars at six dollars per month. Continued teaching winters in Lisbon and Norwich, working on the farm summers, until March, 1828, when he went to New York and taught through the summer at Brooklyn, L. I. Contracting the ague and fever, returned and commenced teaching again in Lisbon.

On the 5th day of July, 1829, united with the Rev. Levi Nelson's Congregational Church, and on the 29th of September entered the "Oneida Institute," at Whitesboro', Oneida Co., N. Y. On leaving the Institute taught again in Norwich and New York, and on the 23d day of April, 1832, was married to Mary Eliza Fuller, born July 13, 1809, only daughter of Luther Fuller, Esq., of Lisbon.

Settled in Norwich, continuing his school on Norwich Green till the decease of his wife on the 26th of December, 1833.

Their daughter, Mary Witter, born the 23d of July, 1833, died Aug. 30, 1854. He continued teaching public and private schools until he went West, and the 1st of June, 1836, entered the office of the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society, in Cincinnati, as the publishing agent of the *Philanthropist*, edited by the Hon. James G. Birney and Dr. Gamaliel Bailey. Remained there through the mobs, saw the destruction of the press and the re-establishment of another, then went, on the last of November, 1837, to Alton, Ill., and heard the funeral sermon of the murdered Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy; thence to Knox County, and taught the first school in Galesburg. He returned to Norwich, and was married on the 29th of March, 1840, to Mary Abby Post, born 31st of March, 1818, daughter of Elisha Post, of Bozrah, and again settled down at Norwich Town.

On the 29th of April, 1841, engaged as teacher in

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the Norwich Town High School. His father died the 19th of June, 1843, aged sixty-five. He continued teaching until the death of his mother, the 17th of February, 1848, aged sixty-eight.

Having lost two little sons in infancy, on the 10th of March, 1846, adopted George Lovice Gardner (Bushnell), born on the 14th of July, 1843, youngest son of his wife's sister, who died on the 14th of February.

George L. G. graduated at the Norwich Free Academy the 19th day of July, 1862, taking the Perkins' Greek medal and two diplomas. After serving as book-keeper and cashier four years for Richardson, Boynton & Co., of New York, and clerk of the South Congregational Church in Brooklyn, he came home and died with the consumption, Nov. 15, 1868.

Since 1848, Mr. Bushnell has practiced surveying and civil engineering, making deeds, wills, and various legal documents, teaching several terms at intervals till 1858, when he gave up the profession, having taught about thirty years. Having united with the Central Baptist Church in 1851, he served the society as collector for twenty years, also filling various minor offices in town and State, as justice of the peace and notary public, etc., to the present time (1881). He is in his seventy-seventh year.

He has always been a true Republican, never casting a vote for Democracy, slavery, or rum, and never seeking or desiring office of any kind.

**Capt. William Smith**, son of John Smith and Hannah Brown, was born in Norwich, April 3, 1797. John Smith came from England when a boy, and came to Norwich and engaged in the manufacture of ropes, in which business he continued till his death at the age of fifty-five.

He married Hannah Brown, a native of this county, and had the following children, viz.: William, the subject of this sketch, James, and Mary, who married Augustus Jillson, a native of Norwich. He was noted as the great pin manufacturer, of the firm of Slocum & Jillson.

William Smith received a common-school education. At an early age in 1813 he began to learn the manufacture of cotton, and more especially to spin, of one John Gray, with whom he remained two years. When he had served his apprenticeship he commenced working by the day, and thus continued till 1828, when he became assistant manager for the "Thames Manufacturing Company," in which position he remained six years. In the fall of 1835 he went to Bozrah, and continued in the employ of the same company a short time, but that company failing Mr. Smith at once entered into partnership with Messrs. James Bowman and William Colgate, of New York, in the manufacture of cotton goods. He was the superintendent and general manager of the manufacturing till 1880.

He has owned a small farm near Bozrahville, but lived in the village.

Mr. Smith was always much interested in military affairs. He has held all the different positions from private to captain of light artillery. A personal friend and very prominent man says of him that he made one of the best officers in the regiment, and took pride in parades.

In politics he was a Whig till the Republican party was organized in 1856, since which time he has been a staunch Republican.

He has been selectman and magistrate in Bozrah several terms, and was a member of the Legislature in 1871, serving on the committee for new towns.

He has been twice married, first to Rebecca Sterry, daughter of John Sterry, the first Baptist minister in Norwich, and Rebecca Bromley, his wife, and to them were born Rebecca S., died at sixteen in 1833; Eliza A., married Parris Walker; William H., living at Mystic Bridge; George S., residing at New Hartford, Conn.; Harriet W., married Samuel Wells Haughton, of Bozrah; Daniel W. (deceased); and C. Louise, married William H. Fitch, of Bozrah.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Congregational Church, a faithful wife and devoted mother; died May 25, 1870. Capt. Smith married his second wife, Harriet L. Palmer, widow of Richard Palmer, and daughter of Harvey Lathrop, of Lebanon, May 1, 1873. Mrs. Smith has two children by her first husband, viz.: Hattie L., who married a Charles R. Butts, and Minnie, unmarried.

About 1826, Capt. Smith united with the Congregational Church in Norwich, and has been a worthy member of the same for more than fifty-five years. His wife is also a member.

He has always taken deep interest in Sunday-school work, and for more than thirty-five years was superintendent at Bozrahville, and seldom was away save on a visit to different parts of the country.

He has ever been a faithful and constant attendant on all the prayer and social meetings of the church, and in all ways has tried to advance the cause of Christ.

He has been and is now (1881) a strong temperance man. He is now in his eighty-fifth year, hale and hearty for one so aged. He has been a good father and husband, a true patriot and citizen.

**Rev. Alvan Bond, D.D.**<sup>1</sup>—Rev. Dr. Bond was born in Sutton, Mass., April 27, 1793. He was educated at Brown University, graduating in 1815. He studied theology at Andover, Mass., and remained there nearly a year beyond the completion of the regular course. Nov. 19, 1819, he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Sturbridge, Mass. After about ten years of labor in that pastorate he became Professor of Sacred Literature in the theological seminary at Bangor, Maine. He found the climate of that region too severe for his health, and in 1835 he came to Norwich and entered upon the pastorate of the Second

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Congregational Church of that city. He was installed in May, Rev. Dr. Howe, of Hartford, preaching the sermon. He found this church, then the only Congregational Church of the city, rejoicing in the rich fruitage of two preceding pastorates, that of Mr. Mitchell for seventeen years, and that of Mr. Dickinson for thirty months. The resident membership numbered about three hundred and twenty-five. There were three hundred and sixty names on the roll, and only about one hundred and thirty families, including some six hundred persons in all belonging to the parish. More than fifty per cent. of the entire number were professing Christians. There was little room for enlargement. It was the chief work of the new pastor to "keep the measure full." This he soon found a very unsatisfactory work. Numbers were added from year to year, but they came mainly by letter. After seven years of such toil ninety-eight of the most active members, including such as the late Governor William A. Buckingham, went out to form the Broadway Church. Room was thus made for indefinite expansion. The pastor, then in the midst of his years, girded himself for his great life-work. He summoned his people to most earnest endeavor. The gloom which forty vacant pews spread over the assembly was quickly dispelled. The people caught their pastor's enthusiasm, and "had a mind to work." At the very next sale of pews every slip was taken. For twenty-eight years Dr. Bond supplied the pulpit an average of fifty Sabbaths a year. Only in a single instance in all that time was he absent from a communion service. His work was not only constant, it was eminently successful. He kept his church in the vanguard of efficient workers for the worthiest ends. They were generous contributors to the various benevolent enterprises of the day. Numbers of them gave liberally to found the Norwich Free Academy. One of the office-bearers of his church, by his advice, founded the Otis Library, the only public library in the city. Dr. Bond was tireless in his endeavors to improve the public schools of the place. To his persistent efforts, in connection with Dr. Gulliver, the pastor of the Broadway Church, the present generation of Norwich are deeply indebted for an excellent system of public instruction.

He was outspoken upon the great questions of public interest so multiplied during the period of his pastorate. The cause of temperance and the interests of the oppressed, in whatever way, found in him an earnest advocate; yet so singularly judicious was he in all his utterances, both public and private, that he rarely provoked animosity, and uniformly promoted peace.

At the breaking out of the civil war, and in all that terrible struggle, his church, stimulated by his leadership and his example, was in the very forefront of the conflict. She was behind none in giving her sympathy, her service, or her sons. Her silver and gold she poured out like water. Towards a single contribution in aid of Norwich soldiers no less than twelve

of his people gave freely from two hundred to a thousand dollars apiece.

At the first great "war-meeting" in Breed Hall, that Saturday evening before the memorable "Battle Sunday," his voice was heard invoking the name of Jehovah, and inciting the people to trust in an Almighty Helper. That wonderful Sunday which followed, while the women of the city made garments for the company to depart on the morrow, he preached to the men of his congregation upon "The overwhelming catastrophe and the need of girding the loins for intensest endeavor." His sermon was boldly prophetic. Upon invitation, received during the intermission, it was repeated that afternoon at the Broadway Church, in exchange with its pastor. A full year before that time, during the popular excitement about the fugitive slave Burns, Dr. Bond had fired the patriotism of his people by a sermon in which he pictured "The spirit of Liberty spiked to the pavement by the bayonets of government troops."

Dec. 28, 1864, at his own urgent request, he was dismissed from the pastorate he had so long and so faithfully held. For nearly ten years afterwards he preached in various pulpits, and at intervals in that of the Second church. The last time his voice was heard in public he bore part with the present pastor at a communion service of that church, and uttered words of fervent appeal which will long linger in the memory of those who were so fortunate as to hear them.

**John W. Stedman.**—One of the men worthy of being honored in his generation, well known throughout the State, and especially familiar to the people of Eastern Connecticut, forms the subject of this brief sketch.

John W. Stedman was born in Enfield, Conn., April 14, 1820, whence, in his infancy, the family removed to Hartford. When twelve years old, having lost his father by death, he left school to earn his own livelihood, and at the age of thirteen entered the printing-office of P. Canfield, and when, four years later, the office was consolidated with that of Case, Tiffany & Burnham, went with them, and remained till August, 1844. That year he removed to Norwich, having purchased the office of *The Norwich Aurora*, and here for thirty years he remained in the printing and publishing business, a longer time than any other person was ever engaged in the same business in the county.

Coming equipped with an experience of eleven years with the best masters of the printing art in the State, with habits of continuous and untiring diligence, and a mind already well stored with the knowledge and culture to be derived from books,—having been an assiduous reader, and to-day the owner of one of the finest private libraries in the State,—it is not surprising that the old organ of the Democracy of Eastern Connecticut should at once have given signs of rejuvenescence, that its business interests should



have revived, its credit been restored, and the young editor, with a character for personal rectitude and business integrity established, should have acceptably placed himself at the head of the party in this section, prepared for the earnest and sometimes heated political campaigns that were to ensue. Contemporaneous with *The Aurora* at this time was the venerable Federal and Whig organ, *The Courier*, then published by the Hon. John Dunham, and on these two weeklies the community round about depended chiefly for their knowledge of what was going on abroad, as well as for their local intelligence, until the abundance of dailies and the rush of newspapers changed all that.

Here then was seen "a man diligent in his business," trustworthy, of courteous manners, fit to stand before the highest, repeating in himself the lesson ever present to the self-respecting man of every walk of life. The first public recognition of his sterling qualities was his appointment in 1850, by Governor Seymour, as a bank commissioner of the State. In 1852 he was elected to the same office by the General Assembly. This was rapidly followed by other public distinctions. In 1852 he was a member of the Baltimore convention that nominated Gen. Pierce for the Presidency. In 1853 he was appointed postmaster of the city of Norwich, and reappointed to the same office in 1857 without opposition. His local popularity was further shown by his being for many years a member of the Board of Education of the city, and its president, and also for several years a member of the Common Council of the city. In 1873 he was appointed by the Legislature a member of a special commission to investigate and report upon the savings-banks of the State, a duty well performed, the report pointing out essential reforms to be made by some of those institutions, while the sound condition of the savings-banks, as a class, was established to the satisfaction of the community. His last important appointment from the State was that of insurance commissioner in 1874, to which office he was reappointed in 1877. The rigid investigations to which the affairs of a few of those institutions were subjected by this faithful officer, his legal complications with and final triumph over a corrupt New Haven coterie in regard to The American Life and Trust Company of that city, and the measures adopted during his administration (for he was in constant intercourse with the Legislature during its sessions) for the better management and security of the vast life and fire insurance interests committed to his charge, in its relations to the State and individuals, are matters of fresh remembrance. Before the expiration of his last term as insurance commissioner Mr. Stedman was elected treasurer of the State Savings-Bank of Hartford, which necessitated his removal from Norwich to Hartford, where, among the friends of his early days, he expects to live to the end.

We have but a word to add. There are things

eulogistic that had better be said after a man's death, but we must proceed to the close. The proverb has it that "a man that hath friends must show himself friendly;" or, what seems to the writer an equally proper rendering, one to *have* friends must show himself friendly. In either sense the truth here suggested is eminently applicable to the subject of this sketch. He is peculiarly a friendly man, in heart and manner. His advice and aid were constantly being sought and freely given to the anxious and necessitous while a resident of Norwich, and their blessings go with him now he has left them. He secretly delivered the poor in their distress, was a shield to the weak, and a liberal contributor to every call of benevolence. All this in accord with a noble nature, the dictates of the religion he believed in, and the teachings of the humane and eminent order of which he is a distinguished member.

**Henry Bill.**—Few of the sons of New London County have made a more lasting impress upon its material and moral interests than the subject of this notice.

He was born in that part of the old town of Groton now Ledyard, on the 18th of May, 1824, the second-born of the large family of Gurdon and Lucy Bill. At the early age of fifteen he entered the office of the *New London Gazette* as an apprentice, but soon afterwards returned to his native town, and the following winter engaged as a teacher in the Broadbrook district in Preston. In order to qualify himself for the profession of teacher he afterwards entered the academy in Plainfield, then one of the most celebrated schools in the country. From this time till the age of twenty he taught in the schools of Plainfield and Groton in the winter and helped his father on his farm in summer, interspersing his occupations with a brief period of trade in New London. At the age of twenty he purchased of his father his remaining year of minority, and soon after entered upon a business which was destined to occupy the remainder of his active life, and in the prosecution of which he achieved all the objects of his highest ambition. A near kinsman, the Hon. James A. Bill, of Lyme, was then engaged in book publishing in the city of Philadelphia. Into his service he entered, and for three years he traveled for him through the Western States. At the end of that time, in the fall of 1847, he returned to his native county and engaged in book publishing on his own account, locating in the city of Norwich. He was encouraged to do this by the elder Harper Bros., of New York, who instinctively saw the material for success there was in him, and who gave him unlimited credit and remained his warmest friends during their lives. Here for more than twenty-five years he pursued his profession of a book publisher with ceaseless energy and with uniform success. Rewarded with the possession of an ample fortune, and failing in health, he then formed his large business into a joint-stock corporation, which still flourishes

under the title of the Henry Bill Publishing Company, and personally retired, as the world expresses it, from active life. But in temperaments like his there is no period of a man's life more active than that which succeeds a retirement from that occupation by which he is best known among men.

A list of the works which he has published and distributed by hundreds of thousands all over the United States by agents would include Stephens' Travels in Yucatan, Maunder's History of the World, Murray's Encyclopedia of All Nations, Kitto's Bible Histories, and Abbott's History of the Civil War.

Among the many works which have distinguished his life may be mentioned his founding of Laurel Hill, now one of the most thrifty and beautiful of the suburbs of the city of Norwich,—the reclaiming of this rugged hillside and meadow was emphatically his work; the establishment of the Bill Library in his native town of Ledyard, a work purely for the benefit of the people of the town, and which, in connection with his gift of a parsonage, has cost him at least twelve thousand dollars; and the donation of a public park on Laurel Hill to the city of Norwich, valued at eight thousand dollars. He has been deeply interested in the education of many colored young men in the Southern States since the war, one of whom is now a professor in the Richmond University in Virginia, and one an editor of a paper in Georgia.

In early life Mr. Bill's political affiliations were with the Democratic party, as his father's were before him, and as a Democrat he represented the Norwich district in the State Senate in 1853, receiving in the election a large portion of the votes of his opponents; but in the split in that party in 1856 he cast his lot with the anti-slavery sentiment, and has been from its formation an active and uncompromising member of the Republican party. During the civil war he was greatly relied upon by Connecticut's war Governor, Buckingham, and was his devoted friend. His time and means were always at the service of the State. Mr. Bill from early life has been a member of the Congregational Church, and since his residence in Norwich has been connected with the Broadway Society. He was married on the 10th of February, 1847, to Miss Julia O. Chapman, of Groton. Seven children have been born to them, of whom two daughters and a son are living.

Mr. Bill has always had great faith in the future of his adopted city. His investments have been almost wholly there in real estate. In its care and management he finds ample occupation, without that anxiety for its safety which those have whose fortunes are at the mercy of others. In this, as in all the leading traits of his life, his example is a valued and safe guide, and when the roll of the sons of New London County who have made themselves an honored name is called his will be found among the first.

**Gurdon Chapman** was born in North Stonington in 1792. He went to Norwich in early life and en-

gaged in trade, which subsequently developed into a large grain business, which he prosecuted during the remainder of his life with great financial success. He died in 1864, aged seventy-two years.

During his life he was a marked character in the public affairs of the city. Overcoming the obstacles presented by a lack of early education, so common among the country boys of his day, by dint of study and close observation, aided by strong, native, common sense and a remarkably retentive memory, he qualified himself for a leader among his fellow-men and for the high positions of trust which they conferred upon him. For many years he was a member in turn of both branches of the city government, and from 1843 to 1845 was mayor of the city. He was also frequently called to responsible positions in the affairs of the town. He was a clear thinker, a forcible and fluent public speaker, and in all his public and private relations was highly respected and esteemed for his integrity, the kindness of his heart, and the soundness of his judgment as an adviser.

**William C. Gilman** was a native of Exeter, N. H., and was first initiated into mercantile pursuits in Boston, but nearly thirty years of the most active and energetic portion of his life were spent in Norwich.

As a man of business he was acute in perceiving capabilities and ardent in the presentation of them to others, always prompt and persevering in promoting plans and pursuits calculated to develop the resources or advance the moral and religious interests of the community.

The period of Mr. Gilman's residence in Norwich was marked not only by the stimulus given to manufactures at the Falls and on the Shetucket, and the increase of business in general, but by fresh interest in the cause of temperance, improvements in churches, and the establishment of Sabbath-schools. All these undertakings were deeply indebted not only to his forecast, but to his advocacy and personal service.

Mr. Gilman was also a man of taste and research, one who delighted in collecting memorials of the past, exploring the antiquities of the country, and commemorating the old heroic red men of the land.

The failure of the large manufacturing companies with which he had been connected led the way to his removal from Norwich about the year 1845. The later years of his life were spent in New York, where he died, June 6, 1863. His remains were brought to Norwich for interment. He was mayor of Norwich in 1839.

**John Breed** was a son of the second mayor of the city. For more than half a century he has been known as a prominent merchant of Norwich, engaged chiefly in the hardware line, but often entering into other departments of business. The sign of "John Breed & Co.," representing the partnership of John Breed and his brother Simeon, was first displayed upon the store in Water Street, where his father and grandfather had transacted business, the day that war was declared



against Great Britain, June 19, 1812. Mr. Breed entered into several subsequent partnerships, but whether the firm was Trumbull & Breed, John & James Breed, or Breed, Prentice & Co., the old sign of John Breed & Co. has been displayed, in conjunction with its successor, for more than fifty-three years, until it is regarded as one of the antiquities of the place.

Mr. Breed had himself become so identified with the city that he seemed a part of it,—always present at its public meetings, always interested in the passing discussion, and always firm and downright in his positions. He was a man of strong peculiarities and of impulsive character, with great originality and independence, carrying much of the vivacity of youth into the decline of life. Tall, with white locks, and wearing a white hat, every child knew him, and no face or form was more familiar to the inhabitants at large.

His name is commemorated in Breed Hall, which was erected by him with the design of furnishing a convenient hall for lectures, concerts, and other large assemblies, and thus supplying a desideratum which the interests of the city required. This building was completed in February, 1860. Mr. Breed died suddenly, Dec. 3, 1865, in his seventy-fifth year.

**Lydia Huntley Sigourney** was born at Norwich, Sept. 1, 1791, and died at Hartford, June 10, 1865. The writings of this lady, beginning with her first volume of "Moral Pieces, in Prose and Verse," published in 1815, have been for fifty years quietly diffusing an influence in favor of the true, the good, and the beautiful in literature, morals, and religion. To the young especially they have been of incalculable benefit. The large number of Mrs. Sigourney's works, their high moral tone, and the good they have accomplished have gained for her a name and reputation that will long endure.

**William P. Greene** was a native of Boston, but an inhabitant of Norwich for more than forty years. He was the second son of Gardiner and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Greene, and born Sept. 7, 1795. He graduated at Harvard College in 1814, and afterwards studied law, but his health not being equal to the requirements of the legal profession, he removed in 1824 to Norwich, and engaged at once in business as a partner and agent of the Thames Manufacturing Company, which had invested a large capital in the purchase of mill privileges at the Falls.

In this city he soon acquired, and retained during life, the esteem and respect of the community. He was an energetic and a large-hearted man, literary in his tastes, but with profound sagacity in financial and business concerns. These qualities were united with a pure life and an entire absence of ostentation. As a beautiful result of his unobtrusive life and liberal disposition, he seemed to have no enemies. Slander never made him its mark, and his name was never mentioned with disrespect.

He was never possessed of robust health, and therefore seldom able to give his personal services in aid of public measures, but all charitable and noble undertakings, having for their object the welfare of man and the honor of God, were sure of his liberal aid and cordial sympathy.

In 1825 he was chosen the first president of the Thames Bank, and held the office for sixteen years. With this exception, and that of the single year in which he was mayor of the city, he steadfastly declined, on account of his health, all appointments to public office.

He died June 18, 1864, aged sixty-eight. Seldom has the death of a citizen of Norwich excited in the place so deep an interest and such profound regret. It was a loss that was felt in the circles of business and of public improvement, and in the departments of education and philanthropy.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

### BOZRAH.

Geographical—Topographical—The First Settlements—New Concord—Name of the Town—Organization of the Town—First Town-Meeting—Officers Elected—Ecclesiastical History—Congregational Church, Bozrah—Congregational Church, Bozrahville—Congregational Church, Fitchville—Baptist Church, Leffingwelltown—Villages—Fitchville—Bozrahville—Manufactures, etc.—List of Representatives from 1788 to 1882—Military Record.

THE town of Bozrah lies northwest of the centre of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Franklin, on the east by Franklin and Norwich, on the south by Montville, and on the west by Salem and Lebanon. The surface of the town is diversified by hill and valley, and the soil is generally fertile. It is watered by the Yantic River and Gardner's Brook, the former of which affords an excellent water-power.

The settlement of the town commenced soon after that of the present town of Norwich, and among the pioneers are mentioned the names of Waterman, Hough, Fox, and Crocker.

Bozrah was formerly known as New Concord, and was a portion of Norwich until 1786, and its early history will be found in detail in that of the mother-town. "It is not easy," says the late Miss Caulkins, "to determine why this quiet rural township should have been made the namesake of the haughty, woe-denounced, and desolate city of Edom,—a name in singular contrast with its ancient peaceful and friendly cognomen of New Concord. The Syrian Bozrah lay in the open plain, but this was eminently a woodland district amid the hills. The current story that the name originated in a jocose but irreverent application of Isaiah lxiii. 1, to the agent of the society, who, when he appeared in the town-meeting to plead for the separation, was conspicuous for his parti-colored



garments, cannot be seriously admitted. A pleasantry might have been thus perpetrated, but not a profanity."

**Organization of the Town.**—The committee appointed to manage the separation of the town in 1786 consisted of Benjamin Thorp, Nehemiah Waterman, Esq., Asa Woodworth, and Jabez Hough. The town was first represented in the Legislature by Capt. Isaac Huntington.

**The First Town-Meeting** was held in the meeting-house, June 20, 1786, with Benjamin Throop moderator, when the following officers were elected: Selectmen, Benjamin Throop, Nehemiah Waterman, and Asa Woodworth; Town Clerk, Ebenezer Backus; Treasurer, Capt. Isaac Huntington; Constable and Collector, Ebenezer Backus; Surveyors of Highways, Simeon Abell, William Cardwell, Ezekiel Crocker, Eliphalet Baldwin, Lemuel Gardner, Libbeus Lathrop, Samuel Leffingwell.

Among other town officers chosen were Marshall Huckley, Uriah Lathrop, Thomas Huntington, Elijah Huntington, Simeon Gager, Jabez Hough, Richard Downer, John Looner, and John Waterman.

**Ecclesiastical History.**—As early as 1715 permission was given the inhabitants of this town (then a portion of Norwich) to form a parish, but being unable to support a minister they were not regularly organized until eighteen years afterwards, when they took the name of New Concord and were released from all obligation to support the ministry of the First Society, on condition of maintaining a gospel minister at least six months in the year.

The northern part of the present town, that part which lies in the bend of the Yantic, was included in the West Farms Parish, and the bounds between the two societies were to be the river, the brook that runs out of it, the Cranberry Pond, the Cranberry Pond Brook, the Great Swamp, the Dark Swamp, and the Miry Swamp.

The church was organized, and Rev. Benjamin Throop ordained the first pastor, Jan. 3, 1739. Mr. Throop was a native of Lebanon and a graduate of Yale. He died Sept. 16, 1785, after an efficient pastorate of forty-six years, aged seventy-four.

The second minister of the church was Rev. Jonathan Murdock, a native of Westbrook, and previously settled at Rye, N. Y. He was installed at Bozrah, Oct. 12, 1786, and died Jan. 16, 1813, aged sixty-eight.

John Bates Murdock, a son of this excellent clergyman, graduated at Yale College in 1808, but afterwards entered the army, and served during the war of 1812-15, at the close of which he had the rank of brevet major. He died soon after the conclusion of peace, unmarried.

Rev. Dr. James Murdock, of New Haven, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and the translator of the Syriac Testament into English, was a nephew of the Bozrah minister.

The third minister of Bozrah, Rev. David Austin, was installed May 9, 1815. The old meeting-house where Throop and Murdock preached was then standing, but that same year a new house of worship was completed.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Austin's dedication sermon was published.

"Rev. David Austin," says Miss Caulkins, "was a native of New Haven, born in 1760, and fitted by an accomplished education and foreign travel to become an ornament to society, as well as by ardent piety and a lively and florid eloquence to be useful in the ministry. He married Lydia, daughter of Dr. Joshua Lathrop, of Norwich, and settled as pastor of the church in Elizabethtown in 1788. The kindness of his heart and the suavity of his manner endeared him to all who knew him, while his zeal in the performance of his duties and his popular pulpit talents made him successful in his office and extensively known as a preacher. It is to him that Governor Livingston alludes in the following lines of his poem on Philosophic Solitude:

"Dear A\*\*\*\*\* too should grace my rural seat,  
Forever welcome to the green retreat;  
Heaven for the cause of righteousness designed  
His florid genius and capacious mind.  
Oft have I seen him 'mid the adoring throng,  
Celestial truths devolving from his tongue;  
Oft o'er the listening audience seen him stand,  
Divinely speak and graceful wave his hand."

"Mr. Austin was naturally eccentric, and had always something erratic and extravagant in his manner of thinking, speaking, and acting. Unhappily, his mind was led to investigate too deeply for its strength the prophecies; his ardent imagination became inflamed, his benevolent heart dilated to overflowing, and his mental powers became partially deranged. He now appeared as a champion of the Second Advent doctrine, and held that the coming of Christ to commence his personal reign on earth would be on the fourth Sabbath of May, 1796. On the morning of that day he was in a state of great agitation, and one or two reports of distant thunder excited him almost to frenzy. But the day passed over as usual, yet the disappointment did not cure the delusion of Mr. Austin's mind. He took the vow of a Nazarite, and went round the country announcing the near approach of Christ's coming, and calling upon the Jews to assemble and make preparations to return to their own land.

"In 1797 he was removed by the Presbytery from his pastoral relation at the church at Elizabethtown. He then went to New Haven, where he erected several large houses and a wharf for the use of the Jews, whom he invited to assemble there and embark for the Holy Land. Having at last, in this and other plans, expended an ample fortune, he was for a while

<sup>1</sup> The old church stood where is now the house of Rev. N. S. Hunt. The second was built about eight rods distant. The present church, which is the third sacred edifice of the parish, owes its erection chiefly to the liberal aid afforded by the late Col. Asa Fitch and his family.



imprisoned for debt, and after being released from confinement gradually became calm and sane upon all points except the prophecies. He had no children, and his wife had long before taken refuge in her father's house in Norwich. He also returned to this home after all his wanderings, like the dove to the ark, and the balance of his mind being in a great measure restored, he began again to preach with acceptance in various churches in Connecticut. After his installation in Bozrah he performed all the duties of a pastor, faithfully preclaiming the gospel of salvation for a period of fifteen years. He died in Norwich, Feb. 5, 1831."

Since Mr. Austin's retirement the church has had various pastors, among whom are mentioned the names of Jared Andrus, John W. Salter, John Hyde, Thomas L. Shipman, John W. Salter, William M. Birchard, Edward Eells, William P. Avery, T. D. P. Stone, N. S. Hunt, and Rev. Mr. Fellows. The pulpit is now vacant.

**Congregational Church, Bozrahville.**—This church was organized April 10, 1828. Among the pastors have been David Sanford, Erastus Ripley, Nathaniel Minor, Mr. Read, Rodolphus Lamphear, Oliver Brown, George Perkins, Stephen Hayes, D. C. Sterry, George Cryer, D. C. Sterry, J. C. Nichols, Phineas Crandall, George Cryer. The pulpit at present is supplied by Rev. Mr. Rankin, of Glosenbury, Hartford Co.

The village came into the possession of the Thames Manufacturing Company in 1825, by whose aid and influence the interests of the church was greatly promoted.

**Congregational Church, Fitchville.**—The house of worship belonging to this church was erected by the late Asa Fitch, Esq., and dedicated Aug. 4, 1852.

A church was organized Dec. 1, 1854, while the Rev. William Aitcheson was the officiating minister. It has had no settled pastor, but temporary ministers were provided by the liberality of Mr. Fitch, with an exception during the late war, when, the operations of the mill having ceased, the services were intermitted, and the church closed for three or four years.

Among the pastors who have served the church are mentioned W. W. Belden, T. D. P. Stone, and Joseph A. Saxton. At present the pulpit is vacant.

There is also a Baptist Church in Leffingwelltown, but we have been unable to secure data for its history.

**Fitchville** occupies the site of the old Huntington Iron-Works, established by Nehemiah Huntington and Capt. Joshua Abel in 1750. In its native condition this was a wild and gloomy district, with deep valleys and precipitous ledges, the pasture-land harsh and stony, and the woodlands rugged and forbidding.

At one time the mill, the church, the village, and the mansion-house were the central treasures of a domain extending two or three miles on all sides. The old farms of Fitch, Huntington, Abel, Gillson, Wa-

terman, Chapman, Baldwin, and others were consolidated under one proprietor (Asa Fitch), who devoted his time, his energetic business habits and abundant resources to the improvement of his possessions, being himself the originator of his plans, the director, overseer, and paymaster of the whole.

**Bozrahville** is one of the oldest manufacturing establishments in the county of New London. It originated with the Bozrah Manufacturing Company, which was formed in 1814 by Frederick DePeyster, Jonathan Little, and others of New York, and David L. Dodge, then a resident of Norwich. The capital came from New York, but Mr. Dodge suggested and managed the undertaking. Under his direction a stone factory was built for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, several hundred spindles and looms set to work, and a thriving village planted in a waste place. Erastus Hyde, of Bean Hill, was also a partner and agent in this work.

In consequence of the great influx of European commodities, which caused the decline of the manufacturing interests all over New England, the Bozrahville Company was broken up in 1824, and the property passed into the possession of the Thames Company, but the mill was kept in operation, with only the suspension of a few months.

In 1837 it was sold by the Thames Company to James Boorman and others of New York, and it was changed to Kent Manufacturing Company.

**Leffingwelltown** is a small hamlet in the southern part of the town.

The present physicians in Bozrah are Samuel G. and Nathan Johnson and Erastus M. Leffingwell. Samuel G. Johnson is town clerk and judge of probate.

#### Representatives from 1786 to 1881.

1786, Capt. Isaac Huntington; 1787, Nehemiah Waterman, Jr., Capt. Isaac Huntington; 1788, Nehemiah Waterman; 1789, Nehemiah Waterman, John McCall; 1790, John McCall, Nehemiah Waterman; 1791, Elijah Huntington, Nehemiah Waterman; 1792, Nehemiah Waterman, William Throop; 1793, William Throop; 1794, Zerubabel Wightman, Nehemiah Waterman, Jr.; 1795, Nehemiah Waterman, Jr., Elias West; 1796, Elias West, Nehemiah Waterman, Jr.; 1797, Nehemiah Waterman, Asa Woodworth; 1798, Elias West, Asa Woodworth; 1799-1801, Asa Woodworth; 1802, Joshua Stark; 1803, Elias West, Roswell Fox; 1804, Elias West; 1805, Roswell Fox, Zerubabel Wightman; 1806, Elias West, Jesse Abel; 1807, Asa Fitch, Elihu Hyde; 1808, Asa Fitch; 1809, Elias West, John Hough; 1810, John Hough; 1811, Elias West; 1812, Dyer McCall; 1813, Dyer McCall, Asa Fitch; 1814, John Hough; 1815, Asa Fitch, Gardner Avery; 1816, Joshua Stark; 1817, Gardner Avery; 1818, William Whiting; 1819, Perez Chesebrough; 1820, Gardner Avery; 1821, Ezra Lathrop; 1822, William Whiting; 1823, Elijah Abel; 1824, Samuel Gager; 1825, James Lamb; 1826, Samuel Gager; 1827, Gardner Avery; 1828, William Kelly; 1829, William Whiting; 1830, William Kelly; 1831, Gurdon Gifford; 1832-33, Gardner Avery; 1834, William Kelly; 1835, —; 1836, David A. Fox; 1837, Daniel Herrick; 1838, Jehiel Johnson; 1839, Samuel A. Gager; 1840-41, Albert G. Avery; 1842, David A. Fox; 1843, Joshua Maples; 1844, David H. Waterman; 1845, William Hough; 1846, Patrick H. L. Chesebrough; 1847, Christopher B. Rogers; 1848, Andrew Leffingwell; 1849, George Lathrop; 1850, Stephen Fitch; 1851, Giles Herskell; 1852, Albert Waterman; 1853, Daniel Herrick; 1854, Albert G. Avery; 1855, Jedediah S. Hough; 1856, Samuel Johnson; 1857, Aaron Cook; 1858, Ulysses S. Gardner; 1859, Aaron Cook; 1860, W. F. Bailey; 1861, J. B. Baldwin; 1862, Lathrop Stark; 1863, C. B. Baldwin;

1864, C. Gardner; 1865, N. C. Cook; 1866, J. B. Leffingwell; 1867, G. S. Smith; 1868, Simeon Abel; 1869, W. W. Smith; 1870, S. C. Parker; 1871, Wm. Smith; 1872, Jas. Bishop; 1873, D. W. Hough; 1874, J. W. Money; 1875, Isaac Johnson; 1876, C. A. Gager; 1877, C. M. Pendleton; 1878, C. A. Johnson; 1879-80, E. J. Miner; 1881, Geo. O. Stead.

## CHAPTER XXX.

BOZRAH—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**The Fitch Family.**—Rev. James Fitch was born at Bocking, in the county of Essex, England, Dec. 24, 1632, educated there in part, and at sixteen years of age came to America, and for the following seven years studied for the ministry under Revs. Messrs. Hooker and Stone.

From the "History of Norwich" we quote the following:

"It appears that the father of the family had died, and that the mother with several sons emigrated to this country in 1638. The exact number of the brothers that came over has not been definitely ascertained. Thomas, Joseph, and James can be clearly traced. But there was a contemporary Samuel Fitch, schoolmaster at Hartford, who married in 1650 the widow of the first William Whiting, and subsequently removed to Milford, who may have been another brother.<sup>1</sup>

"Thomas Fitch settled in Norwalk, where, in the valuation of estates in 1665, he was the highest upon the list.<sup>2</sup> He is also the first person mentioned in the patent of that town, granted in 1685, and from him in a line of three generations, each bearing the same name, Governor Thomas Fitch, who occupied the chair of state in Connecticut from 1754 to 1766, was descended.

"Joseph Fitch can be traced as a landholder, or as a temporary inhabitant, at Norwalk, Hartford, and Northampton; but he ultimately settled at Windsor, upon a valuable farm near the boundary line of the present towns of East Hartford and East Windsor. John Fitch, whose name is honorably connected with the invention of steam navigation, was a descendant of Joseph, and born Jan. 21, 1743, near the place where his ancestor settled, on the Windsor part of the farm.

"Of Mr. James Fitch, our immediate subject, we have a statement of his birth, emigration at the age of sixteen, and seven years of theological instruction at Hartford, and this is all that is known of him previous to his ordination at Saybrook in 1646. At this ceremony Mr. Hooker, of Hartford, was present, but the imposition of hands was by two of the brethren appointed by the church to that office. The same

form was also used at the same place at the ordination of the Rev. Thomas Buckingham in 1670.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Hooker had himself been ordained in the same manner at Cambridge. This was a Congregational ordination in the strictest sense of the term.

"The element of independence thus wrought into the original structure of Mr. Fitch's church was brought with it to Norwich, and has never died out. Though not subsequently asserting its rights in the special form of ordination, the Congregational principle struck its roots deep, and has ever since maintained its ground, giving something of a distinctive character to the church in its whole course.<sup>4</sup>

"When a part of Mr. Fitch's church decided, in 1660, to remove to Norwich, it was a subject of some contention between the two parties whether he should stay with those who were to remain or go with those who should remove. He was greatly beloved by all, and each side claimed him. After solemn prayer and long deliberation Mr. Fitch decided that it was his duty to keep with the majority, and this brought him to Norwich. Soon after his removal thither the people of Hartford invited him to become their minister, thinking probably that the hardships of a new settlement and the prospect of extensive usefulness in a wider and more elevated sphere might induce him to leave his flock. The only reply he sent to their invitation was this: 'With whom, then, shall I leave these few poor sheep in the wilderness?'

"The oldest election sermon in Connecticut of which any record has been discovered was preached by Mr. Fitch in 1674, from this text: 'For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.'<sup>5</sup>

"Other products of his pen yet extant are a sermon on the death of Anne, wife of Major Mason, 1672, and a small volume printed at Boston in 1683, with an introduction by Rev. Increase Mather, and comprising three distinct tracts, viz.:

"A Treatise on the reformation of those evils which have been the procuring cause of the late judgments upon New England.

"The Norwich Covenant, which was solemnly renewed March 22, 1675.

"A brief Discourse proving that the First Day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.

"The multiplied labors of Mr. Fitch in behalf of the Indians, to civilize, Christianize, and render them comfortable, have been heretofore noticed. His correspondence with the Governor and assistants was

<sup>3</sup> "Trumbull's Conn., i. 299.

<sup>4</sup> "Rev. H. P. Arms, the successor of Mr. Fitch, the sixth incumbent of the pastoral office in the old town of Norwich, in reference to the ordination of Mr. Fitch, observes,—

"We retain the same principles and hold that all ecclesiastical authority is vested in the individual churches, and that while, as a matter of Christian courtesy, we ask the aid of a Council in ordaining or deposing ministers, we accede to that Council no authority beyond what the church delegates to it for the occasion."—*Norwich Jubilee*, p. 252.

<sup>5</sup> "Conn. Col. Rec., ii. 222.

<sup>1</sup> "In Westcott's Life of John Fitch it is said that five brothers emigrated, but the authority seems only traditionary.

<sup>2</sup> "Hall's History of Norwich.



voluminous. Among the documents of the State, letters concerning the wayward natives are yet extant bearing his signature.

"As a pastor, Mr. Fitch was zealous and indefatigable. In addition to his other labors, he trained several young men for the ministry, as he himself had been trained by Mr. Hooker. Revs. Samuel Whiting, of Windham, Taylor, of Westfield, and Adams, of New London, received a part at least of their theological instruction from him. Before colleges and academies were established in the land a course of study in the family of some experienced divine was the customary method of preparing young men for the ministry.

"Lebanon, as we have said, was an offshoot of Norwich. In 1663, Maj. Mason had a legislative grant of five hundred acres of land, with his choice of location in the unappropriated territory of the colony. It was taken up 'at a place called by the Indians Pomakuck, near Norwich.'

"The registry is found on the records of the New London County Court:

"Wee whose names are under written, according to the order from the Generall Court, wee have laid out five hundred ackers of upland and meadow for Major Mason at pomacook.

"THOMAS TRACY.

"FRANCIS GRISWOLD.

"from Norwig, 1665, the 6th [month left blank].

"Acknowledged by Uncas, sachem of Mohegan, in Court at New London, Nov. 14, 1665."

"Pomakuck, or Pomakook, was a tract of land upon Deep River Brook, near the borders of Lebanon and Franklin, the latter being then a part of Norwich. In October, 1666, a grant was made to Mr. Fitch of one hundred and twenty acres adjoining Maj. Mason's land at Pomakook.<sup>1</sup> To this grant Owaneco, the son and successor of Uncas, at a subsequent period, in acknowledgment of favors received from Mr. Fitch, added a tract five miles in length and one in breadth. This munificent gift was familiarly called *The Mile*, or *Mr. Fitch's Mile*.<sup>2</sup>

"Afterwards the same chief, who claimed all the unsettled lands in this quarter, sold to four proprietors—viz., Capt. Samuel Mason and Capt. John Stanton, of Stonington, Capt. Benjamin Brewster and Mr. John Birchard, of Norwich—a tract five miles square, 'at a place called by the Indians Poque-chan-neeg, adjoining to The Mile, so called, of the Rev. Mr. Fitch.' This deed bears date Sept. 6, 1692, and was probably executed at Norwich, the witnesses being Richard Bushnell and Thomas Adgate.<sup>3</sup>

"These various grants, with certain strips and gores purchased at a later date, make up the town of Leb-

anon. Maj. Mason was undoubtedly the first English proprietor, but not a resident.

"The distribution into lots, the occupation and actual settlement of the town, began in 1695.<sup>4</sup> The number of grants and allotments bearing date in November of that year is about fifty. In the earliest roll of inhabitants, made soon after 1700, are the names of four sons of the Rev. Mr. Fitch,—Jeremiah, Nathaniel, Joseph, Eleazer.

"According to tradition, the township was named by Mr. Fitch before a house had been built or a tree felled by a white man upon the tract. Within the bounds of The Mile was an extensive cedar forest, which, by the principle of association, assisted also by the height of the land, suggesting to the mind of its accomplished owner the cedars of Lebanon, led him to bestow the name of Lebanon upon the whole tract.

"The town and its patron have reason to be satisfied with each other. Quiet, beautiful, dignified Lebanon, with its broad street like a continued park, and its fertile farms, the birthplace and resting-place of the two Trumbulls, and of Williams, equally true-hearted and patriotic, let pilgrimages be made to its bounds, and wreaths, often renewed, laid upon the graves of the fathers and patriots that rest in its bosom!<sup>5</sup>

"To this new and interesting plantation Mr. Fitch, in the year 1701, retired to die. A brief summer passed in its quiet, secluded shades led him gently forward to the tomb. His three youngest sons, Nathaniel, Joseph, and Eleazer, early settlers of Lebanon, repose near him, with headstones to point out their graves.

"Mr. Fitch was twice married, and had fourteen children, whose births are all recorded at Norwich, though the first six were born in Saybrook, and are also recorded there, with the death of the first wife. All the children except Elizabeth are referred to as among the living in the will of their father, February, 1696, and it is not improbable that twelve followed his remains to the grave. His first wife was Abigail, daughter of the Rev. Henry Whitefield, whom he married in October, 1648. She died at Saybrook, Sept. 9, 1659, and in October, 1664, he was united to Priscilla Mason, who survived him. The date of her death has not been ascertained. Her signature (*Priscilla Fitch*) is attached, with the names of other Mason heirs, to a quit-claim deed to rights in Mohegan lands derived from their ancestor, Maj. Mason, March 20, 1710, probably N. S. 1711.

"The Fitch family soon became numerous and the

<sup>1</sup> Conn. Col. Rec., ii. 49.

<sup>2</sup> "L. Helard, Esq., of Lebanon, estimates the *Mile* to have been a mile in width, liberal measure, and about seven miles in length, instead of five. It was bounded north by Shetucket River, and east by Norwich.

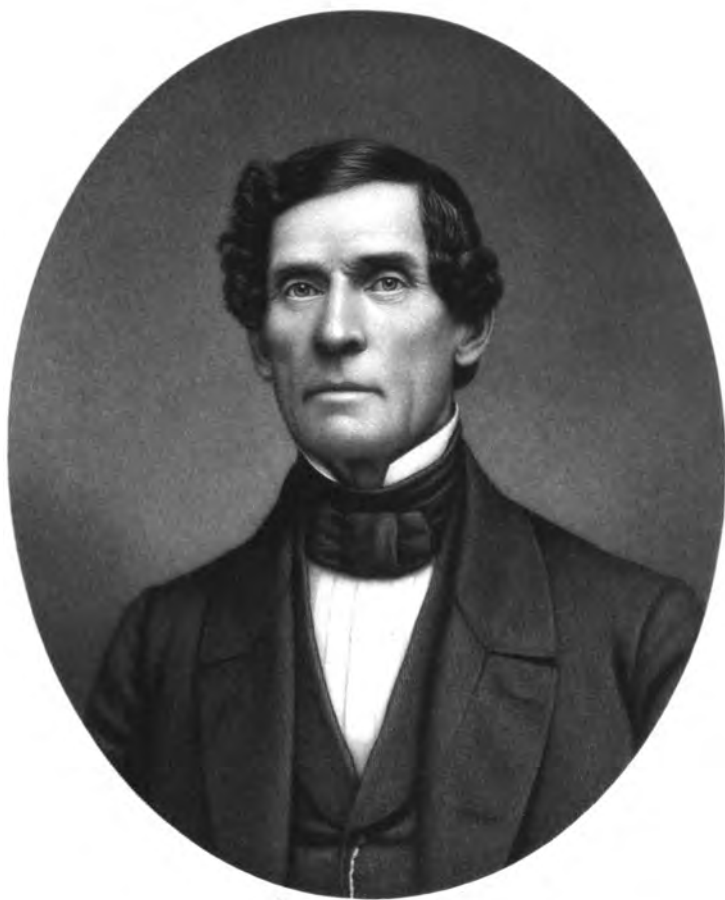
<sup>3</sup> "Acknowledged before Samuel Mason, at Norwich, Jan. 5, 1698-99. Recorded at Lebanon, Book 1, Article 1. Indorsed, confirmed by Gen. Ass., May, 1705.

<sup>4</sup> "The name Lebanon was current in the neighborhood of Norwich before it was given to the town. Grants at Lebanon, referring to certain parts of what is now Franklin, were recorded in 1687. The farms of John Johnson and Thomas Baldwin were described as 'near to Lebanon,' and Johnson had ten acres in *Lebanon Valley*. *Little Lebanon* and *Lebanon Hill* were terms used at that period in reference to places in Franklin.

<sup>5</sup> "In 1850 there was no lawyer and no tavern in Lebanon. The population had somewhat decreased, and was then only 1901.



*J. F. Pick*



*Wm Fitch*



DOUGLAS FITCH.



name widely spread, owing to the preponderance of sons in the early branches. Mr. Fitch had himself nine sons, and his oldest son, James, the same number. Joseph had seven sons, and Nathaniel fifteen children, of whom eleven were sons. Eleazer, the youngest of the original family, was the only one who left no posterity.

"It is a little singular that not one of the sons of Mr. Fitch established his permanent home in Norwich. James went to Canterbury. Samuel settled on a farm in Preston as early as 1687.<sup>1</sup> Daniel became an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London, in the immediate neighborhood of Norwich, but not within its bounds. John went to Windham. Jabez pursued his ministerial calling at Ipswich and Portsmouth, and the four others took up farms in Lebanon.

"Capt. Daniel Fitch, above named, of the North Parish (now Montville), was born at Norwich in the fifth year after the settlement, and died June 3, 1711. His inventory shows that he owned three farms, one at Trading Cove, one at Dry Brook, and one lying on both sides of *Connecticut path*,—that is, the road to Hartford, through Colchester. The homestead farm at Trading Cove was a town grant to his father, and has never been either bought or sold, but has descended by inheritance to the present day (1865).

"As a general rule, the early Fitches were men of capacity and prosperous in their worldly concerns. It was formerly a current saying among the farmers of the neighborhood that the Fitches always settled by a stream of water, which was equivalent to saying that they were thriving men possessed of valuable farms.

"The five daughters of the Rev. James Fitch were connected in marriage as follows:

"Abigail, with Capt. John Mason (2).

"Elizabeth, with Rev. Edward Taylor, of Westfield, Mass.

"Hannah, with Thomas Meeks, or Mix.

"Dorothy, with Nathaniel Bissell.

"Anna, the only daughter of the second marriage, became the wife of Joseph Bradford.

"Two of these daughters, viz., Abigail and Hannah, remained at Norwich. Thomas Meeks married Hannah Fitch, June 30, 1677. They settled on the east of the Shetucket, but within the bounds of the Nine-miles-square.

"By means also of intermarriages with other families of the town, Norwich still retains a large interest in the family of her first revered minister. Not only his influence, memory, and example, but the vital current that quickened his frame flows in the veins of many of her children."

COL. ASA FITCH, of Bozrah, Conn., is a lineal descendant of Rev. James Fitch, and was born in

Bozrah, Feb. 14, 1755, and died Aug. 19, 1844. His business through a long and useful life was that of a farmer and manufacturer of iron at Fitchville, Conn., where his son, Asa, made so many valuable improvements. On the 8th of February, 1781, he married Susan Fitch, a lineal descendant of Samuel Fitch, who died in 1725. She was born in Bozrah, Jan. 4, 1757. Their children were Nehemiah H.; Lois F., married Capt. George Lee; Clarissa (1); Asa, born May 6, 1787; Susan, married Capt. George Lee for his second wife; Stephen, born Aug. 21, 1790; Fanny, married Sherwood Raymond; Douglass, born Feb. 18, 1796; William, born Oct. 27, 1800; Clarissa (2), born June 5, 1802, married Maj. John W. Haughton, Oct. 14, 1824, and has one son, Samuel Wells.

Mrs. Haughton is now (October, 1881) the only surviving member of this large and interesting family. Col. and Mrs. Fitch were members of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Democrat. He held the various offices of the town, and was a man respected for his upright character and purity of motives. Mrs. Fitch died April 22, 1814, and he married for his second wife Mary House. He was familiarly known as Col. Asa Fitch.

ASA FITCH, son of Col. Asa Fitch, was born in Bozrah, Conn., May 6, 1787, and died Oct. 31, 1865. Few persons had a more eventful life than Asa Fitch. As a youth he was pallid and slender, often prostrated by sickness, and subject to distressing attacks of asthma, a difficulty that clung to him through life. Sustained by his mental energy, he tried in succession study at an academy in Lebanon, a clerkship in Norwich, and a mechanical trade, but broke down after each experiment. At the age of eighteen, in the hope of invigorating his constitution by a sea-voyage, he embarked as a passenger in the brig "Walter," Capt. Brown, of New Haven, bound on a fishing and trading voyage to Green Island, Newfoundland, and Europe.

He landed from this vessel at Lisbon, just before the news reached that city of the battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson,—that is, in October, 1805. Finding the climate of Southern Europe favorable to his health, he went from Lisbon to Alicant, and at first obtained employment in the office of the American consul. He remained nearly ten years at Alicant, occupied in mercantile affairs, coming home on a short visit in 1809 to establish some commercial relations, and gradually acquiring the reputation of a substantial merchant.

In 1814 he removed to Marseilles, and there established a commission and banking-house that soon became known and recognized as a link in the chain of commerce between France and the United States. It was patronized by the French government at the outset. While at Alicant Mr. Fitch had accommodated several of the royal exiles in certain monetary affairs, and now that they had returned to power they displayed a commendable appreciation of his courtesy.

<sup>1</sup> "Mr. Samuel Fitch died in 1725. He was the ancestor on the maternal side of Asa Fitch, Esq., of Fitchville.

He was welcomed to the best society in France, and often entertained at his table in Marseilles nobles, statesmen, and literary men of the first reputation in the country.

Being joined by his brother, Douglas Fitch, and his nephew, William D. Lee, the house took the firm-name of Fitch Brothers & Co. Vessels from most of the large ports in the United States were consigned to this house. They were also agents of the United States navy, furnishing supplies and making payments to the government vessels in the Mediterranean. They executed orders from America for the purchase of French goods, and had correspondents in the United States to receive consignments of French produce from the merchants and manufacturers in France. In this round of business important interests were involved.

In 1828, Mr. Fitch left Marseilles and returned to America, in order to take charge of the affairs of the house on this side of the Atlantic. On the voyage he came near dying through the entire prostration caused by continued sea-sickness, and never afterwards could be induced to cross the ocean. In New York his office, with the sign of Fitch & Co., was in Exchange Street. Here he embarked in a large real estate investment, purchasing several lots on Broadway, New, and Exchange Streets, upon which he subsequently erected stores, the rents of which were like a bank of wealth to the proprietor.

Withdrawing gradually from personal attention to the details of business, Mr. Fitch at length retired to his native place, and for more than twenty-five years was assiduously occupied in the laborious improvement of a naturally rough and forbidding country district. By the side of the old iron-works where his father and his elder brother had wrought, he built a mansion-house, a cotton-mill, a grist-mill, a church, a village, and purchased farm after farm, until his domain could be measured by miles, expending in these various plans and operations six or seven hundred thousand dollars.

A characteristic of Mr. Fitch was his ceaseless activity. In body and mind he was alike energetic and alert. It was owing to this and to his rigid attention to diet and regimen that he lived so long, bearing up under complicated infirmities, and accomplishing so much actual labor. He was wonderful in planning, constructing, and laying out work. The lives of such persons are full of action and incident; they make changes and improvements, they are benefactors to their race, but, undertaking too much, they do not finish as they go, and often leave their most cherished projects incomplete.

Mr. Fitch was unmarried; of nine brothers and sisters he was the only one that entered into no matrimonial connection.

STEPHEN FITCH, son of Col. Asa Fitch, was born in Bozrah, Aug. 21, 1790. He married Mary I. Rogers, March 23, 1817. She was born Jan. 4, 1794, in Nor-

wich, and died in Norwich, Sept. 22, 1837. Their children were Sophia I., Asa Douglass, Mary E., and William H.

Mr. Fitch was engaged in the manufacturing of iron and farming in Bozrah till his marriage, when he settled in New Hartford, N. Y., where he followed farming till 1832, when he returned to Connecticut and settled in Norwich, where he remained till after the death of his wife, when he settled in Bozrah, Conn., and was for many years engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods with his brother Asa. Politically he was a Jeffersonian and Jackson Democrat, as his ancestors were and his descendants are. He was once a member of the State Legislature, besides holding other town offices. He died Oct. 6, 1868.

Sophia I. (deceased) married William S. Craft, of Boston; Mary E. has been twice married: first, R. H. Winslow, of Westport, Conn.; second, to Dr. R. C. M. Page, of Westport, Conn.. Mrs. Page is one of the most accomplished ladies in Fairfield County, and the principal supporter of the Episcopal Church in Westport, Conn.

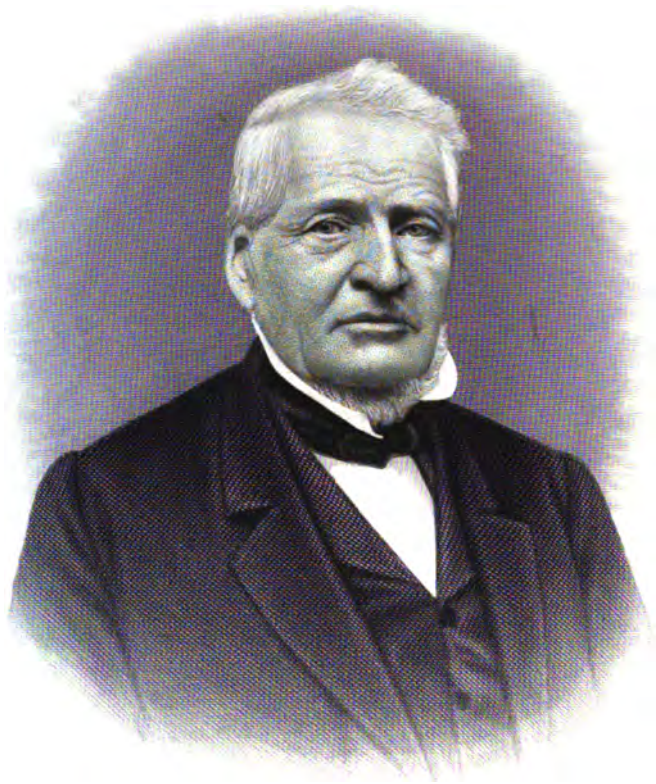
DOUGLAS W. FITCH, son of Col. Asa Fitch, was born in Bozrah, New London Co., Conn., Feb. 18, 1796; married Louise C. Bee, October, 1834. Of their three children two are living in France. Harold, born Oct. 10, 1837, and Charles D., born Oct. 10, 1845; both are natives of Marseilles, France.

Mr. Fitch visited America in June, 1838, with his wife. He was engaged in business in Marseilles with his brothers, and all we have said of them is equally true of him. He died June 1, 1848, aged fifty-two years.

Mr. Fitch was successful in all his business relations, and the Fitch family of this generation, and children of Col. Asa Fitch, of Bozrah, Conn., were among the most successful business men of their day. Not only were they successful in business, but very prominent and influential men in the places where they lived, and now (1881), though dead, their names live and their works do follow them.

WM. FITCH, youngest son of Col. Asa and Susannah Fitch, was born in Bozrah, Conn., Oct. 27, 1800. He spent his youth with his father, working on the farm summers and attending the common school winters, till he was some fifteen or sixteen years of age, when he went to Colchester, Conn., and attended the Bacon Academy, from which he graduated. He was deeply interested in books, and at an early age manifested a strong desire for study. Before he was twenty years of age he had taught school several terms.

Having a strong desire to go into business with his brothers, Asa and Douglass, he accordingly went to France in 1820 or 1821, and was there engaged with them in the mercantile and commission business, under the firm-name of Fitch Bros. & Co. About 1825 or 1826 he returned to America and commenced business with his brothers in New York City, where he continued in trade till 1848. While there he had



*Alfred Russel Wallace*



*Wm. H. Litch*



*A.D. Fitch*

charge of the entire correspondence. On account of failing health he returned to his native town, and was for several years engaged in the manufacturing business with his brother Asa.

Oct. 14, 1857, he married Mary E., daughter of Dr. Elias Williams and Mary Ann Hillhouse. She was born in the town of Bethlehem, Litchfield Co., Conn., Jan. 23, 1825. Her father was a son of Rev. Joshua Williams, and was born in Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn. (See history of Dr. Elias W. Williams.)

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch have six children, viz.: Wm. Asa, died March 28, 1860, aged twenty months; Marian H., Susan L., Elizabeth M., Fanny R., and Sarah G., all of whom were born in Norwich Town, Conn.

In the summer of 1858, Mr. Fitch settled in Norwich Town, where he continued to reside till his death, Dec. 23, 1880. Politically he was a Democrat, but never sought office. From the pen of a personal friend we quote the following, written at the time of his death:

"Mr. William Fitch, a wealthy and prominent citizen of this place, died at his residence, Norwich Town, on Wednesday night, Dec. 23, 1880, at the age of eighty. He has been in failing health for the last two years, but has been confined to his house only for the past three months. His illness, which was long and painful, he bore with remarkable patience. He was a son of Col. Asa Fitch, and was born in that part of the town known as Fitchville in the year 1800. He had four brothers and five sisters, of whom only one sister, Mrs. Haughton, of Fitchville, survives him. He left this place in 1820 and went with his brothers, Asa and Douglas, to France, where he remained for three years. He then returned to New York, where he was associated with them in the mercantile and commission business for nearly a quarter of a century, a part of the time having an establishment abroad and importing all kinds of foreign goods. They also took contracts to furnish supplies to government vessels. They were very successful in business, and accumulated considerable property.

"He retired from the business in 1848 on the death of his brother, and returned to Fitchville, where for several years he was postmaster. He married in 1857, and the following year moved to Norwich Town, where he has since resided. He was a member of Trinity Church, and was characterized for benevolence among that people. He was a man of generous impulses, and will be missed by many poor families. His was a long and useful life, peacefully closed with a full hope of immortality. He leaves a wife and five daughters to mourn his loss."

ELIAS WILLIAM WILLIAMS was born in Harwinton, Conn., on the 16th day of September, 1797. His father was the Rev. Joshua Williams (Y. C., 1780), a native of Rocky Hill, Conn., and for many years pastor of the Congregational Church in Harwinton. His mother's name was Mary Webb. Mr. Williams fitted for college under the instruction of his father. After he graduated he studied medicine with Dr. Roswell Abernethy, of Harwinton; attended lectures at the medical schools of New Haven and New York, and was licensed to practice in 1822. He commenced practice as a physician at Bethlehem, Conn., where he was associated with his brother-in-law, Dr. Conant Catlin. About the year 1826 he removed to the city of Troy, N. Y., where he established himself in business as a druggist. His residence there, however, was brief. His health failed him, and he became a victim to consumption. He died at Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y., on the 28th of September, 1828, at the age

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of thirty-one, while attempting to perform a journey between the cities of Troy and New York.

Mr. Williams was married on the 3d of April, 1823, to Miss Mary Ann Hillhouse, of Montville, Conn., and left one child, who married William Fitch, deceased, of Norwich, Conn.

ASA DOUGLASS FITCH, eldest son of Stephen Fitch and Mary I. Rogers, was born in New Hartford, N. Y., March 27, 1820. He received his education at common and select schools, and graduated from the Washington Institute, N. Y., in 1837, having such men as William H. Vanderbilt for schoolmates. Immediately after his graduation he became clerk for his uncles, Asa and William Fitch, in the city of New York, in the wholesale commission business, with whom he remained till 1842, when he came to Fitchville, New London Co., Conn., and assumed the charge of the store for his uncles. Here he continued to reside till 1849, when he went to Stockton, Cal., *via* Cape Horn. He remained in Stockton a year, then went to Portland, Oregon, and was there engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, William H., till 1859. William H. then returned to Connecticut. Asa D. continued in trade till 1866, when he also returned to Connecticut and took up his abode with William H., with whom he spends his summer months.

Following in the footsteps of his honorable ancestors, he votes the Democratic ticket. While a resident of Portland, Oregon, he belonged to the Common Council, was county treasurer two terms, and commissioner of the penitentiary during the building of that institution, while Oregon was yet a territory.

WILLIAM H. FITCH, youngest son of Stephen and Mary I. (Rogers) Fitch, was born in New Hartford, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1830. When he was but two years of age his parents settled in Norwich, where the family remained until the death of Mrs. Fitch, in 1837. They then removed to Fitchville. He received his education at the schools in Norwich, and graduated from Cheshire Academy. In the spring of 1850 he set sail for California *via* the Isthmus, where he remained a short time, when he went to Portland, Oregon, and became a partner in the general merchandise business with his brother, Asa D., with whom he remained till 1859, when he returned to Fitchville, and entered into partnership with his uncle Asa, under the firm-name of William H. Fitch & Co., for the manufacturing of cotton goods. He continued in business till 1867, when he retired to his farm of three hundred acres, situated between Fitchville and Yantic. His farm is one of the best in the town, well watered and improved, and the buildings are commodious and good.

He is a Democrat in politics. While a resident of Oregon he was assistant commissary in the Indian war. Since his return to Connecticut he has been judge of probate. Jan. 13, 1870, he married Louise C., daughter of Capt. William Smith, of Norwich. (See history of Capt. Smith, of Norwich.) Mrs. Fitch

was born in Bozrah, Conn., Dec. 3, 1844. They have had three children, viz., Mary I. (deceased), Stephen D. (deceased), and William D., born Oct. 25, 1879.

**Maj. John W. Haughton**, son of William Haughton, was born in Montville, Conn., the 1st of the year, 1797. His father was a farmer in Montville, Conn., and John was brought up on the farm. His advantages for an education were such as the common schools of his day afforded. He was a great reader, and his memory was good, so he became well informed on all the current events of the times. He married Clarissa, daughter of Col. Asa and Susannah Fitch, Oct. 14, 1824. She was born June 5, 1802, in Bozrah. Their children were Asa F., died at eight years, March 20, 1834; and Samuel Wells, born Sept. 30, 1831, married, Jan. 9, 1867, Harriet W., daughter of Capt. William Smith, of Norwich. For several years after marriage Mr. Haughton resided on a farm in Montville; then he went to Clinton, N. Y., where he was engaged as a farmer, and where he remained some five years. Here is where his youngest son, Samuel Wells, was born. In the spring of 1832 he returned to Connecticut and settled in Fitchville, in the town of Bozrah, where he became the superintendent of all of his brother-in-law's—Asa Fitch—business, both in building the village, and more especially the general oversight of the cotton-mill; he was thus engaged some nine years. He was also much interested in the building of the turnpike road leading from Colchester to Norwich, which was under the management of Asa Fitch and others. He was also interested in farming. He was a member of the Trinity Church at Norwich. He was a teacher in the Congregational Sunday-school at Bozrah, Conn., where he always attended service when not attending in Norwich. He was a bright Mason, and a man respected for his many noble qualities of head and heart. He was a major of the old State militia, and took special pride in military parade. In politics he was a Democrat, and held some of the minor offices of the town. He died July 31, 1871, aged seventy-four years and six months.

**William F. Bailey**, son of Roswell Bailey and Sally C. Hough, was born in the town of Bozrah, Conn., Aug. 17, 1823. He traces his ancestry back to England. His great-grandfather came from England with two of his brothers and settled in the town of Groton, New London Co., Conn., at an early day.

Joseph Bailey, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Groton, married Hannah Hicks, and had seven sons and one daughter, of whom Roswell was the youngest. Joseph Bailey settled in the western part of Bozrah, where he died in 1855, at the advanced age of ninety-three. His wife died previous to that time, at ninety-one years of age.

Roswell Bailey was born in Groton in 1797, and settled in the town of Bozrah with his parents, and after many years went into the town of Colchester. He married Sally C., daughter of Deacon Jabez Hough, of Bozrah, and had four sons and one daughter, viz.:

William F., Jabez H. (deceased), Charles H., Roswell, and Sarah J. (Mrs. Peleg Babcock, of Iowa), the two eldest being born in Bozrah, and the others in Colchester. Mr. Bailey was for many years before his marriage engaged in peddling in some of the Southern States, but after his marriage was engaged in farming and teaming. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious views he and his wife were Baptists. He died in 1832, at thirty-five years.

William F. Bailey received a common-school education till he was sixteen years of age. His father dying in 1832, when he was only nine years of age, he was compelled to leave home and find one with his paternal grandparents and his uncle, Joseph Bailey, with whom he lived till he was sixteen, when he returned to his own home and assisted his widowed mother in carrying on the farm of one hundred and forty acres. He remained at home till he was twenty-three, in 1846, when he purchased the farm of the heirs and remained two years. In the spring of 1849 he settled on the farm where he now (1881) resides. His present farm of some three hundred and forty acres is well watered and improved, and he is accounted one of the best farmers in the town.

In 1833 he entered into partnership with Elisha Waterman, son of Elisha Waterman, and was engaged with him in the teaming business for the Hayward Rubber Company, of Colchester, Conn. Their business steadily increased till at one time they owned some eighty horses.

After the death of Mr. Waterman, Mr. Bailey had James M. Peckham for his partner for several months, when he purchased his interest and conducted the business himself, and the business increased even more than before. Besides this, he owns and runs a saw and grist-mill and shops of various kinds, where he makes and repairs his own wagons, shoes his own horses, and does everything within himself.

In politics he is a Republican. He has been assessor and first selectman many years, and in 1860 was member of the Assembly, and in 1872 represented the Ninth Senatorial District in the State Senate, serving as chairman on roads and bridges.

In November, 1846, he married Phebe A., daughter of Oriana Johnson and Artamissa Armstrong, and to them have been born the following children: (1) William B., who died Nov. 26, 1879, in his thirty-third year. He married, June 5, 1872, Lilly A., daughter of Newell S. Brown and Anna L. Atkinson, of New Jersey. (2) Phebe J., married Claudius M. Pendleton, and they have one son,—William B. (3) Jabez H., married Fanny Spicer, June 13, 1881. She is the daughter of Albert A. and Frances (Cross) Spicer, of Hyde Park, Vt.

Albert Spicer, son of Simeon, who was a son of Ishmael Spicer, natives of Connecticut, probably belong to the Ledyard family of Spicers. (See Spicer history, in Groton, 4th Charles H.)

**Rev. Nathan S. Hunt** is a grandson of Eliphaz





*John W. Haughton*



*W<sup>m</sup> J. Bailey*



*Nathan S. Hunt*

Hunt, a native of Lebanon, Conn.,<sup>1</sup> and son of Dr. Ebenezer Hunt and Anna Strong, born in Coventry, Conn., July 5, 1802. His father, Ebenezer, was born in Coventry, Conn., studied medicine with Dr. Turner, of Norwich, and practiced in Coventry, Conn. He married Anna Strong, daughter of Rev. Nathan Strong, first minister of North Coventry, Conn., and had five children, viz.: Ebenezer, Esther, Anna, Hannah, and Nathan S.

He died at his home in Coventry in 1808, aged forty-two years. He was a skillful physician, and his early death was caused by overwork and undue exposure. His mother was Hannah Stiles, cousin of President Stiles.

Dr. Hunt dying in 1808, left a widow and five children, the youngest of whom was Nathan S., being only six years of age.

Nathan S. entered the family of Joseph Strong, father of Hon. Henry Strong, of Norwich, at six years of age, and remained till he was thirteen, receiving a common-school education, also instruction from Henry Strong, of whom he speaks in the highest terms. His mother being desirous that he should learn to work on the farm, he was put under the charge of Mr. Woodward, father of Dr. Ashbel Woodward, of Franklin, Conn., with whom he lived till he went home to take charge of the home farm.

After leaving the home of Joseph Strong he attended school only during the winter months till he began to teach school, which he successfully followed every winter thereafter until he had completed his college studies. He prepared for college under the instruction of his brother-in-law, Rev. Alpha Miller, of Bridgewater, N. Y., and entered Hamilton College in 1826. In 1828 he entered the junior class in Williams College, from which he graduated with honors in 1830. During his college and theological course he was wholly dependent upon himself, teaching winters, and collecting funds for Williams College during the vacations. It is said he was very successful as a collector, and then learned many things which were of great value to him in after-life. Immediately after graduation he entered Andover Seminary, from which he graduated in the early summer of 1833. He was immediately called to the pastorate of a Congregational Church in Abington, Conn., and was installed pastor of the same Feb. 12, 1834. He remained there twelve years; then was one year at Montville, New London Co., Conn., when he received a call from the Congregational Church at Preston City, where he remained twelve years; then settled in Bozrah, where he labored faithfully twelve years, till failing voice compelled him to resign, in 1871, his pastorate, since which time he has not been actively engaged in the ministry, but continues to reside in Bozrah. During his ministry he was very active in building and repairing churches. He is universally

esteemed, was a good preacher and faithful pastor. His name is a household word in many homes in the county and State. He bears a striking resemblance to Daniel Webster, and has often been called Webster. He is now in his seventy-ninth year, and has poor health.

By energy and economy he redeemed the home farm of incumbrance after he commenced preaching. By careful investments he now has a competency in his old age. On the 25th of October, 1842, he married Rhoda L., daughter of Daniel Mason, of Lebanon.<sup>2</sup> She was born March 18, 1804, and in her younger days was a successful teacher, both in Connecticut and New Jersey.

Mr. Hunt has never been identified with any political organization, but has always been in sympathy with the great principles of the Republican party.

He was ever faithful and true to his mother, caring for her tenderly till her death; a good student in school, a faithful pastor, a good citizen, and a devoted husband.

**The Rogers Family.**<sup>3</sup>—JAMES ROGERS, one account says, came from England in the ship "Increase" when about twenty years of age. He came to New London from Fairfield Co., about 1657 or 1658. A baker by trade on a large scale, furnishing the seamen and colonial troops with biscuit, etc., between 1660 and 1670 he had a greater interest in the trade of the port than any other person. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland, of Stratford. They had a number of children, and it is said they all embraced the Rogereen faith but Samuel, the eldest, the ancestor of the Montville Rogerses. Samuel married Mary, daughter of Thomas Stanton, the parents of the two parties entering into an agreement to give two hundred pounds each as a marriage portion. Samuel's father, in fulfillment of his part, conveyed to his son his stone house and bakery at the head of Winthrop's Cove, where he resided for fifteen or twenty years; he then removed to the outlands of the town, near the Mohegan tribe, and became the first white settler within the limits of the present town of Montville. They were always on the best of terms with Uncas and his tribe, and made an agreement with them, "if the other Indian tribes molest either of us we will help each other, and the signal will be to fire a gun." On one occasion Samuel, wishing to give them a surprise, roasted an ox and got it all prepared for the meal, and then fired his alarm-gun, and they came flocking in in haste, supposing neighbor Rogers was being murdered or taken prisoner, when to their surprise and pleasure a bountiful repast awaited them.

His son Samuel (2) married Abigail Plum about 1694. He settled in Montville. It is not known how large a family he had or whether *certainly* he was the

<sup>1</sup> See Hunt genealogy, in Lebanon history.

<sup>2</sup> See Mason family history of Lebanon.

<sup>3</sup> Contributed by Fanny L. Rogers.

father or grandparent of Samuel Rogers (3), who married Lucy Denison. Samuel Rogers' (3) homestead was a little west of what was formerly known as the "Bland tavern" on the Salem road. He had three sons and four daughters.

Daniel, the eldest son, married Hannah Latimer, daughter of Col. Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold. Col. Latimer served in the old French war, and in some of his excursions he came through Tennessee, and thought it the pleasantest country he ever saw, and if his family would all go there he would emigrate, and they started with ox-teams through the then wilderness. One son's wife died on the journey, and they buried her under a tree.

Jabez Rogers, son of Samuel (3), married a — Gorton; removed to Vermont. His son Jabez married Governor Chittenden's daughter, and their descendants are James Rogers, born 1739; married Zylpha Hyde, born 1735, daughter of Eleazer Hyde and Sarah (Hewett) Hyde. He settled in Norwich (Wawecus Hill); had eight children; was a farmer, a large, muscular man, a Baptist by profession. His children were Eleazer, married Lucy Edgerton; James, married, first, Zerviah Ingraham; second, Sarah Coit; Denison, married Nancy Pendleton; Eliab, married Mary Hyde; Lucy, died unmarried; Sarah, married Phineas Leffingwell; Hannah, married Jabez Bushnell; Lydia, married Jabez Leffingwell. The Leffingwells both removed to Warren, Ohio, and Sarah was mortally wounded by the accidental discharge of her husband's rifle while he was hastening out of the house to shoot a deer that was in sight. The descendants of the family are in Ohio and Iowa. Jabez Bushnell and wife both died in Norwich, leaving two children,—a daughter, now the wife of Edward Stone, of New York; the other a son, William F. Bushnell, a carpenter, now living in Evanston, Illinois.

Eleazer Rogers was eighteen years old when New London was burnt, and was called out with the militia to defend. He was afterwards captain of militia, and his lieutenant's and captain's commissions, signed by Jonathan Trumbull, Governor, are in the possession of the writer. He came to live with his aunt at his grandfather Hyde's homestead, and inherited it from her (and added to it), and it has continued in the family, and is now occupied by the sixth and seventh generations in a direct line from the first John Hyde. The other three brothers settled on Wawecus Hill, were farmers, and all of them reared large families, but many of them are dead or gone to other places. The eldest daughter of James married Stephen Fitch, of Fitchville, and one of her sons resides there now. The eldest son by his second wife, George, was a merchant at Darien, Ga., married a Southern wife, had a large family, and one son was killed in the Confederate army, his widow and family now living there. Edward went to Michigan and engaged in farming, and died in Marshall, leaving a widow and one son. Charles, a farmer, died on the homestead, unmarried.

James, a cabinet-maker, lived at Norwich, where his widow and children now live. Sophia, their sister, married Deacon Elisha Filler, of Plainfield; died leaving no children. Denison Rogers' children all gone but two, Col. James Denison, on the homestead, and William Pendleton, living at East Great Plain. William has three sons, one settled near him in the ice trade, one living with him, and another, Joab B., who was a captain of a company of horse under Sheridan, now city sheriff; one daughter died in California, and another still resides there.

Eliab Rogers' family live on Wawecus Hill, at the homestead of their father and grandfather; are farmers.

Of Eleazer Rogers' children, the eldest, Betsey, married Joshua Maples, a farmer and clock-maker. He was a man of strict integrity, and ever ready to do a good deed. He was captain of militia in the war of 1812, and went to the aid of Stonington. His eldest son, Thomas, went to Michigan, bought a farm, but died of fever soon after, unmarried; Elisha died in Bozrah, unmarried; Charles, living on the old homestead of his father and grandfather, in the vicinity of Wawecus Hill, Norwich, married Maria Post; had four children,—one son married, living in Bozrah; one died, the youngest son, Frank; Thomas, a professor of elocution, and one daughter, an invalid.

Joshua, the youngest son of Joshua and Betsey Maples, went to California at the time of the first gold excitement. Came back and married Alice Tracy, daughter of Harley Tracy, of Bozrah. Went back to California and located on a ranch at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where he spent the summer. Leaving a man to take care of the stock, etc., he and his wife went to Marysville to spend the winter with her brothers. In the spring he went down to the ranch on horseback to prepare for his wife's return; he found a sick traveler there with his man, and they were short of necessities, groceries, etc., and he started on foot with a hand-sled to go to the nearest store, which was about twelve miles, to purchase supplies. In returning a blinding snow-storm set in, and he had to abandon some of his load and leave it on the road; he made out to reach within a few rods of the house, sat down and took off his snow-shoes, and it seems was so exhausted he fell asleep, and the snow covered him up, and he was not found until the snow melted off, about two weeks later. Buried in Marysville, and his wife returned to her home in Bozrah.

Of the daughters of Joshua, Hannah, living in Bozrah, unmarried; Mary, dead; Lucy, the widow of George Lathrop, and her daughter living at East Great Plain.

Of Samuel Rogers, eldest son of Eleazer, he married Rhoda Miner, and their eldest son, Pitt Decatur, now living in Knoxville, Ill., proprietor of the "Hebard House;" second son, Eugene Clinton, living in Sheridan, Placer Co., Cal., has been postmaster and

constable; James Bolivar, a merchant in Norwich awhile, went to Wheatland, Iowa, and was a merchant, but died of consumption, leaving a widow and four children there.

Samuel Lucius was educated at the Collegiate Institute, Clinton, N. Y.; studied law with the Hon. John T. Wait, of Norwich; went to Sacramento first, but now practicing law in San Francisco; married in California; has one son.

Lewis went to Iowa; for a few years in company with his brother Gains in trade, but returned to Connecticut, and is now at the "old Hyde homestead," a farmer. The daughters now own and occupy their father's farm. Betsy married H. B. Kude; Hattie, unmarried.

Harriet Maria Rogers, third daughter of Eleazer and Lucy Rogers, married Ezra Brewster Smith, son of Col. Chester Smith and Sally Brewster, of North Stonington. The mother, Sally Brewster, was a direct descendant from Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower." Ezra Smith was a farmer, and lived at the old Smith homestead for a few years, and then removed to Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y. Harriet lived but about two years, and died of consumption. The eldest son, Daniel, by her, now living in Castile. Eleazer, the second, married in Castile, went to Illinois, and died there, leaving two sons. Susan, the third child, married Asahel Kellogg, of Castile, now living there; has four children; the eldest, Hattie, graduated at the Westfield Normal School, Massachusetts, and is now a successful teacher in a high school in Perry; William Kellogg, farmer and milkman, now in New York. Moses Smith, third son, now living in Castile, is a mason by trade; his eldest son, Edgar Dwight, entered Harvard College in advance; continued there one year, came home for the summer vacation, was taken down with a brain affection and died, having studied too closely. Dwight Smith, fourth son, living in Greenwood, Ill., a farmer. Samuel Chester, fourth son, studied medicine; was a student at the Medical College, Ann Arbor, Mich.; graduated at the Medical College, New York, practicing in Preston City awhile, and in the war was surgeon in the navy; now a practicing physician in Castile, N. Y.; he married Lida Vanarsdale; they have one son, named Van Rogers. Ansel Brown, fifth son of Ezra B. Smith, born in Castile (all the others were born in New London County), married Hattie Fitch, daughter of the Rev. Ferris Fitch, and — Griswold, daughter of the Rev. John Griswold, of Lyme, Conn. The Rev. Ferris Fitch was a direct descendant from the Rev. James Fitch, first pastor of the First Congregational Church, Norwich Town. Ansel Smith enlisted in the army early, and served through the whole term of the war in the New York Dragoons, under Sheridan in all his raids, and never received a wound until the surrender of Gen. Lee; in one of the last, if not the very last, shots he received a bullet through the lungs which lodged under the shoulder-blade, and it is there now; it in-

capacitates him for hard labor; he lives in Castile, and is in the insurance business. Another son by a second wife, Jacob Kellogg Smith, enlisted in Norwich with the three months' men in the war; he afterwards studied medicine, practiced in Warsaw, and was drowned while returning in the night from visiting a patient.

Elisha Edgerton, a farmer, second son of Eleazer, married Eunice Wetmore Chesebrough, born in Stonington, had seven children; bought and built at the "Quarters," so called, near the Yantic River and Bean Hill, now owned by Asa Strong. Porter, his first son, also a farmer, gardener, and milkman; first wife, Elizabeth Grace; second, Mary Morgan; a daughter by his wife married Dr. John Byron Sweet, son and grandson of the celebrated bone-setter, Dr. John, now living in Central Village practicing his profession. Eleazer, the second son, master-mason in Norwich City, married Mary Murphy; has a son, also a mason, and two daughters. Elisha Francis, third son, a teacher, and studied law with the Hon. John T. Wait; practiced in Norwich City; married Judith Murphy; had four children; the son died in infancy; she died of consumption, and his health being very much impaired, he went to Missouri with his sister, who was moving there; but the journey was long and tedious, and he barely lived to get there. His remains were interred in Yantic Cemetery.

Eunice Augusta, the only daughter of Elisha, was a teacher, went to Albion, Wis., and taught; she there became acquainted with and married Edwin Crumb, and lived for a few years at Big Foot Prairie; from there they removed to Jasper County, Mo., near Carthage, where he bought a tract of land and built; they had resided there a few years when one of those sudden and terrible whirlwinds swept over them, tore the house to atoms, killing Mr. Crumb. Mrs. Crumb afterwards erected another house, and remained there. She afterwards married a Dr. Wolfe, a physician, and died a few years since suddenly, leaving no children.

Henry, fourth son of Elisha, married Harriet Morgan; one son lives in Norwich City; has been in the sewing-machine business, is now in a furniture establishment. Frederick, fifth son of Elisha, was a teacher, studied medicine, attended medical lectures at the Medical College, New York; married Sarah Smith, of Palmertown, Montville; settled in Willimantic as druggist and consulting physician. Horace, sixth son of Elisha, is living in Norwich City, in employ of Hopkins & Allen Armory; he married Elizabeth Beckwith; he enlisted with the three months' men in the war, and was in the battle of Bull Run. Sarah Rogers, the second daughter of Eleazer, died at the old homestead, unmarried.

The writer of this (Fanny L. Rogers) is the only member of the family left of her generation.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I have seen six generations of the Rogers family in a direct line from James Rogers.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

## COLCHESTER.

Geographical — Topographical — The Original Grant — "Jeremiah's Farm" — The Pioneers — Names of Freemen in 1730 — List of Polls in 1787 — Documentary History — Town-meeting, 1703 — Mr. Buckley's "Clinics" — Grist and Saw-mill — Saw-mill — A new Town Drum — Fulling-mill — Mr. Buckley's History — Repairing the Meeting-house, etc. — Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

THE town of Colchester lies in the northwestern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Hartford and Tolland Counties and the town of Lebanon, on the east by Lebanon, on the south by the town of Salem and Middlesex County, and on the west by Middlesex County.

The surface of the town is generally uneven and the soil fertile.

**The Original Grant.**—The original grant for a plantation at "Jeremiah's Farms," now Colchester, was made by the Legislature, under date Oct. 13, 1698, as follows:

"Att a Generall Court Holden att Hartford Octobr the 13th: 1698: This Court upon the petition of Rivers of the Inhabitants in the Countie of Hartford Grant Lybortye for a plantation at or near the place Called Jeremiah's farms upon the Rode to Newlondon, and Captn Danll Wetherell Captn John Hamlin Mr Will Pitkin Captn John Chester Mr Richard Christophers and Captn Small Goodick they or the Majr part of them are by this Court appointed to be a Committee to Jay out a town Ship there beginning at the North bound of twentie mile River and So to Extend Southward to a River Called deep River And to Extend Eastward from the bounds of Haddum Seven miles"

"Att a Generall assembly Holden att Hartford May 11th 1699—Ordered and Enacted &c that the north bounds of the new Plantation Latoly granted at or near Jeremies farms upon the Roads to Newlondon Shall be as formerly at twentie mile River, and the South bounds Joyne to the North bounds of Lyme, and the west bounds to Joyn to the East bounds of Middtown and the East bounds of Haddum and the East and North East bounds to Runne to the bounds of Lebanon and Norwich"

"A Generall Assembly Holden att Hartford Octobr 13, 1699—Michael Taintor Saml Northam and Nath'l Foot appearing in this Assembly In behalfe of the New plantation called Colchester and complaining that they are obstructed in the improvement and settlement of said plantation by reason of severall persons that claim considerable tracts of land within the grant of said Township, and particularly severall of the inhabitants of Saybrook, This Court do therefore order that all persons claiming any lands there shall appear at the Generall Court in May next and make their claims appear, that so the Grantees may not be further obstructed in their settlement of said plantation and that the name of that plantation shall be called Colchester and belong to the County of New London, and further that this act be transmitted to the severall towns where any persons claiming land, there do reside that so they may have reasonable notice thereof."

"Att a Generall Assembly Holden att Hartford Octobr the 10th: 1700 Whereas the Inhabitants of Colchester and those designed to goe and Settle there, meet, with much discouragement in their Planting and Settling By Owaneco and the Moheags, that claim land within that township. This assembly being Sensible of the difficulties they meet with and being desirous to promote the Quiet and Comfortable Settlement of the Plantation Doe desire the Honable Governr with his Council to treat with the Moheags and to agree with them to Quit their Claim to the Lands within that township, upon as Reasonable termes as may be obtained and also to advise the people and to direct them in going forward in their Plantation worke, and the Worshipfull Captn Samuel Mason is desired to improve his Interest in the Moheags to Promote their Compliance with the Interest of the people of Colchester—The Charge to be defrayed by the inhabitants of Colchester—"

Thus the whole township of ancient Colchester, embracing the present township and portions of Salem (in olden time called Paugwonk) and Marlborough,

was granted to the original planters, and by them subsequently shared with their associate planters. Then followed divisions of the township at intervals of time amongst the proprietors, a certain portion of the territory being included in a division. A division was then subdivided into allotments or rights, consisting of fifty, one hundred, and two hundred pound rights, for which the proprietors cast lots, the number in the draught determining for each proprietor his claim to a corresponding number in the allotments. In this way half a century or more elapsed before the whole township had been divided amongst the original planters and proprietors and the heirs of those of them who had deceased.

The lands, of little value comparatively at the beginning of the settlement, gradually increased in value as the population and demand for land increased: and those of the proprietors and their descendants and heirs who retained their rights in the divisions of lands became substantially wealthy and prosperous. Colchester was a highly popular settlement, and the early planters were a superior set of men, belonging, as they did, to many of the first families in New England, and it early attracted a brilliant array of names and genius from various parts of the country. Its location was desirable, being near Hartford, Middletown, Norwich, and New London.

**The Pioneers.**—Michael Taintor, Esq., was born in Brainford, October, 1652, being the second son of Capt. Michael Taintor and his wife Elizabeth. He was in Windsor in 1679, where he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Loomis, and after her decease Mabel (Olmsted) Butler, widow of Mr. Daniel Butler, of Hartford, in 1697. He was one of the leading men in Windsor, as appears by the records of that town, holding some of the highest offices in that township. He was doubtless one of the most active in procuring the grant of Colchester, being in the prime of life when he removed to that place to settle. He was the first, and for a long series of years the only, justice of the peace in Colchester, town clerk for the space of thirty years, member of Connecticut General Assembly twenty-six sessions, commissioner, selectman, etc. He died February, 1731, in his seventy-ninth year.

Rev. John Bulkley was from Glastenbury, son of Rev. Gurshom and his wife (who was a daughter of President Chauncey), and grandson of Rev. Peter Bulkley, from England. "Isaac Bigloo" was from Watertown, Mass. "John Bigloo, a son of Joshua Bigloo, of Watertown, which John Bigloo now dwells in Hartford on the east." Thomas Carrier and his sons, Richard and Andrew, were from Andover, where Martha, wife of Thomas, was executed for a witch in 1692. Thomas Carrier had belonged to the body-guard of King Charles I., of Great Britain, and was notorious for fleetness of foot, even after he was more than one hundred years old. It is said that he killed the king of England. If so, he must have been the executioner of King Charles I. in 1648. He was a



Welshman. It is said by his descendants that he was one hundred and thirteen years of age at the time of his decease in 1735. Daniel Clark, "Locksmith," was from Hartford; Samuel Dickinson, from Hadley; Jonathan Dunham, from Haddam; Foots were from Wethersfield; Samuel Gilbert, from Hartford; Benjamin Graves, from New London (doubtless originally from Hatfield); Josiah Gillet and Josiah Gillet, Jr., from Windsor. The wife of Josiah, Sr., was Joanna, daughter of Michael Taintor, of Brainford; she died in Colchester in January, 1735, aged eighty-three years. John Hitchcock, from Springfield; Evan Jones, from Windsor (?); Kelloggs, from Hatfield; Loomises, from Windsor; James and Israel Newton, from "Kingstown in Naraganset"; "Samuel Niels," of Kingstown (1709); Northams, from Hatfield; Nathaniel Otis, from Scituate; Josiah Phelps, from Windsor; "Joseph Pumery," from Northampton (?); William Shipman, from Saybrook (went to Hebron about 1705, where he soon after died in consequence of a fall); Skinners, from Hartford (?); Deacon "Micaiell" Taintor, from Windsor; James Treadway, "Malster," from Watertown; Welleses, from Hatfield; Joseph Wright, from Glastenbury; Israel Wyatt, from Hatfield; Thomas Beebe was from New London; Nathaniel "Cahoni" (Calhoon), Norwich, R. I.; Philip Caverlee, Lebanon; John Chapman, New London; James Crocker, Barnstable; George "Dalee," from "Providenc"; Thomas Day, Hartford; Benjamin Fox, New London; Daniel Galusiah, Weston; Joseph Harrington, Watertown; James Harris, New London; John Hopson, Rhode Island; Isaac Jones, Weston; Samuel Knight, Plainfield; Benjamin Lane, Falmouth; Robert Menler, Lyme; Morgans, New London; James Mun, Springfield; Robert Staples, Lyme; William Worthington, Hartford.

Colchester gradually increased in population, and in 1730 the following were residents of the town: Micaiell Taintor, Micaiell Taintor, Jr., James Newton, Saml Northam, Thom Day, Richd Carrier, Ebenezer Skinner, Danll Clark Jr., Lef Isreall Wyat, Deacon Lomis, Wm Roberds, Nathll Lomis, Jos Wright, Josiah Gellet, Josiah Gillet Jr., Ebenezer Dibell, Capt Gilbert, Jno Adams, Jno Adams Jr., Deacon Skinner, Richd Skinner, Nathanll Skinner, Benjamin Skinner, Jos Prat, Nathll Kellogg, Ephrem Foot, Jos pumery, Thom Brown, Noah Wells, Jos Chamberlin, Josiah Foot, James mun, ensign Jno Skinner, Ebenezer kellogg, James Brown, Andrew Carrier, Richard Church, Mr Bulkley, Jno Day, Jonathan Gillet, Jonathan Kellogg, Nathll Foot, Ebenr Coleman, Charles Williams, Clement Cithophell, John Chapman Sr., Ephream Wells, Josiah Phelps, John holms, William Roberds, Josiah Gates, Joseph foot, John Johnson.

From this time forward the town advanced more rapidly in wealth and population, as shown by the following "List of the Polls &c for the 1st Society" (Colchester) "for 1787:

"Jonathan Bigelow Nehemiah Gillet Ebur Kellogg Jr Nathan Williams James Bigelow Richard Skinner Jr David Burnham Russell Gillet Joseph Gillet Junr Daniel Bulkley Stephen Brown Nathl Clark Gideon Lomis Gersham Bulkley David Bulkley Hannah Fuller Asa Swan Roger Bulkley Joseph Gillet Chauncey Wells John Bulkley Ebenr Kellogg Isham Chapman Eliphth Davenport Charles Taintor Elijah Fuller Joshua Bulkley Ela Gillet Gersham Bulkley Junr Abner Chapman Asa Baker Darius Clark Jonathan Sabins Jonathan Deming Saml Hassard Amasa Kellogg John Watrous Thomas Skinner Joseph Foot Amos Kellogg John Pratt Daniel Pratt Joseph Taylor Elisha Kellogg Allen Wightman John & Wm Bulkley Zebulon Strong Rozel Chamberlin John Kellogg Theodore Waters Joseph Isham Jr Elihu Clark Thomas Vibber, Lemuel F. Vibber Noah Colman Charles Bulkley 2d. Daniel Watrous Charles Taintor Jr. Dudley Wright Wm Townsend John Breed Sam. Bridges Abigail Worthington John R. Watrous Nehemiah Daniels Ezekiel Daniels Mary Kellogg Danl & Steph.n Foot Noah Pomroy Darius Hills Joseph Hills Hosea Foot Reuben West Mary Marriner Thos. F. Crouch John Taintor Thankful Thompson Wm Hall Daniel Kellogg Eleazer Edes John T. Otis Nathl Otis John Button Ezra Clark Obed Alvord Elijah Northam Elizabeth Kilborn Edmond Bridges David Kilborn B. & J. N. Bendle Abner Kellogg Jeremiah Mason James F. Mason Abner Hills Deliverance Waters John Otis Joseph Bulkley Asa Archer Elizabeth Foot Justin Little John Wells Jr Uzziel Foot Jeremiah Foot Daniel Isham Benjn Hatch Jonathan Keeny Solomon Wolcott John Chamberlin John Cavarly Joshua Hall Amos Randall Daniel Jnol David Wyles Benjn Quiterfield Charles Bulkley Israel Newton Junr. Eliphth Bulkley Ezra Clark Junr Israel Newton 3d Ephraim Clark Habakuk Foot Dudley Wright Jr. John Clark Timo. Judd Pierpont Bacon Elihu Warner Sam Church 2d. Oliver Warner Asa Treadway Ephraim Wells Daniel Bulkley Junr Job Tabor W. d Sarah Wells George Palmer Joab Boebe Elias Palmer Jr. Philip Cavarly Josh a Morgan Jona. Morgan 2d. John Newton Jr. John Palmer Israel Newton Amos Wells Asa Newton Elijah Worthington Jr. Joel Bigelow Elijah Worthington Dan Worthington Samuel Lomis Benjn Wm & Christo. Eliory Gilbert Denison Christo. Deen Joseph Webb Israel Lomis Wm Bulkley Peleg Ransom Wid. Ann Wells Martin Wells Solomon Scovill Elisha Scovill David Scovill Elias Palmer John Treadway Ama Ransom Wid. Daniel Welch Jr. Elijah Kilborn Elisha Bigelow Asahel Newton John Cavarly Jr. Wm Worthington Samuel Church Nathan Warner Stephen Rossetter Asa Bigelow Elisha Dodge Oliver Brown Peter Graves Jr. Wm Thompson George Dodge Jesse Crow Samuel Church Jr. Anna Church Israel W. Wells John Wright Robert Bramble Eliphth Gillet Daniel Colman Russell Kellogg Nathl Chamberlin Jr. Joseph Wright Jonathan Watrous Asa Graves Daniel Clark Daniel Pratt Jr. Nath Chamberlin Isiah Munn Samuel Kellogg Joseph Johnson Charles Foot Daniel Bennet Benjn Munn Miles Wright Azariah Wright Ephraim Little Ambrose Strong John Elliot Esqr Shubael Clark Daniel Whitney Richard H. Huntley."

"List of the Polls &c for the Parish of Westchester for the year 1787:

"Noah Skinner Ezra Bigelow Caleb Gifford Joseph Day Jr. Judah Scovill Saml Carrier Joseph Crocker Danl William Saml Isham Daniel Pratt 3d. Joseph Day Weeks Williams John Carrier Samuel Brown Adonijah Foot Elijah Williams Timothy Waters Benjn Adams Jr. Israel Kellogg John Isham Asa Day Amasa Mitchell Samuel Skinner Aaron Barbur Eleazer & Eleazer Dunham Jr. Adriel Sabins, Eldad Sabins Jona. Bass Abraham Day Henry Waters Elijah Day Benjn Huntington Noah Isham Stephen Skinner Noah Skinner Jr. Knight Sexton John Ackley George Sexton Robert Young Ephm Scovel Reuben Scovel Darcas Niles Nathl Warner Jr. Joseph Carrier Jona Northam Jr. Robert Shattuck Susannah Gates Sarah Yeamans Elijah Smith Joseph Whitmore Joseph Fuller Simon Brainard Jr. Ezra Ramsdale Stephen & William Brainard Isaac Isham Isaac Isham Jr. Green Bigsly Sally Yeamans Thomas Shaw Simeon & Timo. Crocker David Yeamans Amasa Day Ezekiel Lord Charles Williams John Williams Phineas Sabins Judah Lewis James Sexton Reuben Foot Uriah Carrier Henry Champion Esq. Henry Champion Jr. Jehiel Isham Nathl Foot Jr. David Shattuck Stephen Brainard Jr. Nathl & Aaron Foot Erastus Worthington Samuel Loomis Jonathan Dunham Joseph Isham John Bigelow John Bigelow Jr. Joseph Loomis John Mitchell Solomon Loomis John Elliot Esqr John Blish Thos Williams John Isham Jr. Joseph Ransom John Olmsted Gad Worthington Amasa Brown Cephas Cone John Day Josiah Cridento

Ambrose Niles Israel Skinner James Mc. Cracken Jacob Balbit John Staples Benjamin Staples Isaac Jones John Skinner Josiah Foot Elijah Staples Jr. David Adams."

**Documentary History.**—The following are extracts from the early records:

"At A Legall Town meeting held in Colchester September 6th 1703: The Town being informed that Major palmes Hath or was about to sell A parsell of land within ye township of Colchester under a pre-tence of an Indian grant—Namely Capt Sannap ye town Considering that trobell may Arise in that matter do hearby impower Joseph pumery & ebenezzer Coleman to eject the said Major palmes or any other person that shall make enteranc or improue any land in the bounds of Colchester without ye aprobaton of the town & for their incoragment the town do grant to them ye said Joseph pumery & ebenezzer Coleman each of them one hundred akers of land at A place on which they haue Aready Made enteranc by fencing about seauen Miles from our town plat at or near paugunk provided thay stand to defend ye land that Major palmes or any other person or persons shall Make enteranc upon in right of Capt Sanap: it is to be understood that thay shall defend it at thair own Charg & to ye outermost exstent of law :—

"at a legall town meeting held at Colchester July 26: 1703 it was voated to enter on record one home lott which was formerly granted to John Stebbins but not then entered—it is ye lott lying North from John adamses sener his home lot."

MR. BUCKLEY'S "CHIMIES."—"Lebanon June ye 17th 1703 then receaved of Joseph pomry of Colchester fiue powns & Ten Shilings in Corrent mony on ye acoult of ye Commitie of Colchester to pay for Beulding mr bucklys chimies (chimneys, C. M. T.) I say recvd by me John Woodward.

"att ye meting aforesd it was granted yt James Taylor should haue an addistion of one hundred powns right he payinge ye charge: & it is to be understood yt it is in right of his father in law Daniel stebins & to take it without meadow and ye abouesd Daniel stebins agreeth not to haue any further deuisions of lands in Colchester untill eury hundred powns lotment hath had one hundred & fifty acers.

"att a legall Town meeting held in Colchester September ye 6th 1703 it was granted to william roberts a home lott & other acomadations: exsepting meadow he paying charges as others of ye town haue done—at ye meetinge aforesaid it was granted to ebenezzer Colman an adistion to his deuision land 3 acers for one yt he wants in his home lot—"

GRIST- AND SAW-MILL.—"att a legall town meeting held in colchester November the 29=1703 then it was voted and granted vnto Iserall wiatt an alotment and vnto Samvell allis an alotmen with the Liberty of tow Strems to Bvlde a grist mill and a Saw mill provided thay Bvlde the mills forthwith and mayntayn them from tim to time for the towens yovs (use, C. M. T.) and also thar is granted vnto them

60 acers of Land to Ly to the grest mill Bvt when thay lett the milles fall the strems shall Retvrn to the towen agayn—thay are also obliged to sell thar Bordes a 22 shilings pvr thovsrand from tim to time and at all times for ever."

"At a town meeting held in Colchester december 29: 1703—Thomas Skiner was chosen Constabell for ye yeare insuinge & Micaiell Taintor was chosen town Clerk for ye yeare insuinge—Thomas Day Joseph wright & Micaiell Taintor Chosen townsmen for ye year insuing—Joseph pratt was chosen waywarden—Joseph wright was Chosen brander for ye town—John chapman & John hopson Chosen fenc vewers—at ye meeting aforesd granted to Samull Lomis his 1st Deuision of meadow lying on ye east side of Stebinses meadow against ye front of Nathanll foots lott exsepting a high way: Nextly granted to thomas Day ye meadow formerly Granted to Samill belding in Stebinses meadow—Nextly granted to Joseph prat yt meadow yt ebenezzer Dibell mowed this yeare lying north of lebanon road on ye great brook: & thare to haue his 1st Deuision—Nextly granted to Daniell Clark twelve acers of upland lyinge Joyninge northward to his 1t Deuision which is in ye lew of his 1t deuision of meadow.

"At a legal Towne meeting in Colchester febr 17th 1703-4 it was granted that ye reurend Mr. John bulkly his sallery shall be for ye year insuing forty powns as mony—further it was voated yt Joseph pratt & John Skener shold lay out ye town highwise —further granted to John waters his 2d Deuision \* \* further granted to John addams his 2d Deuision \* \* further granted unto moses rowley his deuision of upland on ye south side of the way which leads to modus & on ye east side of Charles williams his deuision—further granted to noah Coleman a lott & acomadations amongst us to a two hundred pd right exsepting meadow provided he pay ten powns in mony & Com & settell here within thre months hence—further at ye meeting aforesd granted unto Samuell pelit a homelot & a hundred powns right he payinge fiue powns & settell amongst us—at ye meetinge aforesd granted unto micaiell Taintor Sener yt parsell of land which lyeth between his 2d Deuision & ye great brook & to go down ye brook to ye place where ye Cart way now is & to run upon the ledg of rocks westward he allowing so much as there is in his next deuision—further granted unto Nathanell Kelogg what he wants of his 2d Deuision on ye south side of lebanon road—farther it was voated yt all inclosures of home-lots or elcewhare shall be fenced so as to be Judged sufsient by ye fenc vewers & no swine powndabell untill ye fenc be so adjudged."

SAW-MILL.—"At a town meetinge held in Colchester March 16th 1703-4 was granted to Samuell pellet his 1 deuision next to his home lot on ye west side of lime road about 2 miles from ye town—at ye meetinge aforesd receaved from Samull waler under his hand: yt he doth grant to ebenezzer Killogg all

his right of land in Colchester: & ye towne uoated to except of ebenezzer kellogg an inhabetent in ye Towne & grant him a home lott upon ye right aforesd—further granted to natheniell kellogg & Samuall pellit liberty to set up a saw mill on ye brook Caled ye gouerners Brook & thay to haue ye streame so long as thay maintaine a saw-mill thare: & to haue it goinge at or before ye last of September next—further voated yt all such persons as haue lots heare in Colchester shall Com & Dwell with us in a Constant Way: and in Default thareof to forfeit thair right in ye Towne.

“At a town meeting held at Colchester aprell 24: 1704—it was granted to mr John bulkley a swamp which Joyns to his home lot on ye north side be it one acer more or les—at a meeting aforesd granted to ebenezzer kalog twenty acers for his home lot & 30 acers for his next deuision \* \* \* in right of Samuall walers—at the meeting aforesd mentioned on ye other side granted unto Isreall Wiatt that lot lyinge on ye south side of Joshua Wheelers for his home lott: further granted to Isreall wiatt aforesd his next Deuision of land with twenty acers on ye account of ye mill grant of land betwene ye two east meadows—further granted unto isreall wiatt a parsell of meadow lyinge betwene James browns meadow & micaiell Tantors—further granted unto william lord one hundred pownd Lotment prouided he pay fise pownds & settell forthwith.

“At a legall town meeting held in Colchester July ye 3d 1704 granted unto John Chapman his 1t deuision of upland at the west side of new london road where norage road goeth across lime road he relinquishing his former grant—further granted unto John polie a home lott on the south side of John bacors lott with a two hundred pownd right he payinge charges equall with us & beuld a sawmill with all conuenient spede & settell amongst us:”

“Att A Legall Town Meeting Holdn in Colchestr octobr 30: 1704 it was voted that Mr. Micha Tainter & Joseph Wright should Treat with Jno Poley in Regard of his bulding A saw Mill & Demand an Evidence of his Ability & also satisfie them that he will accomplish it by the Time the Town intend.d in their Grant to him, & if he Cannot to make A tender to him of the said former Grant att teen pounds as is vsuall to others: Att the Town Meeting aforesd it was voted that Every man posing A two Hundred pound Right, shall bring for the Rev.d Mr. Bulkley A Cord of Wood & Cord it att His house & thos of A hundred pound Right to Doe half so much: with in the space of one Moneth upon penalty of forfeiting five shillings.

“At a towne meetinge held in Colchester Decembr 18th 1704: Micaiell Taintor Sener was Chosen Clerk for ye yeare insueing—Josiah Gillett Sener was Chosen Constable—Townsmen Chosen Samuall Northam Thomas Skinner Micaiell Taintor Senr—Way wardens Nathaniell kalodg Richard Skinner—fenc viewers Josiah strong Andrew Carier.”

A NEW DRUM.—“At the meeting Aprrell 12: 1705 it was voated that all timber & stone shall be fre for any person to git throout the whole township on all lands untill it be inclosed the homelots only exsepted: we say all fire wood timber & stone shall be fre to enery person as aforesd of ye town of Colchester exsept such as now enter a protest against this voate—John Day Joseph prat Deacon Skinner James tayler enter a protest against the aboue voate: At the meeting aforesaid it was granted unto Josiah Gillett Sener fowr acers of land at the south end of his meadow prouided he the said Gillett procure a Good new drum for the use of the towne within one Month after this voat: At the Meeting Aforesaid it was Voated to Grant to Edward woolf of lime one hundred pownd right in the towne & a streame to set up a saw mill prouided he haue the Mill finished At or before the last of October next & settell eighthther himself or his son in the town—at the same meeting Micaiell Taintor was voated to keepe ordinary.”

STOCK OF POWDER.—“at a town meetinge held in Colchester June 26t 1706—the towne voated to raize a rate to procure a towne stock of powder our yousiall way of racting the same to be set at the discrection of the select men: at the same meeting it was voated to giue mr John bulkley a deed of his hows & the present select men are hearby Impowered to giue said deed in behalf of the town.”

FULLING-MILL.—“At a Legall Town meeting held in Colchester Nouember the 4th 1706 the town granted unto human hinsdell twenty Akers of land to be laid out on the side of the hill south from the littell brook next southward from the brook Commonly Called fawn brook & so far on the north side of sd brook as to Com to the ledg of rocks: further the towne voated & granted unto Joseph Dewey the home lot & the other acomadations belonging to it which is one hundred pownd right: on Condition that the sd dewey pay to the town ten pownds in Mony & also beuld a fulling mill sometime before the last of May next fitt for seruice & to maintain sd mill in good repaire & to full cloth as cheap as any other mill in the colonie —& to settell an inhabitant such as the town exsept on sd lot within one yeare from this date—it is to be understood yt the lot Granted to Joseph Dewey on the other side was the lot formerly Granted vnto Jonathan Ingram—further it is to be understood that if sd Dewey failes in the premeses Mentioned on the other side then the sd lotments to return to ye town—further the town Granted sd Dewey the liberty of the stream yt Coms out of the north Meadow so long as he Maintains a suffisient fulling Mill on it & no longer—further Granted unto James brown a peece of Land lyinge betwene Jonathan kilburns land & John Cloathers land; & to take it in part of his hundred akers—further Granted unto Martin kaalog one hundred pownd right of land in the town he paying five pownds in mony to ye town & Com & settell in the town with all Conuenient speed.”

**MR. BULKLEY'S SALARY:**—"A Town meeting held in Colchester December ye 30th 1706—Micaiell Taintor was chosen town Clerk for the yeare insueing—Samuell pellett was chosen Constabell & Colectoror—Select Men Deacon Lomis Joseph Chamberlin Micaiell Taintor—fenc viewers Benjamin Skinner Jonathan Northam—Way wardens John Chapman Josiah Strong—At the Meeting aforesaid the town voated to Grant the reurend Mr. Bulkleys sallery or rate to be fuetty pownds in mony or prouision pay as mony and also that euery hundred pownd Right in the town to pay half a Cord of fire wood to be Brought to mr bulkleys at or before the last of Jeneuary Next & euery person neglecting to prouide his proportion of firewood according to his right in the towne at the time the Abouesaid thare shall be added to his Minesters Rate two shillings & six penc to the hundred: which shall be Gathered with ye Rest by the Colectoror."

**REPAIRING THE MEETING-HOUSE.**—"At a Legall town meeting held in Colchester Aprell 15: 1707—the town voated to Repaire the meeting hows with floors & seats & galleries windows & sealing & pulpitt & Decon Skinner Joseph prat & Charles williams were chosen a Comittie to Carie on the work.

"At a town meetinge held in Colchester Janewary 21: 1702 it was granted to giue to ye Reured Mr John Bulkley forty pownds as mony for his incoragement in ye worke of ye Ministry this yeare & to pay him 10 £ at ye end of every quarter—further at ye meetinge aforesd was granted to Ebenezer Dibell so much vpland joyning unto ye swamp formerly Granted to him in Lew of meadow to make up his full proportion of meadow—At ye same meetinge Micaiell Taintor senr was chosen towne clerk—further it was Granted to thomas skinner and his son Ben: Skinner Samll fuller Micaiell Taintor senr & Micaiell Taintor Juner the littell Round meadow lying west from ye town with ye swomps: ye swomps to be accounted two acers for one of meadow: so much as to make up their 1st Deuision of meadow exsepting if ye towne see cause to take a pece for Clay they are to lay it out within one yeare & to make recompence elcwhere—further granted to Samuell Gilbert Samuell Northam Jonathan Northam, James Brown James mun Jonathan kilburn John adams Junr & John bacor the long meadow: to haue their proportion of meadow in equall proportion with others—further Granted to William Roberts senr His proportion of meadow by John Days meadow at ye wigwam swomp—further granted to Samuell Lomis Charles Williams Joseph prat Thomas Day Ebenezer Coleman Daniel Clark & Andrew Carier the meadow called nonsuch & one acer of swomp to ye hundred pownd lotment in consideration of ye remoteness of it—further it was granted to John bacor a home lott on the south side of Clemence Citophells home lott—further granted to Samuell fuller his first Deuision of upland at ye mouth of ye brook That cometh out of ye littell rownd meadow & to run by the great Brook

ye Cometh out of Stebbinses meadow—at ye meeting aforesd granted to John Adams Junr his 1st Deuision of vpland next to Joseph pumerys Deuision southward Next Southward to Samuell Gilbert Next Southward to Jonathan Kilburn Next Southward to John Brown.

"March ye 12th: 1722-3: Was a town meeting held in Colchester—it was voated to seat the meeting hows—Also voated & agree yt a Comittie of thre men Shold Do yt seruice & the Comittie Chosen were Ensign foot Left Skinner & Ensign Wells—& further voated that the fore or front galery & the west pues to be equall with the second seat in the body of the hows—further the upermost seat in the side galery to be equall with the third seat in the body of the hows—& the other seat in side galery to be equall with the fowrth seat—the two pues: next or behind the Dore on the east side: to be the second in dignety—& the two next pues Joyning to the aforesaid pues to be equall with the second scat in the body of the hows—further voated that the Rules in seating shall be according to the same Ruels as the former seaters had—to gether with a refference to the thre last rates—further voated that yong men of the age of twenty one years & maids at eighteen years of age to be seated—further voated that the Comitie for buelding of the galleries; shall haue power to Call in thre Workmen to Judg the work that mr Worthing hath don in buelding the galleries: in Conjunction with mr Worthington—further the town voted & Chose Ensign foot a Comitie to Joyn with mr Bulkley & Left harris to settell the line or to attend the Comitie which the Generall Court appoynted to setell the line betwixt norwich & Colchester."

### Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Edward fuller & elizabeth Rowlee ware married July 21st: 1715 Ann was b. May 28th. 1716—Abigalell b. Aprell ye 3d—1718—Sarah b. July ye 8th—1719—Silence b. May 22d—1721—febeo b. aprell 18th—1723—Unice b. May 12th—1726—David b. Janewy 28th: 1729.

Mary Daughter to James Taylor b. Nouembr ye 9th: 1701—Martha b. Nouembr 29th—1704—James b. August ye 16th—1707 Bethia b. Nouembr: 12th—1709—Leuis (Levi, c. n. r.) b. March 17: 1713

Richard Skinner & hanah prat ware m. Nouembr: 24: 1708—haunah b. aprell ye 16—1714—

Nathaniel foot & Ann Clark were m. July ye 4th: 1711—Nathaniell b. May 28th: 1712—Israell b. October 16th—1713—An. b. August 26th: 1715—Daniell b. Feb. y: 6—1716—17—Charles b. Decemb 16th—1718

Ebenezer Coleman and Ruth Nicles were married March 11th 1704—5 nicles b. februy: 20th—1706—7 at fowr of the Clock in the morning—Ruth b. June 20th: 1709 at 3 of the Clock in the morning—Mahittabel b. July 14th—1713, at 5 of the clock in the morning—Mary b. aprell ye 8th, 1718 about thre of the clock in the afternoon—

thomas Gurstin and Sarah holms were m. June ye 7th—1722—thomas son of thomas Gurstin b. July 19th, 1725—

John hopson and Sarah Northam m. Janewary 1704—Mary b. July 2: 1705—John b. Nouembr: 12: 1707—Sarah the wife of John hopson Dyed march 16th: 1708—John hopson and elizabeth Day m. June ye 6th: 1710 elizabeth b. may: the 11: 1711—John hopson Dyed februarye the 22d: 1714—

Joseph wright had a son born Janewary ye 17th: 1702: & Dyed Jeneuary 28th: 1702—Joseph was b. octobr ye 15th: 1704: at nine clock in the euening on saterday—Ann b. August ye 3d, 1707: on a Sabath Day in ye euening—Sarah b. aprell ye 5th: 1710 on munday & Dyed August 17th: 1710 Timothy b. March ye 5th: 1712: John b. Janey 2d: 1715: on a Sabath Day night—Dudley b. Aprell 6th: 1717: on a Saterday morn-



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ing between break of Day & Sun Riseing—John Dyed October 25th: 1718—Mary b. November ye 15th: 1719: early in ye morning on ye sabbath—John wright the 2d son to Joseph wright b. Janewary ye 12th: 1724—on Sabbath Day night about ten of ye clock—

William Chamberlin and Sarah Day m. Janewary the 4th: 1710—11—William b. Janewary ye 22d: 1711—12—Peleg. b. Nouemb: 28: 1713—John B. Janewary ye 10th: 1715—16—

Sarah daughter to John Skinner b. July 17: 1697—An. b. Octobr ye 1t: 1700—John b. August ye 30th: 1703—Daniell b. August 30th: 1705—Joanah b. Janewary 27th: 1707—Joseph b. October ye 7th: 1710—Aron b. June ye 14th: 1713—

Noah Weles & Sarah wyat ware Married April ye 15th: 1714. Israel Wyat son to Noah Weles and Sarah his wife was b. Decemb: 17: 1714—Jerusha b. Janewary 6th: 1716: 17—Jerusha Dyed December 17th: 1717—noah b. Septembr 25th: 1718—Sarah b. Janewary ye 12th: 1720—21—David b. Septembr 10—1723—Moses b. october ye 3d.—1725—Gidion b. Janewary 22d:—1728—9—James Brown and Annio wickwire m. Octobr ye 14th: 1714—James b. Septembr ye 7th: 1715—

Abigaiell Daughter to Jonathan Cutler b. August 28th: 1711—Jonathan b. August 17th: 1713—Beach son to Jonathan Cutler b. July 4th: 1716—James Newton & Susannah Wyat were m. may 31th: 1716—Dorothy b. february 25th: 1717—John b. Sept. 30th: 1719—James b. June 27th: 1721—Isreal b. feby ye 17: 1723—thomas b. August ye 4th: 1728—& Died ye 21 Day of Septembr following. Dinah b. feby 24: 1730.

Samuell Knight & Mary Ilansom m. Nouembr. 29: 1710—Joshua b. June 20th: 1721—Mary b. July 13th: 1724—Lydia b. June 26th: 1730

Daniell Chapman & Rotern Wutworth m. March 22d: 1713—paul b. aprell ye 12th: 1714—Return b. Decemb: 23: 1715—Martha b. July ye 2d: 1717—another Daughter born aprell 1719: and was still born—Sarah b. June ye 1t: 1720—Daniell b. Aprell ye 10th: 1722—Silas b. aprell ye 18th: 1724—Elas b. Janewary ye 14th: 1724—barnabus b. ye 28th Day of March: 1728.

Sarah Daugter to thomas addams b. february ye 1t: 9—Abigalell b. March ye 3d: 1717—Thomas b. August ye 30th: 1719—Elizabeth b. Nouember 3d: 1720—hannah b. July 4th: 1722—Elijah b. may ye 30th: 1724—Mary & Martha twins b. March ye 17th: 1727—Lydia b. July 16th: 1729—(The next & last birth in the hand of Col. Bulkley, viz.) "Elisha b. Sepr. 28th 1732"—

Benjamin addams & Mary Loomis m. Nouemb ye 25th—1719—Benjamin b. Aprell ye 8th—1721—

Joseph pumery & Sarra beebe were m. August 2d: 1727—Sarah the wife of Joseph pumery Dyed Septembr 3d:—1728.

John nox & Elizabeth Roberds m. Aprell ye 20th: 1720—Elizabeth b. March 28th—1726—

mr Judah Lewes & Sarah Kellogg m. feby 10th—1728—9. february 15th: 1715—16 John whitcom & mahitable Dunham m.—Jemina b. february 24th: 1716—17—John b. Janewary ye 13th: 1718—19—mahitable b. aprell ye 9th—1722—Job b. may ye 8th: 1724—mary b. Sepr ye 15th: 1726—Isaac b. august 24th: 1728—(The next birth recorded by Col. Bulkley, viz.) Isreal b. March 13th: 1733—

Noah pumery & Elizabeth Sterling m. Decembr: 16: 1724—Noah b. october ye 8th: 1725—Daniell b. october 13th—1727—

Seth Dean & Ann Skinner m. october 20th: 1721—Aaron Gillet & hanah Clark m. July 10th: 1728.

John Brown & marah Chandler m. March ye 20th: 1710—Elizabeth b. Decembr 20th—1710—John b. Aprell ye 4th: 1715—hannah b. June 26th: 1717—Sarah b. Janewary ye 6th: 1719—20—timothy b. Decemb ye 3d: 1721—Nehemiah b. September ye 26th: 1726—Jedediah b. March 21: 1729

Joseph foot & Ann Clother m. Decembr 12th: 1719—ambross b. Aprell ye 3d—1723—Jeremiah b. october ye 11th: 1725—

Jonathan Kellogg & ann Newton m. ye 3d Day of Janewary 1710—11—Jonathan b. Septemb ye 18th: 1712—Joseph b. June ye 6th: 1714—Margeroe b. augst: ye 10: 1716—(the three next births in the hand of Col. Bulkley, viz.) Stephen b. March 15: 1724—Silas b. Jaur. 11: 1732—3—Martin b. Febr. 15: 1734—6—

Samuell brown & mercy brown m. August 13th: 1724—

Joseph prat & Edith Kellogg m. March ye 2d: 1727—lois b. Decembr ye 13: 1727—

William Chamberlin & Sarah Day m. Janewary ye 4th 1710—William b. ye 22d day of Janewary 1711—12—Peleg b. Nouember ye 25th—1713—John b. Janary 10: 1714—Sarah was born—Marcy b.—Mary b.—

Lydia Daugther to Nathaniel Otis b. Janewary ye 20th: 1716—17—hannah b. february 29th: 1717—18—Dorothy b. Aprell ye 16th: 1721—Desier b. May ye 20th—1723—Nathaniel b. August ye 20th—1725—John b. Aprell ye 1t: 1728—(The next two births in the hand of Mr. Bulkley viz.) Delight b. March 10: 1730—Mercy b. July 3d: 1734—

Moses Rowleo & Martha Porter m. Septembr: 1707—Mary b. Decembr 15th—1708—Martha b. feby 11th—1710—11—Moses b. Septembr 5th—1714—Ann b. Aprell ye 5th: 1716—

Mary Daugther of James Kinlon b. December 10th: 1722—Abigaiell b. October 8th: 1724—

Easter daughter to Daniell Chamberlin b. october ye 18th: 1722

Joseph Kellogg & Abigaiell Miller m. Octobr 23d—1717—Joseph b. August 8th: 1718—Daniell b. May ye 6th: 1720—Marcy b. May 20th: 1723—Moses b. ye 10th Day: 1725—Elijah b. Janewary ye 15th—1728.

John brown & Sarah harris m. August 13th: 1724—Sarah b. June 20th: 1725—John b. Septembr 11th: 1727—

Jonathan Gillet & Sarah Eley m. Janewary 3d: 1717—Sarah b. Janewary ye 1t: 1718—Jonathan b. March 22d: 1720—Mary b. December 13th—1723—Joseph b. Decembr 30th: 1725—Nehemiah b. March 1t: 1727—8—Jonah b. Aprell ye 10th: 1730—

ebenezzer Day & Sarah tiffin ware m. february ye 3d: 1717—18—Deborah b. Nouembr ye 26t: 1718—Sarah b. July ye 12th: 1720—Jonathan b. Septem: 28: 1723—Jonathan Dyed August ye 18th: 1727—Ebenezzer b. ye 28 Day of July, 1726—Silence b. June ye 1t: 1728—

lemewell son to Jonathan Daniels b. Aprell 6th: 1717—Jemima b. June 14th: 1720—

Easter Daughter to Daniell Chamberlin b. october 18th: 1722—Mehetabel b. aprell 9th: 1723—Daniell b. Nouembr ye 2d: 1727—

James harris son of James harris b. Janewary 26th: 1719—thomas Lewis & Mary Rowlee m. feby 25th—1720—Shubael b. Decembr 6th: 1721—Sarah b. octobr ye 10: 1723—Abigaiell b. nouembr 30th: 1724—Thomas b. octobr 14th: 1726—Mary b. octobr—1728—esther b. december 31: 1730—

Ebenezzer Northam & Mary Glover m. Janewary ye 15th: 1718—19—Samuell b. october 29th: 1720

Daniell Jones & Mary Worthington m. october 13th: 1720—Mary b. May 16th: 1734—(the three next births in Mr Bulkley's hand, viz.) Annal b. Octor 2d: 1720—Mary b. June 13: 1729—Abigaiell b. May 1: 1732—

Samuell Son to Daniell Landon b. february the 19th 1723—John Strong & Abijah Chapel ware m. february ye 5th: 1723—John b. february ye 8th: 1724—Zebulon b. decembr 11th: 1726—loes b. nouembr 22d. 1728—& Dyed Janewary ye 14th—1729—Darkis b. february ye 10th: 1729—30—

Noah Clark & Sarah Taintor m. June ye 10th—1719—Sarah b. february ye 19th: about break of day 1719, and Dyed—Sarah b. the 9th day of march 1721—Noah b. August ye 24th: 1722—3—Jerusha b. feby: 28th: 1724—Ezra b. ye 8th day of november 1725—elihu b. ye eighth day of November 1727—Esther b. october ye fowrteenth 1729—

Nathaniel Gilbert & Mary beasel m. february the 8th: 1720—21. Mary b. Nouembr ye 19th: 1721: about one of the clock in ye after noon—Samuell b. Janewary 31: 1723—about half an howr past three of ye Clock in the morning.

George Saxton & Elizabeth Dible m. Nouembr 21t: 1723—Elizabeth b. Janewary 11th: 1724—5.

Jacob Lomis & hannah taylor ware m. march 22d: 1716—John Day Junr & Sarah Lomis m. August ye 20: 1723—Stephen taylor Dyed Janey: 3: 1718—19—

Ebenezzer son to Ebon. Northam b. June 22d: 1721—timothy b. June 16th: 1723—Mary b. march ye 13th: 1723—Lidia Northam b. october ye 25: 1727—(the next ontry by Mr Bulkley, viz. Elijah b. June 18: 1733.)

hannah daugliter to william brown b. Janewary 25th: 1718—William b. october 7th: 1720—

Daniell Skinner & mary brown m. march 21t: 1728—Elijah b. Decembr 1t: 1728—

(The next two entries by Mr Bulkley, viz.) Jacob son to Daniel Worthingtou & Elizabeth his wife b. Feby 2d. 1735—6—Sarah b. Novr: 27: 1734—

John Chapman & Sarah Carier m. Septembr ye 7th: 1707—Jeane b. octobr ye 15: 1708—Sarah b. aprell ye 25th: 1710—Luse b. Nouemb: ye 8th: 1712—John b. Janewary ye 10th: 1714—15—Jason b. decembr ye 7th: 1716—James b. Janewary ye 31t: 1719—20—Abner b. March ye 5th: 1722—(The three next entries by Mr Bulkley, viz.) Ziporah b. aprell 22: 1724—Gideon b. July 26th: 1726—Delight b. Octor 16: 1725—?

William mariner & abigaiell Welles m. Janewary 27th: 1721—22—abigaiell b. March 4th: 1724—Ebenezzer b. June 30th: 1726—Bachel & Sarah twins & Daughters b. June ye 14th: 1720—(The three next entries by Mr Duckly, viz) as b. Octr 9: 1732—Ephraim b. Sepr 26: 1735—Grace b. June 5th 1737.

fredoni son to Joseph Chamberlin b. aprell ye 15th: 1703—John b. Janewary 31t: 1707—8.

Dinah Daughter to Isreal Wyat & Sarah (Pratt, c. x. r.) his wife b. January 27—1709—Jerusalem b. Nouemb 25—1711 & Dyed the 2d Day of decembr 1711—Isreal Wyat dyed in the 12th year of his age on the 25th Day of June 1712—Mary daughter to Isreal Wyat b. Nouemb: ye 19: 1716.

Jabez Rowe & tabitha harris m. feby 20: 1724—tabitha b. octobr: 20: 1724—Jabez b. Janewary ye 10th: 1726—

Daniell Worthington & elizabeth Lomis m. Janewary ye 3d: 1720—21—elizabeth b. July 24th: 1721—elias b. October 31st: 1722—Asa b. June 10th: 1724—Sibill b. aprell 19th: 1727—Samuel b. february 16th: 1728—9—Rhoda b. September ye 25th: 1730—(The next two entries by Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Mehitabell b. Febr 10th: 1731—2—Daniel b. august 18th: 1731—

Elizabeth daughter to Daniell Galusiah b. october ye 2d: 1719—Nathanell Lomis & Sarah Skinner m. August ye 7th: 1721—Sarah b. Septembr ye 15th: 1722—

John Northam & hannah pumery m. may ye 9th: 1721—hannah b. June ye 6th: 1722—Luranah b. may 25th: 1723—(The next 7 entries by Mr. Bulkley viz.,) Hannah b. May 29th, 1724—Jno. b. May 20: 1725—Sarah b. August 6: 1726—Ruhama & Ann twins b. Octr 15: 1727—Elizabeth b. April 20: 1729—Abigail b. Augt. 23: 1731—Katherine & Experience Twins b. April 13: 1733—

Sarah daughter to John Gold b. April 24: 1718—Sarah daughter to Isaac Davis b. June ye 3d: 1713—Isaac b. June ye 13th: 1716—Jaell b. may ye 4th: 1718—easter b. April 20th: 1720—

Benjamin Warner & Johana Strong m. March ye 17th: 1719—Samuell Gillet & Mary Chappell m. Janewary ye 30th: 1718—19—Samuell b. April ye 20th: 1719—Israell b. february ye 10th: 1721—2—Adonijah b. May ye 30th: 1724—Iphael b. Nouember ye 1t: 1726—Iphael Dyed August ye 22: 1728—Mary b. April ye 11: 1729. (The next two by Mr Bulkley, viz.,) Ruth b. Decembr 17th, 1731—Elliphlet son to Saml Gillit & Abigl his wife b. April 29: 1734—William Waters & margeret hills m. Janewary 13th: 1725—Joseph b. June 2: 1726—

Caleb son to thomas Carrier b. october the 17th: 1715—Isaac b. July the 5th: 1718—Rachell b. Septembr 15th: 1720—

John Carrier & mary brown m. July ye 22d: 1722—Abiall, daughter b. may ye 7th: 1723—Siole b. Nouembr 28th: 1725—Mary b. december 26t: 1727—(The last entry in the hand of Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Titus b. augt. 23: 1733.

John Welcs & elizabeth Chamberlin m. Septembr 8th: 1715—Mary b. July 15th: 1716—John b. Nouembr 24th: 1718—

ebenezer Skinner & Sarah Taylor m. March 17th: 1725—Sarah b. Janewary 10th: 1725—6—Elizabeth b. July 17th: 1727—Ebenezer b. May ye 14th: 1729 (The last entry in Mr Bulkley's hand, viz.,) Mary b. March 17: 1736—7—

hepbah Daughter to Samuell Spencer b. Decembr ye 8th: 1701—Samuell b. March ye 8th: 1704—William b. August ye 9th: 1708—Edward b. April 29th: 1711—Sarah b. Septemb ye 14: 1714—Caleb b. June ye 28th: 1718—

ann Daughter to John holmes b. June ye 1t: 17—Dorothy b. august ye 14th: 1720—Elizabeth the wife of John holmes Dyed Decembr ye 14th: 1726—

Josiah Gillett & Sarah pellet m. March 7th: 1711—Josiah b. Nouembr 11th: 1712, & Dyed october ye 13: 1714—Daniell b. february 2d: 1714—Josiah b. decembr. ye 7th: 1716—Sarah b. Jane 24th: 1717—Dauid b. June ye 30th: 1719—elizabeth b. aprell ye 15th: 1721—timothy b. June 27th: 1723—Mary b. March 3d: 1725 & Dyed ye 17th: day of aprell next following—

Noah pumery was b. unto Joseph Pumery & hannah his wife may ye 19th: 1700—

John Lord & hannah ackley m. Decembr 25th: 1718—Sarah b. aprell ye 17th: 1721—John b. march ye 3d: 1722—3—hannah ye wife of John Lord Dyed March ye 3d: 1723—

Josiah Gates & Grace Rathbon m. the 9th: Day of may 1714—Mary b. July 3d: 1715—Abigail b. August ye 13th: 1719—hannah b. Sepr ye 5th: 1721—Josiah b. Janewary 15th: 1722—3—Thomas b. July ye 3d: 1724—Grace b. october ye 8th: 1725—(The next two entries by Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Elizabeth b. May 8th: 1729—Sanill b. Decr 26: 1730.

James Roberts & Rebecca Daylee m. Nouember 1718. Rebecca b. Janewary 3d: 1719—20—Edenah Daughter, b. May 11th: 1722. James b. September ye 9th: 1724—Elenah b. Janewary 9th: 1727—

Micaiell Taintor & Vnius foot ware Married Decembr ye 3d: 1712—Vnius b. April ye 13th: 1717—Micaiell Taintor son to Micaiell Taintor was born decembr 31st: 1719—Charles b. feby 8th: 1722—3—John b. July 23d: 1725—Mary b. Nouembr ye 6th: 1727—prudence b. Decembr 9th: 1729—(The two next entries by Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Sarah b. April 3d: 1731—Ann b. Octobr 21: 1734—(The next entry is in the hand of Deac:

Aaron Skinner, viz.,) Ann their Daughter departed this Life Jan ye 31st: 1755—

William Williams & Dorothy Jonson m. october 21t: 1713—William b. october 13th: 1714—Elizabeth b. March 13th: 1716—John b. July 22d: 1718—Margery b. July 6th: 1720—Isaac b. July ye 16th: 1728—

Alice daughter to James newton b. ye 28th: Day of february 1686—James b. ye third day of aprell 1690—Anne b. aprell the 13th: 1692—Israell b. ye 5th: Day of March: 1694.

Samuell Lomis & elizabeth holmes m. decembr 12th: 1717. John adams & Ruth Lomis m. June ye 20th: 1708—Samuell b. Janewary ye 26: 1713—14—Ruth b. Janewy ye 28th: 1715—16—Joseph b. august 26th: 1717—David b. Decembr 13th: 1719—Mary b. July ye 9th: 1726—Andrew b. october ye 2d: 1728—Elizabeth b. Decembr 21: 1730—Rachell b. Sepr 1: 1732—Hannah b. Octobr 5th—1733—(The last 3 entries by Mr. Bulkley).

Escalod Chapman & Abigail Clothier m. July 4th: 1723—abigail b. murch ye 10th: 1724—Irene b. february ye 2d: 1724—5—Ann b. february 27th: 1726—7—(The three next entries by Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Irene b. May ye 4th: 1729—Ichabod b. Sepr 28th: 1732—Elisha b. Decr 13th: 1735—Lydia b. Septembr 15th: 1738—

Jonathan Wells & mary Newton m. July ye 11th: 1717—Jonathan b. April ye 13th: 1718—Simlon b. June 17th: 1720—Rubin b. May ye 23d: 1722—Mary b. Septembr 14th: 1724: Irene b. May ye 4th: 1729.

Sarah daughter to James harris b. Sepr ye 27th: 1697—James b. Jane'y 26th: 1699—mary b. Nouemb: 1t: 1702—Jonathan b. June ye 15th: 1706—Alph b. feby 20th: 1708—& Died August ye 30th: 1708—Abigail b. may 17th: 1711—Lebens b. August 11th: 1713—Alph b. august 31t: 1716. Delight b. octobr ye 17th: 1720—

hannah Daughter to enos Randall b. nouembr ye 1t: 1717—Joseph b. august ye 5th: 1721—Dauid b. August 21t: 1724—

hannah Daughter to ebenezer palmeter b. August 22d: 1720—ebenezer b. may 10th: 1723—

Jonathan Northam & mary day m. Decembr 20: 1722—mary b. nouem: 28th: 1723—Jonathan b. october the 17th: 1725—Dorothy b. march ye 17th: 1727—Asa b. decembr ye 4th: 1728—(The next entry is by Deac. Aaron Skinner, viz.,) Grace b. January 24th: 1731—

ephreaim foot & Sarah Chamberlain m. June 1708—Margarit b. may ye 13th: 1711—Sarah b. octobr 20th: 1713—Ephreaim b. April 27th: 1716—

Isaac Jones & hannah welcs m. July 11th: 1717—Joel b. August 29: 1718—Elijah b. Janowary 21st: 1719 20—hannah b. March 12th: 1721—Isaac b. June 19: 1722—More of Isaac Jones children are Recorded in ye 3d book of Records—mary daughter to James tredway & Sarah his wife b. July ye 15th: 1709—Sarah b. April 15th: 1711—Lydia Janey 16th: 1714—eunice Nouember ye 4th: 1717—Lois b. febey 2d: 1720—Elijah b. aprell ye 8th: 1722—Anne b. March 9th: 1724—Abigail b. may 20th: 1726—

Joseph pepoon & mary Dibel m. Decembr ye 12th: 1717 Joseph b. may 20th: 1719—mary b. aprell 18th: 1721—Silas b. Janewary ye 5th: 1722—3—mary the wife of Joseph pepoon Dyed feby 23d: 1724—Joseph pepoon & mary thomas m. Janewary 13th: 1725—elizabeth b. october ye 10th: 1725—Joseph Dyed october ye 20th: 1725—mary Dyed october ye 23d: 1725—marcy b. September 25th: 1727—Sarah & Ruth b. Decembr 30: 1728 & Sarah Dyed March 31t: 1729—

abigail Daughter to John Clothier b. Nouembr 30th: 1704—John b. Janewary 3d: 1707—Sarah b. March 13th: 1709. Anne b. March 8th: 1711—Barbra b. Decembr 3d: 1714—Elizabeth b. Nouembr 29th: 1716—Mary b. Septemb 10th: 1717—18—Lucresse b. June 20th: 1721—

James tredway Dyed May 26th: 1728 in ye 52 year of his age—John bigelow son to John Bigelow b. March 25th: 1709—hannah the wife of John Bigelow Dyed March 31t: 1709—John bigelow aboused & Sarah Bigelow m. Nouember 4th: 1709. Sarah b. July 17th: 1712—Jonathan b. may 21t: 1714—Asa b. September 3d: 1720

anses Daughter to Isreal Newton b. the first Day of Janewary 1716—mary b. march 1t: 1719—hannah b. June 28: 1721—abigail b. octobr 17th: 1723—

Isaac Phelps son to Josiah phelps Dyed february ye 25th: 1715—16—zefaniah Dyed April ye 10th: 1716—Josiah b. Septem: 1717—

Isaac Rowlee & hannah harris m. may ye 30th: 1717—Retern b. august 26th: 1719—harris b. august ye 1t: 1721—thomas b. March ye 4th: 1723—Isaac b. September ye 8th: 1725.

Ruth Daughter to nathaniell Lomis b. August ye 21: 1713—timothy son to Joseph pepoon b. August ye 19th: 1730—Hannah Daughter to benjamin Lewas b. April 7th: 1717—Mary b. June ye 17th: 1720—

Azariah pratt & hannah Coleman m. may ye 5th: 1725—hannah b. June ye 8th: 1726—Lucresse b. Feby 8th: 1727—8—Azariah b. feby 25th: 1729—30—(The next two entries by Mr. Bulkley, viz.,) Sarah b. Octr 16th: 1732—Abigail b. Jan. 8: 1733—4—



Samuel Northam Dyed the 12th Day of Nouember 1726—  
Gesham son to Isaac fox b. December 23d: 1716—Gidian b. october 24th: 1719—

phillep Canerlee & hannah addams m. Decembr 20th: 1713—Next, in another hand is "Sarah ye wife of John Swetland Who was ye widow Treadway, Deceased: February 28th: 1753—Old Stile—

Isaac Bigloe & Abigail Skinner were m. March 14: 1734—Abigail b. Jan. 1: 1734—Ann b. March 7: 1736—Isaac b. Nov. 17: 1737—Timothy b. Nov. 18: 1739—Amasai b. Dec. 28: 1741—& d. Jan. 18: following—Mary b. Feb. 2: 1743—Lydia b. May 2: 1745—Margarett b. Aug. 2: 1747—Jernsha b. March 8: 1748—Rubey b. Dec. 14: 1750—Samuell b. Nov. 1: 1752—Amasai b. Feb. 11: 1755—Addi (a son) b. Oct. 18: 1757—Ruby d. June 5: 1759—

Nathaniel son to Joshua Cole & Mary his wife b. Jan. 31: 1734—5—

David Bigloe and Editha Day m. Dec. 11: 1729—Hannah b. Nov. 11: 1730—John b. May 7: 1732—Amasa b. Sept. 3: 1733—Ezra b. April 10: 1736—David b. May 25: 1738—Eli b. August 25: 1739—Azariah b. Dec. 26: 1741—Editha b. March 16: 1744—Editha wife of David Bigelow d. Jan. 19: 1746—David Bigelow & Marcy Lewis m. Jan. 21: 1747—Stephen b. Oct. 27: 1747—Stephen d. Sept. 13: 1748—Stephen b. June 5: 1749—Moses b. Oct. 4: 1750, & d. Dec. 23: 1750—Stephen d. Aug. 5: 1751—Eli d. Aug. 10: 1751—Marcy b. Nov. 23: 1753—

Susanah Daughter to William Chapman was b. february 28th: 1715—16—Mary b. Jenowary 20th: 1717—18, abagail b. June ye 28: 1720—ebenezer b. March 22: 1724—William Chapman & marcy Chapman wer m. Decenbr 19th: 1728—William Chapmau had a daughter born & Dyed Janawary 3d—1730—

Sarah Daughter to John Clark was b. August 13: 1723—Johanah b. february: 1725—6 & Dyed Nouembr ye 5th—1729—John b. September 22d: 1728—(The next two entrie in the hand of Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Joanna Daughter to Jno. Clark and mindwell his wife b. July 4th 1731—Nathaniel b. Febr. 17th: 1733—34—

Samell son to Isaac Jones was b. aprell ye 22—1724—Lydin b. Nouember ye 14th: 1725—William b. September 18th: 1727—Esekiell b. March ye 22d, 1729—(The next seven by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Nathan b. Decr. 30th: 1731—Asa b. Oct. 16th: 1733—Eunice March 10th: 1735—Sarah, Feb. 16th: 1736—Mary b. July 27: 1737—Lemuel b. Octr. 18: 1739—Josiah b. Jany 20th: 1740—1.

Noah Coleman & mercy wright ware married march ye 5th—1730.  
Joseph pratt & editha kellogg ware married march ye 2d, 1727—Lois b. the 13th Day of Decembr 1727—Lydia b. March ye 3d, 1730—(The next two entrie by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Joseph b. August 2d, 1732—Peter b. Febr. 8th, 1734—6—

Sarah Daughter to John Rowle b. Janewary 1722—Deborah b. Decembr ye 14th: 1725—John b. July ye 7th: 1727—Seth b. May ye 6th 1730—

Timothy Carler and frances Ciplyn m. ye 26th day of february 1729—30—

Grace daughter to William Dickson & Rebecca his wife b. March 12th, 1721—John son to William Dickson b. Nouember 12th, 1722—William b. may ye 12th: 1724—Rebecca b. Janewary 12th, 1725—Margaret b. August 18th, 1727—& Dyed Nouember 18: 1728—

timothy b. May ye 6th 1730—Thomas b. May 3d, 1733—

Lidia daughter to Joseph Chamberlin b. October 20th: 1721—Joseph b. aprell ye 11th, 1724—Job b. feby the 8th, 1725—26—Jonathan b. July ye 1st Day & Dyed ye last day of September being thre month old: 1729—another son named Jonathan b. february 22d, 1729—30 and Dyed march ye 3d, next after—Lidia the wife of Joseph Chamberlin Dyed March 3d, 1730—

John son of John niles b. March 25—1718—nathan son to John niles b. february ye 20: 1720—Samil b. march 13: 1722 and Dyed in August 1726—nathan b. may ye 7th 1724—Mary b. Junc 26th 1726—thomas b. September 28th 1728—Abigaiell b. Septem ye 4th 1730—

noah punmyer & elizabeth Randall ware m. ye 25th day of Decembr 1728 & a Daughter born to Joseph punmyer february ye 29th & Dyed toward the latter end of Decembr next after—

Simion son to James Crocker b. September ye 19th 1722—Abigaiell b. March 22d, 1724—hannah b. Janewary 17th: 1728—levy b. may ye 11th 1728—Jonathan b. March 16th 1730—(The next four by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) James b. April 20th 1732—Thankfull b. Jan. 27th, 1733—4—Lydia b. Jan. 14th, 1735—6—Ephraim b. Sept. 21: 1739—

John hopson & lydia kellogg ware m. may 28th, 1730—

Samuell Landon son of Dauell Landon was b. February 10th—1723—Deborah b. february 16th 1725—William b. April 25: 1727—Joshua b. aprell 13th—1729—

Ebenezer thomas & unice strong ware married decenbr ye 7th: 1730—

Caleb Lomis & Jonuah Skinner ware m. fery (Feb. c. m. r.) 28: 1728—9—Caleb b. Nouember ye 28th, 1729—

Daniell skiner & elizabeth hitecock ware married Decembr ye 22: 1727—Daniell b. february ye last Day 1728—9—(The next seven entered by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Elizabeth b. March 22—1733—Sarah b. Novr. 25: 1735—John b. Augt. 17: 1738—Elijah b. June 8th, 1742—Hannah b. May 20—1745—Lydia b. Octr 15—1747—Rubin b. Augt 8th, 1750; Lydia died June ye 26th 1753—

James tredway & Sarah mun ware married June ye 4th—1720—hezakiah kilburn & ann Clotber ware m. ye 25th Day of Decembr—1728—hezekiah b. ye 1st Day of Decembr 1720—(The two next entrie by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Asa b. Jaur 26: 1731—2—Ann b. March 25: 1734—

Lefut, John holmes & Ann Rockwell m. Decembr ye 3d, 1729.  
thomas son to samuell brown was b. ye 9th of Novr. 1734—Ruth b. Nouember ye 2d: 1726—kesiah b. Decenbr ye 5th 1728—(The next by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Amos b. Decenr 1st, 1730—

Nathan Williams & elizabeth Lewis ware m. Septbr 10: 1725—Abraham b. July 21: 1726—elizabeth b. March 30: 1729—

Nathaniel Kellogg & elizabeth Williams were m. July ye—1725—Charles b. ye 17th Day of September 1726—elizabeth b. July ye 8—1729—(The next three by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Sarah b. Febr 22d, 1732—Delight b. Octr 5th 1734—Margarett b. Jaur. 17: 1736—7—

John Douglas & elizabeth quiterfield ware m. Janewary 27th: 1728—Mary b. Nouember 29th: 1729—

benjamin quiterfield & unice kellogg ware m. July ye 11th: 1728—benjamin b. Aprell 22—1739—(The next four by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Eunice b. Febr. 20: 1730—1—Asa b. June 28: 1733—Israell b. August 28th: 1735—Hannah b. Novr. 3d, 1737 & Dyed Dec. 10th, 1738—

Cornellous fuller & patience Chappell ware married february ye 25th 1730—

John bebe son to John lobee was b. December ye 5th 1727—hezekiah b. September ye 26th—1729—

Asariah Lomis and Abignell Newton ware m. Decembr 25th: 1723—Dinis b. Septembr 5th—1724—(The next two entrie by Deacon Aaron Skinner, viz.) Silence b. January ye 6th, 1737—Lieut Azariah Lomis Departed this Life February ye 9th A.D. 1758—

Judah Lewes & Sarah Kellog m. february ye 19th: 1728—9—Sarah b. Janey 18th: 1729—30. (The next five entrie by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) The Rev'd Mr Judah Lewis & Mercy Kellog m. Decr. 24: 1734—Ephraim b. October 4th 1735—Lydia b. Febr 21: 1736—7—Judah b. March 14: 1738—9—The Rev'd Mr Judah Lewis Dyed April 15th 1739—(The next entry by Deacon Skinner, viz.) Lydia d. sept. the 12th 1748—

Nathaniel kellogg & Elizabeth Williams ware m. ye 1st: Day of July 1725—Charles b. 17th Day of September 1726—Elizabeth b. ye 8th Day of July 1729—(The next by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Sarah b. Febr. 22: 1731—32.

Elizabeth Daughter to Jonathan kilburn was b. octobr ye 15th—1713—

Elizabeth Daughter to John hitecock was b. may the 3d: 1708—Eliakim b. february ye 14th: 1712—13—hannah b. october ye 29: 1717—Easter b. September 1720—

Elizabeth Daughter to Charles Williams was b. february 13th: 1702—

Jonathan son to Jonathan kilburn was b. June ye 8th: 1707—hezekiah b. Nouemb: ye 2d: 1708—

Shubaiell Rowlee & hannah Brown ware Married may ye 8th: 1709—a Daughter b. Decembr 12: 1716 & Dyed ye 10th of Janewry following—experenc b. august ye 8th: 1718—Mathew b. october ye 5th: 1720—patience b. August ye 16th: 1723—marcy b. Aprell ye 30th: 1710—hannah b. March ye 10th: 1712—Elizabeth b. october 3d: 1714—

Joseph son to Noah Colman b. June 28th: 1708—Noah Colman Dyed Nouember ye 7th: 1711—

Joseph son to John day b. September ye 27th: 1702—Benjamin b. february ye 7th: 1703—4—Enditha b. septemb: 10th: 1703—Daniell b. March ye 9th: 1709—Dauid b. July ye 18th: 1710—Abraham b. March ye 17th: 1712—Isaac b. May 17th: 1713—

Andrew Carrier & mary addams ware m. Janewary ye 11th: 1704—5—Andrew b. february 2d: 1705—6—John b. June ye 14th: 1707—Mary b. Aprell 19th: 1708—thomas b. June ye 20th: 1711—Benjamin b. Septenb: 17: 1713—Kuff Israell Newton's Negroman: & the Indian woman named Sarah ware m. as he saith: March ye—1710—martha Daughter to the—said Kuff & Sarah his wife b. Janewary ye 25th: 1719—

Ebenezer Dibels daughter Elizabeth was b. august ye 8th: 1701—Mary ye wife of ebenezar Dibell dyed septemb 24th: 1703—ebenezar Dibell & An hooton ware Married agust .9th: 1706—Ann b. June 27: 1708—Ann the wife of ebenezar Dibell dyed the 22d: of July 1708.

Ebenezer Dibell & mary lewes ware m. Decem. 30th: 1708.

James brown dyed may 8th: 1704—

Nathaniel Skiner & mary gillet ware m. June 13th: 1706—Nathanell was b. July 10th: 1707—Mary b. July 10th: 1709—thomas b. Aprell ye 6th: 1712—(The next three entrie by Mr. Bulkley, viz.) Eunice daugh-

ter to Decon Nathl Skinner & mary his wife b. Decembr 15-1715—David son of ye aforesd persons b. Jan. 7th: 1717—and died on Janr 31st, Item: David b. Novr. 6th 1719—

Samuell son to thankfull brown was b. decembr the 5th-1703—

Elizabeth Daughter to Josiah Strong was b. the 21 of october 1705—Mary b. Septemb ye 19th: 1707—Josiah b. September ye 9th: 1709—unisa b. Nouembr ye 19: 1711—Caleb b. the 20th: Day of february 1713-14—Rachel b. Aprell ye 21t: 1716—Dorothy b. may 25th: 1718—

ebenezer kellogg & Mabell Butler were m. July ye 6th: 1708—Abigail was b. June 25th: 1707—Ebenezer b. Janewary 30th: 1709—10—elizabeth b. Sepr 25th: 1712—Mary b. June ye 3d, 1715—prudence b. Decembr 24th: 1717—

John son to John Jonson b. Jenewary ye 16th: 1712—13—David b. february 10th: 1715—16—elijah b. Septembr 20th: 1718—Elizabeth february 17th: 1720—21—Elisha b. July 16th: 1724—

Joshua son to Josiah Strong b. July 20th 1720—Irena b. octobr ye 20th: 1722—Asahel b. June 22d: 1725—

Daniell Clark & elisebeth butler m. the 4th: Day of Decemb: 1704—hannah b. June 30th: 1706—elizabeth b. June 29: 1708—Daniell b. Septembr 28th: 1711—a son b. July 17th: 1710 & dyed the same Day—Jonah b. Decembr ye 19th: 1713—Roger b. Decembr 24th: 1715—Alexander b. Nouembr ye 6th: 1717—Zerulah b. March ye 14th: 1719—mabell b. octobr. ye 7th: 1721—

hannah Daughter to ephraim weles was b. Jenewary ye 2d: 1709—10—Lidia b. Jenewary ye 18th: 1711—12—Rebeckah b. Septemb ye 1t: 1715—

Rebeckah Daughter to Danl Clark b. Jun: ye 16th: 1726—Darius b. february the 2d: 1719—20—Uriah b. Nouembr 2d: 1722—

ebenezer son of ebenazer skiner b. August ye 8th: 1703—Sarah b. Agust 6t: 1705—Joseph b. Jenewary 17th: 1707—8—Deborah b. August 24th: 1710—Gideon b. October 19th: 1712—Abigail b. July 9th: 1715—Ann b. Septembr ye 8th: 1717—Mary b. septembr 18th: 1719—

Joseph priat and Sarah Colyor ware m. July 22d: 1697—Joseph b. June 30th: 1698—Asariah b. decemb. 7th: 1699—Abigail b. Nouembr 30th: 1702—Ruth b. March 16th: 1705—G—elisha b. Agust ye 10th: 1707—Daniell b. May ye 26th: 1710—Sarah b. August ye—1713—

Timothy son to ebenazer skiner b. July 10th: 1721—Lydia b. Aprell ye 20th: 1723—margaritt b. Decembr 23th: 1725—

Samuell son of Samuell brown b. Decemb ye 12th: 1718. Samuell dyed october 5: 1719—elizabeth b. Nouembr ye 16th: 1720—Samuell b. March 10: 1723—

Deborah daughter to Thomas Day dyed october 20th: 1703 Samuell son to Thomas Day b. Septemb 15th: 1704—the Wife of John day Dyed May 12th: 1714—

John son to Robert Ransom b. Nouember ye 13th: 1709—Mary b. August ye 30th: 1711—James b. March 13th:—1713—Joshua b. may ye 3d: 1715—Robert b. March 25th: 1717—alce (daughter) b. Septembr 6th: 1719—Newton b. february ye 21t: 1722—Peleg b. September ye 20th: 1724—Amos b. february ye 17th: 1727—

Benjamin son of clemenc kithophell was b. Aprell 11th: 1704—Richard b. Septemb: 27th: 1706—elizabeth b. June 3d: 1709—John b. Septembr 3d: 1711—Collings son to Clement kiterfield b. Nouembr ye 9th: 1720—

Asariah son to Decon Samuill Lomis b. may ye 2d: 1700—elizabeth b. Nouemb: 13th: 1702—Sarah b. March ye 7th: 1705—Caleb b. Septemb. ye 20th: 1707—Daniell b. february 20th: 1708—9—

Abigail Daughter to James Mun b. october 17: 1700—James son to James Mun and mary his wife b. february 2d: 1703—hannah b. March 26th: 1706—Sarah b. June 28th: 1708—

kasiah Daughter to Thomas Brown b. September 22d: 1707—Samuell brown & elizabeth Collins ware m. may ye 12th: 1713—

John addams son to John addams Junr b. August 21t: 1709—Daniell b. february ye 12th, 1711—

Mary Butler Dyed march 19th: 1715—

Samuell kellogg Dyed August 24th: 1708—

Remembrance Daughter to Richard Carier b. Aprell ye 14th: 1715—Sarah Daughter to Richard Carier dyed Septembr 27: 1717—

Mary the wife of Decon Thomas Skinner Dyed March 26th: 1704—

Benjamin son to henry tomeson b. Jun 19th: 1709—Isaac b. Aprell 20th: 1711—thankfull b. Aprell 17th: 1713—

Sarah Daughter to the Rourant mr John bulkley b. aprell 8th: 1702—about the middell of the afternoon—another daughter was born May 6th: 1704 and dyed about 3 howrs after its birth—John bulkley was b. aprell 19: 1705 about 3 howrs before day—Dorothy b. feby. 28: 1706—Geshom b. february ye 4th: 1708—9—Charles b. decembr 26th: 1710—peter b. Nouembr 21t: 1712—patience b. march 21—1715 about noone—oleuer b. July 29th: 1717—Juceo b. Janewary 29th: 1719—20, about break

of Day—Irene & Joseph (twins) son and daughter to mr bulkley b. feb. 10th: 1721—2 about two hours before day—Irene dyed ye 20th of ye same month following about two howrs before day—Joseph Dyed ye 25th of ye same month following about ye daun of ye day—

Dinah daughter to henry tomeson b. february ye 18th—1718-19—elisebeth Daughter to John hitchcock b. May 23d: 1708—thomas Brown senr Dyed Aprell ye 18th: 1717—Shulsiell Rowlee Dyed March the 28th: 1714—

Daniell son to Samuell Brown and elizabeth Colings his wife b. June ye 12: 1714—elizabeth ye wife of Samuell Brown Dyed July ye 2d: 1714—Samuell Brown & presilla kent ware m. Aprell ye 11th: 1715—David b. March ye 29th: 1716—

John fuller son to Samuell fuller b. Nouember the 3d: 1704—Samuell b. the last day of agust 1706—Moses b. Jenewary the 30: 1708—Aron b. June ye 3d: 1711—Mahitabla b. august 6: 1716—marcy b. June ye 27: 1718—Mary b. febyr: ye 28: 1721—Desire b. february 2d: 1723—abner b. Decembr ye 16th: 1724.—(Daughter, b. June 1727—

1699 in July 22d: Timothy Carier son of Richard Carier was b.—Sarah b. aprell ye 13th: 1701—Mahitabell b. aprell 16: 1702—olizabeth, the wife of Richard Carier Dyed March ye 6: 1704—Richard Carier & thankfull Brown ware m. July 29th: 1707—hannah b. May ye 1t: 1708—amos son to Richard Carier b. July ye 3d: 1722.

Lydia Daughter of Samuell Gilbert b. Septembr 4th: 1707—Mercy b. Octobr 4th: 1709—

William Roberds & elisebeth Northam ware m. ye 20th: of July 1703—samill: b. february ye 8th: 1706—6—An b. March ye 8th: 1707—8 Sarah b. Septm: 13th: 1710—Jerusha b. Janewary 31: 1713—William b. March ye 4th: 1715—lemewell b. march 24th: 1717—Mary b. aprell 1st: 1721—elizabeth ye wife of William Roberds Dyed August ye 22d: 1728—

Caleb Jefforis & hannah parsons the reputed daughter to Jonathan parsons late of Northampton deceased ware m. Decembr ye 17th: 1710—Nathaniell foot & ann Clark m. July ye 4th: 1711.

Daniell son to Josiah phelpz b. Decembr the 17th: 1704—Ann b. february 8th: 1708—9—Isaac b. february 1t: 1710-11—Zefculah b. Nouembr 7th: 1712—elizabeth b. may 16th: 1715—

Nathaniell son of Nathaniell kellogg b. May ye 8th: 1703—Sarah b. Decembr 27th: 1707—Lydia b. May 20th: 1710—ezra b. Septembr ye 6th: 1724—

Marcy Daughter to Isaac bigloo b. July 23d: 1711 & dyed about 3 months after—Isack son to Isaac biglo b. may 4th: 1713—marcy b. february 4th: 1715—Mary b. July 31t: 1719—Samuel b. the 21t Day of Decembr 1724—Sarah b. the 27th: day of June 1727—Lidia b. aprell the 22d: 1729—(In another place) hannah b. ye 2d: Day of octobr: 1721—abigail b. Aprell 13th: 1723—

thankful Daughter to Richard Carier b. aprell 29th, 1711—

(Here ends the recording of births, marriages, and deaths by Micniell Taintor Esq.—What follows is chiefly in the hand of Esq. Bulkley—A small portion of it is in the hand of Capt. Aaron Skinner—) “Mary daughter of Dnniel & Elizabeth Worthington was b. Augt. 2d: 1737—Telitha b. Nov. 25: 1738—Abigail b. March 10: 1740—Almy b. april 12: 1741—Mehitabel b. June 27: 1742 & dyed July 1: 1742—William b. oct. 20: 1743 & d. March 4th 1744—William b. Jan. 29: 1744-5—Ansam b. April 16: 1746—

Susannah daughter to Joseph Isham b. 14: Feb. 1737-8.

Samuel Kellogg & Abigail Sterling, m. Jan. 8th, 1735-6—Abigail b. Oct. 29: 1736—Samuel b. Dec. 20: 1738—Hannah b. Sept. 30: 1740—Ann b. Novr 30: 1742—Mary b. April 27: 1745, New Stile—Eunice b. Feb. 26: 1747—Daniel b. June 1: 1749—Ann d. July 9: 1758, in the 16th year of her age—

Martha daughter to Isaac Chocker & Elisabeth his wife b. March 3: 1731—Abigail b. March 10: 1733—a daughter (still born Sept. 26: 1736—

Elisha Pratt & Ann Porter m. Feb. 27: 1735-6—Elisha b. Jan. 25: 1735-6—David b. April 30: 1738—

Gershom Bulkley & Abigail Robins m. Nov. 27: 1733—Sarah b. Nov. 10: 1735—

Noah Wells & Sarah Wyatt were m. April 15: 1714—Isrnell Wyatt b. Dec. 17: 1714—Jerusha b. Jan. 6: 1716-17 & d. Dec. 17: 1717—Noah b. Sept. 25: 1718—Sarah b. Jan. 12: 1721-2—David b. Sept. 10: 1723—Moses b. Oct. 3: 1725—Gideon b. Jan. 22: 1728-9—Silas b. July 8: 1730—Jerusha b. Jan. 28: 1733-4—Amos b. Feb. 28: 1735—

Mary wife of Ebenezer Dibble d. March 5: 1736—Elizabeth daughter of Benjamin Carier & Elisabeth his wife b. Nov. 25: 1735—Hannah daughter to Joseph Pumery & Elisabeth his wife b. April 28: 1734—John Daley son to Joseph Daley & Patience his wife b. Dec. 11: 1708—The Revd Mr. Joseph Lovett & Ann Holmes m. April 3: 1734—Samuel b. Jan. 12: 1734-5—Benjamin Carier & Elisabeth Kneeland m. Feb. 6th 1734-5—Thomas Carier Dyed May 16: A. D. 1735 aged about 108 or 109 years

Jona. son to Denc. Nathil Skinner & Mary his wife b. Aug. 15: 1721—Joiah b. April 20: 1724—Joanna b. March 19: 1727—Zerviah b. June 25: 1730—

John son to Philip Caverly & Hannah b. Nov. 24: 1731—Phillip (son) d. June 19: 1739—John son to John & Elisabeth Douglass b. Oct. 12: 1731—Elizabeth b. Dec. 5: 1733—Daniel b. Oct. 15: 1735.

John Adams the first died in Colchester Nov. 22: 1732—Joseph son to Joseph Pratt Junr. b. Aug. 2: 1732—Ebenszer son to John & Ann Beach b. Feb. 17: 1732—3—d. on the 5: April 1734—John son to Ebenr Skinner Jr. & Sarah his wife b. Feb. 23: 1732—3—Hannah daughter to Evan & Mary Harris b. Aug. 22: 1732—James son to James Crocker b. April 20: 1732—Thankful b. Jan. 27: 1733—4.

Sarah daughter to Josiah & Grace Gates, b. Nov. 12: 1732—Leodemiah daughter to James Newton Junr. & Susannah his wife b. May 7: 1732—Susannah b. March 15: 1735.

Elisabeth daughter to Robert & Alice Ransom b. May 1: 1729—Amy b. Aug. 2: 1732—Aaron Gillit dyed in Boston Nov. 30: 1730—

John Chapman & Bethiah Chapman m. April 10: 1740—Bethiah b. Feb. 27: 1743—Sarah b. May 13: 1745—John b. April 6: 1747—Thomas & Jason b. Feb. 20: 1749—Rosel b. May 17: 1751—Rhoda b. Sept. 20: 1754—Rhoda d. April 20: 1756—Thomas d. Jan. 21: 1750—

Thomas son to Jabez & Ann Jones b. May 21: 1732—Jabez b. Jan. 14: 1733—Amos b. Jan. 2: 1734—Anna b. Oct. 5: 1736—Isaiah b. Jan. 7: 1737—8—Asa b. June 9: 1739—Hazeel b. Jan. 6: 1742—3—Jehiel b. Sept. 20: 1743—Ariel b. Sept. 28: 1745—Sarah b. Jan. 7: 1746—7—Abijah b. July 5: 1750—

Asa son to William & Abigail Marriner b. Oct. 9: 1732—Jonathan son to Edward & Zerviah Bill b. May 5: 1733—John Quittfield & Elisabeth Kilborn m. Dec. 7: 1733—Amasai, b. Dec. 11: 1734—Elisabeth the wife of Charles Williams Dyed Sept. 13: 1725—Rubeu son to John Strong & Abijah his wife b. May 8: 1733.

Benjamin Day & Margaret Foot m. March 6: 1729—Ann b. Feb. 27: 1730—Benjamin b. Sept. 13: 1731—Adonijah b. July 16: 1733—Asa b. May 10: 1735 & d. 23: Asa b. June 1: 1736 & dyed 13: Margaret b. Oct. 27: 1737—Aaron b. Sept. 14: 1740—Amasai b. April 21: 1742—Lydia b. April 21: 1744—Daniel b. July 21: 1747—David b. Aug. 4: 1749—Editha b. Jan. 5: 1752.

William son of Jabez & Tabitha Rowley b. Oct. 15: 1727—Phineas b. Oct. 7: 1729—Lois b. Nov. 14: 1731—Simeon b. June 17: 1733—Eunice b. April 3: 1735—Nathan b. Feb. 12: 1737—Lydia b. June 27: 1739—Dorothy b. April 28: 1741.

Joseph Day & Esther Hungerford m. April 1: 1729—Ezra b. Jan. 18: 1730 & d. July 23: Joseph b. May 6: 1731—Esther b. March 12: 1733—Grace b. March 12: 1736—Mary b. July 2: 1733—Ezra b. July 20: 1740 & d. March 17: 1742—Asa b. March 13: 1743—Rachel b. Nov. 22: 1754—Jesse b. Jan. 10: 1748—

Richard Quittfield & Lydia Crippen m. March 1, 1732—Abner b. Aug. 27: 1732—a son still-born Dec. 22: 1733—

Jno. Carrier Junr & Rebecca Banister m. Jan. 13: 1730—31—Andrew b. Jan. 13: 1731—2—Mary b. Dec. 7: 1733—Andrew d. Jan. 14: 1736—7—Mary d. Jan. 18: 1736—7—

Samuel Brown & Mary Dunham m. Aug. 6: 1729—Samuel b. Aug. 17: 1729—Abner b. March 25: 1730—Mary b. Feb. 13: 1732—

Elisabeth daughter to Daniel Chamberlin b. March 18: 1720—Esther b. Oct. 18: 1722—Mehitabell b. April 9: 1725—Daniel b. Nov. 2: 1727—Richard b. July 5: 1730—William b. March 10: 1733—

Jabez Crippen & Thankfull Fuller m. July 9: 1707—Susannah b. May 21: 1708—Frances (daughter) b. June 26: 1710—Lydia b. March 17: 1713—Thomas b. May 15: 1715—Jabez b. July 14: 1717—John b. March 20: 1720—Mehitabell b. July 6: 1722—Samuel b. July 7: 1724—Joseph b. June 7: 1726—Thankfull b. April 2: 1728—

Gornelius Hamlin & Mary Mudge m. Dec. 5: 1732—Cornelius b. Sept. 25: 1733—Stephen Brauord & Susannah Gates m. Dec. 24: 1730—Susannah b. Sept. 24: 1731—Elizabeth b. Dec. 17: 1733—

Andrew Carrier Junr & Ruth Addams m. Dec. 27: 1733—Andrew b. Nov. 9: 1734—Ruth his wife d. Nov. 16: 1734—Andrew Carrier & Rebecca Rockwell m. Oct. 27: 1735—Ruth b. Aug. 14: 1736—Joseph b. March 3: 1738—Samuel b. Jan. 6: 1739—40—Isaiah b. March 12: 1741—2—Isaac b. April 21: 1744—

John Ransom & Bethia Lewis m. April 6: 1732—Robert b. April 8: 1733—John Gates & Sarah Fuller m. April 19: 1722—Sarah b. Aug. 10: 1725—John b. Aug. 19: 1728—Nehemiah b. April 17: 1730—Mathias b. Feb. 13: 1733—4—Ezra b. July 20: 1730.

John Lord & Experience Crippen were m. Dec. 26: 1724—Jonathan b. Oct. 3: 1726—Timothy Carrier & Frances Crippen m. Feb. 26: 1720—30—Elisabeth b. Jan. 18: 1730—1—Elisabeth d. Aug. 26: 1731—Thankfull b. Aug. 5: 1732—Elisabeth b. Dec. 22: 1733—4.

Hannah the wife of Mr. Benjamin Lewis died June 9: 1732. David Day & Hannah Lewis m. Dec. 12: 1734—

Mary, daughter to Stephen & Deborah Pain b. Dec. 20: 1734—Deborah daughter to Ebenr. & Sarah Skinner b. Feb. 23: 1735—Abigail daughter to Joseph & Susannah Isham b. May 21: 1732—Jane b. Feb. 2: 1734—Joseph b. Oct. 15: 1735—

Elnathan Palminter & Elisabeth Scorele m. April 10: 1734—Sarah b. March 18: 1734—5—Elisabeth b. Jan. 26: 1736—7—Eunice b. April 11: 1739—Elisabeth b. Dec. 11: 1741—Irene b. May 28: 1745—John b. Jan. 7: 1747—8—Nathan b. March 9: 1749—50—Charles b. Feb. 15: 1751—2—

Daniel Chapman & Katharine Wentworth m. March 22: 1713—Paul b. April 12: 1714—Katharine b. Dec. 23: 1715—Martha b. July 2: 1717—a daughter still-born April, 1719—Sarah b. June 1: 1720—Daniel b. April 10: 1722—Silas b. April 8: 1724—Elias b. Jan. 14: 1725—6—Barabas b. March 18: 1728—Jeremiah b. April 12, 1733—Mercy b. April 14: 1735—Eunice b. April 28: 1737—Paul d. Sept. 28: 1738—Sarah d. Dec. 22: 1738—

John son to John Dethick b. March 10: 1719—Elisabeth b. Dec. 17: 1721—Susanna b. Dec. 17: 1723—Mary b. March 10: 1725—Sarah b. March 5, 1727—Naomi b. May 11: 1729—Annanias b. Dec. 24: 1730—Hannah b. June 20: 1733—Ruth b. July 16: 1734—Aaron Skinner & Eunice Taintor m. Aug. 4: 1737—Mary daughter to Ebenezer Skinner b. March 17: 1736—7.

John Hopson & Mary Kellogg m. May 28: 1730—John b. Nov. 5: 1731, & d. July 14: 1732—John b. Jan. 29: 1734—Betty b. Feb. 16: 1735—Sarah b. Jan. 29: 1737—Lydia b. Aug. 20: 1739 & d. July 6: 1740—Lydia b. Oct. 24: 1741. Mary b. April 16: 1745—Hannah b. Sept. 29: 1747—Prudence b. Dec. 16: 1750—Capt. John Hopson d. Aug. 9: 1751—in the 44th year of his age. March 31: 1761 died the wife of Capt. John Hopson late deceased who after his death was joined in m. to Henry Bliss of Lebanon—Lydia their daughter d. Oct. 6: 1761—

## CHAPTER XXXII.

### COLCHESTER—(Continued).

Ecclesiastical—Congregational Church, Colchester—Congregational Church, Westchester—Methodist Episcopal Church, Colchester—Baptist Church—Episcopal Church—Roman Catholic Church—Savings Bank—The Hayward Rubber Company—The Pioneer Schools—Bacon Academy—Attorneys—Lyman Trumbull—List of Representatives from 1708 to 1882.

**The Congregational Church, Colchester,** was organized Dec. 20, 1703, with Rev. John Bulkley as pastor. Measures were soon after taken for the erection of a church building, and at a town-meeting held March 20, 1705, "the Town voted to beuild a meeting hows of forty foots square provided that thare be mony giuen enouf to procure the nailes and Glass—further the towne chose a Committie to Carie on the beuildinge the sd hows namely Serget Rowlee Decon skiner Johon Skiner Joseph chamberlin Thomas Browne."

June 11, 1708, "the towne voted to beuild a New meeting hows with all Conuenient speed the length to be forty foots & the bredth to be thirty & six foots with a slatt Roufe—further the town chose Samll Northam Decon Skiner Joseph wright Joseph Pratt & Nathaniell Iouis a Comitie to Carie on the beuilding & finishing the sd Meeting howse—further the town voted that thare shold be a Rate made to the sum of eighty pounds to carie on & defray ye charg & euery one may pay his part in work as he Can agre with the Comitie."

In 1709 "the town sold the old meeting hows to ebenzer Coleman for eight pownds to be payd in

nailes at mony price ondy Reserueing the boards of the floor & all other loose bords & the pulpit."

At a meeting held Dec. 30, 1705, the "towne voated to grant to the Reuerent Mr bulkley 50 pownds in Mony or prouision as mony for the year past for his sallery: & that euery person that hath a two hundred pownd right to bringe Mr bulkley one Cord of fire wood & one hundred pownd right to bring half a Cord—All to be brought at or before the last of Jeneuary next; & whomsoeuer shall neglect to do it by that time there shall be added to his minesters rate two shillings & six pence to the hundred which the Colectoror shall gather with the rest."

Dec. 31, 1711, it was "voated and granted to the Reuerant Mr bulkley for his salery the year now past the sum of fuety & fue pownd in mony or wheat at 4s pr bushell indian Corn at 2s pr bushell—& merchantab: pork at 2½d pr pownd."

March 4, 1712, "the towne granted to the Reuerant mr bulkley sixty & five pownds as mony for his sallery this yeare he finding himself firewood—further the towne voated to add to mr bulkleys salery yearly for the next fue years after the first Day of Jenewary next from the aboue Date eight pownds as mony on the Consideration that he find himself fire wood the sd fue years: & Continue in the work of the minestry amongst vs."

A church edifice was erected in 1771, and was considered one of the finest in the State. The building was occupied about seventy years, when it was superseded by the present building.

The first seven pastors were Revs. John Bulkley, Ephraim Little, Salmon Cone, Lyman Strong, Joel R. Arnold, Erastus Dickinson, Lucius Curtis. The present pastor is Rev. S. G. Willard.

**Congregational Church, Westchester.**—The ecclesiastical society at Westchester was formed in 1728, and the church was organized in December, 1729, with the following members: Rev. Judah Lewis, George Sexton, Nath. Skinner, Benj. Lewis, Jonathan Lord, John Rowley, Daniel Chamberlin, Sarah Sexton, Mary Skinner, Elizabeth Day, Hannah Lewis, Ruth Adams, Deborah Rowley, Deborah Hungerford, Mary Carrier, and Mary Skinner. The first house of worship was erected in 1730, on land donated by Timothy Carrier. The second church edifice was completed in 1791, and was used by the society until March 28, 1847, when it was destroyed by fire. The present edifice was dedicated in 1848.

The following is a list of the pastors of the church from its organization to the present time: Judah Lewis, Thomas Skinner, Robert Robbins, Ezra S. Ely, D.D., Nathaniel Dwight, Jacob Scales, Joseph Harvey, Daniel G. Sprague, Spofford D. Jewett, A. C. Denison, G. G. W. Rankin, and H. Ball. The deacons prior to 1800 were George Sexton, Noah Skinner, John Gates, John Day, Henry Champion, Timothy Dutton, Nchemiah Gates, Noah Skinner, Joseph Carrier, Cephas Cone, and John Kellogg.

**Methodist Episcopal Church.**<sup>1</sup>—Methodism was introduced into the town of Colchester by the Rev. E. Washburn in the year 1806. This preacher was invited by a Brother Nolan, who, with his family, had moved from New London to Colchester, and was the first Methodist in the place. A crowded house listened to the gospel preached from the text John v. 6: "Wilt thou be made whole." That day a number of souls were convicted, and soon after were converted. When the preacher came around again on his circuit he formed a class, with Brother Nolan for leader. The hand of God was in the work, and from this beginning a good society was established in Colchester.

Circuit preaching continued till 1843, when a church edifice was erected, and Robert Allyn was stationed by the Conference as pastor.

The list following includes the appointments since made to this church: 1844, Robert Allyn; 1845, M. P. Alderman; 1847 (April), Sewell Lamberton; 1847 (September), Lorenzo Bolles; 1848, F. W. Bill; 1849, A. F. Park; 1851, W. O. Cady; 1853, Anthony Palmer; 1855, L. W. Blood; 1857, J. M. Worcester; 1858, Nelson Goodrich; 1860, V. A. Cooper; 1862, H. S. Ramsdell; 1863, J. A. Dean; 1864, G. W. Wooding; 1865, C. S. Sanford; 1867, A. W. Mills; 1869, G. A. Morse and W. O. Cady; 1870, G. A. Morse; 1871, E. B. Bradford; 1873, A. L. Dearing; 1875, G. A. Fuller; 1877, T. E. Simins; 1879, C. W. Holden.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Fuller the church building was enlarged and improved, so that it is now admirably adapted for worship. In 1843, at the dedication of the church, its whole membership was forty-four; at the present date (1881) the membership numbers one hundred and nineteen.

The first stewards of the church were Joshua B. Wheeler, Amasa O. Standish, and S. S. Norton. The two former are still connected with the church. The present stewards are B. H. Roper, E. D. Standish, H. H. Saunders, J. H. Reed, N. Palmer, W. M. Palmer, W. P. Clark, E. D. Tracy, C. H. Dawley.

*Trustees.*—F. D. Standish, B. H. Roper, G. W. Standish, H. H. Saunders, Ira Clark, E. D. Standish, N. Palmer, J. H. Reed, N. Foote.

**Baptist Church.**—This church was organized in 1836, and Elder Andrew M. Smith was chosen its first pastor. Services were first held in the Congregational Conference house until August, 1836, when the church edifice was completed and dedicated.

The following is a list of pastors from its organization to the present time: Andrew M. Smith, Augustus Bolles, Robert C. Mills, Pierpont Brockett, Augustus Bowles, G. W. Pendleton, Philo Williams, Daniel Robinson, N. M. Matteson, E. N. Watrous, D. D. Lyon, William Ashley, Lyman Teft, C. N. Nichols, W. N. Walden, Joseph Butterworth, present pastor. The present membership is one hundred and sixty.

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. C. W. Holden.

**Calvary Church.**<sup>1</sup>—Previous to the year 1861 occasional services had been held in Colchester by the rector of St. Peter's, Hebron.

In 1861 the Rev. Samuel Hall was appointed by the missionary society of the diocese to examine the field in Eastern Connecticut and ascertain the most promising places to plant the church. He officiated several times in Colchester. In 1863 the Rev. W. S. Bostwick was appointed to begin services in Colchester, Salem, Lyme, and Willimantic. He resided in Colchester till Easter, 1864. On June 1, 1864, the Rev. Henry M. Sherman assumed pastoral charge of such persons as might desire the services of the church in Colchester. He found seven communicants and several other persons who were desirous of having established a parish and church of our communion. A room was rented and the work begun. In May, 1865, the parish was organized under the name of Calvary Church. It was admitted into union with the convention the following year. The corner-stone of the church edifice was laid by Bishop Williams on the 10th of October, 1866, and the building was first used for divine worship, though unfinished, the second Sunday after Trinity, 1867. It cost seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Mr. Sherman resigned August, 1870. After the services had been maintained for some time by the Rev. H. A. Metcalf and by lay readers, the Rev. J. D. Gilliland became rector of the parish, in June, 1871. He resigned in 1874, and the two years following saw many changes in the officiating minister, services being kept up by students from the Berkeley Divinity School, and by the Rev. J. F. Pearce, who officiated several months. May 31, 1876, the Rev. William H. Bulkeley took charge of the parish, holding the rectorship until Jan. 1, 1880. After his resignation services were quite irregular until May 1, 1880, when the Rev. J. W. Ellsworth took charge of the parish in connection with St. Peter's, Hebron, since which time regular services have been held.

There is also a Roman Catholic Church in the town, but we have been unable to obtain data for its history.

**The Colchester Savings-Bank** was incorporated in 1854. The present (1880) officers are as follows: President, S. C. Gillette; Vice-President, W. H. Hayward; Treasurer, J. N. Adams; Directors, S. C. Gillette, W. H. Hayward, J. N. Adams, E. Ransom, J. N. Felton, A. A. Baker, D. H. Hammond, S. G. Willard, Russell Way, H. P. Buell.

**The Hayward Rubber Company.**—This company was organized in 1847, the company consisting of Nathaniel Hayward, Henry Burr, William A. Buckingham, James S. Carew, and Israel M. Buckingham. The first officers of the company were Henry Burr, president, and W. A. Buckingham, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hayward held the office of president until his death, July 18, 1865, when he was succeeded

by James S. Carew. In 1876, Mr. Carew resigned the presidency, and was succeeded by William A. Buckingham, son of Israel M. Buckingham. William A. Buckingham continued as secretary and treasurer until his death, Feb. 4, 1875. He was succeeded by Israel M. Buckingham, who held the office of secretary until June, 1875, when Charles J. Carew was chosen his successor. Israel M. Buckingham held the office of treasurer until his death in May, 1876, when he was succeeded by James S. Carew. Until 1854 Mr. Hayward was the active manager of the mills. He was a man of great force of character, and labored persistently to advance the interests of the company.

**Pioneer Schools.**—At a meeting held in 1705 it was voted "to hire the present schoolmaster namely James pennock to keep school with what he hath already kept the term of half a year & to pay him fiuteen pownd in that way & manner as the law directs.

"At a legall town Meeting held in Colchester October the 1t: 1711—the town Considering the great necessty of a schole haue Chosen a Comitie to manage that afaire to finish the frame of a howse that Capt gilbert hath set up which stands neare the meeting hows: Capt gilbert haueing giuen the sd frame to the town: with the stones that are thare reseruing the chamber to himself which he the sd Capt Gilbert is to finish on his own charg: also sd gilbert shall haue Liberty to make use of said hows on sabath days: Capt Gilbert John Chapman sener Nathaniell Lomis Nathaniell kellogg ware chosen for the Comitie to manage the afaire abouesd & also to hire a school-master as spedy as thay Can Conueniently for this winter.

"Colchester Janewary the 26th: 1718—19 was a Legall town meeting: & it was vouted that Mr. Liyn (?): chool master shall be paid for keeping school for the time past: that which is Due: which is about six pounds—the one half out of the town tresury & the other half to be payd by the Scollers that went to the Said School—further at the same meeting the town vouted to keep a school this whoole year—& that it shall be kept remoued unto thre seuerall parts of the town at the Discretion of the select men—further at the meeting aforesaid it was further vouted: that All the children from five years oald to the age of ten years that liue within one mile and half from the place whare the school is kept, shall pay to the sd school as the law Directs: whether thay go to said School or nott—& those that are about ten years of age shall pay ondy for the time as thay do go—further it was vouted that the Colecterours shall be accountable to the town: their proportion in gathering the minesters & town Rate: in particqler that is to say John Dav to gather or Colect the Rates all that are within the limits of the bounds of Capt wrights train band: & thomas Jones: to gather all within the bounds of Captain Newtons train band: which the sd Colecter-

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. J. W. Ellsworth.

ours define—further the town abated benjamin graues Jonathan Cutlers & benjamin foxes minesters & town Rats: which he was to gather.”

(For present condition of schools, see Chapter VIII.)

**Bacon Academy.**—This institution was founded in the year 1800, by Pierpont Bacon, and has ever remained among the foremost educational institutions of its class in this old commonwealth. Its alumni include many of the leading men of to-day prominent in the councils of the State and nation.

Among the lawyers who practiced in this town are mentioned Samuel A. Peters, who was judge of the County Court, State senator, etc.; Amos D. Scovill, Judge Culver, justice of the Supreme Court, and Jared F. Crocker. Lyman Trumbull, ex-United States senator from Illinois, was born in this town in 1813. He adopted the profession of law and removed to Illinois, and first appeared in the political arena in 1840, as a member of the Legislature of that State.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1708-1882.

- 1708.—Michael Taintor, Nathaniel Loomis.  
 1709.—Michael Taintor, Nathaniel Loomis, Joseph Wright.  
 1710.—Michael Taintor, Samuel Loomis.  
 1711.—Michael Taintor, Joseph Wright.  
 1712.—Michael Taintor, Joseph Wright.  
 1713.—Michael Taintor, James Newton, Joseph Wright.  
 1714.—James Newton, Michael Taintor.  
 1715.—Michael Taintor, James Newton, Ebenezer Coleman.  
 1716.—Michael Taintor, James Newton.  
 1717.—Capt. James Newton, Ebenezer Coleman.  
 1718.—Michael Taintor, Capt. James Newton.  
 1719.—Michael Taintor, Capt. James Newton.  
 1720.—Capt. James Newton, Michael Taintor, Ebenezer Coleman.  
 1721.—Michael Taintor, Capt. James Newton, Capt. Joseph Wright.  
 1722.—Michael Taintor, Capt. James Newton, Capt. Joseph Wright.  
 1723.—Michael Taintor, Israel Wyatt, Capt. James Newton.  
 1724.—Capt. Joseph Wright, Nathaniel Foot, Michael Taintor, Ephraim Wells.  
 1725.—Israel Wyatt, Nathaniel Foot, Michael Taintor.  
 1726.—Michael Taintor, John Skinner, Capt. Joseph Wright, Nathaniel Foot.  
 1727.—Israel Wyatt, Ephraim Wells, Nathaniel Foot, John Skinner.  
 1728.—Nathaniel Foot, Ephraim Wells, Israel Newton.  
 1729.—John Bulkley, Jr., Nathaniel Foot.  
 1730-31.—John Bulkley, Ephraim Wells, Nathaniel Foot.  
 1732.—John Bulkley, Nathaniel Foot.  
 1733-37.—John Bulkley, Israel Newton.  
 1738.—Capt. John Bulkley, Capt. Nathaniel Foot, Capt. Israel Newton.  
 1739.—Capt. Israel Newton, Isaac Jones, Capt. John Bulkley, Capt. Nathaniel Foot.  
 1740.—Capt. John Bulkley, Capt. Israel Newton.  
 1741.—Col. John Bulkley, Capt. Israel Newton.  
 1742.—Col. John Bulkley, Capt. Israel Newton, Capt. Nathaniel Foot.  
 1743.—Col. John Bulkley, Capt. Nathaniel Foot, Epaphras Lord.  
 1744.—Capt. Nathaniel Foot, Epaphras Lord, Capt. Israel Newton, Capt. Charles Bulkley.  
 1745.—Capt. Nathaniel Foot, Epaphras Lord, Capt. Charles Bulkley, Capt. Timothy Wright.  
 1746.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, Capt. Nathaniel Foot, John Day.  
 1747-49.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, Capt. Timothy Wright, John Day.  
 1750.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, Jonathan Kilborn, John Chamberlain.  
 1751.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, Jonathan Kilborn, Jonathan Kilborn, Jr.  
 1752.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, John Chamberlain, Jonathan Kilborn.  
 1753.—Capt. Charles Bulkley, Maj. Charles Bulkley, John Chamberlain.  
 1754.—Maj. Charles Bulkley, Epaphras Lord, John Kilborn, Capt. Timothy Wright.  
 1755.—Charles Bulkley, Capt. Timothy Wright.  
 1756.—Capt. Timothy Wright, John Kilborn, Capt. Gershom Buckley.  
 1757-58.—Capt. Gershom Buckley, Capt. Elijah Worthington, Jonathan Kilborn.  
 1759-60.—Capt. Elijah Worthington, Dudley Wright.  
 1761.—Capt. Elijah Worthington, Dudley Wright, Capt. Henry Champion.  
 1762-63.—Capt. Elijah Worthington, Dudley Wright, Daniel Foot, John Hopson.  
 1764.—Daniel Foot, Capt. Dudley Wright.  
 1765.—Capt. Dudley Wright, Daniel Foot. (Names of deputies not recorded.)  
 1766.—Daniel Foot, Capt. Peter Bulkley.  
 1767-68.—Capt. Henry Champion, Capt. Peter Bulkley.  
 1769.—Capt. Henry Champion, Daniel Foot.  
 1770-71.—Capt. Henry Champion, Daniel Foot, Elias Worthington.  
 1772-73.—Maj. Henry Champion, Daniel Foot.  
 1774.—Maj. Henry Champion, Daniel Foot, John Waterhouse.  
 1775.—Maj. Henry Champion, Dr. John Watrous.  
 1776.—Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion, John Watrous.  
 1777.—Elias Worthington, Henry Champion.  
 1778.—Henry Champion, John Watrous.  
 1779.—Elias Worthington, Henry Champion.  
 1780.—E. Bulkley, Joseph Isham.  
 1781.—Dudley Wright, Pierpont Bacon, Henry Champion, Elias Worthington.  
 1782.—P. Bulkley, Asa Foot, Daniel Foot.  
 1783.—P. Bulkley, E. Worthington, Daniel Foot, Henry Champion.  
 1784.—P. Bulkley, E. Worthington, J. Watrous.  
 1785-86.—Thomas Skinner, J. Isham, Jr., J. Watrous.  
 1787.—P. Bulkley, J. Isham, Jr., J. Watrous.  
 1788.—J. Watrous, E. Worthington.  
 1789.—E. Bulkley, J. Watrous, Henry Champion.  
 1790.—E. Bulkley, Henry Champion.  
 1791-92.—E. Bulkley, John Isham, Henry Champion.  
 1793.—E. Bulkley, H. Champion, Jr., John Isham, J. R. Watrous.  
 1794.—E. Bulkley, H. Champion (2), John Isham (2).  
 1795.—H. Champion, Jr., J. R. Watrous.  
 1796.—John Isham, J. R. Watrous.  
 1797.—H. Champion (2), Joseph Isham (2).  
 1798.—Roger Bulkley, H. Champion (2), Joseph Isham (2).  
 1799.—Joseph Isham (2), J. R. Watrous.  
 1800.—Roger Bulkley, H. Champion (2), Joel Fort, J. R. Watrous.  
 1801.—Roger Bulkley, John Isham, Joseph Isham.  
 1802.—Henry Champion, D. Watrous.  
 1803.—Henry Champion, D. Watrous, J. R. Watrous.  
 1804.—Henry Champion, John Isham, J. R. Watrous, Joel Worthington.  
 1805.—Henry Champion, John Isham, J. R. Watrous, D. Watrous.  
 1806.—R. Bulkley, J. Worthington, D. Watrous.  
 1807.—R. Bulkley, J. Worthington, S. A. Peters, Benjamin Trumbull.  
 1808.—R. Bulkley, J. R. Watrous, Joel Worthington, John Isham.  
 1809.—B. Trumbull, D. Watrous.  
 1810.—S. A. Peters, J. R. Watrous, Joel Worthington.  
 1811.—D. Deming, J. R. Watrous.  
 1812.—J. B. Watrous, John Isham, Jr.  
 1813.—D. Deming, J. R. Watrous, D. Watrous, Benjamin Trumbull.  
 1814.—D. Deming, D. Watrous, B. Trumbull.  
 1815.—D. Deming, J. R. Watrous, D. Watrous, B. Trumbull.  
 1816.—J. R. Watrous, John Isham, B. Trumbull.  
 1817.—D. Deming, J. R. Watrous, John Isham.  
 1818.—B. Trumbull, J. R. Watrous, S. A. Peters.  
 1819.—J. R. Watrous, S. A. Peters.  
 1820.—Henry Champion, S. A. Peters.  
 1821.—J. R. Watrous, John Isham.  
 1822.—S. A. Peters, C. Cone.  
 1823.—S. A. Peters, D. Deming.  
 1824.—S. A. Peters, D. Watrous.  
 1825.—E. Goodrich, Jr., Samuel Kellogg.  
 1826.—J. R. Watrous, Bela Robbins.  
 1827.—S. A. Peters, Benjamin Trumbull.  
 1828.—M. Bradford, Benjamin Trumbull.  
 1829.—S. A. Peters, A. Brainard.  
 1830.—S. Brainard, A. Brainard.  
 1831.—S. A. Peters, B. Trumbull.  
 1832.—J. Clark, John C. Cowe.  
 1833.—J. Clark, John Isham.  
 1834.—S. A. Peters, Ralph Isham.  
 1835.—Samuel Kellogg, John Isham.  
 1836.—J. B. Rogers, A. Skinner.



*L. J. Bigelow.*



1837-38.—J. B. Wheeler, N. Taintor.  
 1839.—A. Morgan, J. Day.  
 1840.—A. Otis, John Packer.  
 1841.—J. B. Rogers, J. Staples.  
 1842.—S. A. Peters, D. Sperry.  
 1843.—E. Brown, R. Tracy.  
 1844.—Daniel Taylor, Asahel Brown.  
 1845.—F. Morgan, A. E. Emmons.  
 1846.—J. B. Rogers, A. R. Park.  
 1847.—A. B. Pierce, A. J. Loomis.  
 1848.—J. R. Dow, D. Taylor.  
 1849.—Henry Burr, S. B. Day.  
 1850.—G. H. Rogers, A. W. Lord.  
 1851.—S. A. Kellogg, W. E. Tracy.  
 1852.—Russell Dutton, Russell Gillett.  
 1853.—George Langdon, E. Adams.  
 1854.—Guy Bigelow, E. Clark.  
 1855.—L. L. Dickinson, E. Day.  
 1856.—Joseph Foote, T. L. Buell.  
 1857.—A. O. Standish, S. Wickwire.  
 1858.—D. Kellogg, A. E. Emmons.  
 1859.—E. Carpenter, S. A. Peters.  
 1860.—H. Smith, E. Adams.  
 1861.—C. D. Strong, E. Beckwith.  
 1862.—J. N. Felton, E. S. Day.  
 1863.—J. N. Felton, D. S. Bigelow.  
 1864.—E. S. Day, E. H. Stroug.  
 1865.—J. C. Hammond, A. E. Emmons.  
 1866.—J. C. Wightman, J. L. Gillett.  
 1867.—L. L. Dickinson, D. Carrier.  
 1868.—Wm. H. Hayward, H. N. Lee.  
 1869.—J. N. Adams, J. D. Watrous.  
 1870.—Charles Clark, William Carver.  
 1871.—Charles Taylor, Wm. B. Otis.  
 1872.—G. G. Wickwire, N. Foote.  
 1873.—A. R. Bigelow, F. L. Carrier.  
 1874.—E. S. Day, W. H. Hayward.  
 1875.—J. Dinmore, W. H. Hayward.  
 1876.—L. Chapman, J. A. Dinmore.  
 1877.—E. H. Strong, Henry Foote.  
 1878.—J. W. Holmes, F. B. Taylor.  
 1879.—Hoxie Brown, Wm. B. Otis.  
 1880.—Russell Gillett, E. H. Stroug.  
 1881.—John Shea, W. E. Jones.

## CHAPTER XXXIII.

COLCHESTER—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**The Bigelow Family.**—The changes through which the name has passed are very curious, viz.: Baguley, Bigullah, Biggullaugh, Bigalow, Bigelow, and later Bigeloe, Bigelo, and Biglow. This family was early in this country, and may be traced to a remote period in England, even to the reign of Henry III. (1206), when the name was written Baguley, and was derived from the place where they dwelt. Richard, at that time, was Lord of Baguley, and his descendants took the name of the place. In the reign of Henry VII. (1485), Ralph de Baguley was Lord of Allerton Hall. He died in 1540, leaving Randall and Nicholas. Randall died in 1556, and his sons Philip and Robert divided his estate. Robert died in 1582, leaving a son Randall, who moved to Wrentham, Suffolk County, England, and died in 1626, leaving two sons, Francis and John. Francis

died in 1657, and gave in will a portion of his property to his brother John, then residing at Watertown, Mass.

JOHN BIGELOW was a blacksmith in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1636. He was baptized Feb. 16, 1617, by the hand of Rev. John Phillip, the rector, who came to this country two years after Bigelow did, and lived at Dedham, but finally returned to England. John Bigelow married, Oct. 30, 1642, Mary, daughter of John Warren, of Watertown, Mass., which was the earliest marriage recorded there. They had twelve children, of whom Joshua, born Nov. 5, 1655, was the sixth child. His wife died Oct. 19, 1691, and he married again. He died July 14, 1703. His inventory shows a good estate.

His son Joshua married, Oct. 20, 1676, Elizabeth Flagg, and had twelve children, of whom John was the third son, born Dec. 2, 1681. Mrs. Bigelow died Aug. 9, 1729. In June, 1742, Joshua removed to Westminster, Mass., and died, with his youngest son, Eliezer, Feb. 21, 1745. He was wounded in King Philip's war, and received a grant of land at Worcester, Mass., for military services.

John Bigelow was four times married: first, to Hannah ———, who died March 31, 1709; second, to Sarah Bigelow, Nov. 4, 1709, who died Oct. 13, 1754; third wife, Abigail, died Aug. 1, 1760; and the fourth wife was Hannah ———.

He had two children by his first wife and three by his second. He lived at Colchester, Conn., where he died March 8, 1770. A gravestone marks his resting-place in the rear of the Congregational church at Colchester. One of his sons was David, born in 1706; married Editha Day, Dec. 11, 1729. She was born Sept. 10, 1705, and died Jan. 19, 1746. He married Mercy Lewis, Jan. 21, 1747. He had eight children by his first marriage and four by his second. He lived at Marlboro', Conn., and died June 2, 1799, and was buried in the village yard. His fourth son, Daniel, by his first wife, was born May 25, 1738, married Mary Brainard, July 8, 1761, and died Nov. 11, 1822, aged eighty-eight years. His second wife was Sarah Ingham, who died Oct. 3, 1820, aged seventy-two years. He had seven children by his first wife, one of whom was Stephen, born Jan. 18, 1762; and seven children by his second wife.

Stephen Bigelow married Deborah Gates Smith, March 5, 1793. They had three children, viz.: Mary B., wife of Edmund Bailey, who went West and settled in Racine, Wis., and their descendants are among the substantial citizens of that county; Nancy M., wife of Ichabod L. Skinner, and their descendants lived on the Western Reserve, in Ohio; Jonathan Gates Bigelow, born Dec. 15, 1798. Stephen died March 20, 1832, and his wife April 28, 1842.

Jonathan Gates Bigelow married Hope Skinner, daughter of Deacon David Skinner, of Marlboro', Conn., Sept. 13, 1827, by whom one son, David S., was born, April 3, 1829. Mrs. Bigelow was born July 27,

1798, and died Dec. 13, 1870. Mr. Bigelow died March 23, 1874. This family of Bigelows have been farmers for six generations on the farm now (1881) owned and occupied by David S. Bigelow, and for many generations before.

David Skinner Bigelow, only son of Jonathan Gates and Hope (Skinner) Bigelow, was born in that part of the town of Colchester known as Westchester, Conn., April 3, 1829. He prepared for college at Phillips' Academy, Andover, Mass., and entered Yale College in 1848, from which he graduated with honor in the class of 1852. He has always lived in his native town, where he owns and carries on an extensive grazing farm. His fellow-townsmen have repeatedly elected him to important local offices. In 1863 he represented the town in the Legislature; he has been for twenty-nine years an efficient member of the town school board, and in various ways is active in promoting the best interests of his community. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow are members of the Congregational Church at Westchester, Conn. He married, at Westchester, Nov. 9, 1852, Abby M., daughter of Revilo C. Usher. She was born June 7, 1833, in Colchester, Conn. They have four sons, viz.: Amatus R., born Sept. 18, 1853; a son, not named (deceased); Jonathan C., born May 24, 1862; and David Skinner, born Sept. 6, 1868.

Amatus R. Bigelow married Lina C. Brown, daughter of Deacon Samuel Brown, June 7, 1877, and have one daughter, Abby E., born March 2, 1878. Mrs. Amatus R. Bigelow was born in Colchester, May 13, 1857.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

### FRANKLIN.<sup>1</sup>

IN May, 1659, the General Assembly authorized the planting of a colony in the Mohegan country, and the following month Uncas and his brother Wawequa, for the consideration of seventy pounds, ceded a portion of their domain nine miles square, and including within its limits the present towns of Norwich, Franklin, Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague, with small portions of adjoining towns.

The first settlement was made at what is now known as Norwich Town, but in 1663 the meadows and uplands of West Farms, as Franklin was then called, were portioned out among the occupants of the town, to be improved by them, or, if they saw fit, passed over into other hands. Soon after settlements were made on the hillsides and up and down the streams, and in a short time a thriving community occupied the most desirable portions of the territory.

In 1710 the West Farms contained nearly fifty families, who all felt that the burdens of maintaining a connection with a society whose centre was so remote

were far greater than those growing out of a separate organization. They petitioned the town for leave to organize a separate society, and alleged that the flourishing of religion was their only motive, as they were too far away to attend regularly the public services in Norwich.

On the 19th of September, 1716, the inhabitants of the town of Norwich agreed in general town-meeting that "the West Farmers be allowed to be a society by themselves." They next petitioned the General Assembly for an act of incorporation, and their petition was readily sanctioned. The new society embraced most of the present town of Franklin, the western half of the town of Sprague, and the eastern part of New Concord, now known as Bozrah.

The first meeting was held Nov. 1, 1716, and a committee being chosen, it was voted to proceed to the erection of a church edifice, to call a minister, and until the building was ready to meet for divine worship at private houses. The people were poor, and the building of the church progressed but slowly, but in October, 1718, they ordained their first minister, Rev. Henry Willes.

One of the first acts of the society was to provide for a society school. It was kept on Meeting-house Hill, and open for six months in the year. The inconvenience experienced by those who resided upon the outskirts of the settlement led, in 1727, to the establishment of four school districts,—Portpaug, Upper Windham Road, Lower Windham Road, and Lebanon Road. But the population was too scanty for the maintenance of separate schools, and the division remained inoperative till in 1729 the difficulty was obviated by a school which traveled from district to district, keeping six weeks in each. This migratory school proved a great success.

The society early took care to provide a suitable cemetery, and the ground, twice enlarged, is the one in use at the present day. A few graves were, however, dug upon a sandy knoll jutting into the Great Pine Swamp, which place is now commonly called the Indian Burying-ground.

In 1734 the General Assembly permitted the people of New Concord (the western part of the society) to procure preaching by themselves, and two years later incorporated them into a distinct society. The parent society was deprived thereby of a fifth of their territory, and they resisted the movement vigorously, but could they have foreseen the endless trouble destined to follow in its train, they would doubtless have staked their all upon the issue, for this secession proved the first cause of twenty years of the most turbulent commotion, and of a second more vital change. The society had by that time outgrown the first church, probably a rude affair, and were nearly agreed concerning the propriety of building a new one, when the withdrawal of New Concord gave an unexpected turn to the matter. Before her withdrawal the church had stood in the exact centre of

<sup>1</sup> By Ashbel Woodward, M.D.

the society, but then it was thrown a mile to one side. About half the society contended for the original location, and the other half strenuously maintained that the church ought to stand farther east, in the new centre. After several years of constant agitation, during which time the society was at a standstill, as the only egress, a majority petitioned the General Assembly for a committee to come and settle the disputed point. The committee visited West Farms in the fall of 1741, and reported that it would "tend most to peace and best accommodate the greater part of the people" to have the new church built on the hill where the old meeting-house stood. The church was finished in 1747, but the discord and dissension were by no means at an end. The pastor, Rev. Henry Willes, stood upon the Cambridge Platform of 1608, in which he had probably had the support of his people, but the old division started up in a new form. Half the society attacked their pastor for his adherence to the Cambridge Platform, while the other half were zealous in his defense. In 1748 the General Assembly was petitioned to divide West Farms into two societies, one to be planted on the Cambridge, the other on the Saybrook Platform. A committee was sent out, but recommended no change. Four years later another committee was sent out for the same object, and with the same result. The society had for fifteen years been engaged in uninterrupted strife, during which the arbitration of the Legislature had been continually invoked, but always with unsatisfactory results, and both parties wisely concluded that their troubles, if ever settled, must be settled by themselves, and not by the interference of a higher power. After a few years the majority became convinced that separation alone could restore peace and tranquillity, and in March, 1758, they consented to the formation of a new society. These proceedings received the ready sanction of the Legislature, and the new society was incorporated as Norwich Eighth, or Portipaug Society.

During these twenty years there was a display of feeling unparalleled for bitterness and persistency in the ecclesiastical annals of Connecticut. The issue was doubtless best for all concerned, for the existing breach was too wide ever to be healed, yet the loss to West Farms in territory and numbers was a serious one. New Concord and the Eighth Society combined stripped her of over half of her territory and quite half of her grand list.

In 1749, Mr. Willes' pastorate closed. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Ellis, who retained his charge twenty-seven years. Mr. Ellis was the only chaplain who remained in the Revolutionary war from its beginning to its close. Mr. Ellis hastened to join the army at Roxbury, in the fall of 1775, and faithfully followed it through all its vicissitudes, especially doing much to cheer the drooping spirits of his comrades during the long and gloomy winter at Valley Forge. West Farms had then no political

existence; her deeds were swallowed up in those of the larger community to which she was attached, and hence receive little mention in the local histories, but her men met manfully the duties of those trying days. We can point with pride to particular individuals. Here Lieut. Jacob Kingsbury began his long and honorable military career, serving with distinction during the entire seven years of the war. Capts. Asa Hartshorne, Ebenezer Hartshorne, and Joshua Barker were also in the army for different periods, while upon the water West Farms was well represented by the exploits of Capt. James Hyde. Dr. Luther Waterman was attached as surgeon to the forces under Col. Knowlton in the campaign of 1776.

The close of the Revolution left the society in a greatly embarrassed condition. During its progress she had contributed freely of her men and means, entering into the contest with such absorbing enthusiasm as left no room for the consideration of private or local interests, and at its close she found herself utterly prostrated, her school-houses decayed, the education of her sons neglected, her farms run to weeds, and her people heavily loaded with debt. At no time in her history had her prospects been more wretched. A fortunate concurrence of circumstances, however, soon placed her upon her feet, and restored her wonted prosperity. In 1782, Rev. Samuel Nott, at the unanimous request of both church and society, was settled as their pastor. Mr. Nott was a wise, judicious man, eminently fitted to harmonize any discordant feeling which might exist, and fitted by his energy to infuse fresh life into the prevailing stagnation. Another happy event was the incorporation of the West and Eighth Societies as a separate town, which severed the connection of West Farms with Norwich, and insured a more efficient management of local affairs than they had before received. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the efforts of Rev. Mr. Nott to ameliorate the condition of his people. Scrupulously faithful in the discharge of pastoral duties, he also did a vast deal towards the education of the younger members of his parish, affording them opportunities of which they gladly availed themselves. During his long ministry more than forty young men were fitted for college under his care, twenty of whom belonged to the town, and between two and three hundred gentlemen, ladies, or children were educated in whole or in part.

Dr. Nott, by means of his teachings and wholesome counsels, wielded a power for good in the land which it has been the privilege of few to surpass. It was mainly due to his influence that the Franklin Library was established in 1794, an institution which flourished for forty years, and furnished for the time a good collection of miscellaneous works. Under these different salutary influences the society rapidly retrieved her lost ground, and by the beginning of the present century was perhaps as flourishing as ever.

As an independent, organized township, receiving

the name of Franklin from that of the great American philosopher, its history takes date from May, 1786. The separation from the parent town was perfectly amicable. The new town at that period contained 133 families, 111 dwelling-houses, and 875 individuals. Its population remained nearly the same till the village of Baltic grew up upon its eastern border, when it attained to a population of 2358 souls, in 1860. In 1861 the town of Sprague was incorporated, including a portion of our territory, so that in 1870 we numbered but 731.

There is no village in the town of Franklin. The people are eminently an agricultural people, as were most of the early settlers of New England. A former resident of the town bequeathed funds for the establishment of a library, and these were augmented by voluntary subscriptions. The library has been well stocked with useful and instructive works, and is a source of great pleasure and profit to the people.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Congregational Church of Franklin, Conn., was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies on the second Wednesday (the 14th) of October, 1868. The two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town had but shortly elapsed, and it was thought proper to include the history of the town within the scope of the historical address. This was delivered by Ashbel Woodward, M.D. The day appointed opened with threatening clouds and damp, cutting winds, but notwithstanding the inauspicious weather the church was crowded at an early hour with the returning sons and daughters of Franklin, some of whom had journeyed from beyond the Mississippi to join in the festivities of the day, while others had come back gray-haired men to once more grasp hands with the playmates with whom they had parted half a century before.

The town history and the ecclesiastical history are so intertwined that it is almost impossible to separate them. Years of prosperity are usually uneventful years, and as it is tragedy that makes history, the people of Franklin have reason for thanking that their local history is so barren of event.

#### Representatives from 1786 to 1881.<sup>1</sup>

1786, Barnabas Huntington; 1787, John Barker; 1788, Eli Hyde; 1789, John Gager; 1790, Eli Hyde; 1791, Nathan Lord; 1792, Eli Hyde; 1793, Thomas Hyde; 1794, Eli Hyde; 1795, Salls Hartshorn; 1796, Silas Hartshorn, David Mason; 1797, David Mason, Thomas Hyde; 1798, Thomas Hyde; 1799, Nathan Lord; 1800, John Gager, Eleazer Tracy; 1801, Eleazer Tracy; 1802, Nathan Lord; 1803, Ellaha Edgerton; 1804, Eleazer Tracy; 1805, Nathan Lord; 1806, Oliver Johnson; 1807-9, Eleazer Tracy; 1810, Nathan Lord; 1811, Benjamin Hyde, Joshua Hyde; 1812, Joshua Hyde, Eleazer Tracy; 1813, Eleazer Tracy, Dudley Tracy; 1814, Dudley Tracy (seat vacated); 1815, Daniel Hastings; 1816, Eleazer Tracy, Eli Hartshorn; 1817, Eli Hartshorn, Joshua Tracy; 1818, Joshua Tracy, Andrew Hyde; 1819, Ira Abel;<sup>2</sup> 1820, Alvin Abel; 1821, Burrell Woodworth; 1822, Henry Hagen; 1823, Alvin Abel; 1824, Simon Loomis; 1825, Burrell Wood-

worth; 1826, Alvin Abel; 1827, Dyer McCall; 1828, John Armstrong; 1829, Alvin Abel; 1830, Henry Hagen; 1831, Gilbert Lamb; 1832, Burrell Woodworth; 1833, Comfort D. Fillmore; 1834, Oliver Tracy, Jr.; 1835, Burrell Woodworth; 1836, Henry Hagen; 1837, Gilbert Lamb; 1838, Alvin Abel; 1839, Joshua Tracy; 1840, Oliver Johnson, Jr.; 1841, Charles Dunlap; 1842, Ellhu M. Kingsley; 1843, Darius Frink; 1844, Joshua Tracy; 1845, —; 1846, Backus Smith; 1847, Asa B. Tracy; 1848, Charles T. Hazen; 1849, Dwight Bailey; 1850, Aaron Bailey; 1851, Ellhu M. Kingsley; 1852, Tourny Hyde; 1853, John P. Smith; 1854, George S. Hartshorn; 1855, Solomon A. Frink; 1856, Herman M. Willes; 1857, Daniel Hastings; 1858, Henry W. Kingsley; 1859, Thomas G. Kingsley; 1860, Charles T. Hazen; 1861, Samuel J. P. Ladd; 1862, Bela T. Hastings; 1863, John Frink; 1864, William M. Converse; 1865, Prentice O. Smith; 1866-67, William M. Converse; 1868, James C. Woodward; 1869, T. H. C. Kingsbury; 1870, William M. Converse; 1871, Bela T. Hastings; 1872-73, T. H. C. Kingsbury; 1874, William C. Smith; 1875-76, Henry Bellows; 1877, Charles A. Kingsley; 1878, Amos F. Royce; 1879, Joseph I. Hyde; 1880, Ezra B. Bailey; 1881, Austin Ladd.

## CHAPTER XXXV.

### FRANKLIN—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Ashbel Woodward, M.D.**, son of Abner and Eunice (Fuller) Woodward, and the eighth by lineal descent from Richard Woodward, the emigrant ancestor of the family, was born at Wellington, Conn., during the first decade of the present century. After receiving a thorough preparatory course of education, he graduated at the Medical Department of Bowdoin College in May, 1829, and two months later he commenced his professional career at Franklin, Conn., at which place, after a period of unusual continuance, he is still engaged in active practice.<sup>3</sup> He early mar-

<sup>1</sup> The following is taken from the *Hartford Daily Courant* of Sept. 8, 1879: "A large company of neighbors and friends, numbering between two and three hundred, met at the residence of Dr. Ashbel Woodward, of Franklin, on Friday afternoon, the 5th instant, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his settlement among them in the practice of medicine. Except during the first three years, he has been throughout this long period the only physician in the town, and accordingly, through the sanctities of the sick-chamber, has for several successive generations been brought into close relations with nearly every household. In our land of unrest such instances of long-continued professional service in one locality, particularly in rural communities, are memorable from their infrequency. As the afternoon advanced the gathering throngs filled the house and overflowed on the shaly lawn in front. Among other incidents of the occasion, a massive gold-headed cane was presented to the doctor. The head was elaborately wrought, and on the face was engraved:

"1829.  
Presented to  
Ashbel Woodward,  
M.D.,  
as a memorial  
of 50 years  
of professional  
service,  
1879."

"Rev. F. C. Jones made the presentation speech for the donors, and to his words of generous appreciation the recipient feelingly responded. The Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, a native of Franklin, followed in a few happy remarks, expressing his pleasure at meeting such a gathering of his former townspeople under such auspicious circumstances.

"The life of Dr. Woodward has been one of hard labor and of rigorous devotion to duty. Fond of his profession, he has aimed always to exalt

<sup>1</sup> The first named under each year was for the May, and the second for the October session.

<sup>2</sup> Under the new constitution only one session a year has been held, in May.



1852

Isabel Wardlaw



*H. W. Kingsley*



*B. F. Huntington*



ried Emeline, daughter of Samuel Bicknell, of Ashford, and has two sons.

In 1830 he became a member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and in 1859 was elected to the presidency of the association, and was re-elected to the same office during the two succeeding years.

In 1849 he became a member of the American Medical Association, and in 1876 he was constituted a member of the International Medical Congress. He has likewise, in the past, been elected an honorary member of several different State medical associations.

In 1855 he received the honorary degree of M.D. from Yale College.

As a member of the Army Board of Medical Examiners, and as surgeon and medical director in the Department of the Gulf, he served during almost the entire period of our late civil war.

He has contributed numerous articles for "The Transactions of the Connecticut Medical Society" and other kindred works, but his researches in this direction have not precluded him from exploring other fields of science. The time that could be snatched from more active labor has been devoted to literary works, particularly in the lines of history of our aboriginal tribes, American history, numismatics, and genealogy. He has thus been connected and associated with numerous historical societies on both sides of the water in most honorable positions.

**Henry Williams Kingsley**, son of Jason W. Kingsley and Eunice Hartshorn, was born in Franklin, Conn., April 9, 1820. His father, Jason W., son of Alpheus Kingsley and Eunice Williams, a descendant of the old Williams family of Lebanon, was born in Franklin, Conn., married Eunice Hartshorn, daughter of Silas Hartshorn, and granddaughter of Ebenezer Hartshorn, who lived to be ninety years of age, and who was a magistrate till his death, and whose decision was never reversed by a higher court. Jason had six children,—Silas H., deceased; Henry W.; Junius E., proprietor of the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia; Charles A., living on the old home in Franklin; Julia, died at three; and Julia A., died at twenty-three.

Jason Kingsley was a farmer and mechanic. He was prominent in town, church, and society affairs. In politics a Whig and Republican, and held all the important town offices. He died in November, 1866, aged seventy-seven, and wife died Dec. 30, 1868, aged seventy-five, and both were buried in the Franklin Cemetery.

Alpheus Kingsley was of Scottish descent, his ancestors having settled in the town of Scotland, Windham Co., Conn., whither they had come with many others from Scotland. He married in Canterbury, and

its beneficence. On this occasion it must have been highly gratifying to him to be reminded by numerous tokens of the loving esteem in which he is held by the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren of his early friends."

had five sons and five daughters, viz.: Betsey, Nancy, Sophia, Jason, Joseph, Elihu M., Eunice, Alpheus, Clarissa, and Simon, all married.

Alpheus Kingsley, Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier, and was under Washington at Valley Forge. He was a mason by trade. He died in 1850, at ninety years of age; wife died in 1840, aged eighty years.

Henry W. received a common-school education, supplemented with several terms at private schools in the town and vicinity. He was reared on the farm, and farming has been his principal business through life. He married, Feb. 15, 1843, Sarah E., daughter of Azariah Huntington and Lavinia Greenslit, and granddaughter of Azariah Huntington, Sr., and great-granddaughter of Barnabas Huntington. They have had two sons,—Henry H., born May 21, 1849, married Hattie Noyes, of Lebanon, daughter of Wm. C. Noyes, of Lebanon, Feb. 25, 1875. She died March 1, 1881. Henry H. is a farmer and mechanic. Silas H., born June 1, 1851, died October, 1870, at nineteen years of age. He was a very bright boy.

Mr. Kingsley settled on his present farm of some two hundred acres in March, 1850, having lived some five years in the town of Bozrah, and several years in another part of this town. He is one of the most successful farmers in Franklin.

In politics he has always been a life-long Republican. He has been selectman for fifteen years, and the most of that time first selectman. Justice of the peace for many years, and at the present time, September, 1881, the only one in town. He has been a member of the Board of School Visitors for several years, and at present is its chairman. In 1858 he was in the Legislature, and in 1869 in the State Senate.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley are members of the Congregational Church at Franklin. He is now and has been for several years a treasurer of that society. He is a self-made man, social, energetic, and frugal, —a man esteemed by all who know him.

**Benjamin Franklin Huntington**, son of Charles Phelps and Maria (Perit) Huntington, was born in Norwich, Conn., Oct. 24, 1813. His grandfather, Andrew (born 1745, died 1824), was son of Gen. Jabez Huntington, who was prominent in the Revolutionary period, one of the Committee of Safety, and a personal friend of Gen. Washington. Andrew was commissary under Washington. Gen. Jedediah Huntington was brother of Andrew. He was an aide to Gen. Washington. (See biography, elsewhere in this volume.) Gen. Ebenezer, another brother, was also aide to Washington. Andrew always lived in Norwich; was a merchant and farmer; was judge of probate for many years. He was twice married, first to Lucy Coit, by whom he had children, second to Hannah, daughter of Dr. Charles Phelps, of Stonington. To this last union were born two children, Chas. P. Huntington and Lucy Coit Huntington, who married Col. Elisha Tracy, of Norwich.

Charles P. was born Oct. 2, 1779. He was a mer-

chant, often in public affairs, cool and cautious; he was prominent in all matters of public interest, and often called to positions of trust, and represented Norwich in the State Legislature several years. He married, first, Charlotte Lathrop; second, Maria Perit, a descendant of an ancient Huguenot family of France, driven from that country by religious persecution. She was daughter of John and Ruth (Webster) Perit. Her brother Pelatiah was president of the Chamber of Commerce, New York, for twenty years. The children of C. P. Huntington were John Perit, Charles Webster, Ruth Leffingwell, Samuel Andrew, Benjamin F., James Monroe, and William Henry. Mr. Huntington always lived in Norwich, and died there, Sept. 28, 1850.

B. F. Huntington passed his early life in Norwich. At the age of eighteen years he went to New York City to take position as clerk for his brother, Chas. W., where he remained until his health failed, to recover which he went to sea and remained three years. He then removed to Ohio, where he remained four years, and returned to Connecticut, settling at Franklin, in this county. He married, April 17, 1837, Maria Louisa, daughter of James and Zervia (Tyler) Huntington, of Norwich. Her grandfather was Rev. John Tyler, for fifty-four years Episcopal clergyman of Norwich. Their children are Benjamin Franklin, Emily Lee (Mrs. Morton F. Hale, of Brautford, Canada), Joseph Lawson Weatherly, Hannah Phelps (Mrs. James M. Meech, of Norwich), Maria Perit (Mrs. Llewellyn P. Smith, of Lebanon, Conn., on the old Trumbull place).

By the circumstances of fortune placed in a comfortable position, Mr. Huntington, by reading, extensive travel, and association with cultured society, has found life's pathway rather a pleasant way; and with a large circle of friends, and with the most agreeable family relations, he has learned something of the true philosophy of life, and with a sense of positive enjoyment is passing down the slope of age, and in trusting confidence awaits the "twilight."

## CHAPTER XXXVI.

### GRISWOLD.

Geographical—Topographical—The First Settlements—Eleazer Jewett—Early Manufactures—Later Manufactures—The Slater Mill—The Ashland Company—The Water-Power—Jewett City—Villages—Jewett City Savings-Bank—Knights of Pythias—Masonic—Distinguished Sons of Griswold: George D. Prentice, R. L. Stanton, Henry B. Stanton, Moses C. Tyler.

THE town of Griswold lies in the northeastern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Windham County, on the east by Voluntown, on the south by North Stonington and Preston, and on the west by Preston and Lisbon. The surface of the town is hilly, and the soil generally consists of a gravelly loam.

The first settlement in this town was made at Jewett City in 1771 by Eleazer Jewett, from whom the village of Jewett City derived its name. He was a persevering man, of a genial and kindly temperament, happy in doing good, and opening paths of enterprise for the benefit of others without laboring to enrich himself. Beginning with only a small farm and a mill-seat on the Pachaug River, he lived to see a flourishing village spread around him, enriched with mills, stores, mechanical operations, and farms in an improved state of tillage. His tombstone in the cemetery at Jewett City bears the following inscription:

"In memory of Mr.  
Eleazer Jewett, who  
Died Dec. 7, 1817,  
in the 87th year of his age.  
In April, 1771, he began  
the settlement of this village,  
and from his persevering industry  
and active benevolence it has  
derived its present importance.  
His name will perpetuate his memory."

Mr. Jewett had at first a grist-mill, and to this he added a saw-mill, and sold out portions of land to induce others to settle near him. About the year 1790 he was joined by John Wilson, a clothier from Massachusetts, whom he encouraged to set up a fulling-mill. We learn from Wilson's advertisement that he was ready at his mill to accommodate the public in December, 1793.

In 1804, Elisha Rose had an oil-mill in the neighborhood, and the same year John Scholfield, Jr., set a carding-machine in operation upon the same stream, advertising that he had a complete set of machinery for picking, breaking, and carding wool; terms, twelve cents per pound.

The Scholfield establishment was subsequently purchased by Mr. Wilson, whose enterprise assisted largely in the growth and prosperity of the village. He was a man of solid sense and dignified deportment, highly valued as a citizen. By a change of boundaries and new acts of incorporation he became an inhabitant of three different towns, and at distinct periods was a selectman of Norwich, of Preston, and of Griswold without changing his abode.

In 1820, Mr. Wilson sold the woolen-mill to J. G. W. Trumbull and John Breed. It was destroyed by fire in 1827, and not rebuilt by the owners. Slater's magnificent cotton-mill now occupies the site.

In 1814 the Fanning Manufacturing Company, consisting of four partners,—Chas. Fanning, Christopher Avery, Joseph Stanton, and Joseph C. Tyler,—erected a mill upon the river, not far from Scholfield's, and began the manufacture of cotton yarn and cotton cloth. Christopher Lippitt was their agent.

The largest mill at present in Jewett City is the cotton-mill owned by J. & W. Slater. It is a representative institution, and one of the most complete establishments of its kind in this section.

The Ashland Cotton Company is a joint-stock corporation, and is the successor of the firm of Anthony & Adams, who carried on manufacturing at this point.

J. E. Roberts also carries on quite an extensive business as a "top-roll coverer." The above constitute the manufactures of Jewett City.

But a portion of the immense water-power at Jewett City is at present utilized. The Slater Mill and the Ashland Company form in themselves a manufacturing interest of no small proportion, but within half a mile of the depot and post-office is an unutilized water-power, cheaply available, capable, with an eighteen-foot dam, of operating one hundred and twenty thousand spindles.

Mr. H. L. Reade, in speaking of Jewett City, says, "Long before its settlement by the whites it was a noted place of residence for the red men. Along the rapids of Pachaug they caught with curious contrivances the fish that frequented that beautiful stream; in the lone forests along the shores of the Quinnebaug they found game of all kinds in abundance, and probably one hundred years before the sound of the white man's axe disturbed the solitudes the number of inhabitants occupying the same territory was greater than that of the present day. No spot for scores of miles around (with one exception) has so long preserved so many and so curious samples of Indian husbandry and war as this.

"As is usual, those almost inseparable attendants on the earliest civilization, the saw- and grist-mills, were first operated by the deflected waters of the turbulent Pachaug. Flinging across the gorge a wide log and bush-dam, and turning the stream to the northward, along the base of the gradual ascent, the waters of the stream that drains several considerable towns and has at length gathered to its shore millions of dollars' worth of property begun.

"Reading backwards seventy years, thirty years onward from the first settlement, the oldest inhabitants mention as the business men and the business of the place Enoch Baker, the hatter; John Wilson, the clothier, which by interpretation means a man who converted home-made flannels into broadcloth; Eleazer Jewett, who had added to his saw- and grist-mill the hotel business; Frederick Fanning and Charles Fanning, the merchants of the 'city' and country roundabout.

Jewett City is a beautiful and healthful village, and contains four churches,—Congregational, Methodist, Baptist, and Roman Catholic,—two immense manufactories, besides numerous mercantile establishments, etc. It is an important station on the Norwich and Worcester division of the New England Railroad, and is only three hours from Boston, the metropolis of New England, and only six hours to New York, the metropolis of the country, while Hartford and Providence are still easier of access.

Many of the building sites contiguous to the village

are as charming as those on the Hudson, with the solitary exception that the broader river with its wealth of sails is not in the foreground. The present physicians are William Soule and G. H. Jennings.

**Hopeville** is a cluster of houses about three miles east of Jewett City. Here was located a cotton- and woolen-mill, which was destroyed by fire.

**Clayville** is a small hamlet in the northwest part of the town, and here is located the linen-thread mill of A. B. Burleson & Son.

**Glasgo** is a small hamlet located in the southeastern part of the town, and was named in honor of a Mr. Glasgo, a colored man, who in an early day established iron-works at this point. These works were long since abandoned. The only manufactory now is a paper-mill, which was established some years ago. A post-office is located here, with William P. Young as postmaster.

**The Jewett City Savings-Bank** was incorporated in 1873 with the following incorporators: Thomas L. Shipman, Daniel S. Anthony, John W. Fanning, Asher P. Brown, Thos. A. Clarke, Alfred A. Young, John R. Tracy, Welcome A. Browning, Ira G. Briggs, Andrew C. Burnham, Jeremiah K. Adams, Philetus Rathbun, George Sanger, James O. Sweet, Erastus C. Kegwin, Hezekiah L. Reade, Phineas Boyle, Silas E. Sherman, William Soule, Beriah H. Browning, Joseph E. Leonard, Henry L. Johnson, F. P. Partridge, John A. Rockwell, Alfred F. Brown, Israel Mathewson, Levi J. Branch, Cornelius Murphy, Edwin Lathrop, Patrick Murtha.

The first president was Hezekiah L. Reade, the first vice-president Asher P. Brown, and the first treasurer and secretary Henry T. Crosby. Both Mr. Reade and Mr. Crosby have occupied these positions to the present time.

The first board of directors were as follows: James O. Sweet, Thomas A. Clark, Andrew C. Burnham, Phineas Boyle, Silas E. Sherman, Welcome A. Browning, John A. Rockwell, Cornelius Murphy, William Soule, Beriah H. Browning, John R. Tracy. Attorney, Erastus C. Kegwin.

The first deposit was made June 23, 1873, by Miss Mary L. Brown; amount, \$100. The present (Aug. 20, 1881) amount of deposits is \$322,975.

The present board of directors or trustees are as follows: Cornelius Murphy, John R. Tracy, Francis S. Young, Albert G. Brewster, Henry L. Johnson, Joseph E. Leonard, Israel Mathewson, Charles H. Fanning, George W. Brown, Stephen Tiffany, and Allen B. Burleson. E. C. Kegwin, attorney.

The present members of the corporation are as follows: Thomas L. Shipman, Daniel S. Anthony, John W. Fanning, Alfred A. Young, John R. Tracy, Ira G. Briggs, Andrew C. Burnham, Jeremiah K. Adams, Philetus Rathbun, George Sanger, James O. Sweet, Erastus C. Kegwin, Hezekiah L. Reade, William Soule, Beriah H. Browning, Joseph E. Leonard, Henry L. Johnson, Frederick P. Partridge, John A.

Rockwell, Alfred F. Brown, Israel Mathewson, Levi J. Branch, Cornelius Murphy, Edwin Lathrop, Francis S. Young, Albert G. Brewster, Henry Lyon, Daniel M. Brown, George W. Brown, Stephen Tiffany, Louis K. Potter, Charles H. Fanning, Allen B. Burleson, George A. Ross, Clark W. Reynolds, Edward F. Burleson.

The present officers are as follows: President, Hezekiah L. Reade; Vice-Presidents, James O. Sweet, Alfred A. Young; Treasurer and Secretary, Henry T. Crosby.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.**—A lodge was formed in Jewett City on the 23d of February, 1873, consisting of eighteen charter members. The first officers were George O. Stead, Past Chancellor; Robert B. Sherman, Chancellor Commander; Charles Thomas, V. C.; Edwin Ingraham, Prelate; Thomas Cheseborough, M. of E.; Theodore Dunkerly, M. of F.; William Sherman, M. at A.; John Hutchinson, K. of R. and S.; William Webster, I. G.; James H. Smith, O. G. The first officers since the organization to the present time have been Wm. Soule, M.D., Edwin Ingraham, Edwin Sherman, H. M. Miner, Amos P. Davis, Wm. C. Blivin, and Joseph Rood, who is C. C. at this date. This lodge has been greatly prospered, having 115 names of members upon its roster, and although some have died and many moved away, it is at present a strong and well-working lodge. It has ever relieved its distressed or sick members, furnished watchers for all who have needed them, cared for the dying, and buried with loving hands and sad hearts all its dead. Its ministrations to those who have had need have always been ready, and the source of lasting gratitude from many. It has paid out for relief and burial more than five hundred dollars. It has now on hand in property and cash in bank about fifteen hundred dollars. Its beautiful burial service has been read at the grave of all its dead, and touching tributes to their memory have been rendered in all instances. Its aim has ever been and will continue to be to relieve the distressed, lift up the fallen, wipe away the tears of the sorrowing, comfort the widow and the orphan, and thus contribute towards the erection of that monument sacred to friendship, under whose shadow virtue and truth shall ever flourish, and vice and crime shall flee away, and thus hasten the day when every kindred and nation and tongue and people under the whole heavens shall acknowledge the common brotherhood of man and the universal fatherhood of God.

**MOUNT VERNON LODGE, No. 75, F. & A. M.,** was organized Nov. 21, 1871. The charter members were F. H. Fanning, Wm. G. Duce, D. K. Prior, B. M. Gay, Amos Chesebrough, Nehemiah Prentice, L. D. Armstrong. The first officers were F. H. Fanning, W. M.; W. G. Duce, S. W.; D. K. Prior, J. W. The Past Masters are F. H. Fanning, 1871-73; W. G. Duce, 1874-75; D. K. Prior, 1876-78; Israel Mathewson, 1879-80. The present officers are Thomas M. Crumb,

W. M.; Charles H. Ray, S. W.; Charles Edward Prior, J. W.; D. K. Prior, Treas.; A. R. Young, Sec.; Rev. G. N. Kellogg, Chap.; Alpheus Weaver, Marshal; H. A. Brown, S. D.; James L. Ray, J. D.; Gilbert McBroome, S. S.; Antoine Maynard, J. S.; Charles Edward Prior, Organist; Thomas E. Lee, Tyler.

**GEORGE DENISON PRENTICE** was born in this town. He graduated at Brown University in 1823, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1829, but did not practice. In 1830 he removed to Louisiana, having been editor of the *Hartford Weekly Review* for two years previous. From this time until his death he was editor of the *Louisville Journal*, a Whig newspaper, which throughout the war opposed the cause of secession with much vigor. He was a man of great personal courage, keen-witted, bitterly sarcastic, and of high political sagacity. He published various poems of merit, also a life of Henry Clay in 1831, and a collection of witty paragraphs from his paper called *Prenticeana*.

**R. L. STANTON, D.D.,** a conspicuous divine in the Presbyterian Church, is a native of Griswold. His brother, Henry B., was also born here. He is a lawyer in New York, best known as the husband of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Another son of this town is Moses C. Tyler, who is acquiring an enviable reputation as the author of the "History of American Literature," of which one volume is already before the public. He wields a polished pen. He is now a professor at Ann Arbor University, Michigan.

**REV. WILLIAM J. TUCKER, D.D.,** Bartlet Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Lecturer on Pastoral Theology, born in Griswold, Conn., first settled as pastor in Manchester, N. H., afterwards settled as the successor of Rev. William Adams, D.D., over the Presbyterian Church, Madison Square, New York.

## CHAPTER XXXVII.

### GRISWOLD—(Continued).

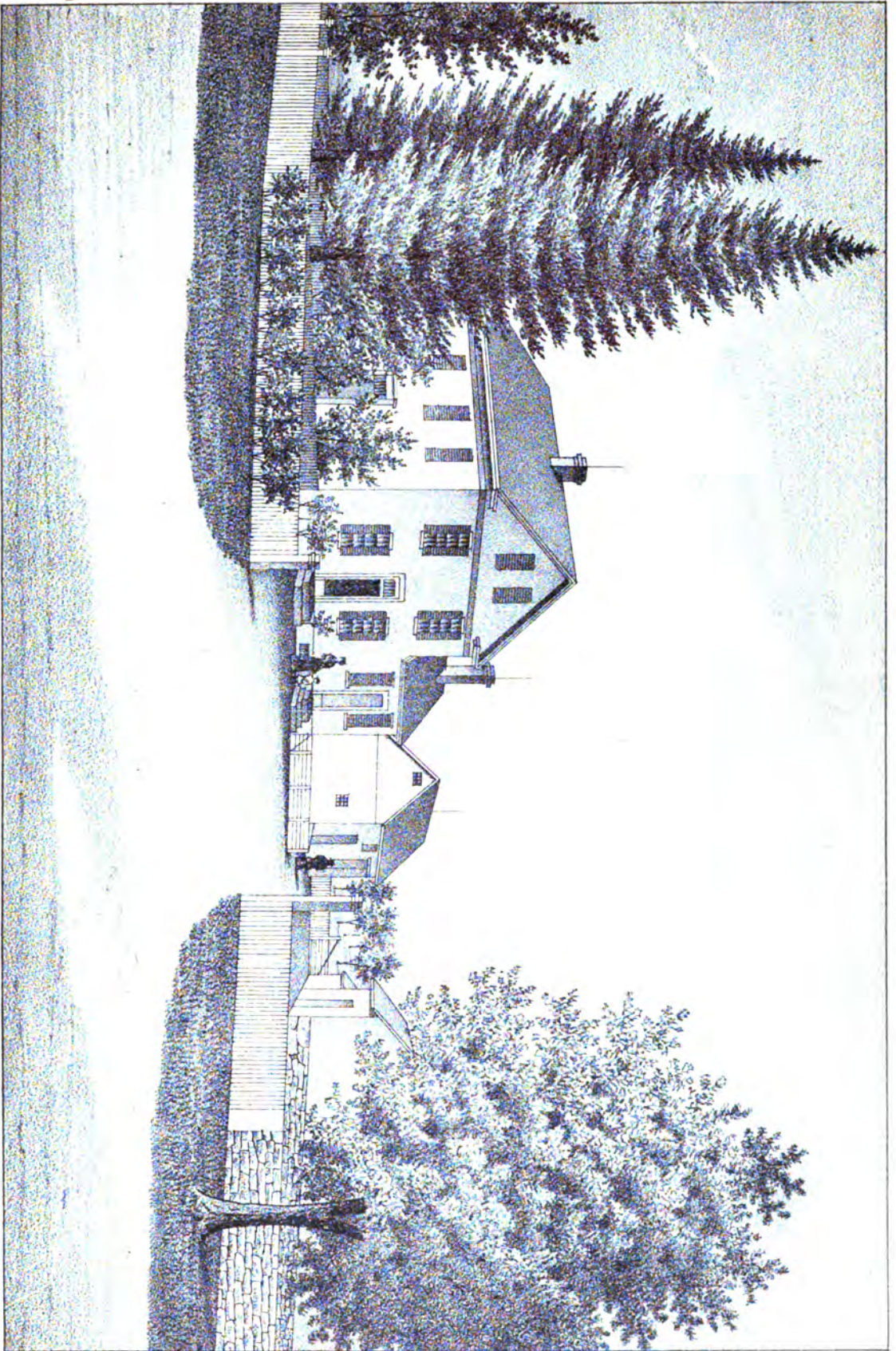
#### ECCLIASTICAL—CIVIL.

The First Congregational Church of Griswold—Congregational Church, Jewett City—Episcopal Church—Baptist Church—Roman Catholic Church—Methodism in Griswold—Representatives from 1816 to 1882.

**First Church in Griswold.**—Griswold was incorporated as a town in 1815. In the early records of the ecclesiastical society it is designated as North Preston, being originally a part of Preston.

Precisely what year the people began having divine worship separate from the church in Preston the records do not show. In 1717, thirty-one years after the town was settled, the people in North Preston were divided on the question of locating a site for a meeting-house. On May 9th of that year the Legislature appointed a committee of two to determine the





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site, which was accordingly done. But the two parties, designated "petitioners" and "non-petitioners," soon came to a compromise, and changed the location to the place where the present house now stands.

The following vote will show what significance was attached to the erection of a meeting-house one hundred and fifty years ago:

*"Voted, That there shall be forty-one shillings and eight pence of the Society's money laid out for one hundred weight of cheese for the raising of our meeting-house."*

In October, 1719, the inhabitants of the society (there was no church) chose Mr. Hezekiah Lord to be their minister. In the year following, Nov. 30, 1720, what is now the First Church in Griswold was organized, and Mr. Lord was ordained and installed pastor the same day.

Mr. Lord was born in Saybrook, and was graduated at Yale College, 1717. His death occurred June 23, 1761.

The second pastor was Rev. Levi Hart, D.D., who was born in Southington. He was graduated at Yale College, 1760, and was ordained and installed pastor Nov. 4, 1762. He died Oct. 29, 1808.

Rev. Horatio Waldo was the third pastor. He was ordained and installed Feb. 14, 1810, and dismissed Sept. 2, 1828. Near the close of his ministry the Second Congregational Church was organized at Jewett City. Twenty members were dismissed from the First Church to form the Second. Thus what was originally one "became two bands."

The next pastor was Rev. Spofford D. Jewett, who was born in Barnstead, N. H. He was graduated at Dartmouth College, 1826, ordained and installed pastor Feb. 3, 1830, and dismissed June, 1836. He was afterwards settled in Windsor and Westchester.

Rev. William R. Jewett was ordained and installed pastor Jan. 13, 1837. Dismissed July 26, 1843.

Rev. Calvin Terry succeeded Mr. Jewett. He was ordained Dec. 23, 1846, and dismissed April 22, 1851.

Rev. B. F. Northrop was graduated at Yale College in 1824. For almost twenty-two years he held the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Manchester, which he resigned on account of failing health. After serving the American Sunday-School Union two years as its agent, he was installed pastor of the First Church in Griswold, July 6, 1853. He resigned during 1869, and in April, 1871, Rev. F. E. Fellows became pastor and remained about four years, and was succeeded by the present efficient pastor, Rev. Wm. B. Clarke.

Previous to the Revolutionary war a fund was raised for the support of the gospel in Griswold, which was added to early in the present century. This fund continues to the present time, and amounts to about ten thousand dollars.

The church in its better days, from forty to a hundred years ago, was one of the strongest and the community one of the most intelligent in Eastern Connecticut. The congregation came from a great dis-

tance in all directions, and ranked with that in Lebanon and in Norwich.

**Congregational Church, Jewett City.**—On the 18th of February, 1825, a meeting of citizens was called to take measures for instituting a Congregational society in Jewett City, to be known and called "The Second Ecclesiastical Society of Griswold." An adjourned meeting being held March 14th, the society was fully organized and the proper officers appointed.

At the request of the serious people of the Second Ecclesiastical Society in Griswold, Rev. Messrs. Samuel Nott, Levi Nelson, and Horatio Waldo met at Jewett City on the 14th day of April, 1825, to organize a church in this place, if it should be thought expedient. Statements having been made by a committee of the society, and certificates presented of the regular church membership of several persons who were desirous of being formed into a distinct church, with the consent of those churches to which they belonged, the organization was effected in due form, in connection with public services at their house of worship. The church at first consisted of the following twenty-three members, twenty of whom came by letter from the First Church in Griswold: Deacon Stephen Johnson, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, Daniel Wight, Mrs. Roxana Wight, Thomas H. Wilson, Mrs. Lucy E. Wilson, John Francis (2), Mrs. Esther Francis, Oliver Phillips, Sarah P. Phillips, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Barstow, Mrs. Maria P. Morgan, Mrs. Abby C. Wilbur, Mrs. Eunice Cutler, Mrs. Mary W. Fanning, Mrs. Heppy Fanning, Alfred A. Young, Mrs. Lucy P. Young, Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Esther Jackson, Anson S. Cobb, Mrs. Mary Wilson.

Their place of worship was an unfinished stone structure in the upper part of the village, erected in 1814 for Episcopal uses. This organization becoming extinct at the end of four years, the building was then occupied by several other denominations until April, 1825, when it was bought by the Congregationalists. Afterwards it was remodeled and dedicated Sept. 3, 1828, and continued to be used by them for thirty-eight years. It was then sold to the Roman Catholics, the avails of which were appropriated towards building a new and more spacious edifice.

Rev. Seth Bliss was the first pastor of this church and people. He was ordained June 15, 1825. The exercises were as follows:

Introductory prayer by Rev. Samuel Osgood, of Springfield.

Sermon by Prof. Fitch, of Yale College: Col. i. 28.

Consecrating prayer by Rev. Samuel Nott, of Franklin.

Charge to the pastor by Rev. Joseph Strong, D.D., of Norwich.

Right hand of fellowship by Rev. John Hyde, of Preston.

Charge to the people by Rev. Levi Nelson, of Lisbon.

Mr. Bliss was dismissed April 23, 1832, after a pastorate of nearly seven years, and subsequently entered the service of the American Tract Society. Fifty-six persons united with this church during his ministry,—thirty-seven by profession and nineteen by letter.

Rev. George Perkins, from Ashburnham, Mass., was installed as the next pastor, Aug. 8, 1832,—sermon by Rev. Dr. Nott, of Franklin,—and dismissed Sept. 4, 1838. During his ministry of six years there were fifteen additions,—eleven by profession and four by letter. After his dismissal he removed to Norwich, where he died, Sept. 17, 1852, aged sixty-nine.

Rev. William Wright was ordained Nov. 8, 1838,—sermon by Rev. Mr. Arnold, of Colchester,—and dismissed April 28, 1842. Eighteen were added to the church during his ministry,—eight by profession and ten by letter.

He was succeeded by Rev. T. L. Shipman, who was installed April 5, 1843, having been previously pastor of the First Church in Southbury. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Child, of Norwich. During his pastorate of eleven years this church was increased by eighty-seven members,—thirty-six by profession and fifty-one by letter. Mr. Shipman was dismissed Sept. 6, 1854, but still continues to reside in the place, where he shares the confidence of a people who will ever remember him with a warm affection.

Rev. Henry T. Cheever was installed May 29, 1856, having been previously settled at Lodi, N. J., Christie Street, N. Y., and Greenport, L. I. Prof. Shepard, of Bangor Theological Seminary, preached the sermon. He was dismissed Aug. 12, 1861. Additions under his ministry, thirty-seven,—ten by letter and twenty-seven by profession.

For several years from this date the pulpit was supplied by different ministers, mainly by Rev. Messrs. Shipman, Boss, and Laird.

The present pastor, Rev. J. W. Tuck, was installed May 3, 1866, having been previously settled in Ludlow and Thorndike, Mass. For better convenience, the services were held in the Baptist meeting-house.

Invocation and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. N. T. Allen, of the Baptist Church, Jewett City.

Prayer by Rev. M. M. G. Dana, of Norwich.

Sermon by Rev. T. P. Field, D.D., of New London.

Installing prayer, Rev. William M. Birchard, of Collamer.

Charge to the pastor, Rev. T. L. Shipman, of Jewett City.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. R. P. Stanton, of Greenville.

Address to the people, Rev. B. F. Northrup, of Griswold.

Concluding prayer, Rev. J. Edgar, of Eagleville.

The deacons of the church have been as follows: Stephen Johnson, chosen April, 1825; Joel Hyde, September, 1848; Henry L. Johnson, September, 1854; Nehemiah T. Adams, September, 1854; John R. Tracy, January, 1867.

The venerable and talented Rev. T. L. Shipman, in an historical address, delivered April 25, 1875, in speaking of the pastors, says,—

"The first pastor, Mr. Seth Bliss, was installed June 25, 1825, and continued in this, his first and last pastorate, nearly seven years. Soon after his dismissal he was elected to the office of corresponding secretary of the American Tract Society, from which he retired several years since. He resides at present in Berlin, Conn. Now more than fourscore years, he came to this village young, and with a 'mind to work,' and finding in this new field work enough to do. Nor was he suffered to 'labor in vain and spend his strength for naught.' His pastorate included 1831, that year so remarkable for a wide-spread revival of religion, and this infant church shared largely in the outpouring of the Spirit. Twenty-four were added to the church on profession the first Sabbath of July, the first fruits of the work, four in September, and seven in November, making an aggregate of thirty-five. When Mr. Bliss revisits his old home, as he loves to, he meets few familiar faces, but he expresses an interest in this church which he feels in no other people. May he still live to pray for us and to rejoice in our prosperity.

"The next pastor was Rev. George Perkins. He was a native of Plainfield, a graduate of Yale College, and a lawyer in early public life. Soon after, changing his profession, he was settled for a few years at Ashburnham, Mass. He was installed as pastor of this church in August, 1832, and dismissed in September, 1838. I need not descant upon his ministry. Some of you remember in what manner he went in and out before you, serving you with all humility of mind, seeking not yours but you. He was never made to be a popular speaker, but he preached seven days in the week eloquently, by the power of a holy life. I met him at Norwich not long before his death. I said to him as we met, 'You seem to walk lame.' He replied, 'I have had a slight paralytic shock.' 'An uncle of mine,' said I, 'called it death knocking at the door,' and he added, writing to a friend, 'He does not generally knock many times.' 'I so regard it.' 'It does not trouble you?' 'Oh, no; I long to be gone. That last blow crushed me,' referring to the death of his son, who was instantly killed while employed in capturing a whale, by a stroke from the fluke of the monster.

"Mr. Perkins was succeeded by Mr. William Wright. Mr. Wright came fresh from the theological seminary in New Haven, and after laboring less than three years asked for a dismission, giving as his reason inadequate support. He retired in the midst of a revival which added some twenty names to our small church. After leaving here he was employed for some time at Plainville; his last engagement was for ten years at South Windsor. He now resides near Middletown, farming, and, I believe, occasionally preaching. My own ministry commenced on the Sabbath following Mr. Wright's dismission, the second Sabbath of May, 1842, and was protracted, either as stated supply or pastor, to the close of May, 1856,—fourteen years. I need not speak of my ministry, if it were becoming me to speak of it, for it is fresh in your recollection. Suffice to say that whatever was good in it you appreciated beyond its value, and over its faults, many and great, you threw the mantle of charity. On the 20th of May, 1856, Rev. Henry T. Cheever was installed, the late Prof. Shepard, of Bangor, preaching on the occasion. Mr. Cheever was a native of Hallowell, Me., and a graduate of Bowdoin College, in that State. His ministry was fulfilled among us in stirring times, and his soul was stirred to its depths during all the time he was with us. The outrages in Kansas and the execution of John Brown, whom he often styled in prayer and preaching 'the martyr-hero,' called forth from his lips words of burning indignation, and from his pen denunciations couched in language having any element but tameness. Whatever may be thought of his modes of dealing with that 'sum of villainies,' American slavery, all will accord him the praise of sincerity; and his gospel sermons, as distinguished from discourses on the times, all will agree were among the best that it was ever their privilege to listen to. During his ministry twenty-seven were added to the church on profession, the most of them the fruits of a precious revival in 1858. From the time of Mr. Cheever's dismission to the commencement of our present pastor's labors among us the pulpit was supplied by various persons, for periods longer or shorter, principally by Mr. Boss, Mr. Laird, and myself. Mr. Laird closed a brief but very faithful ministry at Hollis, N. H., dying with consumption, August 20, 1874, aged forty-six years. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.' Our present pastor, Rev. J. W. Tuck, commenced his labors with us as a temporary supply in the autumn of 1865, and was installed, in response to a unanimous call, May 3, 1866, Dr. Field, of New London, preaching on the occasion. He has now been with us nearly nine years as a pas-



tor, during which he has labored diligently and faithfully. I shall not say what I certainly should were he at this moment absent, recreating in Colorado or California, but this much I may record to the praise of divine grace, that the church has been strengthened in numbers, and I trust in graces; also, under his pastoral care two revivals have been enjoyed, the first adding more than twenty, and the last more than forty to the church on profession."

**Episcopal Church.**—An Episcopal Church was organized in Jewett City in about the year 1814, and erected an unfinished house of worship, which stood in the upper part of the village. It soon after declined, and no other attempt to establish the Episcopal service has been made. The first and only rector was Rev. Ammi Rogers.

**Baptist Church, Jewett City.**<sup>1</sup>—The first recorded steps towards the formation of a Baptist Church in this place were taken in the spring of 1783. As a result of these efforts a church was formally organized July 6, 1786, at the house of Amos Read, Lisbon. It took the name of the Preston and Canterbury Church. Subsequently Mr. Read united with the church, was chosen deacon, and in 1802 was ordained their first regular pastor. They united with the school district in building a school-house sufficiently large for meeting purposes. This house stood on the site of the old "Fenner store." In 1813 they united with the Episcopalians in building a regular house of worship. They now numbered 162, and had as a pastor Rev. Caleb Read, a son of their former pastor. A majority of the stock in this house was bought up by a single individual and the house closed against them. Their subsequent history till 1840 is written out in quite a lively persecution.

In the spring of 1840, Rev. Benajah Cook came among them to labor. He found the church disorganized and dispirited. However, he succeeded in gathering a band of thirty-seven, who on Sept. 13, 1840, were organized into what is still known as the Jewett City Baptist Church. They elected Reuben Barber and Rufus Williams to be deacons. They built and dedicated a house of worship Nov. 30, 1841. This same house, twice enlarged and remodeled, is still used. Its estimated value, with its surroundings, is eleven thousand dollars.

The church has had seven regular pastors,—Revs. B. Cook, 1840-49; D. D. Lyon, 1850-53; N. T. Allen, 1855-63; N. T. Allen, 1865-67; C. W. Ray, 1868-70; S. Latham, 1872-73; R. H. Bowles, 1873-76; O. C. Sargent, 1878.

The following have served as deacons: Rufus Williams, Reuben Barber, B. A. Smith, F. S. Howe, and T. G. Read.

The present membership is two hundred and twenty. The present officers are as follows: O. C. Sargent, pastor; B. A. Smith, T. G. Read, deacons; E. Bennett, clerk; D. K. Prior, treasurer.

The following is a list of the constituent members as they were recorded: Benajah Cook, Rufus Williams, Reuben Barber, Stephen Tift, Albert Wilson,

Nathan B. Peckham, Rufus Bennett, Arnold Bowen, Nancy P. Cook, Olive Wilson, Lydia Park, Margaret Peckham, Nancy Bennett, Thankful Law, Zilphia Ann Howe, Almy L. More, Charlotte Stillman, Mary Ann Brown, Susan Phillips, Maria Olin, Joanna Phillips, Rosanna Ecclestone, Olive Corey, Elijah D. Foster, Loinda Foster, Adah Smith, Cynthia Brooks, Ursula Hawkins, Susan Tift, Adah Bowen, Martha Ecclestone, Jane Street, Susan L. Street, Betsey Pratt, Elizabeth Fry, Margaret Barber, Amy Davis Wright.

**Catholic Church.**<sup>2</sup>—In past years the Catholics of Jewett City were few and scattered, their spiritual wants being occasionally attended to by Rev. Father McCabe, of Danielsonville, whose mission then included several counties in Eastern Connecticut.

In 1861, Rev. James Quin was stationed at Morsup, and at the same time was given by his bishop jurisdiction over the Catholics of the town of Griswold. In April, 1866, he purchased of the Second Congregational Society their church property for seventeen hundred dollars. He continued to watch carefully over the interests of his flock till 1870, when he was removed to Rockville, where he died, November, 1872. He was succeeded by the Rev. Ferdinand Bolenger, who from Morsup still continued the work so well begun by his predecessor. He in turn was succeeded in October, 1872, by the Rev. James B. Reynolds. He was the first resident pastor. Of a delicate constitution, he soon succumbed to the hardships of his extensive missionary field, and died of pneumonia after a short pastorate, December, 1874. In the January following Rev. John Russell, of Minden, assumed charge. Meanwhile the Catholics had increased in numbers; the church proving too small for their accommodation, it was enlarged and embellished at the cost of several thousand dollars by Rev. J. Russell. For three years and a half he worked incessantly for the good of his people. In June, 1878, he was removed to Norwalk, and the Rev. Thomas P. Joynt was chosen his successor. Since his advent he has built the new beautiful parsonage. The Catholics of Jewett City number about one thousand, of whom one-third are French Canadians.

**Methodism in Griswold.**<sup>3</sup>—There are three Methodist Episcopal Churches in the town of Griswold. The Bethel Church is the mother-church in this town. A Methodist class was formed there over seventy-five years ago, and for a number of years held their meetings in dwelling-houses and school-houses. It is over fifty years since the church was built.

The next church was in Hopeville. A class was formed there in June, 1830, of twelve members, by Rev. R. Ransom, from England, who, with two or three other ministers, formed classes and circuits in many of the adjoining towns. The church at Hopeville was built in 1851, the parsonage in 1847. Their

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. O. C. Sargent.

<sup>2</sup> Contributed by Rev. Thomas P. Joynt.

<sup>3</sup> Contributed by Rev. S. McKeown.

first pastor was Rev. Mr. H. Robinson. About twenty ministers have occupied the pulpit since; over one hundred and fifty have been baptized and joined on probation. Owing to deaths and removals, the church is now small. The pulpit is supplied by the pastor at Jewett City, Rev. Mr. McKeown.

The church at Jewett City is young but prosperous. Services were first held in Liberty Hall, April 12, 1874, when a class was formed, church and Sabbath-school organized. In April, 1875, the Providence Conference met at New Bedford, Mass., when Bishop James appointed Rev. James Tregaskis to Jewett City. He was their first pastor. A church edifice was commenced in May, 1875, and on Jan. 27, 1876, was dedicated. The next pastor was D. G. Griffin, for one year, then Rev. George W. Brewster, for three years. Mr. Brewster was succeeded in 1881 by the present pastor, Rev. S. McKeown.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1816 TO 1882.

1816, John Tyler, James Lord; 1817, Daniel Huntington, Bishop Tyler; 1818, Nathan Geer, William Cogswell; 1819, E. J. Abel; 1820, G. Billings; 1821, A. Stewart, Jr.; 1822, Elijah Lester; 1823-24, William Lord; 1825, S. C. Morgan; 1826, Charles Fanning; 1827, E. Partridge; 1828, W. A. Browning; 1829, Nathan Stanton; 1830, S. C. Morgan; 1831-32, William Tucker; 1833, W. A. Browning; 1834, S. C. Morgan; 1835, D. Huntington; 1836, William Lord; 1837, F. Brewster; 1838, James Averill; 1839, William F. Clarke; 1840, J. Tyler, Jr.; 1841, Oliver Colt; 1842, A. Fry; 1843, H. L. Morgan; 1844, Joseph Leonard; 1845, H. L. Morgan; 1846, B. F. Billings; 1847, Russel Rix; 1848, H. L. Johnson; 1849, H. A. Lathrop; 1850, D. L. Campbell; 1851, H. L. Johnson; 1852, B. F. Billings; 1853, L. A. Stuart; 1854, Joseph Boardman; 1855, M. B. Cole; 1856, B. Campbell; 1857, B. M. Gay; 1858, N. Prentice; 1859, A. P. Brown; 1860, F. S. Young; 1861, E. Lathrop; 1862, E. C. Kegwin; 1863, Joseph Leonard; 1864, Daniel Vaughn; 1865, George Weatherhead; 1866, N. T. Adams; 1867, J. B. Tracy; 1868, A. R. Campbell; 1869, Paul Couch; 1870, J. G. Bill; 1871, A. M. Learned; 1872, George W. Brown; 1873, B. H. Browning; 1874, Joseph Rood; 1875, I. Mathewson; 1876, J. O. Sweet; 1877, J. E. Leonard; 1878, George Boardman; 1879, Frank Hawkins; 1880, A. B. Campbell; 1881, F. H. Fanning.

### CHAPTER XXXVIII.

#### GRISWOLD—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Thomas Leffingwell Shipman**, son of Judge Nathaniel Shipman and Abigail Coit, his wife, was born in Norwich, Conn., in a house situated almost directly across the street from the Benedict Arnold house, Aug. 28, 1798. His ancestors on both sides were very reputable, and of consequence in early colonial days. R. D. Smith, the famous antiquarian and genealogical student, says, "In a list of the passengers for Virginia embarked in the 'Speedwell,' of London, was William Shipman, aged twenty-two, May 28, 1635." This William was probably the first American ancestor of this line, but it is not clearly shown.

Nathaniel Shipman, grandfather of Thomas L., was one of the first settlers of Norwich, coming thither

from Saybrook at a very early day. He married twice: first, Ruth Reynolds, by whom he had three children, Nathaniel, Lucretia (married Rev. Daniel Hall), and Elizabeth (married Andrew Frank, of Canaan, Conn., and has descendants in Warsaw, N. Y., and Corning, Iowa); second, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Leffingwell (4), and granddaughter of Rev. Benjamin Lord, and a lineal descendant of the famous colonial Lieut. Leffingwell (see Miss Caulkins' "History of Norwich"). Her children were Lizzie (married Peabody Clement, and had two children, Betsy, —Mrs. Charles Bliss,—and Mary Ann,—Mrs. Gilbert Huntington), Nathaniel, and Lydia (married first Asa Spaulding, second Capt. Bela Peck).

Nathaniel, son of Elizabeth, was born in Norwich, May 17, 1764; died July 14, 1853. Early learned the goldsmith's trade; became of great local importance; was oftener called to preside at public meetings than any of his contemporaries; many times represented Norwich in the Legislature; was a man of great and varied information, common sense, and good judgment; often was called to administer estates and hold prominent official positions; was judge of the County Court, and also judge of probate. He read much, and was a repository of local history, from which younger antiquarians drew their supplies. He possessed a rare fund of humor, tradition, and conversation, great sociability and warmth of friendship, and none stood higher than he in the community. Miss F. M. Caulkins wrote thus of him: "Judge Shipman was a man of great simplicity of habits, of vigorous common sense, upright, honorable, and independent, both in his inward promptings and in his whole course of action. He was almost always in office, serving the town and State in a variety of ways,—municipal, legislative, judicial,—displaying more than common ability, and giving general satisfaction in all these departments. Affability and a taste for social enjoyment made him a delightful companion. His readiness to communicate his vivid appreciation of character, his richly-stored memory, and his abundant flow of traditionary and historic anecdote held the listening ear bound to his voice as by an invisible charm. A sentiment of gratitude leads me to speak of another trait,—his kindness and winning attentions to the young. He was indulgent of their presence, of their vivacity and their sports; was ready to gratify them with some tale of the olden time; to make them happy with little gifts of flowers or fruit; to compliment their self-respect by asking them to read to him, or leading them to converse on subjects rather above than below their standing. This is a rare characteristic in this hurrying, impetuous age. . . . Pleasant are all the memories connected with this honored and exemplary son of Norwich." He married Abigail, daughter of Judge Benjamin and Mary Boardman Coit. Their children were Lydia Leffingwell and Thomas Leffingwell.

Thomas L. was graduated from Yale in September,



*On Steel by John Sartain, Phila.*

*Thomas L. Shipman*



*Andrew Lester*

1818, and Andover Theological Seminary in September, 1821, and entered at once upon his life work,—the Christian ministry. He had been selected during the summer one of six graduates to be employed in missionary labor under the auspices of the "South Carolina Home Missionary Society," and sailed for Charleston early in October, 1821. He engaged heartily in his work, remained there some months, ministering to various churches, but mainly at a rural place, Stony Creek. He has been for years the sole survivor of the little band of six. Returning, after a time, to the North, Mr. Shipman resumed study at Andover until the next November, when he was engaged to supply the pulpit of the society at Lebanon, Goshen, where his earnest labors were blessed by the accession of more than thirty names to the little church. In March following he for a few weeks was called to a new congregation in Brooklyn, N. Y., and from there went to Brooklyn, Conn., thence to Vernon, and soon after to Hartford, as a supply at the South Church. Through the winter he preached here and there, and in April, 1824, was tendered a unanimous call to the First Congregational Church in Lebanon, which, on account of his youth and short ministerial experience, he declined. Shortly after he received a commission from the "United Domestic Society of New York," the predecessor of the American Home Missionary Society, and went as a missionary to Huron County, Ohio, a pioneer, where he remained one year, "sowing seed in new ground." In 1825, for seven months, he preached to a small congregation in Norwich Falls, Conn., and then was ordained and installed pastor of the First Church of Southbury, Conn. Here he stayed ten years, laboring in season and out of season, and under his faithful services the church was greatly enlarged and strengthened. Pastor and congregation had a strong mutual affection, and only protracted illness in his family caused his resignation. After brief periods of labor at divers places, in 1837 he began to fill the pulpit at Bozrah, and was there four years. In May, 1842, he was called to the church at Jewett City, and after a year's time became its settled pastor, remaining such for eleven years, when he asked dismissal on account of a shattered nervous system demanding rest, but supplied the pulpit for eighteen months thereafter, mostly by exchanges. Since then, an interval of twenty-five years, he has supplied, for periods ranging from two Sabbaths to eight months, thirty congregations in New London and Windham Counties.

Such is a bare synopsis of a long and useful life of Christian usefulness. Mr. Shipman has ever been prominent in all movements tending to educate, elevate, or benefit humanity. He has the same genial fund of humor possessed by his father, the same love of history, and the same winning cordiality and friendliness of manner. As a pastor he was earnest and laborious, and maintained the warmest social relations with his church. As a preacher he is logical

and convincing, throwing a relief of wit and humor around the driest subjects, and always eloquent in presenting truth, and successful in awaking and keeping the interest of his hearers. He is, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, hale and hearty, a broad, charitable, Christian gentleman, in full harmony with this advanced age, and possessed of qualities of head and heart endearing him to an unusually large circle of acquaintances, who "know him but to love him." His first wife was Mary T., daughter of Gen. David Deming and Abby, daughter of Hon. Henry Champion. Their only child, Nathaniel, is the present judge of the United States District Court for Connecticut. He married Mary, daughter of David F. Robinson, of Hartford, and has had five children,—Frank Robinson, Arthur Leffingwell, Mary Deming, Thomas Leffingwell (died at two years), and Henry Robinson. His second wife was Mrs. Pamela L. Coit, of Plainfield. They had two children,—Lydia Leffingwell (married Dr. George W. Avery, and has one child, Helen Shipman), and Thomas Leffingwell, born Feb. 27, 1851, died Feb. 27, 1853. [This Mrs. Shipman had one child by her first husband, Mary D. She married Lemuel Tyler, had four children, of whom two, Charles Coit and Robert Shipman, are now living.] The maiden name of the present Mrs. Shipman was Pamela D. Fuller, daughter of Dr. Josiah Fuller, of Plainfield.

**Andrew Lester.**<sup>1</sup>—The Lesters (Leicesters) for ages figured prominently in English history. The subject of this sketch is one of the descendants of Andrew Lester, Esq., who bade farewell to his home and friends, crossed the ocean to the New World and settled in the town of Preston (now Griswold), New London Co., Conn., marrying Lydia Starkweather Dec. "ye" 28th, 1714, and dying May "ye" 22d, 1751. Andrew Lester was one of the largest landholders of the county, employing many hands to assist in tilling his fertile acres. Some records give him the title of lieutenant, but there is some obscurity in regard to his age, and especially the precise place of birth. He had three sons—Timothy, John, and Andrew—and two daughters,—Lydia and Hannah. Timothy, born "ye" 27th of August, 1718, married, Oct. 1, 1741, Mehitabel Belcher, who died March 9, 1776. He again married, July 3, 1776, Mrs. Rebecca Ayratt. He was the father of a large family, who were all prominent members of society as regards position, wealth, and influence. His four sons—Timothy, Moses, Elijah, and Elisha—were all farmers. Through the munificence of their father they each possessed magnificent farms and stock, the best the county boasted. His four daughters as well received large portions of his possessions as dowries and bequests. "Squire" Lester, as he was universally called, was notably esteemed by all who knew him, admired for his generosity, and respected for his staunch support in the

<sup>1</sup> Compiled by Charles Henry Brown, M.D.

cause of right. He was a prominent member of the First Congregational Church and society, as well as a large contributor to its support and ministerial endowment fund. A strict observer of Christian duties, a praise to all who did well, but a terror to the doers of evil. A true patriot, and at all times actively engaged as well as interested in all that concerned the welfare of his town, county, State, and country. In his old age, looking to the close of life like the patriarchs of ancient times, he built for himself a tomb, in which, in the Griswold cemetery, his remains have peacefully rested for nearly a century. He died at the ripe age of seventy-seven, Feb. 17, 1795.

His son Elijah, born May 26, 1753, succeeded to the homestead farm. He married Miss Damaras Lord, of Norwich, Feb. 7, 1782.<sup>1</sup> Elijah had a family of eight children, seven of whom he brought up, three sons and four daughters, all exemplary and valuable members of society, and nearly all of whom lived and died in their native town or its vicinity. He died Aug. 22, 1823, aged seventy. James Lord Lester, his eldest son, was born Jan. 31, 1785. He was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Wheeler, daughter of Amos Wheeler, Esq., and Miss Lucy Holmes, his wife, of North Stonington, Conn., Nov. 22, 1810. After his marriage he settled on the farm now known as "Woodside," in the eastern part of Griswold, about three miles from the parish church. Here he principally passed his quiet yet busy life, greatly respected and esteemed for his purity, uprightness, and strict integrity, and at the venerable age of eighty-five passed away, and now rests amidst his relatives in the family burying-ground.

His eldest son, Andrew Lester, was born Oct. 10, 1813. In the fall of 1830 he left home to embark in business with his esteemed uncle, Gurdon Wheeler, Esq., in the city of New York, where he is still engaged in the mercantile business, assisted by his two sons, James Francis and William Christie Lester, under the firm-name of Andrew Lester & Co. In the first year of his city life he devoted much of his time during the winter to the instruction of a class of poor boys who had no other means of securing an education. In the following spring (1832) he took a class in a mission Sunday-school held in the same building, known as "No. 34" of the American Sunday-School Union. The teachers were a choice band, gathered from several denominations of Christians, although the school was connected with and under the patronage of St. George's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. James Milnor, pastor, and Jeremiah H. Taylor, Esq., superintendent. Here he was earnestly engaged in doing good till September, 1849. He became acquainted while there with many excellent Christian workers, the recollections of whom are to him most dear and

blessed. About 1845, Mr. Lester became acquainted with the lovely as well as beautiful Miss Mary Harris Durkin, at an early age the adopted daughter of the late Thomas Harris, Esq., of New York City, whose country-seat was in New Jersey, at Bellville, near the placid Passaic River. It was here he first became acquainted with Miss Harris. The mutual regard at not a far distant date deepened into a warmer feeling, which resulted in their marriage on Dec. 20, 1847. They were united by the Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Reed, in the Thirteenth Street Presbyterian Church, of which she had recently become a member (Nov. 14, 1847). He, however, soon became interested in this church; became actively engaged in its Sunday-school, Oct. 14, 1849, and united with the church itself Jan. 13, 1850. He soon became a member of the board of trustees (June, 1850), and for years was the chosen chairman of that body. He was elected president of the missionary society of the Sunday-school April 7, 1850. He was also elected to the board of elders, which position, as well as his Sunday-school relations as teacher, are still pleasantly continued.

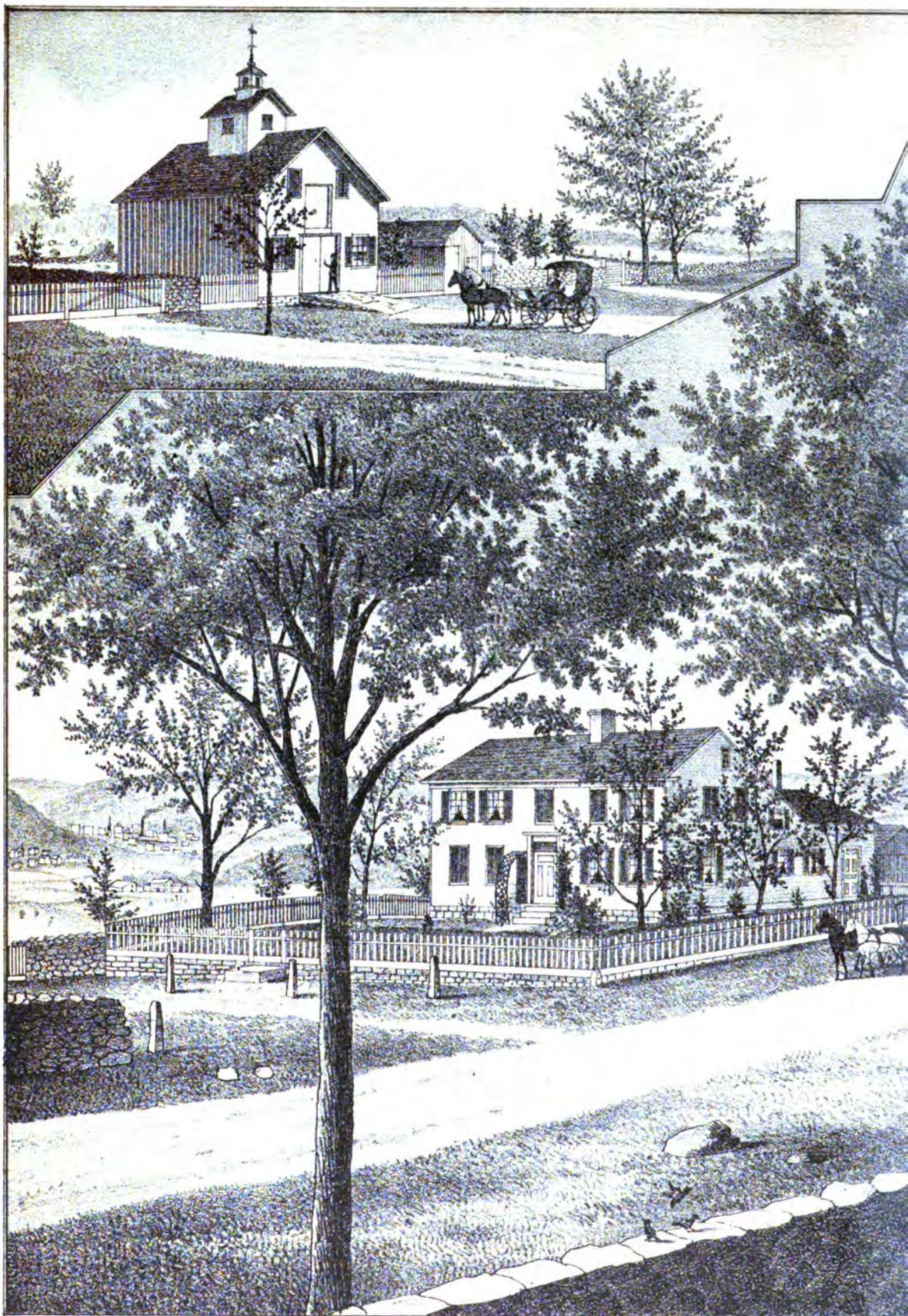
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lester are seven in number, four sons and three daughters; all living, viz.: James Francis, Mary Elizabeth, Annie Melvina, Adele Cozzens, Charles Sumner, William Christie, and Andrew Edward. Two are married,—Annie Melvina, to Charles Henry Brown, M.D., son of the late Henry Weeks Brown, A.M., M.D., of New York; Adele Cozzens, to William Rossiter Waters, son of the late Prof. Lemuel H. Waters, of New York.

One grandchild, Rossiter Lester Waters, was born Oct. 15, 1880. In process of time Mr. and Mrs. Lester celebrated their silver wedding, when they and their children received the warm congratulations of many relatives, friends, and church associates, and the pronounced blessing of their beloved pastor, who a quarter of a century before had married them, and subsequently had baptized each of their children.

Mr. Lester was early engaged in the cause for the abolition of slavery; he was chairman of a city organization which met at private houses weekly to promote the cause of freedom, and as far as possible to counsel, advise, and assist the poor fugitives as they were fleeing from the South to a land where they could be free, and unmolested enjoy the inestimable boon of liberty. The moving spirit of this organization was the Hon. Alvan Stewart, a prominent lawyer of Utica, who, having retired from his profession, had taken up his residence in New York City. The members of this society were earnest workers, writing and printing tracts, pamphlets, etc., on this great national sin, and gratuitously distributing them among the people. He was also a member of the noted secret "Vigilance Committee" who ran the famous "Underground Railroad," by which slaves were transported from the South to Canada, fed, clothed, and sheltered on their way.

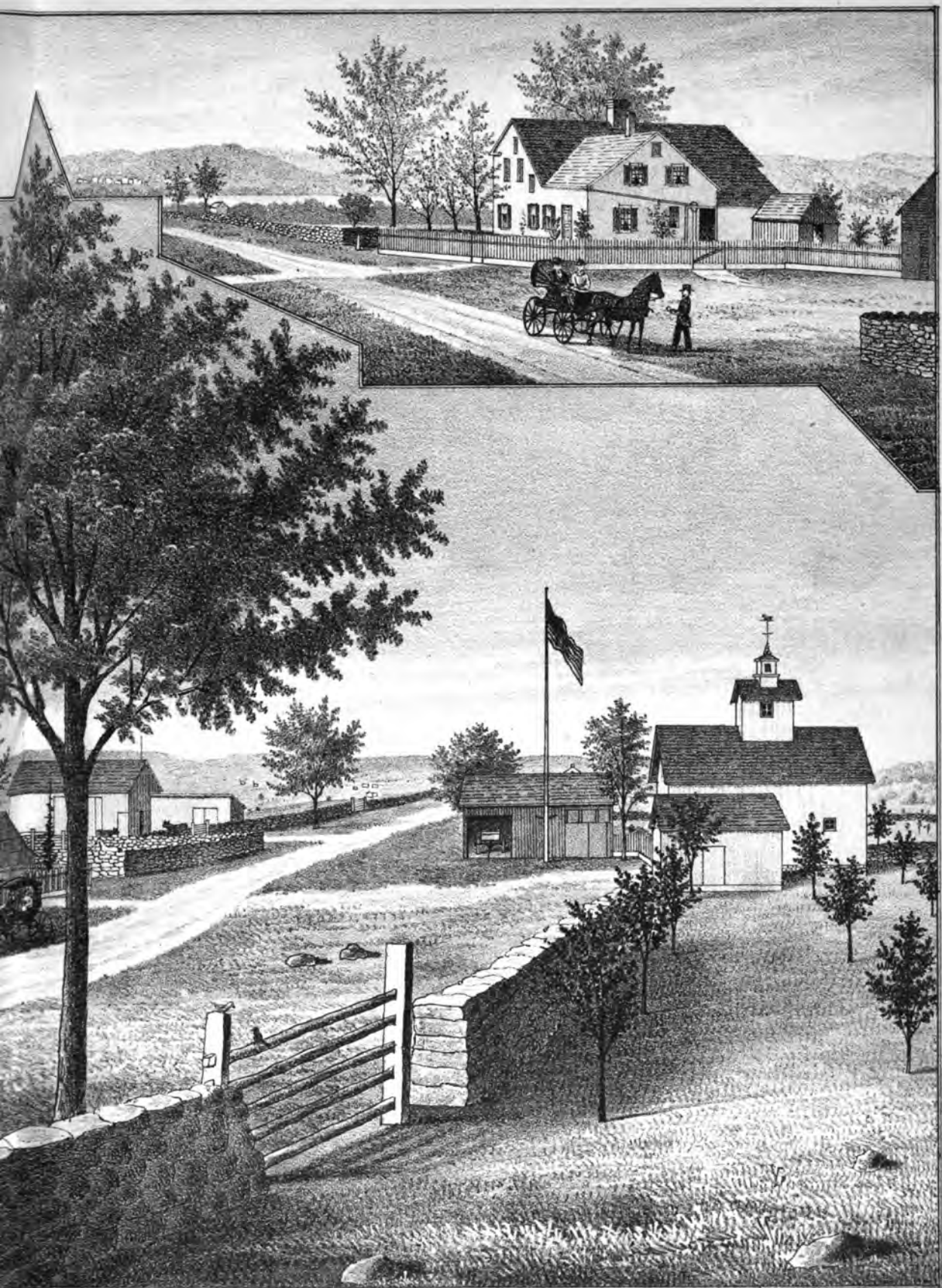
<sup>1</sup> Granddaughter of the Rev. Hozekiah Lord, first minister of the Gospel of the North Society in Preston. He was born at Saybrook, March 19, 1698, ordained to the ministerial office April 20, 1730, and departed this life June 20, 1761.





WOOD  
HOMESTEAD OF ANDREW LESTER,





GRISWOLD, NEW LONDON CO. CONN.

Having spoken of Mr. Lester's active participation in the cause of the abolition of slavery, we would like to add briefly that in October, 1850, the majority of the merchants of New York were signing a petition for a "call" or meeting in the Castle Garden to approve the recent act of Congress (August) in passing the Fugitive Slave Law. A committee of influential merchants endeavored to persuade Mr. Lester to add his name to the already very extensive list. Drawing himself up to his full height and extending his right arm, he exclaimed, with fervent pathos and dignity, "Gentlemen, no; I would rather see this arm drop off first than do so!"

Mr. Lester was an early member of the voting "Liberty party," and was one of that well-remembered and much-maligned body who in 1844 cast their 62,000 votes for the Hon. James G. Birney, of Ohio, for President, and Thomas Morris for Vice-President, thereby defeating, as charged by the Whigs, the Hon. Henry Clay, who was their candidate, and causing the election of the Hon. James K. Polk, the Democratic candidate, to the Presidential chair. He was also subsequently, in 1848, an active member of the "Free" Democracy, laboring and voting for the Hon. Martin Van Buren for President, and Charles Francis Adams for Vice-President, who were the well-known candidates of the "Free-Soil" party, though only polling 219,000 votes, yet which made itself felt; and out of this small beginning that great Republican party commenced its existence and began that wonderful career which was to startle the civilized world and fill one of the grandest pages yet made in American history.

It is unnecessary to say that Mr. Lester has continued from the beginning to be a staunch Republican. His heart bled, with many thousand others, at their country's insult, the firing on Fort Sumter, followed by its terrible train of war and bitter misery. He was not young enough to join the ranks of the brave defenders, but quietly and actively helped with all his might the cause of right at home. Glad was his cry of "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!" on the receipt of the news of the capture of Richmond. Still happier and more content was he when he knew and thoroughly realized that the stain and blot of slavery was wiped out, and peace and good will had come to all.

He has been an earnest advocate of the emancipation of women, believing that Christianity and Republicanism are to be more surely blended when their disfranchisement is abolished. He is a hearty approver of the act now before the Legislature of New York, entitled, "An Act to promote virtue and prohibit disfranchisement," part of which reads,—

"SECTION 1. Every woman shall be free to vote, under qualifications required of men, or to refrain from voting, as she may choose, and no person shall be debarred by reason of sex from voting at any election, or at any town-meeting, school-meeting, or other choice of government functionaries whatsoever."

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For many years Mr. Lester was one of the executive committee of the American Missionary Association, which, small in importance at its commencement, has by strict adherence to its professed anti-slavery principles become one of the foremost and prominent missionary associations of the land, being the recipient of the contributions of the Congregational churches in every part of our country, as well as large amounts from Christian philanthropists of Great Britain and Europe.

He was early engaged in the cause of temperance, and on the formation of temperance alliances in the State and city of New York became president of the Sixteenth Ward Temperance Alliance, whose members devoted their time, energies, and influence to the promotion of this noble cause.

He has been for a number of years a trustee of the North River Savings-Bank of New York City.

Mr. Lester was present at the great flour riots of Feb. 18, 1837, in which Mr. Eli Hart's large warehouse was broken open and partially depleted of its stock of flour by a lawless mob, and saw the mayor of the city, the Hon. Cornelius W. Lawrence, have his staff of office and authority taken from him, and he himself escorted by the mob from the field of their operations. He was one of the first to arrive at the building in which the great and disastrous fire of Dec. 16, 1835, broke out. The night was very clear and intensely cold, the fire raged fiercely, the very atmosphere seeming to give it increased vigor. The fire-engines were not equal to the emergency, the strength of the men gave out, and the water froze in the hose. The fire was left almost without control until more than twenty millions of dollars of property was destroyed. He with many others did their best to remove the goods from the stores to a place of safety. After prolonged efforts and several repeated removals the merchandise was piled stories high in Hanover Square. Soon, however, they beheld with sorrow and dismay the flames leap the street and quickly consume the evidence of their prolonged and arduous labors. Mr. Lester was also a spectator and participant as well in the great city's jubilee celebration (1842), commemorative of the introduction of that inestimable blessing, the Croton water, into the city of New York. We will pass over many other grand as well as sad scenes he has witnessed, and merely mention the imposing civil and military procession of the obsequies of the last general officer of the Revolution, the illustrious Marquis de Lafayette, on June 26, 1834, who died in France, on May 20th of the same year, in the ninety-seventh year of his age. We mention also the solemn and deeply impressive obsequies of our much-beloved and martyred president, the Hon. Abraham Lincoln. The last saddest and, if possible, most lamented bereavement of our country was the recent occasion of his warehouse, with millions of others through the land, being draped in emblems of deepest mourning, marking the heartfelt sorrow of a deeply-stricken

people at the irreparable loss to our country of their much-beloved and honored President, James A. Garfield, who died Sept. 19, 1881, from a wound received by the ruthless hand of a fanatical yet wicked villain.

Like his ancestors, we may say that the history of Andrew Lester is full of simple greatness. It is a narrative colored by a neutral tint of stately dignity, clear in its purity, bright and shining in its Christian loveliness, sharp and decisive in its firmness of right purpose. To him time and work were synonymous, and work meant a blessing to his fellow-man. No one ever exerted a better, gentler, or happier influence. No one has been more revered and loved by those who know him. His deeds are written on the papyrus of many hearts, and on the tablets of the memory of his family and friends will ever be engraved "*Amicus humani generis.*"

His personal appearance is striking,—six feet in height, weighing about one hundred and eighty pounds, stately, erect, and commanding; a genial face, in spite of the firm and compressed mouth, which gives to strangers an idea of overt sternness.

Mr. Lester is still a resident of New York City, but spends part of the year at Woodside, together with his family and friends, improving and beautifying the old homestead. Woodside is about five miles due south of Plainfield, and five miles east of Jewett City. It is most delightfully elevated, commanding beautiful landscape views of farms and farm-houses, churches, and villages in the valleys and on the distant hills, long stretches of undulating color of varying green with its different seasons' changes making altogether a magnificent and extensive panorama from the south to the northwest. In fact, it is one of the pleasantest places in New London County.

**Henry Larned Johnson** was born on the old Johnson homestead, in Griswold (a view of which is presented in this work, and where he now resides), Jan. 27, 1808. He is fifth in lineal descent from Benjamin Johnson, the first settler on this place. The name indicates Scandinavian extraction, but whether Benjamin was an emigrant, what place he came from, even the dates of his birth and death, all are alike unknown. He was a weaver, and in humble circumstances in life. He loved not a wandering life, and purchased the small place which formed the nucleus of the present broad acres of Deacon Johnson. Benjamin had one son, Stephen, whether more is unknown. This Stephen, born about 1717, became a farmer, and also worked at carpentering and bridge-building. He married Mary Kinne; had six children,—Marcy, Mary, Ruamy, Esther, Stephen<sup>2</sup>, and Marcy; lived to a good old age; was known as "Captain," and died Nov. 13, 1803, aged nearly eighty-six. His wife survived him, dying June 10, 1814, in her ninety-fourth year. Just previous to her death she rode on horseback to Bozrah from her home, sixteen miles. This shows the wonderful vitality of the women of that day. Her mind to the last retained

its youthful vigor and brightness. She was a very superior woman, one of the "salt of the earth," a leader in religious matters, a great Christian aid to her husband (a godly man) and her family, and was held in high esteem by the clergy. None of their children settled in Griswold save Stephen, who occupied the homestead. He was born June 29, 1748, was a farmer, married Elizabeth Morgan, had but one child, Stephen<sup>3</sup>, who attained maturity. Stephen<sup>3</sup> was a God-fearing man, and died at the early age of thirty. His widow married one Averill, and by him had several children. Stephen<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 5, 1771, had a good common-school and academic education, became a farmer on the homestead, and enlarged its acreage. He was diligent in business, of a quiet and reserved nature, prudent and industrious, successful financially; in early life was captain of militia, and for many years a deacon of the Congregational Church at Pachaug. When the Second Congregational Church (at Jewett City) was organized he was one of the constituent members, was chosen deacon in April, 1825, held that office until his death, May 16, 1854. His religion was a principle, and, unactuated by excitement, he was one of the strong pillars of the church, and active in all good works. One of his former pastors says this of him, "A type of the old Puritan stock, plain in dress and address, not given to much talking, but expressing much in few words. At one time he said to a hired man, 'We must get up the hay or it will be caught in the rain.' He answered, 'Trust Providence, Deacon.' 'Providence won't rake up our hay for us.' Having been 'proved' as deacon in the old church of North Preston (now Griswold), at the organization of the church at Jewett City (an offshoot from the old one) he was chosen deacon, and remained such till his death. At his funeral his pastor chose, as a peculiarly appropriate text, Psalm xii. 1: 'Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, the faithful fail from among the children of men.' " He married Lydia Larned (born in Thompson, Conn.), Jan. 2, 1800. Their children not dying in youth were Laura (deceased), Stephen<sup>4</sup>, Henry L., Mary K., Daniel (deceased), Sanford, Lydia L. (deceased). Mrs. Johnson died July 22, 1843. "She was a faithful and affectionate wife and devoted mother, a kind neighbor, a friend of the poor (to whose wants she was ever ready to minister), and above all, and crowning all, she was an humble and exemplary follower of Christ. Her sickness, though painful, was brief. She early anticipated its fatal issue, but death had no terrors for her. She calmly waited the summons which should call her home. The evening before her death, feeling that her time was short, she left messages to her absent children, and particularly to her son, a missionary of the American Board at Bankok, Siam: 'Tell Stephen that if I reach the New Jerusalem before him, I trust he will be ripening for that happy home. I think I have been strengthened by his prayers.' Comforted by the Saviour's presence,



*Henry L. Johnson*



*B. F. Billings*

she entered the dark valley, and closing her eyes upon this world, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus."

Henry L. Johnson was educated at common schools, and a short time attended Plainfield Academy. When about eighteen began teaching winter terms of district school, and taught nine terms, three in East Haddam, the others in close proximity to his home. Rev. T. L. Shipman says of him, "He was bred a farmer, and has never seen the day when he was tempted to change his calling. In this he has shown his good sense, for he never could have changed it for a more honorable or useful one. By patient industry he has acquired a handsome property, given all his children a liberal education, carrying his eldest son through Yale College. He has always been a liberal contributor to the support of the gospel at home and abroad, and fills, and perhaps more than fills, his father's place in both church and community. In his attendance at the sanctuary, occasional meetings, and during the week his example is above praise. Living two miles from the village, he has been the least vacant seat at the weekly conference and prayer-meeting. In the cause of temperance—yes, total abstinence—he has battled from the beginning. True as steel to his principles, he will war unsparingly against the rum traffic, both by moral suasion and legal prohibition, and, never relinquishing the fray, he will die fighting, if he does not live to swell the shout of victory. He has been more than once our honored representative in the State Legislature, and though he has left most of the talking to the lawyers, he has always been in his place when voting was to be done. It is hoped that his life may be long spared, for we feel we can ill spare him from our community."

Mr. Johnson married, May 14, 1834, Almira D., daughter of Welcome A. and Martha (Hull) Browning. Their children were Martha H., born April 20, 1835 (Mrs. R. K. Mathewson, deceased). Her daughter Myra married George Ross, lives in Lisbon, and has one child, Katie. Henry L., born July 11, 1837, is a graduate of Yale College, and a successful banker in New York City. He has two sons, Leeds and Larned. Almira (died young); Isabella, born Jan. 23, 1842, married George Tyler, has six children,—Frank, Frederick, Katie, Lucius, Charles, Florence; Lydia (died young); Stephen (died young); Welcome B., a manufacturer of Milwaukee, Wis., has two sons, Ralph B. and Frank B. Mrs. Johnson died July 24, 1865, aged fifty-two. Mr. Johnson married, Sept. 8, 1869, Amelia H. Perry. She died Sept. 16, 1877. His present wife, Nancy Wason, was a native of New Boston, N. H., and married Mr. Johnson, Oct. 28, 1878.

Mr. Johnson has been selectman, etc.; has represented Griswold two terms in the State Legislature, but his chief labor and love have been in connection with his church, of which he has been a member since 1829, and deacon since September, 1854. He is a

representative farmer, and enjoys universal esteem in his community.

**Hon. B. F. Billings.**—William Billings came from Dorchester, Mass., to Stonington, Conn., where he purchased land and remained until the time of his death. He married Mary —, Feb. 5, 1658, and his will shows that he had eight children, of whom Ebenezer<sup>1</sup> was one. This Ebenezer<sup>1</sup>, March 1, 1680, married Anna Comstock. To them were born ten children; one, also named Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, married, April 2, 1706, Phœbia Denison, daughter of John and Phœbia Denison, and granddaughter of Col. George and Ann Borodel Denison. They had eleven children, the third one of whom was born March 20, 1711, and received the name of Ebenezer. On Nov. 20, 1738, this Ebenezer Billings<sup>3</sup>, who was a captain in the French and Indian war, married Mary Noyes, and had eight children. Sanford, the second child, was born April 1, 1736, was a commissioned officer in the Revolution, and on 24th of January, 1760, married Lucy Geer. By this marriage there were eleven children. Gilbert, the fifth child, was born Nov. 25, 1768, was reared a farmer. When fourteen or fifteen years old went to sea, became captain, and led a marine life till after he was forty years of age, and acquired considerable property. On retiring he settled in North Stonington and became a farmer. He was quiet and reserved in manner, yet a very agreeable social companion. He represented North Stonington twice in the General Assembly, also represented Griswold one term in same body, and was a man of mark among his townsmen, holding various other positions of trust.

In politics he was a Federal and a Whig. He was Congregational in religious belief. He married Lucy (born 1770, died Dec. 16, 1854), daughter of John Swan, in 1792. They had children,—Sandford, Lucy, Lucy<sup>2</sup>, Robert, Joseph, George, Horatio N., John, Benjamin F., Mary. He died May 1, 1856. Benjamin F. was four years old when his father moved to Griswold. Received his education at common and private schools, at which he was a diligent student; was brought up as a farmer, to which avocation he has always adhered, but in connection therewith he has been a successful and highly valued teacher. Commencing to teach winter terms of school when about sixteen years of age, he taught probably twenty-five terms in all, one of them in Delaware.

Mr. Billings remained with his father, in care of the homestead in Griswold, and married, Dec. 28, 1834, Ann P., daughter of Luther Palmer, of North Stonington. She died Oct. 23, 1866. Their children are Ann S., who married, first, Harris Boardman, and had three boys; second, Dr. Henry Carpenter, of Lancaster, Pa.; James F., now of Kansas; Mary P., married C. C. Palmer, of North Stonington, and lives now in Pawtucket; Lucius N., of Massachusetts; and Arthur G., who remains with his father on the old homestead. Mr. Billings married Mrs. Abby J. (Starkweather) Stewart, Feb. 12, 1868. She was a



daughter of John Starkweather, and sister of the late Hon. H. H. Starkweather.

Mr. Billings has passed his life in Griswold, excepting eight years when he was a resident of North Stonington. He has held many and prominent public positions, was selectman several terms, and during the entire Rebellion period, when many difficult questions requiring great care and judgment were to be decided by those holding that office. He represented Griswold in the State Legislatures of 1846 and 1852, and the Eighth Senatorial District in the State Senate in 1856. During his residence in North Stonington he represented that town in the Legislatures of 1873-74, and was first selectman when he returned to Griswold in 1880. In politics he has stanchly adhered to the Whig and Republican parties. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and for several years has held the honored position of deacon. He has all his life been an active, liberal, and public-spirited citizen, a devoted and earnest Christian, an affectionate husband and father, and as he goes down to the twilight of life enjoys the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends.

**Samuel Geer** was born in Preston, Conn., Nov. 30, 1788. He was the son of John Wheeler and Sally (Denson) Geer, and grandson of Ebenezer, who was son of Robert Geer, whose father, George, was the original emigrant. [For full history of Geer family, see biography of Erastus Geer, Lebanon.] He was reared a farmer; removed, with his father, two brothers, and two sisters, to Griswold; purchased a tract of about two hundred acres of land of a Mr. Rose, on what is still known as "Geer Hill." It was an early age for him to commence a farmer's life, but he was successful, and when thirty years of age married, Oct. 3, 1820, Anna, daughter of David and Mary (Stanton) Geer, of Ledyard, and granddaughter of the Ebenezer who was grandfather of Samuel. She was born Aug. 12, 1794. They commenced their married life in Preston, where their three daughters, Mary, Prudence Ann, and Lucy Emma, were born. After eight years' residence in Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Geer moved back to Mr. Geer's old home in Griswold, and there, after fifty-six years of happy and quiet married life, he died, Feb. 27, 1877, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Geer survives him, and is now in her eighty-eighth year. Mr. Geer was always a farmer, and an excellent one, enjoying the reputation of being one of the best in town, and accumulated a competency. In his social and family relations he was kind and affectionate; in his business prudent, economical, thoroughly honest, and very active. As a father he was indulgent; as a Christian he was earnest and sincere, giving evidence of both those qualities by the liberality with which he supported the cause of Christ.

At his death he probably had not an enemy in the world. He was a selectman, and held various other town offices, discharging these duties in the same quiet,

thorough business way in which his own personal affairs were conducted. He was a pronounced Whig and Republican in politics. Both Mr. and Mrs. Geer were for many years members of the First Congregational (Pachaug) Church of Griswold. Their daughter Prudence married Moses E. Norman, of Ledyard, and had two children, Samuel G. and Hannah A. The latter, a lovely and estimable girl, died May 14, 1881, aged eighteen years and two months. Lucy married Erastus Kinne, of Plainfield, Conn.

**David Austin Geer.**—On the land once occupied by those famed Mohegan chiefs, Uncas and Owaneco, and by them granted to his ancestors,—a most beautiful tract of land, a view of a portion of which may be seen in this history,—resides David Austin Geer. He was born Aug. 17, 1824, on the place where he now resides. He was third son of Elijah D. and Dorothy Geer. Elijah was son of John Wheeler Geer, and grandson of Ebenezer, who was son of Robert, eighth child of George, the emigrant. (For full history of Geer family, see biography of Erastus Geer, Lebanon.)

Mr. Geer had common-school advantages for education, which were diligently used, supplemented by a short attendance at high school. He commenced teaching winter terms of district school when about twenty-one, and acquitted himself creditably as a teacher during the four terms which he taught. But farming has been his life's work. He was bred a farmer, and thoroughly and well was he trained in the principles and details of practical agriculture. From the death of his father, Aug. 10, 1848, he has carried on the old homestead farm, and to-day enjoys the reputation of being the best farmer in town. He has taken pride in his calling, kept his place neat and trim, cleaned out the fence-corners, taken cords of material for his good stone walls from fields now clear as prairie-land, and is, as he well may be, proud of as clean-kept a farm as can be found for many miles. Plain and simple in his habits, but successful in his business, he is a careful, painstaking, industrious man.

Neither caring for nor willing to accept office, Mr. Geer has preferred to attend to his own business rather than see that neglected while he worked for the public. He is possessed of a warm social nature, his family circle is a pleasant and affectionate one, and he enjoys the esteem of the community as a man of unassuming yet solid worth. For over thirty years he has been a member of the First Congregational (Pachaug) Church of Griswold. He enjoys the satisfaction of seeing three of his sons now members of the same church. In church he accepts office as a duty; has served on various committees, and is church treasurer. He married, Sept. 15, 1857, Sarah, daughter of Deacon Joseph Leonard and Laura Johnson, his wife. Their children are Albert S., Edward A., Henry D., and Joseph T., all industrious, intelligent, and enterprising young men of good habits.

All in all, Mr. Geer is pronounced in favor of all





WILLIAM L. GAY



*D. Austin Geer.*



*James C. Loe*



*Bonaparte Campbell*

things—in religion, in politics, in the social circle and community—which advance honesty, sobriety, and the education, improvement, and elevation of humanity, the betterment of his town, and the pleasing charms of the “old Geer home.”

**James C. Lord.**—The Lord family is an early and proud New England one, the first American ancestor coming from England at an early date. The first one settling in Griswold was a Congregational clergyman named Hezekiah. He was settled pastor of the North Society of Preston, and lived where B. Campbell now (1881) resides. He had numerous children, one of whom, James, was a school-teacher in the North District of Preston. Another son was Elias, grandfather of James C. He died young, about the time of the Revolution, and left four children,—Joseph, Zerviah (Mrs. A. Benham), James, and Elias. He was a farmer on part of the old homestead, and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary Coit, was also of an old family. His son James was born in 1760, in Preston. By the death of Elias and the consequent sale of his property, of which pay was taken in Continental currency, which rapidly depreciated, his family were reduced to poor circumstances and the children were scattered. James went to live with Gen. John Tyler (who married his grandmother), and remained with him from the age of two years to that of forty-six. He was reared a farmer, and when he was about twenty-one was injured so as to incapacitate him from labor on the farm, and his hair was turned white by a fever. On partially regaining his health he became a surveyor, and went to Western New York, several times surveying roads in the then wilderness of the Susquehanna and Genesee Valleys. He married Lydia, daughter of John and Mehitabel Coit, and had two children, James Coit and Elias. He purchased the place now occupied by his son James and descendants about 1803, and was thereafter a farmer. He was much beloved for his sterling honesty and worth, and his quiet, unobtrusive ways. He held the (at that time) very responsible office of constable and collector of Preston for fourteen years. Both himself and wife were for years members of the First Congregational Church of Preston (North Society). He was successful in business, and died suddenly, Dec. 22, 1845, at the hale old age of eighty-five. His wife survived him, dying five years later, also at the age of eighty-five.

**JAMES C. LORD** was born Feb. 23, 1807, on the farm where he now, in the closing years of an unusually long and active life, yet lives. He had a common-school education, supplemented by a term at Plainfield Academy. He has always been a hard-working, intelligent, successful farmer, giving his personal attention to his business, and by his judicious care, diligence, and economy has amassed a handsome competency. All of the buildings, numerous as they are, on the place Mr. Lord has constructed himself. He married, Feb. 14, 1838, Betsey, daughter

of John and Betsey (Clift) Prentice. Her maternal grandfather was Amos Clift, and grandmother, Mary Coit. John Prentice was son of Eleazer and Sarah Stanton, all of Preston. Mr. and Mrs. Lord have had only two children who attained maturity,—Elias and Lydia Coit. Elias married Mary Rathbun, and lives in the old home of his father, a view of which is presented on another page. Elias has two children,—Willie and Charlie. Lydia married Elisha Harris, now of Providence, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Lord have lived in family relations forty-three years, and for years have been consistent members of the First Congregational Church of Griswold. Mr. Lord has never accepted any church, elective, appointive, or fiduciary office, and devotes to-day as much time to his business in his hale old age as in the days of early manhood.

**Bonaparte Campbell** was born in Voluntown, then Windham Co., Conn., Sept. 15, 1801. His great-grandfather came from Scotland a young man, married, and had children, one of whom, James, born about 1725, was a resident of Voluntown, a farmer, married Dinah McMain, and had three sons—Allen, James, and John—and several daughters. He was an industrious, economical man, successful in his business, as those days went, lived comfortably, and given to hospitality. Both he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church, and served their day and generation well. He died about 1810. His wife survived him a few years, dying at the age of eighty-five. Dr. Allen Campbell, their son, was born in Voluntown, about 1749, received a good common-school education, studied medicine with that skillful physician, Dr. Perkins, of Plainfield, and in the Revolution served as surgeon in the colonial service, and was with Gen. Sullivan's army at the battle of Newport, R. I. After the war he established himself in a professional practice in Voluntown, which became large and lucrative. In this he continued until his death, March 6, 1829, at the advanced age of eighty. He was social and genial, very popular, not only of ability in his profession, but often called to fill positions of honor and trust; represented Voluntown in the State Legislature, was justice of the peace, and noted for the number of marriages he performed; held at various times all important offices in the gift of his townsmen, was a devout Presbyterian, and at one time was licensed to preach. He married Sarah, daughter of Ezra Kinne, of Preston, now Griswold. She was born in 1759, and died in 1834, aged seventy-five. Their children were John, Sarah, Rowena, Lucinda, Harvey, Ezra, Daniel Lee, Bonaparte, Alpha R. They mostly settled in Voluntown.

Bonaparte was born when Napoleon Bonaparte was in the height of his remarkable career, and Dr. Campbell, an ardent admirer of the French general, called the young lad in sport Bonaparte, and it finally became fixed on him as his name. He was brought up a farmer on his father's farm, had common-school edu-

cation, remained at home till he was eighteen, when, Nov. 11, 1819, he married Susan, daughter of Capt. Nathan Brown, a sea-captain of North Kingston, R. I. Of their children only five—Allen B., John L. (deceased), Sarah E. (Mrs. B. H. Browning), James H., and Napoleon B.—attained maturity. All were born in Voluntown but James, who was born in Oneida County, N. Y. Mrs. Campbell died in 1846. Mr. Campbell resided in Voluntown until 1826, when he removed to Oneida County, N. Y., where he lived until 1856, then returning to Connecticut, he bought the old Lord place of one hundred and forty acres, in Griswold, and that has been his home ever since. He married Mrs. Maria Cook Campbell in 1847, and after her death in 1869 he has lived with his son Allen, who is joint owner with him now of the old homestead. For nearly fifty years he has been a worthy and esteemed member of the Baptist Church. In politics a Whig and Republican. He has been first selectman for many years, justice both in Griswold and Voluntown, and has represented Griswold in the State Legislature. He has ever been a quiet, industrious, unassuming man, amiable and pleasing in his ways, and noted for his thorough knowledge of agriculture.

**Beriah Hopkins Browning**, son of Avery and Mary (Arnold) Browning, was born in Exeter, R. I., Sept. 13, 1819. He is a lineal descendant of William Browning, the emigrant, of whom or Sarah, his wife, nothing is known of birth, marriage, or death. They are first known as residing in Portsmouth, R. I. Whether they came from England or not is only to be surmised. Before this time, in 1655, Nathaniel Browning appears on the roll of freemen in Portsmouth, and soon after, William Browning. William had five children,—Samuel, William (2), John (1), Hannah, and Sarah. Of these, only the descendants of William and John can be traced. Samuel is supposed to have settled in South Kingston, but nothing is definitely known of him. John Browning (1) married Anna Hazard. They had ten children, of whom John (2), born Nov. 15, 1742, was grandfather to Beriah H. He was married three times, and had children,—Jedediah and John by first wife, Mary Davis. By second wife, Eunice Williams, he had seven children,—George, Mary, Eunice, Avery, Anne, Jesse, George W. By third wife, Elizabeth Boss, he had no children. He died Feb. 24, 1832. He was a good type of a portly English farmer and "squire," held all prominent town offices and various positions of trust, owned a large tract of land, never labored himself, but gave his personal superintendence to all branches of his extensive farming interests; was a genial man, fond of conversation, of great conviviality, entertained hospitably, and died nearly ninety years of age. It was his usual practice in hot weather to leave all outside doors open on retiring, and never was troubled by thieves or robbers.

Avery Browning was born Feb. 8, 1786, in Exeter, R. I.; remained with his father and became a farmer;

married Mary Arnold, July 17, 1808. She was born June 8, 1796, died June 22, 1879. Their children were Arnold (deceased), Hiram, Beriah H., and Eunice W. (deceased). Avery Browning was an active farmer, successful in his avocation; was much in public affairs, was representative, held all town offices; on the passage of the free-school law restricted the town into school districts; was called to draw many legal instruments, which were carried into the highest courts and never broken. In March, 1834, he purchased a farm in Griswold; after residing there several years sold out and went to Preston, afterwards to Norwich, and was living there when he died, May 9, 1865. For many years he was a Baptist. Coming of good Democratic stock, he steadfastly adhered to the same principles during his life.

B. H. Browning lived with his father until of age, and for two years was roving around, peddling, etc. Nov. 21, 1842, he married Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Bonaparte Campbell, and started in trade as a merchant at Brooklyn, Conn. In 1845 he went out of trade, removed to Griswold, and became a farmer. In 1850 he moved to his father's farm on Plain Hill, in Norwich, and subsequently purchased the farm, his father moving on to the street, where he stayed three years, then returned and boarded with Beriah until he died. In 1866, Mr. Browning sold out his Norwich property and moved to Griswold, purchasing the beautiful place where he now resides. His children are Joseph B., a physician in Havana, Ill.; Frank (deceased); Lucinda (deceased); Sarah E. (Mrs. Simon Brewster); Mattie, Nellie, Arba, Mary A., and Ralph. Mr. Browning is an active Democrat, prominent in politics and public affairs; was appointed justice before he was thirty years old, and has ever since been in some public position. He has settled several important and difficult estates, one involving forty thousand dollars; represented Griswold in State Legislature in 1873. In a strong Republican town he was elected by a handsome majority. He has been selectman for a number of years, and in 1878 was nominated by the Democratic Senatorial Convention for the Eighth District of Connecticut as senator by a unanimous vote, which nomination he declined. He has been many times on grand jury, and was foreman of the jury in the famous trial of Mrs. Cobb for murder. He is always active in all things tending to elevate, improve, or educate mankind, and is especially interested in the advancement of his town, and is one of Griswold's leading citizens.

## CHAPTER XXXIX.

### GROTON.<sup>1</sup>

**Early History.**—The town of Groton,<sup>2</sup> originally a part of the town of New London, was of ample area, embracing, as it did, all the territory of the latter

<sup>1</sup> By William H. Potter.

<sup>2</sup> Pronounced *Grauton*.





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town lying east of the Thames River as far as the Mystic River and its Lantern Hill tributaries, and from the Sound to the Preston line, north of the Poquetanock, measuring north and south about fourteen miles, and east and west an average of over six miles, giving an area of full eighty square miles. At the time of the separation from New London, A.D. 1705, these dimensions were confirmed and continued till the town of Ledyard was incorporated in 1836. That town took off the larger part of the area, including all of the North Parish, but leaving the present town of Groton a compact, well-defined boundary, and an area of probably about thirty-five square miles. It is noticeable that when New London had *land* to alienate she did it on a generous scale, as witness her Waterford territory, as well as all of Groton; but when it came to the alienation of *water-rights* she discovered a weakness for the beautiful river and harbor, which she has retained within her limits from shore to shore, and from Brewster's Neck to the sea. The hills of this eastern part of New London, now Groton, on either border, and its plains in the middle portion form a striking feature of its topography. Groton Heights on the west and Pequot Hill on the east, with an expanse of table-land in the interior, terminating in Poquonnoc plains, in the southern part and Preston plains on the north, with a hilly barrier between them, and in the northern part, on both sides of the plain, high hills and deep but fertile valleys well watered predominate, all forming a picturesque and rather attractive picture. Besides the two border streams, the Thames and the Mystic, there is Poquonnock River, flowing south into the Sound, dividing Poquonnoc plain, and Poquetanoc River, flowing west into the Thames, the latter at that early day being called Pequot River. These are mere inlets of the sea, but they each have their tributaries of sparkling brooks and rivulets, and skirting these, and extending over its stony hillsides, are numerous farms and hamlets. The soil is in general inferior, but towards the sea and on some of its river-banks it is fertile. Within its bosom Groton has quarries of pure granite, then almost unknown and quite unappreciated, of which we shall have occasion to speak hereafter.

But let us now refer to its first settlement. The Morgans and the Averys purchased or received grants of lands on the east side of the Thames River, in what was, nearly half a century later, incorporated under the name of Groton, but then called New London East Side. Perhaps a year or two earlier, certainly as early as 1651, grants were made at Mystic, and as early as 1653 Messrs. Robert Burrows, John Packer, and Robert Park removed their families to the banks of the Mystic and occupied their possessions. Burrows kept the ferry over Mystic River. Two years later Carey Latham was domiciled at Groton Bank and kept the ferry over the Thames, having secured its franchise for fifty years from March 25, 1655.

The highways across the settlement from Groton Bank to Mystic River,<sup>1</sup> running through Poquonnoc, was laid out in December, 1652, with a view to facilitate intercourse between the mother-settlement at New London and the scattered settlers of the East Side, but beyond Fort Hill it remained a mere pent-way until 1709, when the new town had it opened and worked through as one of the town's highways.

After the first few settlers came we find that the Fish family settled north of the Burrowses, on Mystic River, their lands running over Pequot Hill westward, as early as 1655. The Allyns settled in North Groton (since Ledyard) as early as 1656, while the Bennetts, Culvers, Baileys, Chesters, Geres, and Starrs all became permanent settlers within ten years from the first settlers, embracing portions of Poquonnoc, Groton Bank, and the territory along the east bank of the Thames as far as the Poquetanock. Then Lower Mystic, or Mystic River,—Noank Neck, as it was called,—and a tract west of Lantern Hill was still in the possession of a remnant of the straggling Pequots, whose power had been so signally overthrown in 1637, some fourteen years before the settlement of Groton.

It was not till A.D. 1667 that Cassinamon's party of Pequots, the feeble representatives of that once powerful nation, were removed by order of the General Court at Hartford from Noank to their new reservation, called Mashantuxet, in North Groton, where they have maintained their distinctive tribal relation, under commissioners appointed by the General Assembly, to the present time. They laid it much to heart, and loud were their lamentations when they were removed from their old haunts, first at Mystic, and afterwards at Noank. Suffice it to say that the white settlers treated them with marked kindness, and allowed them to visit their former homes at pleasure, to gather shell-fish and tautog, and to add the material for succotash from their gardens. A week thus spent by the sea-shore in a temporary wigwam or some outhouse of their white supplanters was highly appreciated, and seemed to add to the happiness of the poor Indians, whilst the kindness of the pale-faces was rarely if ever repaid by ingratitude. We leave the history of the Pequots and their overthrow for a separate sketch, and only add that Groton was the seat of power, and the scene of the overthrow of a people in which not only Connecticut but all New England had a deep interest. The field of blood and fire, when five hundred of them perished by the swords and torches of Maj. Mason and his army, on a fair morning in May, 1637, on the summit of Pequot Hill, overlooking the valley of the placid Mystic, is still pointed out, and has been designated as the site of a monument properly commemorating an event which formed a crisis in the settlement of New England. The owners of the spot, Messrs. Horace and Edmund Clift, of Mystic River, have generously

<sup>1</sup> Miss Caulkins says it ran by the head of Poquonnoc River.

donated the land on this beautiful summit, and the year 1887, just two hundred and fifty years from the overthrow of Sassacus and his stalwart warriors, has been by many designated as the time for erecting this memorial, under the auspices of the New London County Historical Society.

It may be interesting to know that the Fish and Burrows families, who by purchase or land grants first occupied the hill and region where the Pequot battle was fought so long ago, are still largely its proprietors, their lands having been transmitted by succession, without recourse to deeds, to the present time, as the records of the Probate Court will show. The Avery, Packer, Allyn, and Morgan lands and others have been transmitted in the same way. A part of the unique-looking house and the farm now (1881) owned and occupied by our town clerk, James D. Avery, Esq., of Poquonnock, is the same house which was built and occupied by the first settler, Capt. James Avery, two hundred and thirty years ago, a part of the house having been built in 1652.

In addition to the early families which settled Groton already named, we may add those of John Spicer, two families of Smith,—Nehemiah and the well-known John,—John Bennett, Edmund Fanning, Edward Culver, branches of the Gallups, Stantons, and Williams families, Anthony Ashbey, Walter Buddington, 1679; Josiah Haines, 1696; Deacon John Seabury and William Walworth, 1690; and John Davie, 1692. These settlers continued to be, as we have said, within the corporate limits of New London, and there with great regularity at first they returned to worship on Sundays. Several of them continued to be honored by New London as town officers,—selectmen, justices of the peace, constables, etc.,—and as deputies to the General Court. They also retained their influence and honors in ecclesiastical affairs, and bore their proportion of the burden of taxation in the mother-town.

This new settlement *par excellence* occupied Indian fighting-ground, and when King Philip's war broke out (1675) its active sons seemed to spring instinctively upon the field of battle. Their promptness and energy command admiration. In looking over the list of volunteers we are struck with the recurrence of the familiar family names of Avery, thrice repeated, Morgan twice, Colver thrice, Fanning thrice, Bill, Stark, Watrous, Packer twice, Park twice, Spier, Gallup, Billings twice, Larrabee, Fish, and Latham. Their work accomplished, they returned to their peaceful avocations.

But as we approach the close of the seventeenth century we begin to see among the East Side settlers greater self-reliance, more independence, and an openly-expressed desire to be a separate township.

Their meeting-house at Centre Groton, then just passably completed, and their Central Public School, at the same place, under Master Barnard, were evidences of the coming ecclesiastical and civic inde-

pendence. Their idea seems to have been, in the selection of the Four Corners, sometimes called Poquonnock (upper), or, as it is called of late years, from its post-office, Centre Groton, to bind together the settlers of the northern and southern, the eastern and western portions of the settlement on the East Side in a convenient centre, which possibly might be, as they hoped, a populous village. The location was well calculated for it. It was a spacious plain, accessible from all sides, except where the rugged spurs of Candlewood Hill frowned upon it from the east. But whatever might have been the dreams of the sturdy pioneers, the population mostly clustered around the borders of the town instead of the centre.

The name of the new town seems to have been a subject of discussion, but finally that of Groton was decided upon, probably in honor of Governor Winthrop's English home in Suffolk County, for Mr. Winthrop had grants of some of the best lands in the new town, and was, with his tenants, admitted to be freemen of the town. But several attempts were made to have the name changed, and the delegates from the town to the General Court were instructed to favor a change to East London or Southwark. The General Court, however, took little notice of their fickleness, possibly not believing in indulging young children or towns in having their own way.

What the population of New London was at this time, or what was the population of Groton even, cannot now be certainly determined. The inhabitants of Groton were probably about two hundred and fifty souls, for we find the number of freemen three years later but sixty-five, which would indicate perhaps a larger total.

The following officers were chosen at the first meeting of the new town, in December, 1705: Townsmen or Selectmen, Samuel Avery, Samuel Fish, Nehemiah Smith, James Morgan, and George Gere; Town Clerk, John Davie; Constable, Jonathan Starr; Schoolmaster, John Barnard.

The schoolmaster, we shall see, was not forgotten; for at a town-meeting held May 28, 1706, it was voted that ten acres of land be laid out to the north of the meeting-house at the Centre, upon which a house was soon after erected as a dwelling-house for Master Barnard and family, the same to be used for school purposes for the Centre district until a school-house could be built.

It was also voted that the schoolmaster shall have the improvement of the ten-acre lot in addition to his salary. It was further voted "that the present schoolmaster shall this year keep his school in five several places, viz.: first, at Samuel Avery's; second, at Sergt. Fish's; third, at Lient. Morgan's; fourth, at Robert Allyn's (or in that neighborhood); and lastly at Sergt. Bill's. It was decided and voted that a school-house should be built on the school-lot at the Centre, and that the dimensions be eighteen feet square. The next year, 1707, it was voted that Mr.

John Barnard be employed for two years from date, and that the town should be divided into four parts or school districts, and that a school be kept one-half a year in each district, going around in two years, and that the inhabitants of each district should by vote decide the place where the school should be kept for each school term; and here the district boundaries are recorded in full. The town was again divided into five districts in 1709, and Master Barnard's own home upon the ten-acre school-lot was to be the place where the Centre school should be kept. Two committeemen in each of the other four school districts were chosen to locate the school for the half-year ensuing, and to see that the patrons "provide the master's diet."

As the first town clerk was liberally educated, and was foremost in laying these first foundations of the school system of the town, which has ever since been, to a laudable extent, the pride of Groton, we give a sketch of him, as first given in the *Connecticut Gazette* in 1880, viz.:

"Among the noted historical characters that have arisen in or were identified with this town, that of John Davie, its first town clerk, afterwards Sir John Davie, is not the least. He was the son of Humphrey Davie, of Hartford, and graduated at Harvard College in 1681. He married a Hartford lady, the daughter of James Richards, of that colonial town, and she was sister of Governor Saltonstall's wife, and this Miss Caulkins conjectures was the reason why he purchased lands in New London, for we find him settled on a Groton farm which had been already cultivated as early as 1693. His first child, Mary, was born at Poquonnoc, June 13, 1693. Six children in all were born on this Groton farm, three sons and three daughters; for he writes with his own bold hand upon the town records, after giving the name and date of each, 'These were all born in the town now called Groton.'"

We learn these further facts from Miss Caulkins' history:

"In 1694, Davie was one of the landholders to whom the Assembly granted letters patent enlarging the territory of the New London settlement or colony. The same year he took a prominent part in building the second meeting-house in New London, being one of the building committee, which shows the activity of the man in public affairs. He had been previously appointed rate-collector and selectman for the East Side. He took a prominent part in the measures which resulted in the agreement to let the East Side become a separate township, by a vote passed in town-meeting Feb. 20, 1705; and at the Assembly, the same year, an act of incorporation was passed. After Mr. Davie had been town clerk about two years, and was one day hoeing corn on Poquonnoc plains in company with John Packer, in the midst of a strife as to which of them should prove the faster, suddenly a messenger appeared at the end of the row

and inquired of the barefooted men, with their trousers rolled up, which was named Davie, and upon being told he was congratulated in these words: 'I salute you, Sir John Davie.' The messenger had been sent him by his brother-in-law, Governor Saltonstall, and tradition has it that the town clerk came out ahead of Packer, winning in the hoeing-match, and that he did not deign to speak to the new-comer until he had won the wager. This same John Packer afterwards, at Davie's request, visited his old friend the baronet in England, and they had a good time together.

"Mr. Davie was among the few liberally-educated men of that day that helped found the settlement and township of Groton, and left the impress of his culture upon the community. He contributed freely to the building and temporal prosperity of the new church which arose at Centre Groton almost simultaneously with the incorporation of the town, and aided in settling Mr. Barnard as the permanent school-teacher and the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge as their minister. Mr. Davie gave the Groton Church a silver service-set for the communion, and was one of the early benefactors of Yale College, and were he alive to-day it would be uncertain whether he would wear the crimson or the blue at the regattas between Harvard and Yale. Possibly he would wear the crimson on one side for his Alma Mater, and the blue on the other for his foster-daughter. Sir John Davie soon went to England, and to his estates in Creedy, county of Devon, where he succeeded his uncle of the same name, but he never forgot his American relatives and friends, for he not only showed his beneficent feeling towards the school, the college, and the church, but through Governor Saltonstall he made gifts while living to his relatives in various colonies. The spirit of enterprise and zeal in the cause of education which animated the first town clerk seemed to have characterized all the first settlers and founders of the town."

The town, however, solemnly and earnestly, by vote in town-meeting, unanimously protested against the removal of the college from Saybrook to New Haven. At this time more than a generation had passed away since the first settlers came across the great Pequot River, and a new set of names began to take the place of the honest pioneers. We will here introduce the list of freemen, who were all permanent landholders, as we find them recorded, titles and all, on the town records, A.D. 1708: Capt. James Avery (at this time over sixty years old), Capt. James Morgan (died 1712), Capt. John Avery, Lieut. John Morgan, Mr. Ephraim Woodbridge, Mr. George Gere, Robert Gere, Zachariah Main, John Morgan, Jr., Sergt. Nehemiah Smith, James Morgan, Jr., William Morgan, Deacon John Seabury, James Avery, Jr., Sergt. Philip Bill, Lieut. Samuel Fish, Deacon Andrew Lester, John Bailey, Sergt. Richard Williams, Joshua Bill, John Burrows, John Williams, John Burrows, Jr., James Packer, John Avery, Jr., William Bailey,

Ralph Stoddard, John Culver, William Stark, Ensign Samuel Avery, Josiah Haines, Joseph Bailey, Thomas Starr, Edward Avery, Ebenezer Avery, Jonathan Avery, Andrew Kenicum, Thomas Dunbar, Richard Packer, Lieut. John Fanning, Christopher Avery, Edward Spicer, Mr. John Allyn, Robert Allyn, Thomas Bailey, Jonathan Lester, Samuel Bill, Jonathan Starr, Joseph Culver, Samuel Lester, Gersham Rice, John Barnard, John Po, Ensign Luke Packer, William Williams, Richard Williams, Humphrey Davie, Edward Fanning, John Shaw, Jonas Williams, John Allyn, Robert Allyn, Jr., and Isaac Lamb.

In 1712 we find the following additional names: Carey Latham, Samuel Packer, Peter Crary, Samuel Whipple, Samuel Fish, Jr., William Leeds, Samuel Morgan, Samuel Avery, Jr., Nathaniel Avery, William Bailey, John Bailey, Jr., Samuel Burrows, Robert Burrows, Jeremy Burrows, Walter Budington, Nathaniel Brown, Nathaniel Bellows, Walter Budington, Jr., Gideon Cobb, Robert Crary, Abraham Chester, John Cook, John Culver, Jr., Joseph Culver, Jr., James Culver, Andrew Davis, John Fanning, Jr., Edwin Fanning, Isaac Fox, Moses Fish, Isaac Gere, Jeremiah Gere, Edward Hemans, John Leeds, Jasper Latham, John Latham, Joseph Latham, Samuel Morgan, Thomas Lamb, Samuel Newton, William Pool, Luke Perkins, Gersham Rice, Aaron Stark, William Stark, Jr., Stephen Stark, Benjamin Springer, Robert Stoddard, Jonathan Smith, Nicholas Treat, Daniel Tyler, Henry Williams, Stephen Williams, Peter Williams, Gabriel Woodmancy, Valentine Wightman, John Wells, and Joseph Wells.

During the admission of all these freemen Samuel Avery, Esq., was the moderator of the several town-meetings, and, since the return of John Davie to the old country, Nehemiah Smith town clerk. From the preceding list many of the families of Groton are still able to derive their direct descent. The population, it is evident, must have had a wholesome increase to account for the accession of so many landholders within the space of four or five years.

There seems to have been nothing very remarkable in the history of the town during the few years that followed. They were piping times of peace. They enjoyed an occasional bear-hunt in the region of Gungewamp, or followed a stray wolf into Candlewood or Lantern Hill, or neighboring swamps. Foxes had always been plenty among these hills, and the town paid a remunerative bounty for their destruction.

In the wars of the colonies with the foes of the mother-country Connecticut had borne her part, and Groton, always prompt in defense of the country and the honor of the State, had furnished her full quota. Her train-band captains and companies held themselves ever ready to take the field where duty called or honor led them. They had a difficult problem to solve with reference to the remnant of the Pequot tribe of Indians, as we have had occasion to see.

Among the last of these was the controversy in respect to jurisdiction of the sequestered lands.

Capt. James Packer inherited this dispute from his father respecting the extent of his lands towards Noank. The dispute had been commenced before the removal of the Pequots, the Indians being parties, and was now continued by the town. Vote after vote was taken, and committee after committee was sent to settle it, but in vain. An appeal had to be made to the General Assembly, and A.D. 1735 a compromise was effected by disinterested commissioners appointed by the Legislature, who met at Capt. Packer's house. "This," says the historian, Caulkins, "was an occasion of great local interest. On the 5th of August, when the commissioners—Maj. Timothy Pierce, Mr. West, of Lebanon, and Sheriff Huntington, of Windham—left New London on their way to view the contested premises, they were accompanied by forty mounted men from the town, and they found their train continually increasing as they proceeded. On the ground a large assembly had already convened. The neighboring farm-houses of Smiths, Burrows, Fish, Niles, etc., were filled to overflowing with guests. This is mentioned as exhibiting a characteristic of the times." Capt. James Packer, the principal actor in this affair, was then honorably acquitted of any fault and his proper bounds fixed. He was a large land-owner, and a militia captain, selectman, representative in the Assembly, etc. He was, unfortunately, in extreme old age burnt to death in his barn, which was consumed A.D. 1765.

Norwich had formerly bounded the town on the northwest, and in 1734 a committee, consisting of Ensign William Morgan, Jonathan Starr, and Luke Perkins, was appointed and empowered to settle the boundary, which was not fully effected until four or five years later. About the same time Messrs. Samuel Allyn and Dr. Dudley Woodbridge were appointed to go before the General Assembly to ask for and secure a ferry across the Thames River from Ralph Stoddard's, in Groton, to John Comstock's, in New London. This resulted in the establishment of Gale's Ferry.

The road from Centre Groton to the meeting-house, centre of the North Society, was completed in 1735, and the Flanders highway, from the foot of Fort Hill northerly to Stark's Hill, in 1748.

The town had a curious way of distributing its allotment of the colonial statutes. The number received from the colonial authorities was twenty-two, and the vote for their distribution gave one to any freeholder whose list amounted to one thousand pounds; but any freeholder of less than the sum named could have one as long as any were left undistributed, provided he and his neighbors whose combined lists amounted to that sum united in asking for him a copy; so that every neighborhood could have access to a law book, to be held in possession by the favored custodian until the town otherwise di-

rected. Such a distribution of the compilation of A.D. 1750 was carried out in 1752.

After the more ravenous beasts ceased to trouble the settlers they frequently offered bounties to encourage the destruction of mischievous animals and birds. We refer to the record. In 1715 we find the following:

*"Whereas, ye money ye law allows for killing wolves is found by common experience to be too little, for, commonly there are employed twenty or thirty men, who often spend two or three days about it, and then sometimes swamp them and do not kill them. Such things ye inhabitants of other places have considered, and added considerable money (bounty) to what the law allows.*

*"Therefore, the inhabitants of this town are desired to add ten shillings for killing a wolf, and three shillings for swamping a wolf or wolves; but six shillings if he be killed; and three shillings for killing a grown fox or wild cat, or eighteen pence for a young one, and two pence a head for crows; and a half penny for black birds, which was voted."*

In 1739 five shillings were offered for every twenty old crows, and three shillings and fourpence for every twenty blackbirds. In 1747 five shillings per head were offered for old foxes, three shillings per head for young ones, and sixpence per dozen for gray squirrels. In all cases the heads were to be shown to at least two selectmen, while those officials and their families were prohibited from obtaining bounties on their own account. No small Swartwouts or Star Route speculators were to be encouraged in those days.

We have alluded to the building of the first meeting-house at Centre Groton. The town-records concerning the minister's rates and the seating of the people in their place of worship are copious. One agrees to fit up a particular seat if he has permission. Here is a sample vote in answer to a petition dated 1712. The petition of Deacon Morgan, Deacon Seabury, and others was, "That the town would be pleased to grant to them ye hinder short seat and a part of ye long seat in ye northwest corner of ye meeting-house to make a pew for our wives, and in so doing you will oblige your friends to serve."

Rev. Ephraim Woodbridge's claims or petitions for an exchange of lots or a grant of more land, or whatever they happened to be, were nearly always courteously granted, and these benevolent acts show the estimation in which their first pastor was held. His salary at first was eighty pounds a year, and was afterwards increased to ninety pounds. There was then a separate collector for the minister's rates, and his annual receipt is found written in full and signed with his own hand on the town records. As there is a separate paper on ecclesiastical matters, this sketch touches only upon such as pertain to the town. And here we may say that though Groton was subject to the minister's rates, like other towns, and did not take kindly to the interference of the State in church matters, there was less friction than in most other towns, because the standing order, with such leaders as the Rev. John Owen, were men of liberal sentiment, and showed sympathy for those that were, in addition to church rates, conscientiously supporting a church of their choice by voluntary contributions. The Bap-

tists early took root in the soil, establishing their church half a year before the town was incorporated, and the two denominations grew up harmoniously together.

We have already introduced the first town clerk, and noticed John Davie when he left to take possession of his estate. Justice Nehemiah Smith, as he was called, being a magistrate, was chosen as his successor, as will be seen in the table of town clerks. He was also a townsman, and the selectmen or townsmen generally met to transact business at the town clerk's office. In 1718, Samuel Avery was chosen town clerk, and held the office till Lieut. Christopher Avery succeeded him; and when he got to be a colonel, then his son, Christopher Avery, Jr., took it.

He was succeeded, as the table will show, in 1768 by William Avery, who also held the office of selectman and moderator as well. And as we are naming officers, it may be interesting to posterity to know who successively held these offices of trust. Commencing with the organization of the town, they succeeded, as townsmen or selectmen, about as follows, the figures denoting the number of times they held the same office or were one of the five, and sometimes seven, selectmen, their quaint titles being retained, viz.: Samuel Avery (2), Capt. James Avery (19),—father and son,—Justice Nehemiah Smith (6), John Davie (1), Capt. John Avery (5), Capt. John Morgan (5), Lieut. Samuel Fish (8), John Allyn, Sr. (1), Thomas Starr (3), Capt. James Morgan (8), William Latham (2), Samuel Whipple (2), Zachariah Main (1), Josiah Haines (1), Robert Gere (1), Ralph Stoddard (1), Ensign Philip Bill (1), Capt. James Packer (5), John Bailey (1), Christopher Avery (6), John Burrows (2), Capt. Jonathan Starr (14), William Morgan (9), Capt. Moses Fish (8), Joshua Bill (3), Daniel Eldredge (3), Thomas Chipman (2), Ben. Adam Gallup (17), Luke Perkins (12), Deacon Humphrey Morgan (4), Capt. William Williams (4), Col. Ebenezer Avery (6), Robert Allyn (4), Capt. Nathan Smith (5), Capt. John Chester (1), Ebenezer Allyn (1), Robert Gere (10), Capt. John Burrows (7), Lieut. John Stanton (1), Capt. Joseph Morgan (7), Solomon Morgan (3), Silas Deane (4), Deacon John Hurlbut (6), Hubbard Burrows (4), Benjamin Avery (2), Nathan Avery (1), Capt. Jabez Smith (2), Dr. Dudley Woodbridge (1), Nathan Niles (6), Capt. Jasper Latham (1), Ensign Thomas Mumford, Jr. (9), Ensign Jonathan Latham (5), Benjamin Gere (2), Lieut. Thomas Fish (5), Simeon Avery (5), Capt. Ralph Stoddard (4), Nathaniel Palmer (1), Capt. Joseph Starr (4), Col. Nathan Gallup (3), John Spicer (3), Capt. Jonathan Fish (3), Nathan Crary (2), Capt. Daniel Williams (3), David Avery (2), Capt. Ebenezer Ledyard (5), Solomon Perkins (2), Ensign Joseph Packer (3), Capt. Stephen Billings (4), Amos Gere (2), Col. William Ledyard (1), Thomas Ap Niles (1), John Bellows (1), Capt. Thomas Fanning (2), Samuel Allyn (2), Daniel Avery (3), Isaac Gere (3), Deacon Peter Avery (4),

Lieut. Robert Allyn (4), Capt. Elijah Avery (1), Amos Prentice (2), Elisha Williams (1), Robert Gere, 2d (8), Thomas Avery (4), Nathaniel Niles (2), Christopher Morgan (2), Ensign Isaac Avery (3). This brings us to the close of the Revolutionary war.

## CHAPTER XL.

GROTON—(Continued).

### WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

DURING this period a choice selection from these names will be found upon the roll of the Assembly from this town. We will hasten to show the patriotic part Groton also took in the agitation which preceded the battles of Concord, Lexington, and Bunker Hill, and the heroic action of her sons at Bunker Hill and during the entire war for independence, culminating in the battle on Groton Heights. We have already said that the town of Groton was settled by men and women that took an interest in the cause of education, and their successors, at the dawn of the Revolution, took a deep interest in the progress of liberty. They viewed with just indignation every measure of repression adopted by Great Britain tending to curtail independence of thought and action among the colonies. The presence of such men as Ebenezer, John, and William Ledyard, Silas Deane, Thomas Mumford, and the young men of the Avery, Morgan, Gallup, Allyn, Gere, Packer, Burrows, Billings, Fanning, Niles, Williams, Fish, Starr, Latham, Perkins, Stoddard, Hurlbut, Chester, Eldredge, and other families in the frequent town-meetings of Groton accounts for the bold and patriotic spirit which everywhere animates their public meetings. To begin with the year 1774, when the colonies were greatly excited by successive acts of Parliament, and especially by the act of Parliament which shut up the port of Boston, we copy the records, mostly verbatim, to justify the claim we make of enlightened patriotism in our country towns, and of this town in particular. At a town-meeting held in Groton on Monday, the 20th day of June, A.D. 1774, William Williams, Esq., moderator,—

"this town taking into serious consideration the dangerous situation of the British Colonies in North America, respecting sundry late acts of the British Parliament, particularly those of shutting up the Port of Boston, the Metropolis of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and abridging their chartered rights, &c., which, if carried into execution, not only deprives us all of our privileges, but renders life and property very precarious. And as we esteem the inhabitants of Boston, now suffering the tyranny of said acts of Parliament, and in the common cause of America; Voted, That we will join with the other towns in this Colony in such reasonable measures as shall be judged best for the general good, and most likely to obtain redress of our grievances.

"Voted, That we esteem a General Congress of all the Colonies the only probable method to adopt a uniform plan for the preservation of the whole.

"Voted, That if it shall be judged best by said Congress to stop all exports to Great Britain and the West Indies, and all imports from them, we will most cheerfully acquiesce in their determinations, esteeming the

benefits arising therefrom mere trifles compared with the rights and privileges of America. Voted, That Capt. William Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, Ben Adam Gallup, Doct. Amos Prentice, Messrs. Charles Eldredge, Jr., Dea. John Hurlbut, and Amos Gere be a Committee to correspond with the Committees of the several towns of this and other British Colonies.

"Voted, That the above resolutions be published in the *New London Gazette*.

"WILLIAM AVERY, Town Clerk."

"GROTON, Dec. 12, 1774.

"The inhabitants of this town, being sensible that a strict adherence to and observance of the Resolves of the Continental Congress, held in Philadelphia in September last, is of the utmost importance for the preservation of American rights and liberties, to effect which, agreeable to the 11th article of said Congress, we do choose the following gentlemen a Committee of Inspection for the purpose therein contained, viz.: Ebenezer Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, William Williams, Benadam Gallup, William Avery, Solomon Perkins, David Avery, William Morgan, John Elderkin, Joseph Packer, John Hurlbut, Ebenezer Avery (2), and Amos Gere, as a Committee of Inspection for the ensuing year.

"WM. AVERY, Town Clerk."

Silas Deane, Esq., was among the foremost in all the plans of the Groton patriots until the Colonial Legislature sent him to the Continental Congress. [See biographical sketch of Mr. Deane.]

The Committee of Inspection for 1775 has Hon. William Williams for chairman, and the new names of Simeon Avery, Stephen Billings, Rev. Park Avery, and Nathan Gallup. The others are as before. In January, 1775, Thomas Mumford, Esq., and Lieut. Nathan Gallup were appointed agents of the town "to represent to the Honorable General Assembly the situation and circumstances of said town of Groton, the need and necessity of a FORTIFICATION on Groton Heights near the ferry, and to obtain an order to draw money out of the colonial treasury for whatever cost they have been or may be at for the purposes aforesaid, with officers to take care of the same." As the result of this movement, Fort Griswold was built, mainly by the hands of the patriotic citizens of Groton.

Of Thomas Mumford, so often mentioned in town-meetings before, during, and after the war, a passing word may properly be said. He was first chosen to the office of selectman in 1759, and was termed Ensign Mumford as early as 1766. He was in the first, or Groton Bank company, there being five military companies in the town. He was one of the foremost and most efficient of the Sons of Liberty. The historian of New London, already quoted, says, "Thomas Mumford, of Groton, belonged to that company of gentlemen, eleven in number, who in April, 1775, formed the project of taking Ticonderoga. This undertaking, so eminently successful, was wholly concerted in Connecticut, without any authority from Congress. Mumford was first selectman through the earlier years of the war, and was the financial manager of the affairs of Groton; in constant communication with fellow-patriots in other towns and in other States, a man in whom Governor Trumbull trusted, and the confidential adviser with Deane and others. In 1778 he was one of a committee appointed by Congress to receive and sign emissions of bills. He was



also an agent of the Secret Committee of the Continental Congress."

Ticonderoga was taken early in May, A.D. 1775. About this time Mr. Mumford, being one of a committee of the General Assembly, was appointed to examine the points of defense, and report on the best means of securing the country from successful invasion. Groton Heights was one of the places selected for a fortification; and having thus secured the recognition which the town-meeting of Groton in the previous January had sought from the State, under the leadership of Mumford, Ledyard, and others, the Groton patriots went to work with a will, erecting defensive works on the heights overlooking the harbor.

The historian further says, "With a spirit of enthusiasm that did not wait for legislative aid, the inhabitants voluntarily threw up intrenchments, excavated ditches, and erected breastworks, and though they had no ordnance, except a few pieces at the principal battery at the Heights, obtained from the supply brought in by Commodore Hopkins, they resolved to defend the position to the last extremity." Prophetic words!

In the autumn of 1775 the formal report of the committee on fortifications was made, urging immediate action in addition to what had been accomplished by private and patriotic enterprise. Six persons were designated to superintend the work, among whom were Ebenezer Ledyard and Capt. Peter Avery, two leading citizens. It was in December, 1776, that the name of the Governor was given to the fort on the New London side, and the name of the Lieutenant-Governor to the Groton Heights fort, names never thereafter to be forgotten. Col. Mott was the engineer of the latter fortification. Ledyard first took possession of it with his artillery company July 3, 1776, and subsequently, as we shall see, had charge of all the fortifications on both sides of the river and at Stonington.

"GROTON, Feb. 5, 1776.

"At a legal town-meeting held by adjournment this day, Wm. Williams, Esq., was chosen moderator.

"Voted, That the Committee on Inspection and Correspondence be directed to inspect all persons that shall unnecessarily waste their powder, and count them inimical to the good of the country.

"Voted, To publish this vote in the *New London Gazette*.

"WM. AVERY, T. C.

"Apr. 3, A.D. 1776.

"At a town-meeting held this day, Col. Ebenezer Avery, moderator, Voted, That the town of Groton, having heretofore chosen a Committee of Inspection, do refer all matters to them respectively, settling prices on things, agreeable to the direction of Congress."

At the call of the Continental Congress and Governor Jonathan Trumbull, a large number of volunteers enlisted from Groton in the patriot army. Many of them served under Putnam at the battle of Bunker Hill. Capt. Abel Spicer started with a full company when the news of the battle of Lexington came booming over the hills, and was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. Others started off on foot, alone or in squads, to take a hand in the impending battle. They

found places waiting for them at the front, and acquitted themselves like men on the 17th of June. So many volunteers had left for the front and remained in the army of Washington that the people first petitioned the General Assembly to let her soldiers come home long enough to gather in the harvest and defend their homes from an immediate attack which threatened this coast, and besides these the town had been further stripped to furnish men for the navy. There was scarcely a week passed without an ominous movement of British men-of-war in sight of Fort Griswold, which was a favorite lookout for officers and citizens. But the soldiers were not recalled from the front. The exigencies of the times stimulated the people to make greater sacrifices for the common cause. The town records reveal a little of this, which we quote:

"GROTON, April 1, 1777.

"At a legal town-meeting held this day, William Williams, moderator, Voted, That this town will supply the families of those soldiers, on their reasonable requests, who shall engage and go into any of the Continental battalions for the term of three years, or during the war, with the necessities of life, as stated by law, so far as those soldiers that enlist into the Continental service shall lodge with or remit money through a committee to be chosen for the purpose aforesaid. Voted, That Messrs. Thomas Mumford, David Avery, Joseph Starr, William Avery, Robert Gere, Thomas Fanning, Col. Ben Adam Gallup, John Hurlbut, Jonathan Fish, and Thomas Ap Niles be a committee, agreeable to the above vote, and execute the same as far as lies in their power. Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the 7th day of April inst., to the South meeting-house, in said Groton, at 1 o'clock P.M.

"WM. AVERY, Town Clerk."

"GROTON, April 7, 1777.

"At an adjourned town-meeting held this day, William Williams, moderator, Voted, That this town will give, in addition to what has already been offered by the Hon. Continental Congress and this State, Six Pounds to every individual soldier who shall enlist for three years, or during the war, and who shall pass muster (exclusive of Connecticut officers), that shall voluntarily enlist out of this town, and in this State. And if the number of soldiers should so enlist as to make the number 105, then all those soldiers that have enlisted and who count for this town and in this State are to be entitled to the same sum.

"WM. AVERY, Town Clerk."

"GROTON, April 28, 1777.

"At a town-meeting held this day, William Williams, Esq., moderator, Voted, That Capt. Joseph Starr, Ralph Stoddard, Hubbard Burrows, Jr., John Morgan, Oliver Spicer, Elijah Avery, Stephen Billings, and Abel Spicer be a committee to inquire how many soldiers have enlisted into the Continental army since the 7th of April, and make return to the next town-meeting. Voted, That this meeting adjourn to the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock A.M., at this place.

"Attest: WM. AVERY, T. C."

The committee reported that twenty-seven had enlisted in the twenty-one days that had elapsed.

"May, 1777.

"At a town-meeting held this day, William Williams, Esq., moderator, Voted, That Col. Nathan Gallup and Deacon John Hurlbut be a committee to purchase as many of those guns of Col. Mott's as can be obtained, for the use of this town and its inhabitants.

"Attest: WM. AVERY, T. C."

So it seems that the town of Groton not only built and manned the fort, but largely furnished it with ordnance.

"GROTON, Sept. 3, 1777.

"At a town-meeting held this day, Rev. Park Avery, moderator, Voted, That the town will comply with His Excellency the Governor's request to procure clothing for the army. Voted, That Messrs. David Avery,

Stephen Billings, Samuel Allyn, Joseph Packer, and Thomas Fanning be a committee to go immediately and take in subscriptions, and receive those articles that are or shall be subscribed for, in order to furnish those non-commissioned officers and soldiers that are now in the Continental army from this town with necessary articles of clothing, agreeably to the request of His Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety. And if said committee should not be able to take in subscriptions for said purpose, then to procure said articles at the town's cost.

"Attest: WM. AVERY, T. C."

At the annual meeting, December 12th following, there were added to the Committee of Inspection the names of Dr. Amos Prentice, Samuel Allyn, Daniel Avery, Thomas Ap Niles, Stephen Billings, and Col. Nathan Gallup.

At the same time the Committee of Correspondence was conducted by Capt. William Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, Charles Eldridge, Jr., and Col. Ben Adam Gallup. A tax of one shilling on the pound was levied.

"GROTON, Dec. 30, 1777.

"Voted, Upon the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, to take into consideration the ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AND PERPETUAL UNION recommended by the Congress of the THIRTEEN UNITED AMERICAN STATES. Voted, That we approve and accept the same."

Thus ends the year 1777, a year full of patriotic action from beginning to end, showing the intense interest the people felt in the success of the American cause. But so great and almost unparalleled an interest deserves to be reproduced in detail. The first meeting we note in the year following bears date and reads :

"GROTON, March 8, 1778.

"At a legal town-meeting held this day, William Williams, Esq., moderator, Voted, That the committee of supplies be directed to hire so much money as to pay for all the clothing they have already supplied the Continental army. Voted, That David Avery, Esq., Capt. Joseph Morgan, Mr. Hubbard Burrows, Col. Ben Adam Gallup, and Lieut. Theophilus Avery be a committee to supply the non-commissioned officers and soldiers that have enlisted in the Continental army out of said town, to act for the ensuing year.

"WM. AVERY, T. C."

Capt. William Ledyard is at this time denominated major, which we note because everything about him is interesting, while Capt. William Latham, his successor, is the commander of the old artillery company.

"GROTON, Sept. 8, 1778.

"A new committee to procure provisions and clothing for soldiers' families was appointed, containing the new names of James Avery, Daniel Packer, and George Gere.

"THOMAS MUMFORD, Clerk pro tem."

Feb. 2, 1779. At a town-meeting at which Col. Ebenezer Avery presided, and at which David Avery was clerk *pro tem.*, it was voted that William Avery Morgan be added to the Committee of Supply for soldiers' families.

Feb. 17, 1779. The selectmen were directed to hire one thousand pounds and deliver the same to the Committee of Supplies for soldiers' families. One shilling in the pound was voted to cover expenses. At the same meeting Thomas Mumford and Col. Nathan Gallup were appointed agents for the town to prefer a memorial to the General Assembly, and see if said Assembly will relieve the town from the

cost that was made by sending and keeping prisoners here.

This town expresses itself in full accord with the vote of the town of Norwich in the method presented respecting taxation. On the 15th of June, 1779, Capt. Thomas Chester, Deacon Joseph Allen, Elisha Niles, Christopher Morgan, and Isaac Avery were appointed a committee to forward supplies to the soldiers of the town in the Continental army. On the 25th of August following the town voted to allow all of Col. Ben Adam Gallup's account as a Committee of Supply for soldiers' families, though the General Assembly had not allowed it. September 21st a new Committee of Supply for the soldiers at the front was chosen. At the same time Maj. William Ledyard was appointed at the head of the town's delegation to a county convention to take concerted measures to sustain the war. Early in 1780 a tax of four shillings in the pound was laid on levy of 1779, and Col. Nathan Gallup was appointed auditor of accounts, an office that has fallen into disuse, until it was revived within a very few years. It is now a permanent office. At the January meeting this year a special committee was appointed to see that no provisions were carried out of the State except such as were sent to feed the army. Capt. John Williams was chairman of this commission. On the 22d of March the recruiting committee reported, advising the town to offer a bounty of five pounds sterling, solid silver, "in addition to all other bounties heretofore offered," and guaranteeing to volunteers all their wages in coin. This was still further increased to six pounds bounty and eight pounds annually, in solid coin, and finally to twenty shillings per month, or twelve pounds a year, in addition to their regular pay. In November following a committee was raised to receive the town's proportion of salt and other provisions, agreeable to a late act of the General Assembly, and the committee were authorized to hire as much money as sixpence in the pound will raise on the grand list for the use of the Continental army. There were at this time, as before intimated, five military companies within the bounds of the town of Groton, and the commanders of each company were appointed to classify those liable to perform military service. This year of grace, 1780, it was voted that Jedediah Leeds, Jr., and Simeon Smith be appointed the committee to supply soldiers' families, and a tax of one shilling on the pound was laid for that object.

The difficult task of assessing on the patriotic citizens one hundred and ninety-eight pounds, in addition to the sum already raised, to pay soldiers' dues overdue, was imposed on, and the execution of the act was given to the five acting militia captains. They were directed to hire money, and with it put men in the field to fill the town's quota to serve during the war.

We now come to the memorable year 1781. It opens by appointing a committee, January 16th, to

see that soldiers' families were supplied with necessary provisions, and it was voted that Capt. Elijah Avery and others named should attend to the supply of clothing for the soldiers in the field, and that whatever money they have to hire the town pledges itself to pay. The five acting captains of the militia companies were appointed recruiting-officers to enlist men to serve one year. A committee was also appointed to take the town's part of grain and flour for the Continental troops, agreeable to a new State law.

Lieut. Park Avery was authorized to procure such supplies under this law. At the town-meeting held May 9, 1781, Capt. Stephen Billings was appointed to ascertain the number of soldiers from Groton then serving in the Connecticut line of the Continental army that had enlisted for the war. At the same meeting they passed a vote to appoint Lieut. Ebenezer Avery and others to collect clothing for the boys of the Connecticut line during the year 1781. And now we come to the last recorded vote before the great massacre. It was dated June 26, 1781, and it was an act to provide for the welfare of the soldiers in the field, concluding by directing the collector of taxes to receive no more paper-money.

The air had for some time been full of rumors in expectation of a final attack of the British fleet. It had chased many a swift and richly-laden privateer into the safe harbor of New London, and the hour of vengeance could not be long delayed. Groton's young men, despite the quotas furnished for the army, still found their favorite pastime on the sea, and had escaped many a danger. Sometimes it had all resulted disastrously, as was the case with Capt. Conckling and a crew from Mystic, of the fast-sailing sloop "Eagle," which, having taken six prizes in one day, held so many prisoners and had spared so many for prize-crews that her captives, seeing the weakness of the "Eagle's" crew, rose and killed all on board except, as some said, a negro concealed under the sail. Lieut. Daniel Eldredge, who was prize-master to one of the fine prizes, saw at a distance the recapture as it proceeded, but being becalmed he could render no assistance. This Lieut. Eldredge was afterwards wounded in Fort Griswold, but lived to be rewarded both by his town and by his country, he having received a command in the navy-yard established at Washington. A letter-of-marque had come in on the 5th of September, and as the officers were dexterous in the handling of guns, some of them went into the fort, among whom was Samuel Edgecomb, a stalwart of over six feet, of the age of twenty-one. He, too, escaped with only a wounded hand. We must abbreviate the account of the battle, because its incidents have all been so fully and so repeatedly told during the late centennial. Suffice it to say the British fleet consisted of thirty-two sail of all classes, and the troops were landed early on the morning of Sept. 6, 1781, from twenty-four transports, eight hundred on the Groton side and one thousand on the New

London side, both at the mouth of the harbor. The troops, under Col. Eyre, came up stealthily under cover of the woods. Col. Ledyard, who was the commandant of all the fortifications on both sides of the river and of Stonington, decided to abandon Fort Trumbull and to concentrate all his forces in defense of Groton Heights, anticipating support from the rapidly assembling militia, who had received a doubtful alarm in consequence of the British firing an extra gun almost simultaneously with our alarm, thus changing it to the accustomed signal of victory, as when a prize came in. No doubt an uncomfortable panic seized the alarmed and deceived community, which spread to the outside soldiers, while the brave hearts that were shut up with Col. Ledyard in Fort Griswold were animated with an indomitable courage, which was expressed in the language of their brave commander, who said,—

"If I am to lose to-day honor or life, you who know me can tell which it will be."

The garrison consisted of one hundred and fifty men, more or less, most of them improvised for the time from Groton. There were a few from Fort Trumbull and adjoining towns.

Col. Eyre, from a distance, sent a flag of truce, demanding the immediate and unconditional surrender of the fort. Col. Ledyard summoned a council of war, in which it was soon decided to reject the terms and defend the fort. A second time Col. Eyre demanded the surrender, on penalty of incurring a suspension of the laws of honorable warfare. The defenders of the fort promptly refused to surrender on any terms. The assailing troops now advanced with a double-quick step in solid columns. Col. Ledyard ordered his garrison to reserve their fire until the enemy had reached a specified place, and then, when the word was given, discharged an eighteen-pounder, well loaded with grape-shot, in their faces. The cannon did its work, mowing a considerable space through the British lines, which were at once broken and the men scattered. They rallied, and being led by their officers, came running up, but were met by a steady, quick, and obstinate fire. Col. Eyre, mortally wounded, was borne from the field, and other British officers fell. Maj. Montgomery, seeing a less murderous fire on the east and north sides, stormed the fort, overpowering these points with numbers, but he lost his life in the assault in the very moment of victory. After an unsuccessful attempt to open the gate it was at length prostrated, and the exasperated enemy rushed in, breathing slaughter and revenge. Col. Ledyard, perceiving further resistance in vain, ordered his men to lay down their arms, at the same time offering his sword, in token of surrender, to the officer in command. This sword was accepted, and, horrible to relate, was immediately thrust through and through his breast, a deed unparalleled for its atrocity in the annals of warfare among civilized or half-civilized people, and was so infamous and das-

tardly an act that the officer in command afterwards totally disclaimed it, and intimated the possibility of a bayonet-wound from an infuriated soldier. But the deed was done, and the officer in command cannot wash his hands of the dreadful crime. The struggle continued after resistance had ceased. Had Arnold himself been there it could not have been worse. The arch-traitor, who watched the fight from the New London side, in his report says,—

"After an obstinate defense of near forty minutes the fort was carried."

Of the garrison, eighty-five were killed outright and left in the fort stripped of all clothing; thirty-five were regarded dangerously or mortally wounded,

ing the movements of the enemy, the moment they left rushed in, and at great peril of their lives threw water on the train. Others ventured in, and the fire in the barracks was extinguished and the fort saved.

That night of horror among the wounded was followed at early dawn by the presence of gentle forms inquiring for fathers, brothers, and sons. Dr. Joshua Downer, of Preston, surgeon of the Eighth Regiment, seems to have been the first to appear for the relief of the sufferers. Fourteen among the dead and three among the wounded bore the title of captain. Of the killed, sixty belonged to Groton, where forty-two widows were made on this tragic day,—a bereavement believed to have been unparalleled in the an-



HOUSE USED FOR HOSPITAL AT BATTLE OF GROTON HEIGHTS, SEPT. 8, 1781.

and were paroled to remain; thirty others, mostly wounded, were carried away to New York. The paroled men, in their blood, some of them dying, were hastily tossed into an ammunition-wagon and suffered to run impetuously down the steep until it was arrested in its headlong course by the trunk of an apple-tree. The shock was so great that instant death followed in some cases and indescribable torture in the survivors, who were carried to Ensign Avery's house, at the foot of the hill (the house now owned and occupied by Mr. Simon Huntington, and showing blood-stains on the floor to this day). The enemy intended to blow up the magazine of the fort, and had laid a train of powder to effect that object, but Maj. Peters, of Norwich, who with others had been watch-

nals of any town in any of our wars. Eleven of the dead bore the name of Avery and six that of Perkins. The names of the killed, which were enrolled on a marble slab inside the lofty granite monument erected fifty years after the event, and the names of the wounded, corrected by Charles Allyn, Esq., in his "Centennial History of the Battle," are as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel William Ledyard, commanding.

Captain Elijah Avery.....	Groton.
Captain Elisha Avery.....	"
Lieutenant Ebenezer Avery.....	"
Ensign Daniel Avery.....	"
Sergeant Christopher Avery.....	"
Sergeant Jasper Avery.....	"
Sergeant Solomon Avery.....	"
David Avery.....	"
Thomas Avery.....	"
Captain Samuel Allyn.....	Ledyard,
Captain Simeon Allyn.....	"

Delton Allyn.....	Ledyard, Groton.
Benadum Allyn.....	"
Nathaniel Adams.....	"
Captain Hubbard Burrows.....	"
Sergeant Ezekiel Bailey.....	"
Corporal Andrew Billings.....	Ledyard,
Andrew Baker.....	"
John P. Babcock.....	"
John Billings.....	Preston.
Samuel Billings.....	Groton.
William Bolton.....	New London.
John Brown.....	Groton.
Jonathan Butler.....	Saybrook.
Lieutenant Richard Chapman.....	New London.
Sergeant Eldredge Chester.....	Groton.
Daniel Chester.....	"
Jedidiah Chester.....	"
Frederic Chester.....	"
John Clark.....	New London.
Elias Colt.....	"
Lieutenant James Constock.....	"
William Constock.....	Saybrook.
Phillip Covill.....	Groton.
Daniel Davis.....	"
Daniel Eldredge.....	"
Jordan Freeman (colored).....	"
Captain Elias Henry Halsey.....	Long Island.
Samuel Hill.....	Groton.
John Holt, Jr.....	New London.
Sergeant Rufus Hurlburt.....	Ledyard,
Eliday Jones.....	"
Moses Jones.....	Ledyard,
Benoni Kenyon.....	New London.
Barney Kinney.....	"
Captain Youngs Ledyard.....	Groton.
Captain Cary Leeds.....	"
Lieutenant Joseph Lewis.....	Ledyard,
Ensign John Lester.....	"
Daniel D. Lester.....	"
Jonas Lester.....	"
Walt Lester.....	"
Thomas Lamb.....	"
Sambo Latham (colored).....	"
Captain Nathan Moore.....	"
Corporal Edward Mills.....	"
Corporal Simeon Morgan.....	Ledyard,
Thomas Miner.....	"
Joseph Moxley.....	"
Corporal Luke Perkins, Jr.....	"
David Palmer.....	"
Elisha Perkins.....	Ledyard,
Luke Perkins.....	"
Amos Perkins.....	"
Elnathan Perkins.....	"
Simeon Perkins.....	"
Captain Peter Richards.....	New London.
Captain Adam Shapley.....	"
Captain Amos Stanton.....	Ledyard, Groton.
Lieutenant Enoch Stanton.....	Stonington.
Sergeant Daniel Stanton.....	"
Sergeant John Steadman.....	Ledyard, Groton.
Sergeant Nicholas Starr.....	"
Corporal Nathan Shoes.....	Ledyard,
Thomas Starr, Jr.....	"
David Seabury.....	Ledyard,
Captain John Williams.....	"
Lieutenant Henry Williams.....	Ledyard,
Lieutenant Patric Ward.....	"
Sylvester Walworth.....	"
Joseph Wedger.....	Ledyard,
Thomas Williams.....	Stonington.
Daniel Williams.....	Saybrook.
John Whittlesey.....	"
Stephen Whittlesey.....	"
Christopher Woodbridge.....	Groton.
Henry Woodbridge.....	"

Total, 88.

## NAMES OF THE WOUNDED,

## Paroled and left at home.

"A Particular Account of the Men that were Wounded at Fort Griswold, in the Battle with the British, on the 6th of Sept., 1781, who were paroled by Captain Bloomfield; and Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., was taken as Hostage to see them forthcoming, if called for." In the presence of Rufus Avery.

Lieutenant Parke Avery, Jr., lost one eye.....	Groton.
Ensign Ebenezer Avery, in the head.....	"
Amos Avery, in the hand.....	"
John Daboll, Jr., in the hand.....	"
Ensign Charles Eldridge, knee.....	"
Christopher Eldridge, in the face.....	"
Samuel Edgecomb, Jr., in the hand.....	"
Andrew Gallup, in the hip.....	"
Robert Gallup, in the body.....	"
Sergeant Stephen Hempstead, in the body.....	New London.
Corporal (Jehial) Judd, in the knee.....	Hebron.
Captain William Latham, in the thigh.....	Groton.
Captain Edward Latham, in the body.....	"
Jonathan Latham, Jr., body.....	"

Christopher Latham, Jr., body.....	Groton.
Frederick Moore, body.....	"
John Morgan, in the knee.....	"
Jabez Pendleton, in the hand.....	"
Captain Solomon Perkins, in the face.....	"
Lieutenant Olndiah Perkins, in the breast.....	"
Ebenezer Perkins, in the face.....	"
Elihu Prior, in the arm.....	"
Lieutenant William Starr, in the breast.....	"
John Starr, in the arm.....	"
Daniel Stanton, Jr., in the body.....	Stonington.
William Seymour, lost his leg.....	Hartford.
Ensign Jos. Woodmansee, lost one eye.....	Groton.
Sanford Williams, in the body.....	"
Asael Woodworth, in the neck.....	"
Thomas Woodworth, in the leg.....	"
Zibo Woodworth, in the knee.....	"

## ADDITIONAL NAMES NOT ON AVERY'S LIST, BUT IN THAT PRINTED BY MR. HARRIS.

Samuel Stillman, arm and thigh.....	Saybrook.
Tom Wamuc (Pequot Indian), bayonet-stab in neck.....	Groton.

## If to these we add

Edward Stanton, in the body..... Stonington  
who is in the list of wounded reported by the committee of the Legislature, we have exactly the number (35) reported by Stephen Hempstead as being paroled.

The large proportion of officers among the killed and wounded is accounted for by the fact that after six years of war many men had been in the army or militia and earned their titles. When the alarm was sounded, the same spirit which had raised them to command at once brought them to the fort as volunteers. They were there prompt for duty. Others were officers of privateers or merchantmen lying in the harbor, whose fearless hearts prompted them to lend a hand in defense of the fort.

## OTHERS, BOTH UNHURT AND WOUNDED, NOT TAKEN PRISONERS.

Benjamin Bill, wounded in the ankle.....	Groton.
Joshua Bill, in the leg.....	"
Benajah Holdridge.....	"
Samuel W. Jaques.....	Exeter, R. I.
Amos Lester, in the hip.....	Groton.
Cary Leeds, died December 28th.....	"
William Latham, Jr. (a boy of twelve, who was allowed to go free).....	"
Henry Mason, in the leg.....	"
Japheth Mason.....	New London.
James Morgan, fifteen bayonet-pricks in back and legs.....	Groton.
Thomas Mallison.....	"
Joseph Moxley, Jr., in the body.....	"
Elisha Morgan.....	"
John Prentiss, slightly wounded.....	"

## WOUNDED ON NEW LONDON SIDE.

Samuel Booth Hempstead, shot in thigh.....
Elijah Richards, died September 20th.....
Jonathan Whaley.....

## PRISONERS CARRIED OFF.

Sergeant Rufus Avery, Caleb Avery, Peter Avery, Samuel Abraham, Joshua Baker, Reuben Bushnell, Captain William Colt (taken on New London side), Charles Chester, Nathan Darrow, Elias Dart, Levi Dart, Gilbert Edgecomb, Daniel Eldridge, Ebenezer Fish, Walter Harris, Jeremiah Harding, — Kilburn, Ebenezer Ledyard (hostage), William Latham, Jonathan Minor, Isaac Morgan, Isaac Rowley, Lieutenant Jabez Stow (of Fort Trumbull), Saybrook, Corporal Josiah Smith, Halsey Sanford, Solomon Tift, of Groton, Horatio Wales, Thomas Welles.

The loss of so many brave, enterprising business men, mostly in the prime of life, and of not a few promising youth yet in their teens, was long felt both in the business of life and in the church. The Congregational Church was reduced to such an extent that it has been said that only one active male member remained. According to a report afterwards made to the Legislature of Connecticut, there were fourteen houses burned in Groton by the invading British forces immediately after the massacre on that day. They were owned by the following persons: Elihu Avery, Benjamin Chester, Elijah Avery, Ebenezer Ledyard, Youngs Ledyard, Capt. Leeds, Micha Jeffers, Edward Jeffers, Dr. Amos Prentice, Thomas Mumford, Ensign

Eldredge, Capt. Moore, and John Chester. The town of Groton at that day was reputed to contain a population of three thousand four hundred and eighty-eight persons. So soon as the shock of battle was over the sorrowful survivors are on record in town-meeting, Nov. 7, 1781, voting a supply of clothing and provisions for soldiers still in the field, the tax to pay for which was called the half-crown tax; and the very next spring, viz., April 5, 1782, they voted to send more men into the field. But the war soon closed triumphantly, and none more rejoiced at the termination of it and the establishment of peace and a free government than did the decimated, liberty-loving inhabitants of Groton.

Before the war and during the war attempts had been made to separate the North Society of Groton and make a new town. Just before the tragedy on Groton Heights an effort had been made to effect this division, which was no doubt delayed for a half-century in consequence of the reduced numbers caused by the massacre, the sense of consequent weakness in the number of stalwart leaders, and, above all, by the fraternity and common sympathy which had been formed and cemented in blood.

This effort towards the incorporation of a new town, to be taken from the north part of Groton, called forth the following vote in June, 1781, viz.: "Voted, That Thomas Mumford, Esq., and Capt. John Morgan be agents to represent this town and oppose a memorial preferred to the General Assembly, now sitting in Hartford, by Jonathan Brewster and others, praying for a part of this town to be set to a part of Norwich and Preston for the forming of a new town, as they shall be advised by counsel learned in the law."

In 1784, Robert Allyn was appointed to settle accounts with the State treasurer, and the same year Pine Swamp, east of Gale's Ferry, was ordered sold, and the proceeds divided between Groton and New London, for it had been common property between the two towns for procuring masts and spars time immemorial. In 1786 a new committee had to be appointed to oppose the indefatigable Brewster and others in their attempt to divide the town.

The question of compensation to the towns that had most suffered during the war had been agitated and memorials presented, but June 13, 1791, the town

"Voted, That Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq., be agent for the town to appear before the committee appointed by the General Assembly (to sit at Hartford) to look into the losses of the several towns in the State by the enemy's burning, etc., to represent and lay before said committee the losses the inhabitants of said town of Groton have sustained by the enemy's burning during the late war."

These losses by burning have been given.

In regard to the custom of towns as to building and repairing highways, it seems the town of Groton appealed to the Legislature for authority to lay a separate highway tax. It was granted, and the town was divided into five districts, corresponding to the military districts.

The same year the town gave its decided vote against alienating its Western lands, which were afterwards sold for the benefit of the public schools.

In 1797 the boundaries were run anew between the North and the South Society, which is the line now dividing the towns of Groton and Ledyard. In referring to this perambulation, the committee incidentally indicated the location of the first meeting-house at Centre Groton. "It stood where Charles G. Smith's house now (1797) stands, which is one mile and twenty rods south of the society line." That Mr. Smith's house is still standing, and is owned by Miss Prudence Burrows.

In the year 1800 petitions for a turnpike to run from Groton Bank easterly to the Hopkinton line were sent to the General Assembly. Messrs. Starr Chester and Vine Stoddard were chosen to further the petition before the General Assembly. This was the origin of the celebrated New London and Providence Turnpike Company, a corporation that served its day, but disappeared before the rise and increase of railroads.

It was so late as 1801 that the town voted to buy twenty additional acres of land for the enlargement of the Pequot reservation in North Groton, and it was so purchased and presented to the tribe. In 1808 the representatives were instructed to ask the General Assembly for power to establish a home or work-house where the paupers might be provided with profitable employment. The Legislature, by an act, permitted the change from the plan of scattered boarders to the system since in vogue, only the town now hires the keeper of its poor instead of owning its own farm, as the vote two years later had nearly accomplished.

Ralph Hurlbut, Esq., and others revived the subject of dividing the town, and carried a large petition to the General Assembly favoring it. It was hotly contested; the representatives were instructed to oppose it, and the measure again failed.

About this time the Rogerine Quakers brought in a petition asking relief from taxation, and the town voted to "abate them during the town's pleasure." This was certainly in the interest of peace towards a sect which avowed their belief in the doctrine of non-resistance. (See heading "Rogerines," herein.)

**War of 1812.**—But soon the troubles with Great Britain began, and nowhere was the avowed doctrine and practice of the "Right of Search" vaunted by that power more strenuously denied than here where so many seafaring men found employment.

We have devoted so much space to the history of Groton in the Revolutionary war, in which the records of the town are so rich, and which are now for the first time more fully brought to light, that we cannot find space to go into detail in giving the part that Groton acted in the "second war for independence." Her military were early on duty, and remained so during the war. The arrival of Commodore Decatur

in the harbor in the frigate "United States," late in the year 1812, followed by his prize, the British ship "Macedonian," which he had captured October 25th, aroused all the old enthusiasm, which had been comparatively dormant for almost thirty years. Early in the following spring Sir Thomas Hardy, in the flagship "Ramillies," and Sir Hugh Pigot, in the "Orpheus," hovered in sight of our coast. They were attended soon after by a squadron of other vessels bristling with heavy guns, and crowded with sailors and marines fresh from the brilliant naval victories of the Old World.

All was excitement along the coast. All remembered the 6th day of September, 1781, and Arnold's fleet. Again the fort on Groton Heights was manned. Maj. Simeon Smith, of New London, a native of Groton, and a gallant gentleman, with a company of volunteers, repaired the breaches which time had made in its ramparts. Rumors of an instant attack filled the air, and these were confirmed by the mysterious movements of the enemy's fleet. The women and children had mostly left town for a place of safety, when Maj. Smith found he was deficient in wadding for his guns, and he then hastily sent out for flannel to be used for wadding. The stores and dwellings were mostly closed, and so the messenger from the fort was unsuccessful in his search, until he met Mrs. Anna Bailey on the street, who no sooner heard the story than she dropped her flannel petticoat, and bade them give it to the British at the cannon's mouth, and went on her way. The officers and garrison of the fort were much elated with the story, and Commodore Decatur and his officers, when the danger was past, made her the heroine of the occasion at a ball given on board the ship "United States." Mrs. Bailey was ever after much noticed for her patriotism, receiving visits from Monroe, Lafayette, Jackson, and other notables. She died in 1851, aged ninety-two years.

Although no attack was made on Fort Griswold, it was the rallying-point for observation, and was greatly strengthened for defense and annoyance to the enemy in case of an attack. Several 24-pounders were added to her ramparts, and the lower battery was made formidable with heavy ordnance and men.

Other parts of Groton were made the scene of alarm and conflict, but the British officers were often outwitted and lost not a few men. Such was the result of a Yankee ruse at the mouth of the Mystic River, which separates Groton from Stonington.

It occurred two days after the gallant repulse which Commodore Hardy met at Stonington. The British fleet was lying off the Hummocks. Knowing the watchfulness of the enemy for plunder, the militia and sailors planned to decoy a barge from the fleet, filled with armed men. This they did by sending out of the Mystic a large, sharp fishing-boat, formidably laden with boxes, bags, and barrels, and manned by Messrs. Haley, Burrows, Park, Washington, and Tufts, who, disregarding the enemy's fleet, were seen

defiantly crowding all sail westward. Soon the well-known barge appeared, and endeavored to head them off and take them as a prize. The ruse had succeeded, for the American boat, after several vain attempts to outsail their pursuers, in great apparent confusion and irregular rowing, started for the shore, and landed at Groton Long Point, just before they were overtaken by their pursuers, who also landed and gave chase. At this moment a whole company of Groton militiamen, under Capt. Jonathan Wheeler, rose and fired, killing some, wounding others, and driving them into the water, where they surrendered at discretion. The wounded were cared for and borne up to Mystic, and nursed till they recovered, and were exchanged, together with the rest of the crew. The captors sold the barge for twelve hundred dollars, from which a handsome sum was given to the captives when they were exchanged.

We give this as a single specimen of the mode of warfare that characterized the times. We have only room for one more specimen of their mode of warfare along this harassed coast, whose inhabitants were hemmed in from their accustomed haunts upon the sea, and were kept in a constant state of alarm. The sloop "Fox," of Mystic, Capt. Jesse Crary, was captured by Hardy's marines, but Crary himself and his crew escaped with the loss of his vessel and cargo. The "Fox" was a fast sailer, and her captors soon finding it out, used her to overtake and seize other American craft. Capt. Crary now purchased the sloop "Hero," procured letters-of-marque at New London, and being well armed and manned, with Capt. Ambrose Burrows in command, set sail determined to recapture the "Fox." They convoyed six or eight sail of trading vessels as far as Point Judith, and then turned in quest of their game. The Americans soon espied the "Fox," when, evidently suspecting their object, she tacked ship and ran off. The "Hero," now on her lee, gave chase. Both vessels were equal in their sailing qualities, having been built by the same ship-builder, Capt. Eldredge Packer, but the Yankees knew better how to sail their vessel. The "Fox" wore round under a whole sail breeze and attempted to bring her two brass six-pounders to bear on her pursuer, but the manœuvring of the "Hero" prevented the success of the attempt. Small-arms were now within range and were freely used, and the "Hero's" single four-pounder was brought to bear on the enemy. The "Fox" now attempted to change her course, when the impetuous "Hero" came down upon the British vessel and ran her bowsprit into the "Fox's" mainsail. A rush was then made for the enemy's deck, and the "Fox," under Lieut. Claxton, of the "Ramillies," was soon recaptured and brought into the Mystic River. Capt. Thomas Eldredge, who was wounded through the arm, is the only survivor, and he still lives at Mystic River, having retired from active business as sea-captain, he having been for many years on the New York, New



Orleans, and Galveston line of steamships. These conflicts will give an idea of the kind of fighting incident to maritime towns.

During the presence of Decatur's ships in the Thames River, Nathan Daboll, a noted mathematical teacher of this town, and, with his father, of the same name, the originator and publisher of "Daboll's Almanac," and the author of a world-wide treatise on arithmetic which bears his name, taught the midshipmen and boys on board Decatur's pent-up fleet, and was painfully acquainted with the circumstances of a duel fought at Westerly between two midshipmen belonging to our fleet, in which one of them fell and was buried in the Ledyard Cemetery, near Groton Heights. A pathetic story as told by Judge Daboll.

The senior Nathan Daboll, a resident of Centre Groton, near where the first Congregational meeting-house had once stood, commenced the publication, or rather the authorship, of the "New England Almanac and Farmers' Friend" about A.D. 1772. It was generally published in New London, as it has continued to be for over a century. This first author died March 19, A.D. 1818. The Hon. Nathan Daboll, his successor, who was the teacher on board Decatur's ship, was somewhat of a politician, as well as philomater, and repeatedly filled the offices of selectman, member of both branches of the General Assembly, also clerk and judge of the Probate Court. He received the degree of A.M. from Wesleyan University, and died Aug. 18, 1863, aged nearly eighty-three years. His son, David A. Daboll, A.M., has followed in the footprints of his father in literary and political honors, but sketches of the living, like that of the Hon. Erasmus D. Avery and others who have enjoyed the honors and confidence of their fellow-citizens, though interesting, belong rather to the future biographer.

As a large part of the Eighth Regiment was of Groton, so most of its officers time immemorial were of the same town. The Allyn's, the Billings, the Averys, the Morgans, the Gallups, and others were noted not only for their high military positions, but for their fine military bearing. Groton bore her full share in the privations of the war of 1812. She held the old fort on Groton Heights, as we have seen, and for many months almost daily expected a warlike raid of fire and sword, similar to the one which their fathers experienced little more than thirty years before. The presence of the American fleet on the borders of the town so long pent up, being watched by the numerous naval armament of Sir Thomas Hardy, accustomed the inhabitants of Groton and New London to the constant alarms of war. Says the historian, Miss Caulkins, "An increase of force or a change of position in the blockading squadron would cause immediate apprehension.

"A signal-gun from the fort was sufficient to set every living being in motion. There were rumors of spies in town under various disguises, and suspicious

persons appeared and disappeared strangely. The American ships had in the mean time retreated up the river, and being lightened, passed the bar at Gale's Ferry.

"Commodore Decatur threw up a light intrenchment on Allyn's Mountain, near Gale's Ferry, where he had a fine view of the Sound and harbor. Sometimes a sloop or schooner would be chased ashore and the inhabitants would collect to defend it. This was always the occasion of great and apparently hilarious excitement in the neighborhood. In Mystic Harbor a spirited affair of this nature occurred on the 12th of June, 1813."

One sloop had been destroyed, and another, the "Victory," had been attacked, but the enemy was driven off after a warm action of fifteen minutes by a party of about twenty Mystic men, under the command of Capt. Haley.

The peace of 1815 was hailed with inexpressible delight, and the inhabitants, sick of war and war's alarms, were glad once more to address themselves to peaceful pursuits, which certainly had suffered by the predominance of the military. Yet up to the time of the reorganization of the militia system, Groton, as we have seen, kept up her five militia companies, varying to the phases of flank and artillery companies, and taking a martial pride in the semi-annual pageant of drill and review. A few of these old militia captains and soldiers still live to fight their peaceful battles of parade and plumes, and wassail at the choice of officers over again as they meet to recount old times.

## CHAPTER XLI.

### GROTON—(Continued).

#### GROTON MONUMENT—CELEBRATION, ETC.

FROM time to time after the war of 1812 there would be some memorial service on Groton Heights, like that of Rev. Timothy Tuttle on the 6th of September, 1821, who preached a memorial sermon on that occasion. Previous to the anniversary of that day in 1825 a movement for a celebration had been made, and as the gathering of that year led to the laying of the corner-stone of the present monument in 1826, the aid of the State, and the dedication of the monument afterwards, it is fitting a few words should be said further of those memorial days.

On the 1st day of August, 1825, "a meeting of citizens of New London, Groton, Stonington, etc.," was held in New London, in pursuance of a notice given in the public papers, to take into consideration what arrangements could be made "for perpetuating the remembrance of the battle fought at Fort Griswold on the 6th of September, A.D. 1781." Dr. John O. Miner, of Groton, was appointed chairman, and Lodowick Fosdick, of New London, clerk.

"Voted, That Ebenezer Avery, Elijah Bailey, Noyes Barber, Charles Bulkeley, Elias Perkins, John P. Trott, George Hubbard, Samuel F. Denison, and Jonathan Brewster, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating in a suitable manner the coming anniversary of the 6th of September, and to give a reasonable notice thereof.

"And said committee are also hereby requested to prepare some place for a more permanent perpetuation of said day, and report such plan to the meeting that shall convene on Groton Heights on the 6th of September next."

This committee called a meeting on the 6th of August, at Elijah Bailey, Jr.'s, in Groton, himself a survivor of the massacre, as were several others of their number. This was the first direct action towards a monument, though much had been said about it. On the 6th of August the committee met and published the outline of their plans, which was that on the approaching anniversary of the massacre there would be an oration and an outdoor entertainment near Cold Spring, at Groton Bank. Subscriptions to defray expenses were directed to be taken at the several taverns in New London, Groton, Stonington, and Preston. As an inducement, the public were promised a sight of the survivors, who were to be present, and were invited to come as the guests of the public. In the next *Gazette* notice was given of the expected presence of the Third Regiment, Col. Ely, and of the Eighth Regiment, Col. Joseph D. Mason, also several volunteer companies attached to other corps. On the 31st of August a full programme was published, Charles Bulkeley, chairman. On the memorable day the following programme was carried out: A procession, under Marshals Adam Larrabee, of Groton, and Lodowick Fosdick, of New London, was formed in the following order: (1) the escort, composed of the Third and Eighth Regiments of Infantry, Capt. Trott's corps of artillery, Capt. Allyn's corps of infantry, (both of New London), and Capt. Stanton's corps of artillery, of Stonington; (2) Revolutionary officers and soldiers, consisting of eighteen venerable survivors of the massacre, some of whom were disfigured with scars received in the fort, and one wearing a vest perforated with two bullets; (3) committee of arrangements; (4) orator, Hon. William F. Brainard, and clergy; (5) officers of the army and navy, and officers of the militia not attached to the escort, in uniform; (6) citizens. There were ten thousand present as estimated, and they found great difficulty in getting transportation across the Thames River. During the march, which was delayed till after one o'clock, minute-guns were fired. "They marched with imposing dignity," says the *Gazette* editor, "to Fort Griswold, where a thousand females, the *élite* of the towns, were already seated on a platform in the rear of the veterans, and heard the patriotic, vehement, animated, and most eloquent oration of William F. Brainard, Esq.," which was published. The dinner came off at the Cold Spring. A company called the "Ledyard Volunteers," improvised for the occasion, temporarily manned the fort, and enlivened the scene. Rev. Dr. McEwen prayed at the beginning, and Rev.

Timothy Tuttle at the close of the exercises. A meeting of citizens on that day

"Resolved, That a monument be erected on Groton Heights, commemorative," etc., and Governor Oliver Wolcott was put at the head of a committee having it in charge. The Groton members of this committee were William Williams, Ebenezer Avery, Jr., Noyes Barber, James Mitchell, Adam Larrabee, and Jonathan Brewster.

At the May session of the Legislature, 1826, a lottery was granted for the erection of a monument. It was no new idea, for the General Assembly had once granted a lottery to build a meeting-house in Groton, and another in Stonington. The propriety of that method of aid was then unquestioned. The object was patriotic, and the tickets sold like indulgences among the mediævals. The managers named by the Legislature were David Coit, Samuel F. Denison, Erastus F. Smith, Thomas P. Trott, and William H. Law, Groton being represented by Mr. Smith. The scheme gave three thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine prizes, the highest being five thousand dollars. The object of the grant, as expressed in the legislative act, was "to erect a monument on Groton Heights in memory of the brave men who fell at Fort Griswold on the 6th of September, 1781." The managers add: "The noble purpose for which the lottery is granted ought of itself to secure to it the countenance and support of the public; but, in addition to a motive of patriotism, adventurers have in this scheme a favorable opportunity to enrich themselves, while they contribute to the object for which the lottery was granted." Before the first drawing another grand celebration was to occur, and the corner-stone of the monument was to be laid amid enthusiastic thousands. The original committee, headed by Charles Bulkeley, with Lyman Law, James Mitchell, Adam Larrabee, and Charles Griswold, gave out the notices, procured one of their number to deliver the oration, and invited "the Masonic brethren and others" to attend the laying of the corner-stone.

On the 6th of September, 1826, the programme was fully carried out. The company convened near the house of Capt. Elijah Bailey (now occupied by the Hon. J. G. Harris, the president of the Centennial Committee, 1881), under the direction of Grand Marshal Thomas S. Perkins, Esq., of New London, assisted by Messrs. Erastus T. Smith, Stephen Haley, Albert Latham, James Mitchell, of Groton, and others.

1. The military, consisting of the Hartford Foot-Guards, under Maj. Wells; Capt. Stanton's artillery company, from Stonington borough; Capt. Child's rifle company, of Norwich; Capt. Allyn's flank company, of New London; the United States officers in the vicinity, naval and military; the artillery company stationed at Fort Trumbull, Capt. Green. 2. Officers of the Grand Lodge. 3. Officers of subordinate lodges. 4. Masonic brethren. 5. Citizens. Being formed, at a signal-gun fired from Fort Griswold the procession

moved to the Heights, where, resting under a canopy eighty feet square, tastefully adorned with flowers and evergreens, in festoons and arches, in the centre of which, and at the northeast corner of the foundation designated for the monument, was suspended by a windlass the corner-stone, which was lowered and laid by the Grand Lodge, Lyman Law, Esq., acting as Grand Master, in the presence of eight thousand people. A Sapphic ode, sung to the tune of "Old Hundred," succeeded; then an oration was pronounced by Charles Griswold, Esq., of Lyme. At the dinner which followed an original song was sung to the tune of "Scots wha ha'e wi' Wallace bled."

The presence in the harbor on the evening before of the steamer "McDonough," from Hartford, that "leviathan afloat," as the *Gazette* described her, with her emblems of military and Masonic display, and her appearance during the day of celebration, very much enlivened the scene. The affair was a success, and it was soon after succeeded by the first drawing of the monument lottery. The organization of the Groton Monument Association dates from June 29, 1826. The act of incorporation appointed Charles Bulkeley its first president; Noyes Barber, James Mitchell, Daniel Burrows, William Williams, Adam Larrabee, etc., vice-presidents. The incorporators chose Maj. Thomas P. Trott, secretary, and Hon. Noyes Barber, treasurer. A sub-committee, consisting of the president and Messrs. Mitchell, Larrabee, Griswold, and Law, made the first contracts for a granite monument.

The monument itself, henceforth to be under the management of this association, was finished in 1831. Every year, on the 6th of September, the members met to choose officers and perpetuate the memory of the heroic deeds of their fathers. Sometimes an address or a company parade would enliven the anniversary. Capt. Jonathan Brooks, of New London, a patriotic but eccentric citizen, was there conspicuously so long as he lived and was able, dressed in full regiments to harangue the assemblage.

In 1833 the town was again deeply agitated with the old vexed question of a new town in the North Society, but the vote in town-meeting was adverse to it. This was followed the next year by a similar vote, but in 1836 the vote stood 76 for and 63 against the division, which was soon after effected, and henceforth Ledyard constituted a separate town. In the spring of 1838 it was voted to ask the Legislature to constitute Groton into a separate probate district. The town had been well served while united with Stonington, but party spirit, and possibly the itch for offices, prevailed; and so, in 1839, Groton and Ledyard were each made a separate probate district. (See list of probate officers.) Groton voted in 1850, 142 to 9, in favor of the constitutional amendment of electing judges of probate and justices of the peace by the people.

It was about this time the river road was asked be-

tween Groton Bank and Gale's Ferry. It was violently opposed, and at length, wearied with the persistence of certain leaders, the selectmen were forbidden to call any more meetings on the subject. But after fighting it for years at great cost before the Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Errors, the petitioners triumphed, and the town laid the foundation of a debt that has been augmented by the cost of other expensive roads and bridges in all parts of the town, some of which have proved very useful to the public. That leading from Mystic River to Mystic, on the west bank of the Mystic River, was built in 1853, and that along the east bank of the Thames, from Groton village to the Sound, at a later period, are noticeable. Unexpectedly to some, this town gave in 1855 a majority of thirty-two against the amendment to the constitution requiring the reading qualification for all new electors.

The same year the Mystic River bridge was made free by an appropriation of the adjoining towns, a contribution of the citizens purchasing the franchise. The Mystic Bridge corporation had been created by an act of the Legislature nearly forty years before, and had been till that time a toll-bridge, having a draw. About this time the fever for road-building ran high, producing the short O. T. Braman (river) road, made necessary, as it was supposed, by the completion of the railroad across the lower part of the town (1857). These were followed by the Alden Fish road, the Giles Haley road, the Solomon Chapman (north) road, and the Gore Lane Street. This brings us to the great Rebellion.

The part which the town of Groton bore in the war for the Union was in accordance with its patriotic record in 1776 and 1812. When the call for seventy-five thousand came, Hiram Appelman, with others from this and adjoining towns, enlisted in the Second Regiment, and took part in the Bull Run fight. The town had not then fully awakened to its duty to encourage the patriotic impulses of her sons, and so the families of soldiers were at first unprovided for, and no bounties were offered. Before the close of the war, however, the town had spent about eighty thousand dollars for bounties, premiums, and support of families, which was more than any other town in the county had furnished except Norwich; and, outside of our cities, only two towns in the State excelled it; or, taking the amount paid by individuals in this town at twenty-two thousand dollars, as given by Chaplain Morris in his valuable book, there was only the single town of Stonington excelled her in liberality to the soldier, though there were as many as fifteen towns that had a larger grand list. The town, by an act of the Legislature, in 1863 issued bonds to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, in 1865 another thirty thousand dollars, and in 1868 twenty thousand dollars more; so that the debt of Groton, including other indebtedness, so late as 1873 amounted to the large sum of \$101,207.96. The Fifth Regiment had

in it Company G, Capt. Warren W. Packer, who partly recruited his company from Groton. Capt. Packer was promoted to be colonel, and led his regiment through the well-fought battles of Winchester and Cedar Mountain, where he was wounded, and came home on a furlough while his wound was healing, but soon returned to the front, where his regiment afterwards distinguished itself at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Resaca, Cassville, Peach Creek, Atlanta, and through Georgia to the sea. Capt. Alfred L. Packer, a brother of the colonel, took command of the company made vacant by the promotion of his brother, and went through the war. The Eighth Regiment had also a company that was partly recruited from Groton, viz., Company G, Capt. Hiram Appelman. This regiment fought at Newbern, Fort Macon, and Antietam, where Appelman, who was now a lieutenant-colonel, was severely wounded. First Lieut. J. A. Rathbun was also of Company G, having risen from the ranks. He was also wounded severely in the same battle. Amos Clift, being transferred from the same company, became second lieutenant of cavalry. The regiment distinguished itself at Fredericksburg, Suffolk, Drury's Bluff, Berinuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Chapin's Bluff, and Richmond. Company C, Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteers, enlisted ninety-two men in Groton, and chose Rev. John E. Wood captain, and afterwards chaplain. Capt. James H. Latham, of Noank, in the same town, succeeded him in the captaincy. John F. Randall rose to be second lieutenant; and Captain William W. Latham was also from this company. The regiment followed much the same fortune with the Eighth, commencing with Fredericksburg and closing with Richmond.

The Twenty-sixth Regiment had Company K, Capt. Jedediah Randall, from Groton. Capt. Randall, a gallant leader, was fatally wounded before Port Hudson, when Jabez S. Smith was promoted to be captain in his place; Simeon G. Fish, first lieutenant; and Herbert E. Maxson, second lieutenant.

There were fatally wounded or killed outright of Groton soldiers during the war: Orrin D. Backer, Elias W. Watrous, Horatio N. Fish, Wm. Johnson, Wm. N. Mulkey, Cyrus J. Pease, Edmund F. Smith, Abner N. Spencer, Samuel Vanauken, John Signeous, Wm. P. Latham, George A. Fish, and Thomas Fisher.

These died of disease, viz.: Augustus E. Maynard, Julius A. Perkins, John F. Putnam, Wm. H. Watrous, Chauncey E. Wilcox, Samuel Rathbun, Adam C. Bentley, Wm. A. Colegrove, Wm. C. Fellows, Thomas Manace, Thomas H. Shirley, James Tinker, Wm. H. Watrous (2), John Brown, John Callahan, Directus F. Belden, John Maynard, George Freeman, Wm. C. Jones, Charles H. Evans, Raymond Otis, and Jesse Woodson. Many more have passed away since the close of the war. The memory of these martyrs will never perish. A post of the Grand Army, called Harris Post, after the name of a fallen comrade, was

established, after the close of the war, in the Mystic Valley to decorate the graves and honor the memory of their fallen comrades, both those who fell during the war and those who have died since. The post has passed into a voluntary association of veterans which has taken its place. Noank and Groton Bank have similar organizations. Sometimes an oration follows the procession and floral decoration.

The iron bridge across Mystic River, built at the close of the war, is a fine structure, and is another of the causes which helped to swell the town debt alluded to, which debt has been diminished to fifty-two thousand dollars, or nearly one-half, under the prudent administrations of successive boards of selectmen. Their best efforts are sometimes thwarted by the expense of new highways, which is only relieved by the possibility that there is so much added to the wealth and convenience of the town. And so the road from the Poquonoc Meeting-house to the railroad station, and thence to the Dark Hollow road, was provided for. The West Mystic Avenue street (before the war) and the Eastern Point and the Bindloss cross-road followed. Two short roads at Noank, the Pequot Hill road, and the erection of a brick lock-up at Mystic River came next. The Walker cross-road at Groton Bank, the Forsyth ship-yard piece, the Bank Street road at Mystic River, and two short roads at Groton Bank soon followed. The short connection link from Town Clerk Avery's, south and the ice-house and Daniel C. Brown road, in 1878, have been followed by Monument and Centennial Streets at Groton Bank. The Raymond Lamb road by and over Stark's Hill, and the short, ready-made Asa A. Avery road, complete the chapter on highways.

The business of Groton is diversified. The old farms are still cultivated, and in many instances have been greatly improved, yielding double the products which the fathers obtained with greater toil. This is owing in part to improved methods and implements, but more to a soil constantly enriched by cultivation and fertilizers, instead of the old process of annual exhaustion. Unfortunately, perhaps, the lands have been absorbed by large farmers, while the smaller landholders have sold out and moved West, or settled in the neighboring villages which skirt the borders of the town.

Groton, at the Bank, is still a flourishing, steadily improving village. Its site for summer residences is unsurpassed, and new cottages arise yearly to adorn its heights and river-slopes. Its chief source of industry is the quarries of granite which underlie its surface and are worked with great skill, and their products, being superior in quality, are everywhere sought for public works, costly structures, and cemetery-work. The polish which can be given to its surface would surprise the stone-cutters of the past, equaling that of the finest marble. The daily payroll of the quarries is one hundred dollars or more.

Mystic River, on the Groton side of the Mystic, the

choice residence of the haughty Pequots in their day, is still a favorite place of residence and resort. Ship-ping and ship-building did much to give it prosperity.

These have declined, but sufficient manufacturing of iron and of wood have come in to make it still a prosperous community. Its public schools are well graded, provided with excellent teachers, and are the pride of the village. It is connected with Mystic Bridge, on the Stonington side, by an iron draw-bridge, and has good railroad facilities. The well-known Whipple Home School for the Education of Deaf Mutes, a beneficiary of the State, is here.

Noank, two miles below, is another busy village, excelling all others in the town at this time (1881) in business enterprise; and if its ship-building and repairs continue, it bids fair to become ere many years the largest and most prosperous village in the town. It has been noted for its fishing-smacks, but that indus-try has been less profitable of late years.

Poquonnoc Bridge, though a small village, cluster-ing on the plain around the Poquonnoc River, is an industrious community. Its fields, formerly consid-ered of little value, have become by the use of fish-guano, manufactured on its border, and other im-proved modes of culture, among the most fertile in the town. Oysters are successfully grown in the river, and may yet prove a source of considerable profit.

The fish-works on Pine Island below are on an extensive scale, making large catches of bony fish for the sake of the oil, and then the *debris* of fish-pumice is made the basis of an important manufacture of fer-tilizers by greatly-improved machinery.

Centre Groton, once designed to be the metrop-olis of the town, the site of its first meeting-house and its Central School, is still a farming region. Mystic, at the head of the Mystic River, is partly in Groton, but has most of its business facilities on the Stonington side. The tanning business has been a profitable employment in years past. Here is located the house of worship of the oldest Baptist Church in the State, on which edifice is the village clock. The church, as an organization, will form a separate sketch.

It should not be forgotten that some of the farms of Groton are distinguished for raising greatly-improved breeds and grades of cattle, others for the variety and excellent quality of the timber for ship-building and railroad purposes. The population of Groton is about 5200, and its grand list about \$2,100,000.

Groton has always been a no-license town by a large majority, independent of party politics. Its churches form separate sketches, and its divines, some of whom have not been undistinguished, will there be noticed. Charity Lodge of F. and A. M., No. 68, originated at the public-house of the late Gurdon Bill, Esq., in the North Society (now Ledyard), in 1825. It was removed to Mystic River, where is its present lodge-room. It is regarded as a very flourish-ing body of Masons. The names of the present officers

are as follows: Nathan P. Nobles, W. M.; Thomas B. Hazard, S. W.; William W. Crandall, J. W.; Thomas W. Noyes, Treas.; Allen Avery, Sec.; B. Walter Morgan, S. D.; Frank Mabbitt, J. D.; Henry P. Chipman, S. S.; Frank Darling, J. S.; W. W. Kel-log, Chaplain; John E. Williams, Marshal; George S. Burrows, Tyler.

A few words remain to be said of our great cen-ten-nial, which occurred Sept. 6th and 7th, 1881. It be-longed not to Groton but to the whole country, and well did the heart of the people respond to it. There were, however, certain features of the original battle that rendered it peculiarly local. It was fought on Groton soil, and three-fourths of its victims were well-known citizens of the town. Its forty widows in this one town, and the weeping of so many families for the loss of fathers and sons, some falling side by side, made it ever memorable and sorrowful; but the losses in New London and the desolate homes in other towns made the calamity more wide-spread and not to be overlooked. Two years before the centennial, the Groton Monument Association and the New London County Historical Society initiated proceedings. A centennial committee was appointed, which was from time to time enlarged by adding members from adjoin-ing towns. Sub-committees were appointed to pre-pare details of work to be done. They seem to have anticipated everything, and were ready for the great occasion. The sum of three thousand dollars was ap-propriated by the State Legislature for the centennial celebration. Five thousand dollars was given by Con-gress for the celebration itself, and another five thou-sand for the Monument Association to expend in car-rying the lofty shaft up to a symmetrical height, in repairing the column inside and out, and in beautify-ing the grounds. Private contributions were also solicited. Hon. J. George Harris, president, J. J. Copp, secretary, and Christopher L. Avery, treasurer of the centennial committee, and all its members were indefatigable. Hon. Richard A. Wheeler was presi-dent of the Groton Monument Association, A. F. Crumb, secretary, and Philo Little, treasurer. A committee of ladies did most efficient service, es-pecially in preparing "the Centennial Loan Exhibi-tion," wherein were shown the relics and specimens of art, industry, costumes, implements of war and peace, books and curiosities that belonged to the eighteenth century, and some to the first settlers.

The centennial committee decided to celebrate both September 6th and September 7th, the latter day hav-ing some reference to Capt. Nathan Hale, the martyr-spy, who was of New London when the Revolution-ary call to arms reached him, before the Bunker Hill fight. It was a grand and successful rally from all parts of the country, and especially Connecticut. Some good judges of numbers estimated the assem-blage from forty to sixty thousand. The 6th was a peculiar day. There were no clouds, but the sun was obscured by a yellow mist or smoke, which tinged

everything. The presence of a large fleet of United States men-of-war, and of all the military of the State, with the Governor and his staff at the head, of Gen. Sherman and his staff of the United States army, and of the chief justice of the United States, with other distinguished guests, gave *éclat* to the scene; but the absence of President Garfield, who was dying from the bullet of the assassin, was deeply felt. A sham-fight, in imitation of the massacre, which engaged all the militia and volunteer corps from abroad, the parade of the Knights Templar of the State, the oration of Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, and the remarks of Congressman John T. Wait, and of Gen. Sherman, the poems of Mrs. Rose Terry Cooke and Rev. L. W. Bacon, D.D., of Norwich, the first day, and the oration of Hon. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, on his kinsman, Nathan Hale, and of Dr. Bacon again, the second day, are familiar to the thousands assembled, and need only be alluded to. Col. J. W. Barlow, of the United States army, was chief marshal.

## CHAPTER XLII.

GROTON—(Continued).

### ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

**Congregational Church,<sup>1</sup> Groton.**—Thirty-nine years after Mason's victory a remnant of the Pequots were led in the war against King Philip by Capt. James Avery, of Groton. The death of King Philip made the lives of white people more secure in Eastern Connecticut. Settlers began to multiply on the east bank of the Thames, and to extend their habitations towards the Mystic and into North Groton. As they were still within the town of New London, many of them belonged to the church on the West Side, and all were taxed to support the ministry and worship there. No house of worship was yet provided for on this side, but from an early date religious meetings were frequent, generally held in private dwellings. In 1684 a new house of worship had been erected in New London, and the old one, after standing about twenty-five years, was sold for six pounds to Capt. James Avery. Having separated it into parts, he floated it by river, sound, and river to his farm in Poquonnoc, where, with additions and improvements, it was rebuilt into a dwelling for his family. When his family moved into it we can easily imagine that Capt. Avery, speaking for himself and his posterity, might have said, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." As he was an active member of the church, doubtless the old audience-room was again often opened for the social prayer-meeting, and sometimes for a preaching service.

In 1687 it was voted in town-meeting that the people on the East Side should have "liberty to invite the

minister of the town to preach for them on every third Sabbath during the most inclement months of the year." In 1700 a separate organization was asked for, and this was allowed in 1702, viz.: to build a meeting-house thirty-five feet square, to organize a church, to hire a minister, and to pay him a salary of seventy pounds, the whole expense to be paid by the town. According to the records, the meeting-house was built at Centre Groton in 1703, and it was ordered by the town on March 25th of that year that three hundred acres of land be sold to pay the expense of the building. Perhaps the house was not finished until the next year, since the town voted, April 20, 1704, "that eight acres of land be sold to Rev. Mr. Ephraim Woodbridge, the proceeds to be applied to finishing the meeting-house." The land sold to Mr. Woodbridge is described as lying "to the west of the meeting-house," and must have included the plat upon which the ancient building known as the Barber house now stands, and this proves that the first and fourth pastors lived nearly on the same spot.

While the town of Groton became legally distinct from New London in 1705, there is strong evidence that the Congregational Church of Groton was organized with full powers in 1704. On the 8th of November, 1704, Rev. Ephraim Woodbridge, a graduate of Harvard College, was ordained the first pastor of this church, and there is no intimation that he was made a colleague of Mr. Saltonstall, the pastor of New London.

We find in the town records one or two items of more general interest. In 1707, John Davie, a farmer, and the first town clerk of Groton, who graduated at Harvard in 1781, came into possession of a vast English estate and a baronetcy. Upon his departure for England he left a recorded gift of six pounds to purchase plate for Mr. Woodbridge's church. This gift has come down to us in the form of a handsome silver communion-cup, which is still regularly used in our worship, bearing the following account of itself: "The Gift of Sir John Davie to the Church of Christ at Groton." Three other cups used by the church bear each the following record: "The Gift of Mr. Elihu Avery to the First Church in Groton, 1748."

It appears from the following item that the fathers of this town loved not only the Sabbath, public worship, and good order, but also their own children. April 15, 1708, "Voted, that Edward Spisar take charge of the youth on the Lord's day, that they may not play."

The second meeting-house, located about three-fourths of a mile east of the present house of worship, was erected in about 1765. This church was occupied until 1833, when the third building was erected and dedicated. This was subsequently remodeled, enlarged, and beautified, and is the house of worship of to-day.

The following is a list of the pastors of the church from its organization: Ephraim Woodbridge, 1704-24; John Owen, 1727-53; Daniel Kirkland, 1754-57;

<sup>1</sup> Compiled from historical discourse delivered by Rev. J. A. Woodhull.

Jonathan Barber, 1757-68; Aaron Kinne, 1769-98; Timothy Tuttle, 1810-34; Jared R. Avery, 1839-51; George H. Woodward, 1851-56; Silvester Hine, 1856, remained five years as a supply; Samuel W. Brown, 1864-66; Joseph E. Swallow, 1867-70; James B. Tyler, 1871-72 (died); J. A. Woodhull, 1872-81; A. J. McLeod, 1881, present incumbent.

**Seabury Memorial Church.**<sup>1</sup>—The Rev. R. M. Duff, of St. James' Church, New London, held the first services which led to the establishment of the mission in Groton on Wednesday evenings in Lent in the spring of 1874. In the following June a regular Sunday-afternoon service was begun, and continued without interruption until the appointment of the Rev. Millidge Walker as missionary. Mr. Walker took charge on the first Sunday in October of the same year. By his energy and perseverance sufficient funds were soon obtained to justify the board of directors of the missionary society of the diocese in appointing a committee to superintend the building of a suitable church. Plans, therefore, were drawn by Mr. Walker and adopted by the committee, and ground was broken on the 20th day of July, 1875. On Christmas-day of that year the first service was held in the church, although in an unfinished state, where the congregation continued to worship till the following Whit-Sunday, June 4, 1876. They then returned for a brief period to Mechanics' Hall (which they had previously used for divine service), in order that the church might be finished. It was soon completed, and on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1876, was again occupied by the congregation, the Rev. J. Ferdinand Taunt officiating. On Sunday, Sept. 3, 1876, Mr. Taunt assumed charge of the mission, having been appointed missionary by the bishop of the diocese, and remained till March 5, 1878.

During his administration the church was painted, the lot graded, and other improvements effected at considerable cost. He was succeeded by the present rector, Rev. H. T. Gregory.

The church is a memorial to Bishop Seabury, the first bishop of the American church and of this diocese.

**First Baptist Church.**<sup>2</sup>—In what year the first Baptist believers were found in Groton is not easy to determine, but the first Baptist Church had its origin in 1705, a few months before the incorporation and organization of the town, and less than two years after the Legislature gave permission to the inhabitants of New London residing on the east side of the Thames to form themselves into church estate of the standing order.

The few scattered Baptists in the vicinity in 1704, especially in the eastern part of the town, asked permission from the secular power to hold meetings, but receiving no response, they sent a respectful and fraternal request to a young Baptist minister of reputa-

tion in Rhode Island, Valentine Wightman by name, to come and be their leader. He accepted, and at once came. The young pastor was presented with a house and twenty acres of land, which became for several generations following the home of the Wightmans. It was the gift of William Stark, the leading Baptist layman, who was made the first deacon of the church at the time when the First Baptist Church was constituted and Elder Wightman was ordained, or soon after. This parsonage, located on Stark's Hill, as it was formerly called, was about half a mile west of the church edifice that was afterwards built. As the original petition to the General Court for a settlement as a dissenting congregation in 1704 was signed by "six brethren and six sisters," it is not without reason that we conjecture that the First Baptist Church of Groton consisted of not less than twelve communicants, possibly a few more, at the time it was founded. The early records have been lost, and our data at this period are fragmentary.

This little church was indeed the first organized Baptist Church in Connecticut. It preceded also the advent of the denomination in the colony of New York, for Mr. Wightman himself was the founder of the first church in New York of the same faith.

The biography of Mr. Wightman discloses a very symmetrical, consistent Christian character, and shows him to have been a man of more than ordinary talent, of sound learning, great zeal and piety, well balanced by discretion, a good debater, and all calculated to make him a suitable leader and pioneer in the maintenance and propagation of the faith and principles he represented. He was, moreover, a descendant of the Rev. Edward Wightman, the last Protestant minister that was burnt for his faith in Christ under the "Bloody Mary," a circumstance in the history and traditions of the family which perhaps made all the descendants of the martyr of a similar type of piety, heroism, and independence. Mr. Wightman, however, was not a factious controversialist, but rather a defender of his faith, and a firm and discreet leader when assailed. He had no controversy with the standing order and the ministers of his own or adjoining towns, for they loved and respected him for his efforts to improve and ameliorate society, his piety and abilities, and he ever labored side by side in accord with Woodbridge and Owen, the first two ministers of the standing order in Groton.

Indeed, such was Owen's liberality towards his Baptist neighbors that he incurred considerable criticism, and he was publicly condemned for his sympathy with the great preacher Whitefield, but he was as greatly honored by those who knew him best.

The Rev. Valentine Wightman's public debate with the Rev. John Buckley, of Colchester, on the subject of baptism is a matter of record, each side publishing his account of it; and whatever may have been the merits of the question, all agree that Mr. Wightman showed a learning and ability and an ad-

<sup>1</sup> By Rev. H. T. Gregory.

<sup>2</sup> By W. H. Potter.



mirable temper that did him credit as a public teacher. The first meeting-house of the Baptists was built in 1718, and was located on Stark's land in the valley, half a mile east of Stark's Hill and the parsonage. It was a plain square structure, of small dimensions, without paint or embellishments of any kind, and never had fireplace or stoves to warm it. But it had a history and memories of gospel sermons and worship which greatly endeared it to the two or three generations who successively occupied it. The Rev. Valentine Wightman, the first pastor, died peacefully, June 9, 1747, at the age of sixty-six.

The Rev. Daniel Fisk, of Rhode Island, was called to succeed their first pastor. He seemed to have had factions in the church, which he was ill adapted to meet.

The awakening from Whitefield and Davenport's preaching not only divided the Standing Order but the Baptists themselves into strict-communion and mixed-communion Baptists.

Mr. Fisk resisted the tide in favor of the Separatists, which carried with it the majority of his church, and which allowed them to partake of the elements together. To reconcile them council after council was called to no effect. At length a separation took place, and the church was reorganized about 1754. Mr. Fisk clung to the remnant of the old organization, and went out of sight with those that adhered to him. The records up to the date of this reorganization are found only in fragments, and the historian is puzzled to authenticate his facts. Elder David Sprague, of Exeter, Elder Stephen Gorton, of New London, and Elder James Brown were prominent in this painful schism. During the debate the independency of each particular church of any convention, synod, or association was clearly brought out and agreed to by all parties as fundamental to all churches composed of baptized believers.

From this time Timothy Wightman, son of the first pastor, became the leader of the church, first as a layman, being first selected as a deacon, and then as a minister and pastor.

He submitted to the unanimous judgment of his brethren, without asserting his own choice, in being called into the ministry and receiving ordinations, modestly claiming that he did not feel competent to be their leader. With him were associated eleven brethren and seventeen sisters, their covenant dating June 28, 1754. Elder David Sprague, of Exeter, R. I., was their chief counselor. Their persecuted brethren of the Separate Congregational order had their hearty sympathies at this period of their history, and were allowed all the privileges of Baptist members, so far as the records appear, which from this time to the present have been fully preserved; and it was not until the unhappy season of persecution had passed and the new light of evangelical truth, as preached by Whitefield and his co-laborers, had been recognized by the standing order and had be-

gun to give new spiritual life to the Congregational Church that the First Baptist Church of Groton and the leading church of that faith in the State, as well as the first-born, permitted the door to be closed against their New Light brethren, usually called Separates.

They again restricted the communion-table to baptized believers about A.D. 1765, and, as they had under Valentine Wightman, so ever after they have built on the faith that none but baptized believers composed the visible church, and that immersion only was baptism, holding the Christian faith in common with the great body of evangelical churches of various denominations. But in consequence of their return to strict Baptist faith and practice, the Second Baptist Church, sometimes called the Fort Hill Baptist Church, arose, whose history will form a separate sketch.

Rev. Timothy Wightman was ordained as a minister and pastor of the church May 20, A.D. 1756. Rev. Messrs. Joshua Morse, Abel Palmer, Davis, Wells, Babcock, Whipple, and Hammond took part in the ordaining council. Deacon Peter Avery, of the church, made the closing prayer. The historian and biographer Sprague says of Elder Timothy, "He was a man of medium stature, light and erect frame, black hair and eyes, affable manners, serious deportment, and manly bearing. He was wellnigh a model man, easy, serious, kind, ingenuous, earnest. Being once called before the County Court as a witness, and the opposing lawyer attempting to criticise him by cross-questioning, the judge remarked, reprovingly, "It is not necessary to criticise that man, his veracity and candor are evident in his appearance." As a preacher, Timothy was much like his father, plain, fearless, faithful. The period of his ministry reached through the two great upheavals in the history of our country, viz.: the separation, induced by the great awakening, that culminated in the establishment of evangelical doctrines, and the Revolution that inaugurated our national independence.

His church furnished its quota of patriotic blood in defense of liberty, and Timothy Wightman taught his people to honor the right. (See Rev. F. Denison's sketch of the Wightmans in Sprague's *Annals*.)

The Rogerine Quakers arose during Timothy Wightman's pastorate, and gave annoyance to orderly Christian worshipers by not only denouncing the Sabbath but interrupting public worship; but the good pastor was a man for the times. With the flash of the martyr's eye whose blood he inherited he united the patience and perseverance of the saints in which he devoutly believed. His firm but discreet course not only compelled these erratics to abandon their unlawful and unchristian proceedings, but taught them a wholesome lesson of good order and Christian forbearance. None are at this day more peaceful and quiet in their deportment than modern Rogerines. The notable revivals of 1764, 1765, 1786, and 1787

illustrated the spirituality of his pastoral and pulpit teachings. Pastor Wightman died Nov. 14, A.D. 1796, aged seventy-seven, and in the forty-third year of his ministry.

Then followed an interval of four years in which the church was without a pastor, but on the 18th of August, A.D. 1800, Rev. John Gano Wightman was ordained to take the place of his father. Mr. Wightman was baptized at the age of thirty-one, but he had received a classical education at Plainfield Academy, and after his conversion his mind gradually yielded to his impressions of duty and the call of the church to fill the pulpit of his fathers. He was a logical, fluent speaker, a thorough scripturalist, and a successful minister of Christ. Not less than ten seasons of revival were experienced during his pastorate, greatly strengthening the church and repairing the annual loss of membership occasioned by death and removals to the cities and villages of adjoining towns and the far West, which became almost a panic in our country churches.

He died in 1841, aged nearly seventy-five years, after a ministry of forty-one years. During Elder J. G. Wightman's pastorate, in 1831, the Third Baptist Church of Groton was organized as a branch of this church.

After the death of Mr. Wightman the church was served occasionally by Rev. L. W. Wheeler, Rev. Earl P. Salisbury (temporary pastor), and Revs. Erastus Denison, of Mystic River, and Mr. B. F. Hedden, of Mystic Bridge. The latter, a licentiate of the Fort Hill Church, was called to preach to this church, and was ordained April 21, A.D. 1842.

During his short pastorate a revival was enjoyed, Elder John Green aiding as an evangelist. On the 22d of February, 1843, the church voted "to remove their location to the Head of Mystic whenever a suitable house of worship shall have been erected at that place." In February following a branch at Ledyard was constituted an independent church. He resigned April 1, 1843, and was succeeded by the Rev. Charles C. Lewis, who remained with the church until April 1, 1844. The new meeting-house in the village of Mystic was dedicated Feb. 22, 1844. Rev. Cyrus Miner accepted their call, and entered upon his labors soon after; but in April, 1845, Mr. William C. Walker, at the call of the church, entered upon his pastorate, and was ordained at a session of the Association with the church, June 18, 1845. His pastorate of five years was marked with a good degree of harmony and prosperity. Rev. James Squier succeeded as pastor for a single year, when he was in turn succeeded by the Rev. Erastus Miner, and in him they were not united. Their differences grew to be so great that by advice of a council the church was for a time divided into two bands. They were happily reunited under Rev. J. E. Wood, who did a good work and resigned Nov. 1, 1860.

They then called Rev. Edgar A. Hewitt as his suc-

cessor. Upon the resignation of Mr. Hewitt, the Rev. Palmer G. Wightman, grandson of the Rev. J. G. Wightman, accepted a call to the pastorate, and entered upon his labors June 4, 1864, and for twelve years remained in the field where his ancestors had sown and reaped. He was educated at the Connecticut Literary Institution, and his ministry was acceptable, as his labors were indefatigable. Rev. Eli Dewhurst, his successor, entered upon his duties as pastor May 28, 1876, and closed his pastorate Aug. 1, 1881. Since that time the church has settled Rev. — Richardson. They have lost many valuable members by death and removal, and especially successive deacons of the church. The church, too, has been fruitful in the number of young men whom it has cherished and sent forth into the ministry. Since the death of that beloved brother, Deacon Allan Stevenson, in October, 1881, the officers stand as follows: Deacons, James C. Lamb and Nehemiah M. Gallup; Standing Committee, Simeon Gallup, Nehemiah M. Gallup, and Collins Chipman; Clerk, Samuel S. Lamb. Present number of communicants, two hundred and fifty.

**Union Baptist Church of Mystic River.**<sup>1</sup>—This church being composed of two co-ordinate living and flourishing Baptist Churches, and united by common consent and a unanimous vote, August, A.D. 1861, it is necessary to briefly sketch the origin and progress of each of these constituent independent organizations before proceeding further with this sketch.

1. "The Second Baptist Church" of Groton, commonly known as the "Fort Hill Church." This body arose A.D. 1765, under the leadership of the Rev. Silas Burrows, who was accounted its founder. It had its origin about the time or at the close of a great revival among the Baptists and Separatists from the Congregational order, called New Lights, and was occasioned by the sympathy and fraternity which the Baptists extended to a New Light Church, then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Park Avery, located at Poquonoc. That fraternity and fellowship continued until near the close of the century, when this New Light Congregational body became mostly absorbed in the communion of the Fort Hill Baptist Church, the pastor of the New Lights having passed away in a good old age. This Fort Hill Church, under Elder Silas Burrows, before the year 1797 returned to the strict-communion sentiments from which they had dissented when they separated from the Wightman Church; but though now of one faith, they found the field wide enough for both organizations, and both churches worked harmoniously together, heartily co-operating in the consolidation of the two Baptist Associations to which they severally belonged. The Stonington Association and the Groton Union Conference became one, and held their first meeting after the consolidation at Fort Hill, on the anniversary of the Conference, in June, 1818. The history of the church

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during the ministry of its first pastor is not without interest. Unfortunately the records for the first forty years, except from fragments, are missing. Its leading members, such as Deacons Simeon Smith, Rufus Smith, and Jabez Smith, and Elisha Packer, Youngs Avery, Caleb Avery, Nathan Daboll, Sr., and others, were well known, not only in the church, but as officers of the town, holding many of its places of honor and trust. The pastor himself was the fifth in descent from Robert Burrows, one of the three earliest settlers of the town.

The meetings of the Fort Hill Church were held mostly for many years in the dwelling-house of the pastor. "Here the power of the Lord came down," says a well-known chronicler, the Rev. F. Denison, A.M., "souls were converted, and saints strengthened. The hill on which Sassacus maintained his royal fort became a strong fortress in defense of the truth. Coming up as a New Light Baptist Church, it believed in revivals, and enjoyed frequent times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Pastor Burrows took a deep interest in the struggle for national independence. Two of his brothers, Elisha and Nathan, and a large number of his relatives were in Fort Griswold on the memorable day of the massacre. He was early on the ground the next morning, with his anxious mother, to look out for the brothers and succor the wounded. His house was thrown open as a hospital to these wounded, and every attention given, while he also visited and comforted the numerous families of the mourners, for the Angel of Death had come nigh to nearly all the households in his vicinity. His two brothers had been carried into captivity by the enemy, and had at length returned from the prison-ship broken in health, only to communicate the smallpox to the family; whereupon he again opened his house for all to come and be inoculated, and but one of the scores there treated died.

The church at length, after the war, built a plain one-story meeting-house on the summit of Fort Hill, which was afterwards, early in the present century, raised to two stories and a gallery added. It continued to be their place of worship until a separate house of worship was constructed at Noank, and a church there established. This left the centre of the membership at Mystic River. Afterwards the Fort Hill edifice was sold to the town of Groton for a town-house, for which purpose it is still used (1881). Elder Silas took a deep interest in "soul liberty," as they called freedom to worship God without the interference of the State in those days, and he, with the Wightmans, was one of the actors in framing, circulating, and urging the Baptist Petition, so called, for the complete equality of all men before the law in respect to religious liberty and privileges. He lived to see the principle triumph and incorporated into the State constitution.

The manner in which he dealt with Jemima Wil-

kinson, self-styled "The Friend," who claimed inspiration and infallibility, was characteristic of the man. Her followers, mostly from another State, claimed that Elder Burrows had denounced her without a hearing. He then publicly requested her to come to his house and hold a meeting and to set forth her claims, which had been so plausibly put as to deceive some of the best men in the town. He listened patiently to her extravagant pretensions till she had finished, and then calmly but effectually refuted her blasphemies and showed up the absurdity and fanaticism of herself and followers, until she would hear it no longer, but angrily interrupted him and left. This broke up her haunts in Groton.

The great revival of 1809 brought in large accessions to the Fort Hill Church. It continued eighteen months, and during its continuance he was greatly assisted by his son, Rev. Roswell Burrows. The father and the son during the year and a half of its prevalence baptized one hundred and thirty persons. The work continued and spread into the town of Preston, where as a result of it the First Baptist Church in that town was established, which began as a branch of the Fort Hill Church.

The strong point of Elder Silas Burrows' power was in prayer, though he was a good scripturalist and a persuasive preacher. In person he was tall and commanding, with a mild blue eye and stentorian voice that was heard more than a mile when he was speaking in the open air. He fell asleep on his birthday, A.D. 1818, aged seventy-seven years.

His son, the Rev. Roswell Burrows, was born at Fort Hill, Groton, Sept. 2, 1786. He was an apt scholar, and received a good English education. He became a merchant's clerk at Guilford, but coming home on a visit, during a season of awakening, he was converted and entered upon a religious life. He became, however, a prosperous merchant at Hopkinton, R. I., but the conviction grew upon him that he should become a preacher of righteousness. It was not until he was thirty-three years of age that he yielded to the call and commenced the public improvement of his gift. He was ordained in 1806.

His associate pastorate with his father, and his pastorate alone after 1818, was during all these years eminently prosperous. The church continued to grow. In a letter which he wrote to the editor of the *Christian Secretary*, some time before his decease, he says, "Since December, 1809, the Lord has visited this church with seven special revivals, in which time I have had the unspeakable pleasure of formally introducing into the church 635 members." About 90 were added during the year in which this letter was written, and the pastor lived to enjoy another season of refreshing in 1835. He died May 28, 1837, aged sixty-nine years.

Before the close of Mr. Burrows' pastorate, and at his request, the Rev. Erastus Denison supplied the church one year (1830), during the pastor's absence

on a visit to Western New York, where his sons had settled. (See biographical sketch of Roswell and Lorenzo Burrows.)

Rev. Ira R. Steward was for some two or three years engaged as associate pastor with Elder Burrows, and was called to ordination. He was an indefatigable laborer, a good preacher, and was sole pastor from 1837 to 1844. His church was widely scattered, but after the organization of the Groton Bank and the Noank Baptist Churches the old church removed its place of meeting to the village of Mystic River, at first occupying the Mariners' Free church, in common with others, and then having nearly 400 members of its own, many of whom had been brought in during the great revival conducted by that distinguished revivalist, Rev. Jabez S. Swan, the Second Church built a commodious conference-house in the centre of the village, where they worshiped and held their Sunday-school until they built a church edifice. Pastor Steward accepted a call to the First Baptist Mariners' Church of New York, where he continued for many years with great success, and until he was laid aside by his last sickness, which was followed by a triumphant death. The Rev. Augustus Bolles, of Colchester, was engaged as temporary pastor, and remained until April 1, 1845, when Rev. Henry R. Knapp entered his pastorate of five years. During that time the church dedicated its new house of worship at a cost of some four thousand dollars. A season of refreshing was also enjoyed. Elder Knapp was sound in the faith and an acceptable preacher, but resigned, to take effect April 1, 1850.

Rev. Washington Munger was the next pastor, who promptly entered upon his work, and continued three years with the church, a good man and a faithful pastor, but his health prevented his doing much pastoral work during the last year. In October, 1853, Rev. Harvey Silliman, of Western New York, became pastor, and continued to exercise the pastoral office for about two years.

Rev. J. M. Phillips, of East Haddam, received a call to the pastorate May 4, 1856, and began his labors in July following. During his four years' pastoral service a pleasant revival occurred in Quianbog. He resigned in October, 1860, leaving many warm friends behind. The church was variously supplied with preaching from the date of the last resignation to the union with the Third Baptist Church in 1861. The other co-ordinate independent body forming the Union Church we introduce, as follows:

**2. Third Baptist Church.**<sup>1</sup>—This body arose as an outgrowth of the revival of 1831, at which time a number of brethren residing in Mystic River, then called Portersville, felt that the time had come for the organization of a separate body in the thriving village. But a difference arose between members of the First and Second Baptist Churches as to the neces-

sity of immediate action, which resulted in constituting a branch of the First Church, leaving most of the resident members of the Second Church aloof and still adhering to its communion. But the little branch, within three years, grew to be the Third Baptist Church of Groton, and purchased a conference-house, and then, after several adverse trials, was admitted into the Stonington Union Association, being cordially recognized by the Fort Hill brethren. Rev. Erastus Denison was its first pastor, a faithful servant of the church, but after two years he accepted a call to the Second Baptist Church of Waterford, and was succeeded by the Rev. John H. Baker, who served the church for two years. During that time there was a large accession by baptism. In April, 1839, Rev. E. Denison returned and occupied the field. In June, 1841, the Stonington Union Association met with this church. During the summer of 1842 the great revival under the preaching of Elder Jabez Swan was shared with the Second Church, the two pastors and their congregations cordially co-operating. During its continuance more than five hundred conversions were believed to have taken place. The Third Church, as the result of this reformation, received one hundred and fifty to its communion.

Rev. Erastus Denison resigned the pastoral care of the church in April, 1848. He had devoted the best part of his life and ministerial labors to the care of this church, and he was justly regarded as its founder and father. The severance of the relation was deeply felt by many. Elder Denison served in the pastoral relation in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Long Island, though he continued to reside in the village, where he built a house during the latter part of his life. His successor was Rev. Simon B. Bailey, who entered upon his labors in April, 1848, and remained two years. He was regarded as a useful minister of Christ.

Upon his resignation, Mr. Franklin A. Slater was chosen to succeed him, and he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry on the 6th day of November, 1850, and resigned in January, 1853. He was succeeded by Rev. J. L. Holman as a supply.

Brother Holman came as a Free-Will Baptist, but in October, 1853, he came before the church, asking admission as a member, and stating his change of sentiment, in accordance with the belief of the church. He received public recognition November 29th, but soon left for another field.

Rev. William Cathcart received a call in December, and entered upon his labors in June, 1854. His commanding talent as a preacher soon gave him a full house, and his success continued to the end of his pastorate. An accession by baptism was enjoyed in the spring of 1855. Brother Cathcart resigned early in January, 1857, to take effect April 1st. It was accepted with much reluctance. Dr. Cathcart at once became pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Philadelphia, where he still officiates (1881).

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The Rev. Asa C. Bronson was called to the pastorate in May following, and at once entered upon his labors. The Mariners' Free church, where the church had worshiped mostly on the Sabbath, needing extensive repairs, the trustees of that organization surrendered to the church the control of the house, and it was thoroughly repaired and renovated. It was reopened for public worship in August following, and rededicated, and on the next day at two o'clock the pews were sold.

During the interval of repairs the Second Baptist Church shared with the Third their house of worship. A revival was enjoyed in 1858, which brought in some twenty members. But the time was approaching when the two churches, occupying nearly the same field, were to be one. Deacons James Gallup, Horatio Nelson Fish, and Nathan G. Fish took the lead, and were met by a committee of the Second Church. The union was cordially effected by the unanimous action of both churches, each acting separately, on the 11th day of August, 1861. We are now prepared to resume our sketch of the

**The Union Baptist Church, Mystic River.**<sup>1</sup>—The Union Church called Rev. A. C. Bronson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, to be their pastor, and he entered upon the larger field at once under the most favorable auspices. Either house of worship being too straightened for the new body, the church for a time met alternately in each house. But after deliberation it was decided to unite the two houses, the Second Church edifice being comparatively new and the other in good repair. This was done during the year 1862, the enlarged building occupying the endeared site of the Mariners' church, where such wonderful displays of God's work in former years had been seen, and the house was dedicated Oct. 9, 1862, Rev. Henry G. Weston, D.D., preaching the dedication sermon.

Previous to this time the union had been cordially recognized by neighboring churches in council, and the Stonington Union Association had held its annual session in the basement of the edifice.

During the spring of 1863 there was a season of revival, in which about forty members were added by baptism, besides many by letter, experience, and restoration. It was during this year that Deacon H. N. Fish passed away, much beloved, at the age of sixty-three years. Deacon Elisha Rathbun had previously died, having been for over thirty years a bearer of the Lord's vessels. The Sunday-school Convention met with them in 1864. In 1865 the list of church-members was examined and thoroughly revised. It was on the 11th of June, this year, that the one hundredth anniversary of the Second Church, one of the co-ordinate bodies of the union, was celebrated in a memorial discourse by the pastor.

In 1866 another revival was enjoyed, and on the

20th of September of the same year fell asleep in Jesus the Rev. Erastus Denison, full of years of usefulness, both in the churches to which he ministered and in the cause of education, he having been for many years acting school visitor for the town of Groton. His age was nearly seventy-five. In 1867 there were seventy baptisms, Rev. Isaac Westcott, of New York, assisting the pastor.

Brother Lanman Lamb, a former officer in the Third Church, died in October, 1867. Deacons Nathan G. Fish and George N. Wright, with Deacons Albert Edgcomb and William H. Potter, had been continued from the constituent churches. Our beloved Deacon Wright soon passed away, aged forty-eight years. On the 11th of January, 1868, Brethren Horace Clift, William H. Smith, John Gallup, and Leander Wilcox were chosen to the office of deacons. During this year, too, about fifty more were added by baptism, the venerable Dr. Westcott again assisting in reaping the harvest.

The meeting-house was enlarged, and thirty-six pews added, additional land having been purchased for the extension. Dr. Westcott preached on the occasion of the rededication, Dec. 20, 1868. Mr. Bronson, after a successful pastorate of eleven years, resigned April 1, 1869, and preached his farewell sermon the last Sunday in May.

During the interval of vacancy in the pastorate, viz., Aug. 7, 1869, Judge James Gallup passed away at the ripe age of nearly seventy-six years. He had been a constituent member, and for several years a deacon of the Third Church, and for a time acting deacon in the Union Church, of which organization he had been a warm advocate and a firm supporter. On the 28th of November, the same year, an invitation was extended to Rev. George L. Hunt, of Northampton, to become the pastor of this church, which he accepted December 10th, and entered upon his labors Jan. 2, 1870.

Deacon N. G. Fish passed from earth during this year, having been justly regarded as a pillar in the church. Several very pleasant revivals occurred during Dr. Hunt's pastorate of eleven years, ending Jan. 2, 1881.

The church, after a supply of several months, in which it enjoyed the effective preaching of Rev. Edwin Burnham, who had formerly labored for a few weeks here as an evangelist, and others, unanimously called to the pastorate the Rev. Charles H. Rowe, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and he entered upon his work on the first Sunday in October, 1881. Present membership about seven hundred.

**Noank Baptist Church.**<sup>2</sup>—The Noank Baptist Church was constituted on the 11th of March, A.D. 1843, by the dismission of over two hundred members from the Second or Fort Hill Baptist Church, a preliminary meeting having been held January 5th of

<sup>1</sup> By W. H. Potter.

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that year. The next day after their recognition by neighboring churches the new church gave a call to the Rev. S. B. Bailey to be their pastor. He accepted, and commenced his labors April 1st. The church was admitted into the Stonington Union Association the June following.

Elder Bailey was ordained Nov. 29, 1843, sermon by Rev. L. Covill. A season of revival was enjoyed in the spring of 1846, the pastor being assisted by the Rev. John Green, of Hopkinton, R. I. Elder Bailey closed his labors after five years' pastorate, and Rev. David Avery received a call to take the pastoral care of the church, and entered upon his labors April 1, 1848, and remained one year. Rev. Wm. A. Smith succeeded to the pastorate, and closed his services April 1, 1850. Rev. James M. Phillips was then called to serve the church, which he did acceptably for four years. Another season of refreshing was enjoyed in 1851. In April, 1855, Rev. C. Havens was called as a pastoral supply, and closed his labors November 1st same year. The church had supplies from Rev. W. A. Smith (still a member) and others until June, 1856, when Rev. H. V. Jones, of New Jersey, having accepted the call to the pastorate, entered upon his labors, with a salary of six hundred dollars and his house-rent, which was increased in 1857 to eight hundred dollars and house-rent. Brother Jones resigned, to take effect in September, 1859, but was induced to remain until the following April, and then the Rev. Henry R. Knapp accepted the call of the church, and entered upon pastoral work April 1, 1860. Deacon John Palmer passed away July 16th of this year, aged seventy-two years, having been for more than fifty years a devoted Christian and a man truly mighty in God's word. Elder Knapp closed his labors with the church in November, 1860, when the church extended a call to Rev. Charles S. Weaver, of Norwich, who accepted and began his labors in December. He continued with them until the 1st of April, 1865, when he resigned. Elders Curtis Keeney, Ira R. Steward, Smith, and Bailey supplied the pulpit until March, 1866, when Rev. H. V. Jones, a former pastor, again accepted their call.

The Stonington Union Association met with them this year. In their letter, in June, they say, "It is our grief that you find us in a divided state. Amid our trials God has appeared for our comfort, and for many weeks the revival went on, till fifty precious souls, chiefly among the young, were gathered into the church." This church was again revived in the early part of 1867, and thirty-five happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism, Rev. P. G. Wightman assisting in the good work. In their letter to the Association in June, 1868, they say, "Our new house of worship was completed and dedicated in December last, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, of which sum two thousand dollars was contributed by our Ladies' Sewing Society."

Rev. Stephen Howell was called to the pastorate

in 1871, and continues until this day, being the longest pastorate on their records. During that time another of their deacons, John Palmer, Jr., an earnest Christian, has passed away. Their church clerks from the beginning have been Augustus Morgan and Robert Palmer, the latter still in office; their deacons, Ebenezer Morgan, Robert Palmer, Augustus Morgan, Levi Spicer, and Roswell P. Sawyer. Present number of members, three hundred and forty-six.

**American Union Baptist Church of Noank.**<sup>1</sup>—This church was organized in May, 1865, with seventy-two members, mostly from the senior Baptist Church at Noank. Rev. Charles S. Weaver was their first pastor. They were publicly recognized as a church in their new meeting-house, Dec. 18, 1868, with eighty-nine members, the following churches being represented in the council, viz.: First, Waterford; First, North Stonington; Second Richmond, Voluntown, and East Had-dam. Since Elder Weaver left they have had as supply Rev. G. S. Bailey, now deceased, and Rev. S. B. Bailey and Rev. J. C. Foster. Their present number is fifty. R. Augustus Morgan, deacon and church clerk.

**Methodist Episcopal Church, Noank.**—This society was organized on the evening of April 9, 1878, and consisted of four brethren and three sisters. At the same time Rev. A. N. Bodfish, of Mystic Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church, presided at the first Quarterly Conference, at which the organization was completed by the appointment of stewards.

At the Quarterly Conference, May 4, 1879, the presiding elder, Rev. D. A. Wheeden, was present, when it was found there were fourteen members in full standing, and seven probationers; Mr. H. N. Brown, preacher in charge; new chapel completed; and real estate of the church valued at thirteen hundred dollars. At the close of the Conference year 1881, Mr. H. N. Brown was recommended for admission into the traveling connection. Rev. James A. Dean, D.D., pastor in 1881.

**The Centre Groton Mission Chapel**<sup>1</sup> was built a few years ago as a mission chapel, to accommodate the Centre Groton Sunday-school, which school was established by Deacon Coddington Culver (now deceased), A.D. 1851, and also as a place for holding religious meetings. It was paid for by subscriptions, but Capt. Ebenezer Morgan, of Groton Bank, was prominent in liquidating the debt of the association, which has official charge of the house and lot, of which association Prof. J. K. Bucklyn, of Mystic Bridge, is president. Each of the Baptist Churches of the town elects a trustee.

**Poquonoc Baptist Church.**<sup>1</sup>—The history of this church as such begins with the year 1856. But the history of Christian work on this field reaches back to its early settlement. Here Elder Park Avery established a New Light Congregational Church in the days of Whitefield and his zealous coadjutors. That

<sup>1</sup> By W. H. Potter.

church flourished while the pastor was in his prime, but declined as he grew old. He died in 1797, aged eighty-seven years. The church at Fort Hill absorbed most of Elder Avery's members, and so it became extinct. But religious efforts were continued. The school-house was witness of powerful religious meetings in the days of Deacon Jabez Smith and others. Later, Deacon Robert Austin Avery, of the Fort Hill Church, took an interest in their Sunday evening meetings. Deacon Albert Edgcomb, of the same church, followed, and established and there maintained a Sunday-school, which has continued through all vicissitudes to the present day. Revs. Silas and Roswell Burrows and Rev. Ira R. Steward held preaching services when present, and in one way and another this community, notwithstanding an element of opposition, were never destitute of religious privileges of their own, besides those enjoyed by their near proximity to the Fort Hill Church, whose membership, until it removed its meetings to Mystic River, were ever numerous in Poquonoc.

The church, which grew out of the Sunday-school, was constituted Aug. 18, 1856. It had twenty-five constituent members. David C. Westcott was chosen its first deacon, and Gen. James Roath, clerk. Rev. S. B. Bailey, who was instrumental in its organization, became its first pastor. They were received into the Stonington Union Association at its June session following. Their first pastor continued his acceptable ministry among them for about eighteen months. He was succeeded by the Rev. George Mixter, an elderly servant, who continued his pastoral labors one year, during which a revival prevailed. This year death for the first time visited the church, removing Brother William T. Burrows, a valuable member. At this time a division of opinion arose in the church-going community, and a Separate meeting was established. It did not long, however, affect the membership or attendance of the church. Rev. Alfred Gates commenced pastoral labor with them in April, 1859, and was succeeded in February, 1861, by the Rev. John E. Wood. Their first deacon, who had been so essential a pillar, removed soon after to another field. Their pastor raised a company of volunteers and went with them to the war. Rev. Thomas Dowling having accepted a call to the pastorate began his labors in April, 1863. Mr. Dowling's ministry was doctrinally sound and spiritual, and he was not lacking in fluency. The letter of the church to the Association in 1866 says, "Elder Thomas Dowling left the 1st of May, after nearly three years of faithful pastoral labor, sowing much good seed." Mr. Dowling would have been as acceptable as he was able had he been willing to abbreviate the length of his services of prayer and preaching to the demands of the times. Few ministers in Connecticut surpassed him in natural or acquired abilities.

The Rev. Curtis Keeney labored the five months following with great success, in connection with Rev.

William A. Smith, of Groton Bank, who was then called to exercise the pastoral office. Their letter to the Association in June says of Elder Smith's labors, "We are instructed, reprov'd, and rebuked with all long suffering and doctrine." Sixty were added to the church during this time. Albert Kingsley and Cyrus Avery were chosen to the deaconship. Gen. Roath, a constituent member and their church clerk, died lamented, and Deacon Sanford A. Morgan removed West, much to the regret of the church. Deacon Kingsley also removed for the benefit of a change of climate, but his health continued to fail, and he passed away Oct. 17, 1870. A new and larger church edifice was dedicated Nov. 8, 1871. Youngs Avery, their very efficient Sunday-school superintendent, also died about this time. After Mr. Smith, Rev. J. C. Foster filled the pulpit for several months. Mr. Louis C. Sands was called to the pastoral office in May, 1871, and ordained at Mystic River, by a council, July 5th. His pastorate lasted a little over a year. Rev. William A. Smith was again called to the pastorate, which lasted till December, 1873. During the interval they were supplied by various ministers.

Rev. Stephen Perkins was called to the pastoral office March 4, 1876, and was ordained on the 15th of the following May. He was a very acceptable preacher, but closed his labors with this church in December, 1877. During this time Brother Osmar G. Buddington was licensed to preach. He afterwards graduated at Crozier Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania, and is now exercising the pastoral office over the Baptist Church of Florence, N. J., where he was ordained in 1880. Rev. E. C. Miller was called to the pastorate Oct. 5, 1879, and entered at once upon his duties. He is regarded as a faithful servant of the Most High. The present number of members is one hundred and twenty, and the following constitute the officers, viz.: Benjamin Gardner, Cyrus Avery, and W. T. Burrows, deacons; Daniel Morgan, church clerk.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Mystic River.**<sup>1</sup>—Church services were first held in this place in Washington Hall, by Mr. John C. Middleton, B.A., of New London, a candidate for holy orders in this diocese, in July, 1859.

A Sunday-school was organized at the same time. Services were continued until March, 1860, when Mr. Middleton was ordained to the diaconry, and entered upon his duties as assistant minister in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y., in June, 1864. Two or three services were held previous to June, 1864, when the Rev. Mr. Middleton, then of Calvary Church, Stonington, again held services in Washington Hall Sunday evenings. These were continued until the 1st of October the same year. On the 9th of the same month the Rev. Lorenzo Sears, by arrangement with

<sup>1</sup> By H. G. Beebe, Jr.



the Eastern Convocation of this diocese, began to hold full services. On the 11th of February, 1865, a parish was organized, under the title of St. Mark's, Mystic, when about thirty names were signed to the articles of organization. The first officers of the parish were Daniel W. Denison, senior warden; Roswell Brown, junior warden; W. W. Kellogg, John Lee, F. T. Mercer, T. J. Griffing, George Philpot, C. A. Jones, and Amos Watrous were elected vestrymen, and F. S. Bidwell parish clerk. The first confirmation was held on the first Sunday after Trinity, 1865, when six persons were added to the number of communicants.

Rev. Mr. Sears tendered his resignation to the Eastern Convocation, and closed his labors in the parish on the first Sunday after Easter, April 8, 1866.

During his rectorship eighteen hundred dollars was raised for building a church edifice, a lot purchased, and the foundations begun. The number of communicants had now increased from fifteen to thirty-one by admission and confirmation.

The Rev. W. Ingram Magill, late assistant minister in St. John's Church, Stamford, Conn., entered upon his duties as rector of the parish July 14, 1866.

The corner-stone was laid in the "Sacred Name" Dec. 3, 1866, by the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hallam, rector of St. James' Church, New London. The clergymen present were Rev. J. C. Middleton, S. Upjohn, Dr. Robert A. Hallam, and the rector of the parish.

It was purposed at that time to make this a memorial church to Bishop Seabury, who was a native of Groton. The first services in the new church were held Christmas morning, 1867,—a joyous day for all the parish. The Rev. W. Ingram Magill resigned, and accepted an election to Christ Church, Harlem, Ill., Oct. 14, 1869. The Rev. O. F. Starkey, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., commenced his labors with the parish in December, 1869.

During his rectorship the church paid up their debt and purchased a large organ from the First Congregational Church, New London. The church and Sunday-school were well kept up, and a deep interest taken in the parish. Mr. Starkey resigned his rectorship in December, 1872, and the church was supplied until Jan. 5, 1873, when the Rev. J. D. S. Pardee became its rector. During his rectorship the church, being free from debt, was consecrated by Bishop Williams, April 25, 1873, it being St. Mark's day.

The church lost one of its most prominent members in the death of the senior warden, Daniel W. Denison, Esq. He was one of the first organizers of the church, and it was largely due to his untiring labors that the church attained prosperity. He was always at his post, and took a deep interest in parish-work.

Mr. Pardee resigned his rectorship May 22, 1881, having received a call to Trinity Church, Seymour, Conn. The church was supplied until July by the Rev. Peter Shepard, of Saybrook, Conn., when the church extended a call to the Rev. Wm. F. Bielby, of St. Philip's Church, Putnam, Conn., who is the

present rector. The condition of the parish is at present very encouraging, and indicates a gratifying increase in interest and numbers.

The present number of communicants is one hundred and eight.

The officers of this parish for 1881 are Roswell Brown, senior warden; W. W. Kellogg, junior warden; F. T. Mercer, L. M. Fairbanks, M. B. Oviatt, F. H. Brewer, E. R. Williams, John Lee, D. C. Brown, Amos Watrous, and W. W. Kellogg, Jr., vestrymen; F. S. Bidwell, parish clerk.

**The Groton Bank Baptist Church**<sup>1</sup> is situated in the town of Groton, on the river Thames, opposite the city of New London, and was constituted March 16, 1843, composed of fifty-one members, fourteen male and thirty-seven female. It has erected two houses of worship, one in 1843-44, the other in 1871-72. The first cost about \$1600, the latter, \$15,000, with an audience-room with over three hundred sittings, a lecture-room with two hundred, a conference-room with one hundred and fifty, and a ladies' parlor.

This church has been served by six pastors, viz.: Rutherford Russell, two years; Isaac Chesebro, four years; George Matthews, two years; Edgar A. Hewitt, one year; Eli Dewhurst, two years; and N. T. Allen, the present incumbent, nineteen years, and a number of years they have been supplied.

There have been added to the church, four hundred and twenty persons, the large majority by baptism. Present number, two hundred and twenty.

A Sunday-school was commenced in 1843, and has been maintained till now. Present number, two hundred and twenty.

**The Morgan Chapel**<sup>1</sup> was built about five years since, by Capt. Ebenezer Morgan, of Groton. It is located about one mile from the Baptist church, at the terminus of the Providence and Stonington Railroad. It is an out-station, used principally for Sunday-school work. Occasionally religious service is held there. It cost about \$1600, and will seat two hundred persons. It is owned by Capt. Ebenezer Morgan.

## CHAPTER XLIII.

### GROTON—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.<sup>2</sup>

**Ledyard, the Traveler.**—One of the most noted men of Groton was John Ledyard, commonly called "The Traveler." He was a younger brother of Col. William Ledyard, the celebrated hero-martyr of Groton Heights, born in 1751. He was naturally a rover. For a short time he resided among the Six Nations.

<sup>1</sup> By Rev. N. T. Allen.

<sup>2</sup> By W. H. Potter.

We also hear of him exploring the Connecticut alone in a canoe. He made a sea-voyage with his intimate friend, Elisha Hinman. He then went to England, enlisted as a marine, sailed with the celebrated navigator, Capt. Cook, on his second voyage around the world, of which he published an account. He next started from London eastward on foot to make the tour of the world; visited St. Petersburg, and went thence through the most unfrequented parts of Finland. He proceeded through European Russia, and as far as Yakutsk, where the Governor arrested him, and sent him, like a modern tramp, back to the borders, and bid him go and never return to Russian soil, under pain of death. He was next employed by an association for the exploration of the African continent by ascending the Nile with an exploring-party. The adventurous traveler was now in his element, and about to achieve that fame for which his previous exploits had fitted him. But at Grand Cairo he was attacked by a fatal disease, and died A.D. 1788, aged thirty-seven. He was indeed a singular genius, with germs of greatness, and was a poet as well as a fine prose writer.

**Bishop Seabury.**<sup>1</sup>

**Hon. Silas Deane.**<sup>2</sup>

**Hon. Waitstill Avery.**—Waitstill Avery was born in Groton (Ledyard) in 1741. His father, Humphrey Avery, Esq., was an honored citizen of his native town, having represented Groton in the General Assembly of Connecticut nine times, commencing with 1732. He found means to send his son Waitstill, who was a promising youth, to Nassau Hall, Princeton College, where he graduated with honor in the class of 1767, and having subsequently studied law, we find him in 1769 seeking a Southern home, attracted doubtless by the influence of his classmates in college, many of whom came from the sunny South. He settled at Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., N. C. Having the true Avery grit, he soon rose to eminence at the bar, and found time withal to assert his fearless patriotism, doing much to awaken enthusiasm in the cause of independence. He was a signer and moving spirit, if not the author, of the celebrated Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, adopted at Charlotte, N. C., May 20, 1775, one year, one month, and fourteen days before the more celebrated, but not more pronounced, Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, from which we date our birth as a nation. The instructions to the North Carolina delegates in the Continental Congress, accompanying the engrossed copy of the Mecklenburg declaration, were in Avery's handwriting. This was the first concerted utterance, not for redress merely, but for absolute national independence of Great Britain. It had a powerful influence in strengthening the cause of freedom when the fear of consequences and a traitor's doom had kept

members of Congress discreet in their deliberations, and prepared the delegates from all the colonies for a united declaration a year later. Mr. Avery was the first attorney-general of the State of his adoption, and was Mecklenburg's representative in the Legislature for many years. He was also a commissioner to negotiate with the Indians, a difficult and delicate trust, which he discharged with satisfaction to the State. He died in 1821, aged eighty years, full of honors, leaving an unsullied name to his posterity. A North Carolinian writes, "From his patriotism and activity he was the object of the malevolence of the British, who took particular pains to burn his law-office in Charlotte as the army of Lord Cornwallis passed through the Carolinas."

His antecedents from his youth did not allow him to approve of the code of honor as it prevailed South, but his rivalry at the bar as he rode the circuit of the courts sometimes led him into serious differences. On one of these occasions a rival lawyer took exception at the severe personalities of Mr. Avery, as it was alleged, and a challenge followed. Mr. Avery felt obliged to accept it or to be brought into disgrace, at which his high spirit revolted. He accepted the challenge, chose his weapons, and with his second and his surgeon went into the field. At the word his rival fired and missed Mr. Avery, who fired his pistol towards the zenith. The seconds now interfered, they shook hands and were friends. That rival lawyer was afterwards the hero of the battle of New Orleans and President of the United States. The challenge itself is still preserved by Avery's posterity in the original handwriting of the giver. Mr. Avery never had occasion to fight another duel.

**Marshal James Mitchell.**—James Mitchell, Esq., was born A.D. 1777, and resided at Groton Bank, where his son, Col. William F. Mitchell, now lives. He was a leading townsman in Groton, more than once a representative to the Assembly, and member of the State Senate. President Adams appointed him United States marshal for the State of Connecticut, and he was reappointed by Gen. Jackson, retaining his position until his death in 1831, aged fifty-four years.

**Hon. Noyes Barber.**<sup>3</sup>

**Hons. Elisha Haley and Stephen Haley.**—The Haleys were not among the pioneers, but towards the close of the last century began to make themselves known in the management of town affairs. Elisha Haley was admitted to be a freeman in 1799; was tithingman in 1801; was surveyor in 1805; was selectman in 1811, and many times afterwards; representative in the Assembly in 1816, and several times re-elected; member of the State Senate in 1830, and four years a member of Congress. His brother, Hon. Stephen Haley, was well remembered as town-collector, deputy sheriff, selectman, representative, and as

<sup>1</sup> For life of Bishop Seabury, see history of St. James' Church, New London.

<sup>2</sup> See Supplement.

<sup>3</sup> See page 472.

the first judge of probate after the district of Groton was constituted.

**Hon. Albert Gallatin Stark.**—Albert G. Stark, of Mystic River, was another genius who should be mentioned among the remarkable young men of Groton. He was born in 1824, and received only a common-school education. He was a self-made mathematician, a ready speaker and debater, and no mean poet. He was clerk and then judge of probate, and one of the earliest Free-Soil candidates for Congress, receiving a large and flattering support in his own town, where his admiring townsmen saw the germ of statesmanship which he was never destined to achieve, as he died in 1853, in the midst of his promising career, while holding the office of probate judge, at the early age of twenty-nine years.

**Hon. Belton Allyn Copp.**—Mr. Copp was born near Gale's Ferry, Groton, in 1796. He was by profession a lawyer, and took a prominent part in politics. The first part of his life was spent in Georgia, but he removed to his native town in 1832, where he settled down as a farmer, and yet practiced his profession. He was a member of the Legislature several times, beginning with 1838. In 1847 that body appointed him chief judge of the County Court. He died in 1858, aged sixty-two years.

**Hon. Daniel Burrows.**—Rev. Daniel Burrows died at Mystic River, in this town, in January, 1858, aged ninety-two years. He was the son of Rev. Silas Burrows, and brother of Rev. Roswell Burrows. (See history of the Second Baptist Church, Groton.) He was born at Fort Hill, Groton, in 1766. He was a first-class business man, and a Methodist Episcopal preacher of some distinction for sixty years. He made Middletown, Conn., his home, of which port he was inspector of customs for twenty-four years. He served in Congress during the last term of Monroe's administration. Congress was not perfect then, for he wrote while in Congress to his brother, Rev. Roswell Burrows, as follows: "I am sorry to say that every day's experience confirms me in the belief that there is a great want of integrity in men acting in high stations. I consider it very unfortunate for the country that a majority of Congress should be made up of second-rate lawyers, who can spout by the hour to no purpose, but just to be heard. I don't think I was ever before in so wicked a place as Washington. I have declined visits or dinings and tea-parties, beyond what can be made immediately subservient to the business for which I am sent, which with me shall be paramount."

**Hon. Albert Latham.**—Another of Groton's representative men was Mr. Albert Latham. He was the son of the artillery captain, William Latham, who had the command of Fort Griswold during the great fight in 1781, and his heart ever beat warmly towards the Revolutionary defenders of his country. He was born in Groton in 1766, and was admitted to be a free-man in 1809. In 1812 he began to fill offices of trust,

and he thus enjoyed almost all the offices within the gift of the town. He was selectman, beginning with 1827, eleven times, serving five times in the Assembly from 1829, and once in the Senate. He died in 1868, aged eighty-one years.

**Capt. Adam Larrabee.**—Another of the notable characters that arose in Groton (since Ledyard) is the name of Adam Larrabee. He was born near Allyn's Point, March 14, 1787. He entered West Point Military Academy Jan. 18, 1808, and graduated March 1, 1811, and he received a commission of that date as second lieutenant of light artillery. He was on the Niagara frontier in 1812, and in Gen. Wilkinson's campaign on the St. Lawrence in 1813 and 1814. He was made captain of light artillery Feb. 24, 1814, and was a participant in the battle of French Mills, on La Cole River. At this engagement he received a severe wound by an ounce musket-ball through the lungs, and was reported killed; and from the nature of the wound it was not supposed possible that he could live. He was courageous, and was taken to Saratoga, where he was carefully nursed in the family of Chancellor Walworth, and recovered.

Having resigned his commission, he returned to his native town, represented Groton in the Legislature, and was one of the Harrison electors in 1840. In 1828 he was one of the Board of Visitors at West Point. He removed to Windham in 1853, where he died, Oct. 25, 1869, aged eighty-two, full of years and honors.

**Hons. Asa and Nathan G. Fish.**—Asa Fish was born and reared in Groton. He is first remembered as an excellent teacher of youth. He married in Stonington, and settled at Mystic Bridge, in that town, to which his subsequent career as a member of both houses of the Legislature and judge of probate for many years, which was certainly an honorable one, belongs. Capt. Nathan G. Fish, a brother of Asa, and son of Deacon Sands Fish, was born and educated near the banks of the Mystic, where the first settler of the name purchased. He was for many years a shipmaster and owner. He was several times elected to the Lower House of the Assembly, and three times represented the Seventh Senatorial District. He also served first as clerk and then as judge of Probate Court.

**Capt. Fish** was noted as a member of the General Assembly in 1857, which altered the charter of the Mystic link of the Shore-Line Railroad, requiring the track to be laid where it now is, near the village, and took an important part in the discussion of a question in which the interests of his constituents were so vitally concerned. Capt. Fish was for many years deacon in the Union Baptist Church, Mystic River, and president of the National Bank and of the Groton Savings-Bank. He died in 1870, much lamented, aged sixty-six.

**Col. Hiram Appelman.**—Col. Appelman was born on the banks of the Mystic in 1825. When quite a

young man he studied law and removed West. He was a member of the Kansas Senate when the Topeka Constitution was adopted. Coming East about the time of the breaking out of the civil war, he recruited Company G of the Eighth Regiment, and was wounded at the head of his regiment, Sept. 17, 1862, having been promoted successively major and lieutenant-colonel. He was obliged to return home and resign on account of his shattered limb, but after long illness he partially recovered, and resumed the practice of the law in his native village; was elected State senator, and then Secretary of State, to which office he was re-elected, and finally died in office in 1873, aged forty-eight years. Mr. D. Webster Edgcomb, his chief clerk, from the same town, was appointed by the General Assembly to fill out his unexpired term.

**Hons. Roswell and Lorenzo Burrows.**—These somewhat noted men were born at Fort Hill, Groton, and there received their early training. They were sons of Rev. Roswell Burrows. Having arrived at manhood, about the year 1825 they removed to Albion, N. Y., where the elder Roswell became eminent as a banker, and he has recently died. His brother Lorenzo yet lives at the age of seventy-six, having been a member of Congress for two terms, comptroller of the State of New York, and is now one of the oldest of the regents of the university, having enjoyed and honored that distinction for more than a quarter of a century.

**Col. Amos Clift.**—Amos Clift was born at Mystic River, Aug. 7, 1805, and died Aug. 18, 1878, aged seventy-three. He was a leading builder for many years. He was also colonel of the Eighth Regiment; many times selectman, three times a member of the Assembly, and for eighteen or nineteen years judge of the Probate Court for the district of Groton. His public and private record are alike unsullied.

**Elisha Morgan, Esq.**—Elisha Morgan enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen to a marked degree for many years. He held all the offices in the town; was selectman for many terms, represented the town in the Assembly five times, ending with 1862. But it is as town clerk he is best known, in which capacity he served the town acceptably for more than twenty years. He wrote a bold, plain hand to the last, and died in office in 1877, aged seventy-seven years.

**Col. Daniel C. Rodman.**—Daniel C. Rodman was born in Dover, N. H., Oct. 16, 1826. Before the war he was in the employ of the Colt's Firearms Company of Hartford, in the capacity of agent in the mining districts of Arizona. Returning to Hartford at the outbreak of the Rebellion, he enlisted as a private in the First Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, being mustered in on the 19th day of April, 1861. Before the expiration of his three months' term of service he was promoted to be first lieutenant, which rank he held when the regiment was mustered out. Immediately upon his return from the field he re-

cruited a company for the Seventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, of which he was chosen captain, and mustered in Sept. 5, 1861. He was successively promoted to be major and lieutenant-colonel of the Seventh, holding the latter rank when the regiment was mustered out, after more than three years of arduous and honorable service. Among the engagements in which he participated were Port Royal, Fort Pulaski (where he was in command of the battery nearest the enemy's works), James Island, Morris Island, Fort Wagner, Chester Station, and Drury's Bluff. He was twice wounded at the memorable battle of Fort Wagner. The more serious wound of the two was inflicted by the fragment of a shell, which, striking the scabbard of his sword, forced it against his ribs, several of which were broken, and sowed the seeds of the disease which at last terminated fatally. Soon after the close of the war he was appointed United States pension-agent for the District of Connecticut, holding the office and discharging its responsible duties with ability and integrity until it was abolished under the general order consolidating the pension districts. Brave, clear-headed, and thoroughly sincere, in his death Connecticut loses one of the most distinguished soldiers of the late war. Having married a Groton lady, he took up his residence here a few years ago, and died at his home in Groton, Oct. 10, 1881, aged fifty-five years. It is said of him by his biographer, "A braver man and a more noble soul never lived."

**Zerah C. Whipple.**—Zerah was born in Quakertown, Ledyard, Sept. 1, 1849. His parents were Jonathan and Content Whipple, and his grandfather was Jonathan Whipple, the originator in America of the idea and practice of teaching deaf mutes to talk and to read the lips of people when they are talking.

Zerah was a precocious youth, honest, conscientious, inquiring, and he took the lead as a scholar among his classmates. A partial sunstroke while at work in the field, when about fifteen years of age, somewhat retarded his literary progress and impaired his physical strength. He was early an eloquent temperance and peace advocate, but of a sturdy independence, and refused to pay his military tax, for which he suffered imprisonment in the county jail. But Zerah Whipple's name will be chiefly remembered and honored as a teacher of the system—which his grandfather founded—of instructing deaf mutes to talk.

He commenced teaching this system when he was nineteen years old, and the next year, 1869, he opened a school at Quakertown on the Whipple plan. But he was a genius, and commenced the formation of a mute's alphabet, which he patented, by means of which the before mute pupil was aided in his attempts at articulation. He and his father removed their Whipple Home School to the heights north of Mystic River, where they purchased a fine three-story building for its use.

Meantime he went before the Legislature and asked for a State appropriation to aid every pupil of his school from this State. He finally obtained the same annual appropriation for each pupil as the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb received; and being thus recognized by the State, he had laid the foundation of a prosperous school, when he was stricken down by disease, and died in September, 1879, aged thirty years. The school continues in the hands of his widow and his father.

Mr. Whipple was at the time of his death secretary of the Connecticut Branch of the Universal Peace Society, having its seat in London. The annual sessions of this branch are held in the grove near Mystic River, and they are numerously attended.

**Physicians.**—There have been a few prominent physicians in Groton whose biography belongs to the public. The first that we name was Dr. Dudley Woodbridge. He was a son of the first minister in Groton of the standing order, and not only a good physician of liberal endowments and education, but he was known in the administration of town affairs, having been a selectman and nine times a member of the Assembly.

**Dr. AMOS PRENTICE.**—This physician lived during the times that tried men's patriotism. He was the resident physician that attended upon the wounded and dying that offered up their lives at the massacre on Groton Heights in 1781. He was there during the night that followed, and, like a ministering angel, went to the scattered and maimed invalids over the town, and it was owing to his skill and patience that so many of the severely wounded recovered.

Dr. Prentice was more than once elected selectman, and was enabled to add official weight, as an officer, to his benevolence as a physician in supplying the wants of families bereaved or impoverished by the horrors of war. He also had the honor of representing Groton in the General Assembly at the close of the war. We would like to say more of this good Samaritan.

**Dr. JOHN O. MINER.**—Dr. John Owen Miner was descended in a direct line from Henry Miner, of county Somerset, England, who was knighted by Edward III. He studied medicine under Dr. Amos Prentice, of Groton Bank. Dr. Prentice will ever be held in grateful remembrance for his services to the wounded at Fort Griswold, and in this attendance his student, Dr. Miner, was with him. Dr. Miner had in his boyhood and youth struggled heroically with adversity and labored diligently to help his mother, who was the daughter of Rev. John Owen, from whom young Miner took his name. After completing his medical studies he practiced medicine for a time in Stonington, and then in North Groton, or Ledyard, but finally settled down at Centre Groton, where for half a century he had a large practice, being the only physician in the town after the death of Dr. Prentice. His wife was a daughter of Col. Ebenezer Avery, who perished in the fort in the great massacre. After he

retired from his profession he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Adelia Randall, at Mystic River, where he died in 1851, aged ninety years. All of his eight children—seven daughters and one son—were present at his funeral.

**Dr. BENJAMIN F. STODDARD.**—Dr. Stoddard was a native of Groton, and studied medicine under Dr. John O. Miner, whose daughter Julia he married. He practiced medicine first in a neighboring town, but afterwards settled at Mystic River, in Groton, enjoying there an extensive practice. He was surgeon in the Eighth Regiment during the war of 1812. He died in February, 1848, aged fifty-six, much lamented.

**Dr. JOSEPH DUFREY.**—Dr. Joseph Dufrey resided at Groton Bank, and was for many years, during the recollection of the present generation, a popular physician. He was also well known in public affairs, and held a variety of offices of trust and honor, and among them he held the office of judge of probate for two terms. He died March 27, 1864, aged sixty-eight years.

## CHAPTER XLIV.

### GROTON—(Continued).

#### STATISTICAL.

THE names of selectmen have been given, in order, to the close of the Revolution; we now give a full list of representatives in a condensed form, not repeating names. It will be remembered that they were elected twice a year, in April and October, until the adoption of the constitution in 1818. We omit titles in these, and give the years in which they served in abbreviated form.

James Morgan, 1706, '07, '09, '13, '13, '14, '14, '15, '16, '24, '26, '30, '33; Andrew Lester, 1706; Nehemiah Smith, 1706, '07, '18, '21, '21, '22, '22, '23, '23; Samuel Fish, 1706, '07, '08, '12; James Avery, 1707, '08, '08, '10, '10, '11, '12, '15, '16, '17, '18, '24, '24, '25, '26, '27, '27, '28, '28, '29, '30, '31, '31, '34, '35, '36; John Morgan, Sr., 1708, '10, '10, '11, '31; William Latham, 1708; Samuel Avery, 1709, '16, '18, '19; John Morgan, Jr., 1711, '21; Moses Fish, 1712, '31, '47, '52, '54, '56, '57, '58, '62, '65, '65, '66, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70 (probably father and son of the same name); Jonathan Starr, 1712, '13, '13, '14, '14, '26, '28; Samuel Lester, 1714; William Morgan, 1715, '16; Nicholas Stent (or Treat), 1715, '17, '29; James Packer, 1717, '32, '32, '33, '33, '34; Joshua Bill, 1717, '20, '21, '22, '22, '23, '23, '24, '28, '29; John Seabury, 1718; Daniel Tracy, 1719; Ebenezer Avery, 1720, '20, '26, '36, '41, '46, '50, '52, '54, '53, '64, '68; John Burrows, 1720; Christopher Avery, 1724, '25, '34, '36, '38, '38, '39, '40, '41, '42, '42, '43, '43, '44, '44, '45, '45, '46, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '55, '56, '57, '57, '58, '58, '59, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64; Daniel Eldredge, 1727, '29, '34; James Eldredge, 1730; Ben Adam Gallup, 1730, '53, '64, '65, '66, '67, '67, '68, '69, '70, '70, '71, '76, '77; Humphrey Avery, 1732, '32, '33, '33, '34, '35, '38, '41; Luke Perkins, 1735, '47, '50, '51, '56, '56, '60, '60, '61; Dudley Woodbridge, 1735, '36, '39, '39, '40, '40, '57, '61, '62; John Chester, 1736; William Williams, 1741, '49, '50, '55, '63, '64, '65, '68, '69, '78; John Ledyard, 1742, '43, '43, '44, '44, '45, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49; Robert Ailyn, 1748, '89, '90; Ebenezer Avery, Jr., 1748, '98, '98; Nathan Smith, 1749, '53, '55; Silas Deane, 1752; Robert Gere (9), 1754, '60, '70, '94, '94, '97; Jabez Smith, 1759, '59, '63, 1800; William Woodbridge, 1761, '63; Simon Avery, 1769, '92, '94, '94; Joseph Gallup, 1771; Nathan Gallup, 1771, '75, '75, '77, '79, '82, '84, '84, '87, '89, '91, '93, '93; Nathan Fish, 1771, '74, '72; Ebenezer Ledyard, 1772, '79, '80, '82, '83, '83, '84, '86, '87, '88, '89, '96; Col. Wm. Ledyard, 1773, '76

William Avery, 1773, '79; William Morgan, 1773, '74; Thomas Mumford, 1773, '74, '75, '76, '77, '77, '78, '78, '79, '81, '81; Stephen Billings, 1774, '78, '81, '87, '88, '91, 1820; Park Avery, 1776; John Hurlbut, 1776; Thomas Ap Niles, 1780, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89; Amos Gere, 1780, '80, '90; John Morgan, 1781, 1810; Elisha Williams, 1782, '83, '83; Dr. Amos Prentice, 1782; Isaac Gallup, 1785; Isaac Gallup, Jr., 1785, '86, '86, 1801, '02; Nathan Niles, 1790; Thos. Avery, 1791, '91, '96, '96, 1815, '15, '19; Christopher Morgan, 1792; Simeon Smith, 1793, '93, '99, '99; Ben Adam Gallup, Jr., 1796, '95, 1801, '02; Ebenezer Morgan, 1796, '98, '98; Starr Chester, 1797, '97, 1801, '02, '06, '06, '06, '06, '09; Isaac Avery, 1799, '99; Vine Stoddard, 1800, '01; John Daboll, 1802, '03, '06, '09; Joseph Chapman, 1802, '03; Phineas Hyde, 1803, '04; Thomas Baxter Gray, 1803, '04, '08; Rufus Smith, 1804, '06; Joseph Morgan, 1804, '06; Amos A. Niles, 1805, '05, '06, '09; John Spicer, 1806, '32, '33; Roswell Fish, 1807, '08, '12; Paul F. Niles, 1807, '08, '08, '11; John Morgan, 1811, '12, '12; Elijah Bailey, 1812; Noyes Barber, 1813, '13, '18, '18; Seth Williams, 1813, '13; Stephen Haley, 1814; Elisha Ayer, 1814; Rodman Niles, 1815, '15; Judge William Williams, 1816, '17; Elisha Haley, 1816, '24, '26, '27, '32, '33, '34; James Mitchell, 1816, '17, '23; Erastus Williams, 1816, '17, '24; Philip Gray, 1818, '18; Nathan Niles, 1820; Elisha J. Stoddard, 1821; Roswell Allyn, 1820, '26; James Gallup, 1822; Nicholas L. Lester, 1822; Adam Larrabee, 1823; Erastus T. Smith, 1825, '28; Rufus Chapman, 1825; John Brewster, 1827; Gardiner Bill, 1828; Albert Latham, 1829, '30, '35, '37, '43; Joseph Tuttle, 1829; Guy C. Stoddard, 1830, '31; Cyrus Allyn, 1834; Jacob Gallup, 1835, '36; Sanford Stark, 1836, '43, '48; Elisha Morgan, 1837, '40, '45, '47, '82; Belton A. Copp, 1838, '39, '42, '44; Amos Clift, 1838, '39, '46; Noah Chapman, 1840, '41; Elihu Spicer, 1841, '42; Caleb M. Williams, 1844, '45; David A. Daboll, 1846, '47, '71; Urbane Avery, 1848; James C. Lamb, 1849; Nathan G. Fish, 1849, '50, '57; Albert G. Stark, 1850; Waterman Z. Buddington, 1851, '56, '60; George Eldredge, 1851; Wanton A. Weaver, 1852; Elisha D. Wightman, 1852; Peter E. Rowland, 1853, '61, '62; Hubbard D. Morgan, 1853; Erasmus D. Avery, 1854, '74, '77, '79; Thomas M. Clark, 1854; Noyes S. Palmer, 1855; Elijah B. Morgan, 1855; Isaac W. Denison, 1856; Benjamin N. Green, 1857; Robert Palmer, 1858, '69; Isaac C. Ammidon, 1858; John W. Miner, 1859; William Batty, 1859; George W. Ashbey, 1860; Philo Little, 1861; John E. Williams, 1863; Jared R. Avery, 1863, '66; Benjamin Burrows, 1864; Asa Perkins (2), 1864; Jeremiah N. Sawyer, 1865; Albert L. Avery, 1865; William E. Maxson, 1866; Asa A. Avery, 1867; Gurdon S. Allyn, 1868, '74; Simon Huntington, 1868; William H. Potter, 1869; Lemuel Clift, 1870, '72; Daniel Latham, 1870; Cyrus Avery, 1872; William E. Wheeler, 1873, '75; James M. Turner, 1875; George B. Crary, 1876; George M. Long, 1876; Thomas W. Noyes, 1877, '78; Silas Spicer, 1878; Gurdon Gates, 1879, '81; John S. Schoonover, 1880; Robert A. Gray, 1880, '81.

## JUDGES OF PROBATE,

residents of Groton when Groton and Stonington constituted one probate district, under the name of Stonington.

1814-19, Ralph Hurlbut; 1819-31, William Williams; 1836-38, Stephen Haley.

## CLERKS OF THE SAME.

1818-19, Erastus T. Smith; 1831-38, Nathan Daboll.

## JUDGES OF THE COURT OF PROBATE

for the district of Groton (constituted A.D. 1839).

1839, Stephen Haley; 1840, James Gallup; 1842, Nathan Daboll; 1845, Joseph Durfee; 1846, Amos Clift; 1847, Joseph Durfee; 1848, Zebediah Gates; 1852, Albert G. Stark; 1854, Nathan G. Fish; 1855, Amos Clift; 1859, Sanford Stark; 1860, Amos Clift; 1863, Hiram Appleman; 1864, Amos Clift; 1874, Lemuel Clift; 1876, William H. Potter, now in office.

## CLERKS OF PROBATE COURT.

1839, Nathan Daboll; 1841, Nathan G. Fish; 1842, David A. Daboll; 1845, John Hndson; 1846, Albert G. Stark; 1854, Nathan S. Fish; 1859, Amos Clift.

Since 1859 the court has mostly acted as its own clerk.

## TOWN CLERKS.

1705, John Davie; 1707, Nehemiah Smith; 1718, Samuel Avery; 1730, Christopher Avery and Christopher Avery, Jr.; 1768, William Avery; 1787, Charles Eldredge; 1797, Amos Gere; 1803, Amos Niles; 1804, Amos Gere; 1806, Amos A. Niles; 1821, Nathan Daboll; 1837,

Elisha Morgan; 1846, Sanford Morgan; 1850, James D. Avery; 1851, Sanford Morgan; 1853, James D. Avery; 1854, Sanford A. Morgan; 1859, Daniel Morgan; 1860, Colby M. Morgan; 1862, Elisha Morgan; 1870, David A. Daboll; 1871, Elisha Morgan; 1874, James D. Avery, now in office.

For sketches of ministers, see "Churches."<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER XLV.

## GROTON—(Continued).

## NAVY-YARD.

THE Thames is about sixteen miles in length, with depth of water for the anchorage of the largest vessels ten miles above its mouth. It furnishes the best harbor on the Atlantic coast, and perhaps in the world, landlocked and with good holding ground. Upon this river is situated the navy-yard lately established by the government, a brief account of which is here given.

On the east bank of the Thames, three miles above New London, the United States has established a navy-yard.

Early in the year 1862 the government became so deeply impressed with the need of greater facilities for the construction, repair, and dockage of its war-vessels that Congress authorized the Secretary of the Navy "to appoint a board of competent officers to examine the harbor of New London, Narragansett Bay, and League Island, and to report by the selection of which the public interests would best be promoted." This board spent some eight weeks in making the requisite examination of the different places, and reported "that the harbor of New London possesses greater advantages for a navy-yard and naval depot than any other location examined by this board." The board said in their report,—

The harbor of New London "has a fine, clear entrance from the ocean, accessible at all times and all seasons; from it vessels of any class can proceed to sea with almost any wind, and be clear of the land in a few hours."

"That no harbor in the United States is more susceptible of defense against the entrance of a fleet than New London."

"The harbor of New London is well protected from violent winds and sea, and is not obstructed by ice. Vessels of any size may anchor there with perfect safety at all times."

"The currents at New London are not rapid, the water is clear, and there is nothing to be apprehended from deposits at this place after the lines of wharves have been established and the wharves constructed."

"At New London an abundant supply of the softest and purest water can be obtained."

<sup>1</sup> End of W. H. Potter's history of Groton.

This report of the board of officers was referred to the Naval Committee of the House, and in the spring of 1864, after viewing the site and hearing the testimony of experts, that committee reported also in favor of the harbor of New London as eminently adapted to naval uses, and recommended the establishment of a navy-yard thereat. There was no immediate action on this report. In the year 1867 the following resolution, prepared by John R. Bolles, who had written many pamphlets and documents setting forth the advantages of the site, was passed by Congress:

*"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive and accept a deed of gift, when offered by the State of Connecticut, of a tract of land lying on the Thames River, with not less than one mile of water-front, to be held by the United States for naval purposes."*

In accordance with this resolution, the land was in 1868 donated by the State and duly accepted by the government. In 1877 a pile-wharf was built. In 1874 the first store-house was erected. In 1875 the Navy Department ordered three of its civil engineers to proceed to the New London station and make the necessary examination, and lay out the premises with the view of developing and improving the grounds for building and repairing ships-of-war. This board, consisting of Civil Engineers Chandler, Stratton, and Endicott, matured a plan defining the lines of quay-wall, establishing the grades of the yard, locating docks and dock-basins, hauling-up ways for iron-clads, and shops for all classes of mechanics required. These shops and store-houses are so grouped that each department is by itself and independent of every other. The plan was adopted by the department, and appropriations have been made by Congress for permanent improvements. Several acres have been graded and substantial buildings commenced.

Secretary Thompson conceived the idea that American boys could be induced to enter the service and ship as apprentices, to be under instruction until arriving at the age of twenty-one, and then at their option to remain connected with the navy or enter the merchant service. Several ships-of-war were detailed to test the practicability of this experiment. These ships, composing the "training-fleet," were to go into winter-quarters during the inclement season, and cruise for instruction in seamanship in the summer months.

As the headquarters of this fleet, the New London navy-yard offers unequalled facilities. The natural advantages are unsurpassed, and the anchorage, wharfage, abundance of pure water, and protection from the severity of storms has given this the preference over all other points in the opinion of experienced and intelligent men. Temporarily the training-fleet has been anchored in Narragansett Bay, at Coaster's Island Harbor. Preparations, however, have been made at the New London station for the reception of these ships, and a large drill-room has recently been con-

structed for the use of the school. This drill-room is one hundred and eighty-two by forty feet, and designed expressly as a hall of instruction in the use of small-arms and manual exercise. This is said to be the most elegant drill-room east of New York City.

Estimates have been submitted for the construction of one thousand lineal feet of quay-wall, the granite material to be taken from quarries already opened within the limits of the yard and easy of access. For building purposes this granite is of excellent quality, and there is an abundance of superior sand for mortar and gravel for concrete, all valuable material in the construction of navy-yard improvements.

There are quarters constructed for the civil engineer, boatswain, and carpenter, and occupied by them.

The commandants have been Commodores Hunt, Worden, Fairfax, Simpson, and Hopkins.

The officers now in charge are Commodore William E. Hopkins as commandant, and B. F. Chandler, resident civil engineer.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHANDLER was born in Augusta, Me., Sept. 19, 1816; is the seventh descendant of William Chandler, who came from England to Massachusetts as early as 1637. His son, Capt. Joseph Chandler, drowned Oct. 16, 1785, was a soldier in the French war, and had two sons, Joseph (2) and John. They became men of importance, and each held rank as general of militia. John was a Revolutionary soldier. Joseph (2), his father, born in New Andover, N. H., was appointed captain in the United States army in 1808, in command of forts in Portland Harbor. In 1809 he resigned his commission. In 1811 he was appointed clerk of the courts in Kennebec, and held that position one year. He became cashier of the "Kennebec Bank" at its organization; was the first president of the "Granite Bank;" in February, 1828, was chosen major-general of Second Division of Maine militia; was appointed postmaster of the city of Augusta in November, 1830, by President Jackson. He died suddenly, Sept. 12, 1846, aged sixty-six. Nov. 5, 1806, he married Mehitabel, daughter of Maj. Mark Andrews, of Augusta. They had five children, B. F. being youngest. Maj. Andrews was an officer in the Revolution; was also a successful merchant. He died at an advanced age in Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y.

Benjamin F. received an academic and collegiate education at Waterville and Cambridge. His health failing while at college, by medical advice he exchanged his college course for the study of civil engineering, with which he became so pleased as to adopt it for a profession.

Mr. Chandler was a natural printer, his love for the "art preservative" amounting to a passion. When but a small lad his father with his knife cut out of wood the letter "A" to amuse him, and from that small commencement he not only made the acquaintance of types (spending almost his first "ninepence" for an alphabet), but was not content until he had in-





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*B. F. Chandler U. S. N.*

vented a press and was a printer. We extract from the *Boston Printers' Exchange* of April 23, 1878, this paragraph: "There has lately come into our possession a small newspaper, the *Star*, size 5 by 7, published in Augusta, Me., 1832, by B. F. Chandler, then a boy of sixteen. This was probably the first amateur paper ever published in this country. It was started with a capital of twelve cents. The boy continued his business for two years, then sold out his office for two hundred dollars, bought books, and entered college, receiving a scientific education, and is now and has been for many years a civil engineer in the United States service, stationed at the Portsmouth navy-yard, where many and great improvements have been made under his superintendence. The ruling passion is, however, still strong. We have lately sold him a Gordon press and a good variety of job type, with which he amuses himself during his leisure moments. He prints for his friends without compensation. He is a printer from an inherent love of the art, like the late ex-Mayor N. B. Shurtleff, of Boston. We have seen specimens of his work, which are equal to that of some of our best printers." Since this was published Mr. Chandler has purchased two entire printing-offices, has had three presses at one time, and nearly two hundred fonts of type. His office is well furnished with the signs and characters of all the arts and sciences, astronomical, chemical, mathematical, commercial, etc. It is strictly an amateur office. "Leisure hours, when not engaged in professional duties, are spent in 'sticking type' or 'kicking the Gordon,' for the fun of it."

After studying two years in Boston, Mr. Chandler received an appointment as engineer on the "Brunswick and Florida Railroad." He went to Florida for one winter, sleeping on the ground and generally "roughing it," and entirely recovered his health. From Florida he went to Augusta, married, Oct. 25, 1839, Silvina Parris, daughter of Luther Briggs, of Pembroke, Mass., and continued civil engineering. He became noted for his skill, and was employed by the town, by the State, and by the United States. When Augusta received its city charter Mr. Chandler was made civil engineer of the city, and was often appointed by the courts to survey the boundaries of disputed lands, and also "referee" in many of these claims. This led him to the study of law, but from distaste for the profession he abandoned it shortly after his admission to the bar.

About 1841, the British government needing a first-class engineer, engaged Mr. Chandler, through Sir John Caldwell, to go to the Grand Falls of the St. John River, New Brunswick, and make surveys and plans for the improvement of the rapids. This engaged him for a year, but Sir John suddenly died while on a visit from England. With his death the scheme of improvement ended, and Mr. Chandler returned to Augusta, entered the employ of the "Kennebec Locks and Canal Company," and was there and

elsewhere in active labor for years in his profession. In July, 1852, he was appointed civil engineer in United States naval service, and ordered on duty at Portsmouth navy-yard. This yard was then a very small and poor affair, and Mr. Chandler at once began to build and make permanent improvements. For twenty-seven years he was in charge at Portsmouth, and he has made it one of the best and most complete navy-yards in the United States. He made all the designs, and the work was done under his supervision. By his advice and through him the national government has expended thousands on thousands of dollars, and has never suffered the loss of one by negligence, carelessness, or trickery of his. In 1875, Mr. Chandler was president of a commission detailed to lay out territory for the development of a first class navy-yard at New London Station, Groton, Conn. Under his direction and superintendence the surveys were made, plans drafted, etc., and in July, 1879, he was transferred from Portsmouth to build up the new yard. From the time of his transfer the work of improvement has been going on, and at the present time (September, 1881) he has constructed a large brick building, a drill-room for naval recruits in the training-school. Mr. Chandler has served the longest period of any of the engineers in the naval service on navy-yard duty, and ranks as "commander" on the staff. During his service he has been temporarily on duty at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and Pensacola, and has been frequently called to Washington by the Navy Department for consultation.

Of his eight children seven attained maturity, viz.: Silvia P. (deceased), Helen A. (deceased), Benjamin P. (deceased), Josiah A. (deceased), Joseph, Sarah Jane (deceased), and Frank. All were well educated. Joseph and Frank reside in Waverly, Mass. Mr. Chandler is a splendid specimen of the "genus homo," striking in personal appearance, resembling the poet Longfellow, for whom he is often taken. He is leal and loyal to his friendships, and a gentleman of broad, liberal views and intellectual culture, consequently an extremely agreeable social companion. His character through life has been marked by honesty, integrity, and honor, and he to-day, among the many officers of the navy, holds no second place in the regards of his large circle of friends, while his pre-eminent ability in his profession is conceded by all.

## CHAPTER XLVI.

GROTON—(Continued).

**The Averys and the Old Avery Mansion.**<sup>1</sup>—The old Avery mansion is believed to be the oldest dwelling-house in the town of Groton standing on its origi-

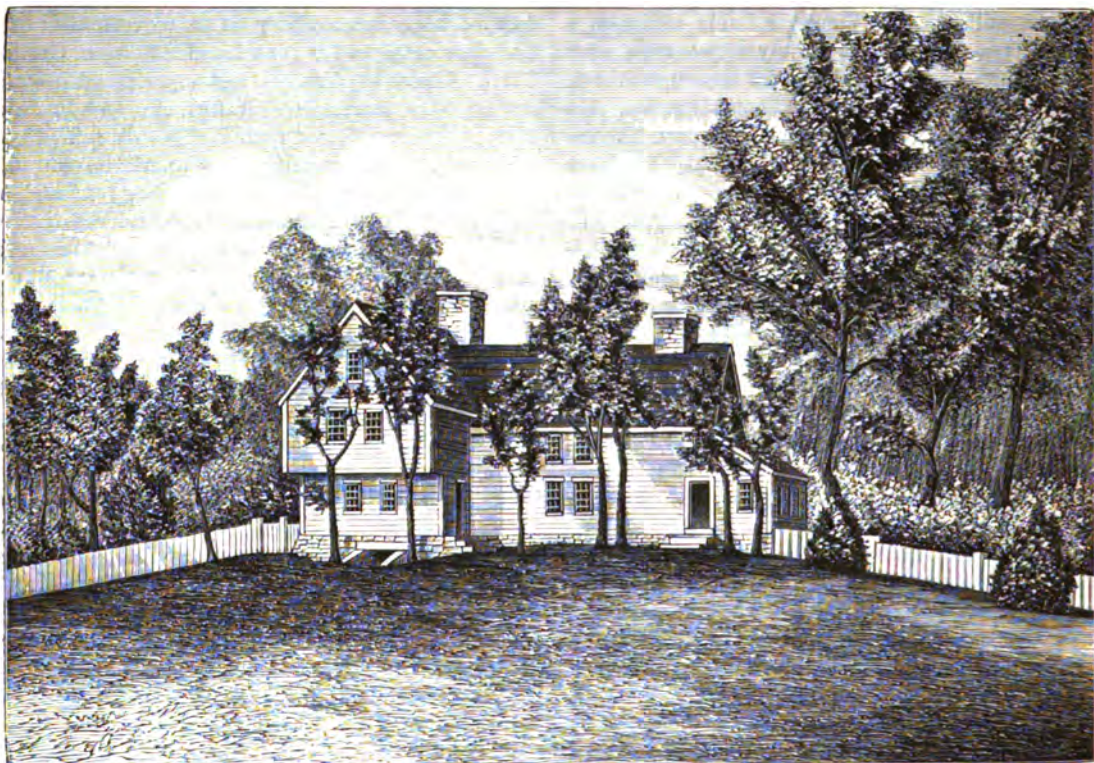
<sup>1</sup> Oct. 15, 1881, Mr. Chandler was transferred to the retired and reserved list, with relative rank of commander.

<sup>2</sup> Contributed by J. George Harris.

nal foundations. It dates back two and a quarter centuries. James Avery, born in England in 1620, who came to Massachusetts Bay with his father, Christopher, in 1630, was raised on the farm near the fishing-station on Cape Ann, where Gloucester now stands, married Junna Greenslade at Boston in 1642, and with her and three children came to the Pequot settlement at the mouth of the Thames in 1650, with what was called the Cape Ann colony. He lived on the land allotted to him on the west side of the river until 1656, purchasing such other lands there as he considered desirable; but when he discovered the superior qualities of the broad plains of Pequonoc, a mile or two east of the river, he determined to cross over

that had been occupied there as a church edifice and watch-tower, which was exposed to sale to make room for a new meeting-house, took it in pieces, transported it over the river and through the woods to his place, and added it with improvements to his dwelling, where it still stands as a western part of the old mansion. The first story of the addition was continued as a single great room, and during the balance of his life Sabbath services were generally held there.

It is matter of history that dwelling-houses of the better classes of people in those days were of two stories, the upper jutting over the lower about a foot on the front side, with roof high and steep, frames of white oak, timbers much larger than those now in



THE OLD AVERY MANSION, ERECTED IN 1656.

and settle there. When he removed he sold his possessions on the western side and invested all his means in the acquisition of lands around his new residence, which was the middle portion, or first installment of this ancient Avery mansion, giving his place the name of Birch Plains. There he resided for nearly forty years, or until his death in 1694, during which time he held most of the principal offices of the new town of New London, of which it was then a part; a magistrate on the bench, and was a representative in the State Legislature for fourteen consecutive years.

Ten years before his death, when he found it difficult to travel two or three miles and cross the river to church every Sabbath, he purchased the building

use, and smoothly-finished beams all in sight. Between the inner and outer sheathing of the sides burnt or sun-dried clay was built in between "the clay boards," since called clapboards. And the old Avery house is perhaps the best specimen of that class of ancient architecture extant.

There, after the lapse of two and a quarter centuries, stands the old double and triple mansion, which, with its surroundings, has descended through eight or nine generations from eldest son to eldest son; in the early times known as "the two-chimney house," from the many years that it was the only house in town that had more than one chimney, and so diversified by the additions of later generations in its style of architecture that, in nautical parlance, it

appears as though it might have been built in a gale of wind.

If its history could be written, with due regard to the current manners and customs from one generation to another, its pages of eccentricities, from the standpoint of our own times, would be singularly interesting. It is to be supposed that the funeral ceremonies at the burial of James Avery were not unsuited to a man of his quality,—not unfashionable, for fashion ruled then as it rules to-day, and while the poor were quietly and silently buried, the rich were carried to the grave on the shoulders of the people with great display. When the Rev. Thomas Cobbett was buried at Ipswich, Mass., in 1685, it was "Voted, that some person be appointed to look to the burning of the wine and heating of the cider for the occasion;" and it is recorded that the expenses of his funeral was only one shilling short of twenty pounds. Indeed, the indisputable records show that there were used thirty-two gallons of wine, barrels of cider, more than a hundred pounds of sugar, and four dozen gloves, and this was but the funeral of a poor clergyman. Felt says the funeral charges of a highly-respectable man at Salem as late as 1739 were ten times as much. When Wigglesworth, an eminent divine, was buried by his parish, in 1753, six gold rings were furnished for the pall-bearers and eighteen pairs of white kid gloves for attending ministers. It even became necessary for the General Court to interfere and pass an act to prevent extravagant funerals, prohibiting such splendid spectacles on Sunday by declaring that they should not take place "on the Lord's day," until no one could be buried on that day without license first being granted by a justice of the peace.

If the old white-oak timbers, almost petrified by time, and as enduring of fibre as when they stood under their green foliage on Groton hills, could only tell us of all the interesting vicissitudes of their eventful years, their tales would equal those of the Arabian Nights. We might fancy the astonishment of the old timbers in 1718 to see the first tea ever brought to this country, which the women at first knew not how to steep, and by mistake served up as greens with a piece of boiled pork; and after learning how to make it, how long it was before the people could learn to like it as a beverage. If they could talk they might tell of their surprise at their first sight of wheat-flour in 1720 as an article of food, so high in price that only a very few rich families could afford it, the masses for years afterwards continuing, as formerly, to use exclusively bread made of rye and Indian corn; how they drank water and roasted rye until, in 1770, they reluctantly learned the use of coffee; how families sat around the fire and read and worked in the evening by the light of the pine-knots, burning clear and bright from their mixture of pitch and turpentine, until tallow candles were invented as well as a lamp to burn fish-oil; how much they were surprised to see a horse in a wagon driven up the lawn in 1730, and in

a sleigh in 1740, the first wagon or sleigh ever seen in town, for at that time all horses paced, and none were taught to trot until forty years afterwards, riding having always been on horseback, with the gentleman astride on the saddle, and his lady companion behind him, sitting sideways on the pillion, supported by her arm around his waist. They would tell us also of the wonderful curiosity with which the household examined and tasted two or three boiled potatoes on the breakfast-table in 1733, the first vegetable of the kind raised in this country in beds of the garden, as we raise beets and carrots; and also of the care with which, early in the nineteenth century, the ladies of the household cultivated in their flower-beds the round, red, love-apples that they never dreamed of serving up for the table as a dish of tomatoes. The brown weather-boards outside and the smoothly-polished woodwork inside would tell us of their infinite disgust when, in 1734, for the first time in this country, paint was used to cover their bronzed surfaces, and that to themselves none was applied until near a century later; when, in 1783, wall-paper first made its appearance, and at a much later period when the white and silver-sanded floors were swept and covered with woolen carpets. And then how many changes have they witnessed in the habits and amenities of social life! Only captains, merchants, schoolmasters, magistrates, and doctors, with their wives and daughters, were entitled to the address of "Mr." and "Mrs." (for common man and wife were called "goodman" and "goodwife," and their children "goody"), inasmuch that the General Court of Massachusetts passed a special act that one of its citizens, who had been convicted of stealing corn from an Indian, should no longer be called "Mr." It was not until after 1730 that any person in this country had a middle name, so desirous were the Puritans to avoid the pattern of royalty; and this desire is apparent up to a much later day,—not one who appears on the battle-roll of the Groton monument tablet has a middle name. The old frame would also tell us of the embarrassment in date and records produced in 1752 by an act of the British Parliament changing the beginning of the new year from the 25th of March to the 1st of January, and setting forward the calendar eleven days, so as to make the 1st the 11th of the month, producing the change from old to new style. It would tell us how the good Puritans reluctantly abandoned their plan of simply numbering the months from one to twelve, and adopted the Julian names, which they considered popish and as perpetuating the names of heathen idols. And if it were to tell us these things it would but speak as with the voice of true history.

The ancestral line who have inhabited the ancient edifice, from father to son, if we add Christopher, who came from Massachusetts to reside with his son James about ten years after he settled at Pequonoc, is as follows:

Christopher Avery, b. in England, d. 1681; James Avery (1), b. in England, 1620, d. 1694; James Avery (2), b. Dec. 16, 1646, d. Aug. 22, 1728; Ebenezer Avery, b. May 1, 1678, d. July 19, 1752; Elder Parke Avery, b. Dec. 9, 1710, d. March 14, 1797; Lieut. Parke Avery, b. March 22, 1741, d. Dec. 20, 1821; Youngs Avery, b. April 2, 1767, d. May 30, 1837; Parke William Avery, and his son, James D. Avery, its present occupant.

To the large quantity of arms and ammunition that the first James had accumulated in the course of his service against the Indians—for the State furnished neither one nor the other to any considerable extent—the second James, who from his will was evidently a gun-fancier, made large additions, and bequeathed to each of his seven sons “one-seventh of all my arms, guns, and swords,” in addition to an equal share of his property, and to each of his five daughters he gave as a last bequest “a silver spoon,” that, after the folklore of the time, it might be said each of them “was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.” Ebenezer became a man of large possessions, his land extending, according to tradition, from Dunbar’s Mill (still standing, north of the Stonington turnpike) to Eastern Point, and from river to river. Capt. Parke, sometimes called Elder Parke, turned the great room of the old house into a church after the Revolution on Sundays, and himself preached, without fee or reward, in resistance to the tithe system of the standing order, carefully seeing that his negro servants hitched and fed the horses of his congregation during service. Lieut. Parke was severely wounded in the battle of Fort Griswold. Indeed, the nine Averys who were killed in that battle, and nearly as many more who were wounded, were all of this family, and most of the wounded were taken to the old house and cared for after the battle. His son Youngs married Eunice, the daughter of Capt. William Latham, who commanded at Fort Griswold on the morning of the battle until Ledyard took command, and their son, Parke William, named after both grandfathers, who were veterans of Fort Griswold, succeeded to the inheritance, which has passed to the next generation, and is now owned and occupied by James Denison Avery, the town clerk.

## CHAPTER XLVII.

GROTON.—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Jeremiah George Harris** was born at Pequonnoc, in the town of Groton, Conn., Oct. 23, 1809. He is descended from two old English families, who came to New England about the time that Governor Winthrop located his colony on the shores of Massachusetts Bay. Over the chancel of the church edifice at Pequonnoc is a memorial window, on which are the following inscriptions: “Christopher Avery, born in England, d. 1681; James Avery, b. 1620, in England, d. 1694; James Avery, 2d, b. Dec. 16, 1646, d. Aug. 22, 1728;

Ebenezer Avery, b. May 1, 1678, d. July 19, 1752; Elder Parke Avery, b. Dec. 9, 1710, d. March 14, 1797; Lieut. Parke Avery, b. March 22, 1741, d. Dec. 20, 1821; Youngs Avery, b. April 2, 1767, d. May 30, 1837.” Mary, eldest daughter of Youngs Avery, born Jan. 19, 1790, was on the 25th of November, 1807, married to Richard Harris, of Norwich, with whom she had two children, Jeremiah and Erastus, and died at Groton, Feb. 2, 1881.

On the ancestral cenotaph in Groton Cemetery are the following inscriptions:

“WALTER HARRIS, b. in England, 1600, d. at New London, 1654.  
GABRIEL HARRIS, son of Walter, b. 1630—d. 1684.  
JOHN HARRIS, son of Gabriel, b. 1663—d. 1740.  
RICHARD HARRIS, son of John, b. 1700—d. 1751.  
JEREMIAH HARRIS, son of Richard, b. 1745—d. 1797.  
RICHARD HARRIS, son of Jeremiah, b. 1786—d. 1816.  
JEREMIAH GEORGE, son of Richard, b. 1809.—  
JOSEPH EWING, son of Jeremiah George, b. 1843—d. 1865.

#### *Cenotaph.*

RICHARD HARRIS.

HUSBAND OF

MARY AVERY HARRIS,

Died and was buried at sea Sept. 1816, aged 30 years.

THEIR SON

ERASTUS RICHARD,

Died and was buried at Pequonnoc,

May, 1838, aged 26 years.”

When Christopher Avery and son James came to Salem, in 1630, they proceeded at once to the farms adjacent to the European fishing-station on Cape Ann, and settled there as farmers, taking a leading part in local affairs that resulted in establishing the town of Gloucester. Later in life they moved to the then far West, and were among the first who settled at the mouth of the Thames and in the valley of the Pequonnoc. It was in 1632 that Walter Harris settled with his young family at Weymouth, on the western shore of the bay. As Christopher Avery was influenced by the youthful aspirations of his son James to follow the western way of the star of empire, so was Walter Harris influenced by his eldest son Gabriel. Even at that early period of our history there seems to have been a prevailing desire of the young men to move westward, and we find both these families at the mouth of the Thames as early as 1650, taking a leading part in the formation of the first settlement of Europeans in New London County.

Mr. Harris became a journalist as soon as he was of age, beginning his career as associate editor of the *Political Observer* at New London in 1830, afterwards editor of the *New Bedford Daily Gazette*, and then acquiring celebrity at Boston as a political writer, he was invited in 1838 by distinguished men of Washington City to go to Tennessee, where he established the *Nashville Union*, which reflected the influential political opinions of Gen. Andrew Jackson, and represented the rising fortunes of James K. Polk from congressman to Governor and President.

It is well said by a leading journal that in this con-



J. Geo. Harris.



nection it is not uninteresting to the people of New London County to recall the fact that nearly half a century ago, when the two great political parties of the country were almost as equally divided as they are now, with Henry Clay, of Kentucky, in the lead of the Whigs, and Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee, in the lead of the Democrats, two young men, natives of this county, were invited from the North to conduct the two leading journals of the West, and shadow forth to the country the ruling opinions and policy of those two distinguished leaders of men, as emanating from them in their retiracy at Ashland and the Hermitage.

George D. Prentice, of Jewett City, had been called to Louisville, Ky., to conduct the *Journal* as the voice of Mr. Clay, and J. George Harris, of Groton, was invited to Nashville, Tenn., as editor of the *Union*. It was a time when Jackson and Clay were regarded, in the language of the day, as "the embodiment of the principles of their parties" respectively, and the *Journal* and *Union* became perfectly oracular in politics. From their exposed position at the front, when Kentucky and Tennessee were frontier States, where the people were to a great extent a law unto themselves, these New London boys had repeatedly to stand fire with the wild elements of Western politics. Of course they were wide as the poles asunder, as the representatives of their respective parties in the political arena, but their own personal relations, established here at an early day, were never disturbed, although, for the amusement of the public, they did a good deal of sharpshooting at each other between Louisville and Nashville with their quills, which had a tendency rather to strengthen than weaken friendship. The early prestige of the *Journal* as the voice of Mr. Clay, and of the *Union* as that of Gen. Jackson, established their influence on a foundation so firm that it is still maintained by them in the Southwest, and in all public affairs they now have wider influence beyond the mountains than any other political newspapers.

In 1842, Mr. Harris married Lucie McGavock, daughter of James McGavock, of Nashville, Tenn., with whom he had two children, Joseph Ewing and Lucie. The former had a brilliant but short career, and was a young man of fine talents and great promise. He died in London, England, Aug. 28, 1865, aged twenty-two, and his remains were brought to the family vault in Groton Cemetery. The latter married Dr. Van S. Lindsley, of Nashville, Tenn., April 16, 1868, and their children are Georgie, Harris, Lucien, and Joseph.

Mr. Harris was commissioned in 1843 by Daniel Webster, then Secretary of State, as a commercial agent for Europe, and went abroad in that capacity. If we may judge from his voluminous reports to the State Department, of which so large a number of extra copies were printed by the United States Senate, his services were highly appreciated.

After Mr. Polk's election to the Presidency he invited Mr. Harris to conduct the official paper at Washington, which he declined, as he had before declined the editorship of the *Madisonian*, the official paper of Mr. Tyler's administration. Preferring a life-service in the navy to temporary civil service, Mr. Harris accepted in 1845 a commission as disbursing officer of the navy, which commission, with promotions to the highest rank of his grade, he still holds on the list of officers retired for long and faithful services.

The official and personal relations of Mr. Harris in the naval service have ever been exceedingly happy. In Hamersly's "Records of Living Naval Officers" it is stated that Pay Director J. George Harris was attached to the Gulf Squadron in 1846-47, and during the Mexican war he was a member of Commodore M. C. Perry's staff on all his shore expeditions; that he was at the capture of Tuxpan, Tabasco, and Vera Cruz, receiving from the commodore special letters of thanks for services rendered afloat and ashore; that from 1850 to 1854, inclusive, he was attached to the Asiatic fleet, and again with Commodore Perry when the empire of Japan was opened to the commerce of the world.

In his introductory report of the Japan expedition Commodore Perry makes special mention of the aid he had received from Mr. Harris in preparing his volumes for the use of Congress.

After the treaty with the Japanese was concluded, in April, 1854, in the tents that had been erected for the purpose on the beach of Yeddo Bay, the ship to which Mr. Harris was attached brought it to the United States, having made a cruise of nearly five years.

Mr. Harris spent two years on the coast of Africa, in the fleet appointed to suppress the slave-trade, and his journals, made while on the shores of Liberia and Guinea, were copiously used by Mr. Gurley, the government agent at Liberia, in his reports to Congress. For two years he was attached to the Mediterranean Squadron. On that cruise he sent home to public institutions some rare and curious antiquities, which are considered the very best specimens of their kind. During the civil war he held some of the most responsible positions of trust in the navy, both ashore and afloat, disbursing several millions of public money without the slightest deficit or loss to the government.

In his eventful career Mr. Harris' devotion to his native county has never abated. The great-grandson of William Latham, who commanded at Fort Griswold up to the time that Col. Ledyard took command, on the morning of the battle, and also of Parke Avery, his lieutenant, as well as kinsman of many others who fought and fell in the conflict, he took an early and active interest in the plans for the repair and enlargement of Groton Monument, and in making preparation for the centennial celebration.



At the organization of the Groton Heights Centennial Committee, in 1879, he was elected president of the Centennial Commission, and his administration of its affairs, that resulted in such perfect success on the 6th and 7th of September, 1881, was characterized by good judgment and executive ability. His thorough knowledge of the early annals of the county, and of Revolutionary events of a hundred years ago, that he learned in his boyhood from the lips of his aged ancestors, who had participated in them, found expression, during preparation for the centennial, in the following rhythmic narrative of the truths of history, replete with beautiful pen-pictures of actual occurrences and local scenery, followed by graphic illustrations of aboriginal manners, customs, and misfortunes, which we are permitted to reproduce as appropriate to the pages of our county history.

#### THE PEQUOT SHADE.

An Indian princess of the Pequot tribe,  
Arrayed in toilet of the blissful realms,  
Where her lost people realize their faith  
In boundless hunting-grounds beyond the tomb,  
Came soaring up with the next morning sun,  
Wrapt in the wraithlike robes of vapory mist  
That from the dewy meadows rose and rolled  
In white, ethereal fleeces o'er the Heights.

Around her graceful neck and shoulders hung  
A royal triple strand of purple beads,  
Made for the sachems and the sagamores  
From sapphire spots inside the quahaug shell.

She swathed the creamy drapery round her waist,  
Threw back her floating locks of raven hair,  
As tears that fell from her great lustrous eyes  
Glistened like dewdrops on her pallid cheeks,  
Waved her brown arms, adorned with glittering gems  
Of rarest pink and blue and violet shells,  
Dearer to her than diamonds, gold, or pearls;  
Gazed round upon the sadly-stricken field,  
And mourned in sympathy with those who wept  
Beside the slain within the fort below.

"So did we grieve with broken hearts (she cried),  
So fell our people all along these Heights  
When we were the sole sovereigns of this soil,  
One hundred four and forty years ago.  
'Tis all of record in the Spirit lands,—  
How the rude white man came with fire and sword,  
Burnt and destroyed our sweet and sacred homes  
We loved so much, that stood upon these lawns,  
Spangled with dandelions and buttercups,  
As night's clear skies are studded with the stars,  
And ere our braves could rally in defense  
Fled to their waiting ships and sailed away.

"These shores, where brilliant sea-shells so abound,  
Were our rich mines,—our California,—  
Won by our valor on a fair-fought field  
By gallant braves with arrow and with bow,—  
A better title than your paper deeds  
That no one ever ventured to dispute,—  
Until John Endicott, with ninety men,  
Armed to the teeth, from Massachusetts Bay,  
Plunged in our midst, like hawks among the doves,  
Pretending falsely we had slain their friends,  
Demanding what our people could not give,  
And then provoked exterminating war.

"They came from lands where money governs all,—  
Their love of it had brought them to our shores,—  
Their idol was our coin, with which to get  
From the interior tribes our wealth of furs,

So much desired for use beyond the seas,  
Which their own gold and silver could not buy.

"We, who were free as joyous mountain-birds,  
They tried to bind in slavery to their will  
By treaties formed with heavy wampum-fines,  
Made to be broke—the robber's shrewd device—  
In terms that we could never understand;  
And, failing, then they came with force of arms  
To seize our mines and steal our native land.

"Ye should not wonder we prepared for war,  
Hardened our hearts against our enemies,  
Bent our best bows and filled our quivers full,  
Placed women, children, and our aged sires  
Within the wigwams on Pequonne plains,  
And kept our watch-fires lighted on the hills  
Around them, as they made the crops of corn,  
Cut sheils with our rude implements of flint,  
Strung garlands of the glittering wampumpage,  
And trapped the alewives at the river-ford,  
While Samacus held court at his stronghold  
On yonder height, o'erlooking sea and land,  
Sent his young braves to guard the mystic hills  
Against Miantonomoh and his men,  
But never dreamed our western Saybrook foes  
Could possibly attack our east frontier,  
For we had never learned the gross deceit  
Of cultured warriors, now called strategy.

"But, sad to tell, as in the Mystic fort  
Our people soundly slept, near early dawn,  
Just as the full moon had gone down to rest,  
They came in force, with Narragansett aid,  
And like the fell Destroying Angel came,  
Rushed through the matting screens on either side,  
With fire-spied bullets, spears, and blazing torch,  
Burnt everything, and massacred us all  
As your brave men were butchered yesterday.

"We mourn with you at the soul-sickening scene,  
Where mercy to the captive was not shown;  
But now ye know how bled the Indian heart  
When fathers, brothers, dear as yours to you,  
Were in this manner slain within our fort;  
When our young braves, your prisoners of war,  
Were bound and carried to West Indian isles  
By austere Massachusetts Puritans,  
And sold for money as plantation slaves,  
Or taken out beyond your harbor's mouth  
And forced to walk a plank and drown themselves,  
For which ye impiously gave thanks to God.

"We brood not o'er our people's grievous wrongs,  
For such was war, war of the ancient years,  
That silenced human laws and laws divine,  
Proclaiming the old rule that might is right,  
And that the strongest always must survive.  
The poisoned chalice comes back to your lips,—  
We who have drank it know its bitterness,—  
A century and a half hath done its work,  
Then let the curtain drop before the scene.  
The Indian had no written chronicle,  
No records of his country, and he heard  
No philosophic voices from the past,  
Save mere traditions, household memories,  
And legendary stories of his tribe,  
His tale is told by his proud vanquishers,  
And given to the world as history.

"Ye knew us not, and called us savages,  
Without the neighbor's love or tenderness,  
But we ne'er whipt, nor hanged, nor cropt the ears  
Of those who could not share our own belief.  
We sheltered them when'er they fled from you  
Under the pelting of the winter storm,  
As we did Roger Williams, whom ye call  
The great apostle of soul liberty.

"Ye know us not, we children of the woods;  
Ye called us heathen, godless, and devoid  
Of revelation such as ye receive;  
But Kutchion, the Great Spirit, we believe,  
And see His mysteries and miracles  
In all the glorious things that He hath made.  
The sun and moon and the full-jeweled sky,  
With all the elements of earth and air,  
Tell us of Him who reigns in the free hearts  
Of His brown children to the forest born,  
Who never gave us culture of the schools,  
Nor doth require that which He did not give.  
He knows how great our provocations were,  
How the first straggling traders cheated us,  
And with forbidden lusts disturbed our peace,  
Until our wrath was that of righteousness.

"Time in its ever-onward, changeless course,  
Beating its pendulum from age to age,  
A perfect equilibrium preserves,  
Makes all things even, history repeats:  
Yon had your Arnold, we our Wequash had,  
Who, like the traitor you so much despise,  
Was born and reared here on Mohegan's banks;  
Both once beloved, both are alike condemned  
For piloting their people's enemies  
To the loved homes of those who gave them birth.

"Lo, the hereafter! Let us not repine  
At the inevitable must-have-been,  
We have a voice in that which is to be,  
The might-have-been was never in our grasp.  
To-day is ours. The guiding beacon-lights  
Of ever-present, everlasting now,  
That brightly blaze along the shores of life,  
Resplendent on our duty's pathway shine.  
And to the future throw their beams of hope;  
Then let oblivion's gulf surge o'er the past  
And drown remembrance of its deeds of death,  
As we baptize our souls in living streams  
Of mercy and forgiveness from on high.  
But still, beware! Your liberties were ours—  
We lost them, lost our country and our race.  
Beware, beware! nor tempt your destiny.

"Our star of empire rose in the far west,  
And crossed against the sun. It now hath set.  
Yours rose in the far east, and on it goes,  
Casting effulgent beams around the world.

"The spell dissolves. Your red and rising sun,  
That comes to warm and waken all the earth,  
So painful to my sight, absorbs the mist.  
I go again unto the Great Beyond,  
The happy and delightful far-away,  
Where the calm mountains to the heavens rise,  
Clad in green velvet and cerulean robes,  
Forever tinged with sunset's golden glow.

"Adieu to all these dear, familiar scenes,  
Scenes of my people's sorrows, joys, and tears;  
Of childhood's sportive, innocent delights;  
Of youthful aspirations, bridal hopes;  
Fields where the sower and the reaper toiled  
And bound the autumn's ripened, yellow sheaves;  
Bright, smiling valleys and secluded dells,  
Where we communed with silent plants and flowers,  
Selected healthful, aromatic herbs  
And graceful, swaying ferns of maidenhair;  
Wide waving woods, where the arbutus trailed  
Its fragrant blossoms, herald of the spring,  
First blush of beauty from the bursting buds;  
Where great white lilies, with their golden hearts,  
Floated like fairy-queens on woodland ponds,  
Loading the morning air with fresh perfume;  
Where broad-crowned chestnut and tall walnut-trees,  
Vocal with music of the merry birds,  
Showered down their brown and ripe nutritious fruit  
On shaded play-grounds of the little ones;

Meadows whence floral exhalations rose  
Up o'er the hills with rhododendrons crowned,  
Where we were wont to glory in the chase;  
Streams from perennial springs in quiet glens,  
Rippling along between their rushy banks,  
Under the willows and the tangled vines,  
Still singing the same songs they sang of yore,  
Alive with mountain-trout, wherein we caught  
Otters and beavers for their silken furs;  
The glassy Sound, on which our fathers roamed  
And sped their light and beautiful canoes,  
Amid the sparkling spray and sunny sheen  
Flashed from their arrowy swiftsness o'er the sea;  
The breezy shores, on which we gathered shells  
And egg-like pebbles, fair and smoothly worn  
By billowy attrition on the sands,  
In fancy baskets that our mothers made;  
These, and the spots where our ancestors repose  
Beneath the little daisy-covered mounds,  
Farewell! farewell! forever fare ye well!  
Time flies apace. No more Kutchion commands;  
We meet again in the great Spirit lands."  
Thus closed the vision of the phantom-maid  
That hovered o'er the Heights,—the Pequot Shade.

GROTON HEIGHTS (FORT GRISWOLD), SEPT. 6, 1781,  
ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

On through the darkness of a cloudy night,  
Like gloomy spectres brooding o'er the deep,  
With canvas spread before light southern airs,  
A naval squadron worked its noiseless way  
Over the quiet waters of the Sound;  
And, as the golden radiance of the dawn  
Began to gild the steeple-spires on shore  
And play around the peak of Lantern Hill,  
That last of landmarks to the outward bound  
And first to greet him with a welcome home,  
They met with baffling winds and ebbing tides,  
Beat up and down, and cast their sounding-leads  
Abreast the ancient Pequot Harbor's mouth,  
Then neared the land, and furled their flapping sails,  
As soaring ospreys closely fold their wings  
For swift descent upon discovered prey.

The royal ensign and crossed Union-Jack  
Announced the then proud mistress of the seas  
As convoy of a British transport-fleet,  
Laden with all the appliances of war  
For hostile demonstration on our coast;  
And shimmering in the sun, the polished arms  
Of regiments in scarlet coats were seen,  
Paraded and prepared to take the field.

There stood upon the flag-ship's quarter-deck  
A fallen champion of our country's cause,  
Who knew the bearings of the land too well,  
Where on both sides the wide and waveless Thames,  
Glistening like burnished steel from bank to bank,  
The purple hilltops on each other rose  
In the far distance, even to its source,  
Casting their shadows o'er familiar scenes  
Around his native home.

There he stood,  
In chief command, surrounded by his staff,  
With open chart marked off as for a guide,  
Delivering orders and explaining plans,  
His arm uplifted and his finger raised  
In the direction of the batteries  
Booming with private signals of alarm  
That he had learned, and had kept up  
Continued fire from the invading fleet  
Their rallying indications to pervert.

He knew how small the force was to be met,  
The weakness of the points to be assailed;  
He knew that six long years of wasting war  
Had drafted many fighting-men away;

That all the gallant seamen of the port  
Were then abroad upon the privateers;  
That not a hundred well-armed men were left  
The women and the children to protect;  
That in Fort Trumbull, then a mere redoubt,  
Less than two dozen soldiers served the guns;  
That Griswold's armament was incomplete,  
And the small garrison so unprepared  
Perchance an early, vigorous attack  
Its prompt capitulation might assure;  
And, facing his battalions of renown,  
How utterly defenseless was the town!

On either hand, with frontage to the sea,  
The snow-white beaches curved around,  
Where from the slumbering ocean's gentle swell  
O'erlapping wavelets softly kissed the shore  
And whispered in the sparkling silver foam  
Fretting the pearly borders of the sand;  
And there he bade them land in equal force,  
Two grand divisions, separate of command,  
And carry both the river-sides at once.  
Winding their way along up o'er the hills,  
Then covered with full crops of ripening corn,  
Its broad and graceful leafage, flowery tops,  
And flowy tassels of the bronzing ears  
Aglow with early autumn's mellow hues,  
Brimful of promise for the harvest-home,  
He bade them hasten on without delay,  
Under the foliage of adjacent woods,  
Fiercely attack and capture by surprise  
The noisy batteries with their signal-guns,  
That were awakening all the country round;  
And if too stubbornly they made a stand,  
To burn, destroy, and desolate the land.

Their cause was that of a most faithless king,  
Who knew no law but his own sovereign will,  
Who scourged the innocent, oppressed the poor,  
And robbed his people of their chartered rights.

What though their disgraced chief they all despised,  
They fought to win—his treason was their gain;  
His the command, their duty was to serve,  
And on the ignominious traitor's head  
Was all the blood that on that day was shed.

The hundred men who rallied on Town Hill,  
Bleak and unfortified, could not withstand  
The onset of so much superior force,  
While Trumbull's little guard trained sharp its guns  
Upon the storming-party rushing o'er  
The dark salt marshes on its western side,  
Let fly a telling blast of whistling grape,  
Beneath which stalwart men were seen to fall,  
Then spiked the pieces, hastened to their boats,  
And crossed the river under rattling fire  
To take a stronger and a better hold,  
To share the perils of the fearless band  
That in Fort Griswold had resolved to stand.

Then, like a gang of plunderers, the foe  
Gave up the town to pillage and to flames,  
Rushing with fire-brands through deserted streets,  
From house to house, and all along the quay,  
Until the stores and shipping were ablaze,  
The lurid smoke upcurling to the sky,—  
A direful sight, yet but the opening scene  
Of the great drama coming on the stage.

That morning to the summit of the Heights,  
Crowned by the enduring monumental shaft  
That in its silence is so eloquent,  
A hundred yeomen of the country-side,  
Roused from their slumbers by the cannonade,  
Had come to join the watch, who through the night  
Their rounds had paced upon the parapets.

They came with such arms as they each possessed,  
With spontoons by the village blacksmith made,

With hairloom, buccaneer, and hunting-gun,  
Used by their great-grandfathers on Pequot Hill,  
And in the fight of Narragansett Swamp,  
Against the savage aborigines;  
Each his cartouch-box, belts, and bayonet-sheath,  
With bullets moulded on his hearth at home,  
His flints well picked, his powder-horn well filled,  
His shoes of cowhide, hat of felt or straw,  
His towcloth frock and leathern overalls,—  
*The Revolution's home-made uniform*,—  
On which fatiguing watch by night and day,  
The sweat and grime of work and weather-stains,  
Had rudely wrought its own embroidered arms,  
As on the escutcheon of their sacred cause,—  
A lineage patent with heraldic signs  
More emblematical of glorious deeds  
Than the devices blazoned on the shield  
Of the proud house of Hanover.

There they had come,  
Hastening on foot and horseback, one by one,  
To meet a thousand veterans of the line,  
Arrayed in gorgeous trappings and sculpt  
With all the grand accoutrements of war,—  
Two chosen regiments, for daring famed,  
The royal Fortieth and the Fifty-fourth,  
Detailed for the attack on Groton side.

Nor was it long delayed. At mid-forenoon  
The barges of the fleet came sweeping in  
With the invaders upon Eastern Point,  
Who hurried up the western woody slope  
Of Shonneset Neck, nor called a halt  
Until they reached the ancient Indian Field  
And the adjacent bluff of Packer's Rocks,  
Where martyred Ledyard's ashes now repose.

They did not wait for their field-battery,  
The last to land, that still was in the rear  
On a mistaken, rough, and pathless route,  
But sent a flag of truce with the demand  
Of prompt surrender unconditional.

Amid the smouldering ruins of their homes  
The brave defenders were not in a mood  
To hesitate in their pronounced reply:  
"Never!" (said they) "We'll try to hold the fort  
Whatever may be the fortunes of the day."

Then moved the Fifty-fourth upon the work  
As skirmishers behind the knolls and rocks,  
Deploying from the bluff towards the Thames,  
Crouching and creeping on with trailing arms,  
Until advantage of the field was gained,  
When in array of battle they advanced;  
While from the vale beyond, where Beaver Dam  
Crosses the bubbling brook still rippling down  
Along Dark Hollow to Pequonoc plains,  
On which High Rock like a grim giant stands,  
Covered with moss and seamed by glacial scars,  
As it hath stood through all the centuries,  
The Fortieth came dashing o'er the hill,  
Under the thicket of the cedar glade,  
Captured the little gun of the redoubt,  
And joined the Fifty-fourth in the assault.

The cannon of the fort were brought to bear  
At shorter range to check their near approach,  
And many a gap that opened in their ranks  
Was quickly filled by well-skilled veterans,  
While the defenders firmly stood their ground,  
Picked each his man with an unerring aim,  
Nor fired until the foemen closely came.

The conflict had begun; the gates were closed;  
The siege was now complete. Within the fort  
How truly was it liberty or death,  
For there was no more aid and no retreat.

Then raged the storm,  
As rages the tornado in its wrath :  
Their leaders slain, like monsters they became,  
Jumped in the trenches out of musket-range,  
And under shelter of the frowning work,  
Sprang on each other's shoulders up the wall,  
Wrenched the projecting pickets from the frieze,  
And with such fury the embankment scaled  
That their united, overwhelming force,  
Like a restless torrent in its course,  
Our little valiant phalanx could not stay.

When from the ramparts they came leaping down,  
With bayonets fixed and heavy sabres drawn,  
Life's crimson currents dripped from gleaming blades,  
Until our Spartan band was overcome ;  
Then, marching in close order through the gate,  
And under orders, firing by platoons  
Upon their captives, now no longer armed,  
Coolly shot down surrendered prisoners,  
Whose bravery had been worthy of their steel,—  
An act of fell revenge in sight of heaven  
That no mere martial rules should justify,  
A barbarous act, by them alone surpassed,  
For then with bayonets they speared the dead,  
Slew the severely wounded in their swoon,  
Brained dying men with beetling musket-stocks,  
And left them thickly lying on the ground  
Through that intensely hot and sweltering day,  
To seethe and sadden in the broiling sun.  
No friend, no surgeon, no physician there,  
No one to help the wounded, none to give  
The simple cup of water that they craved,  
For which instinctively with their parched lips  
Exhausted nature cried unconsciously.

There, stript and robbed, the martyred patriots lay  
Until the sun in a black cloud went down,  
As if to veil and turn his face away  
From the red carnage of that awful day.

The darkness of a moonless, starless night  
Followed the gloaming's pale, expiring light,  
And where the battle-roar had rent the air  
Silence prevailed, the silence of despair.

Those still surviving had been borne away  
To Avery's house, now standing, near the shore,  
Where their own ministering angels came  
To raise their drooping heads, bind up their wounds,  
To whisper love's sweet, sympathetic words,  
And soothe them with restoratives.  
But there within the broken battlements  
Lay eighty-four of the defenders, slain,  
Just as they fell, in rows and sprawling round.  
Their forms so much disfigured, cut, and bruised  
And so discolored by the scorching sun  
That even dearest friends who knew them best  
Could not discover their identity.

There fifty widows that the day had made,  
In hoods and shawls, with flaring torches came,  
And through their midnight vigils groped about,  
Wiping the gore from many a mangled face,  
In quest of those that they so fondly loved.  
There children, too, with lanterns in their hands,  
Were, with their mothers, aiding in the search,  
Hoping to find, and yet afraid to see ;  
And when a recognition was assured  
The piteous wailing of the poor bereaved,  
Their groans of anguish and heart-rending shrieks,  
Gave the nocturnal, dark, and ghastly scene,  
Under the lurid glare of flickering lights,  
A semblance of some weird and hideous dream  
Of dismal regions where the demons dwell.

And there they stayed until the dawn of day,  
Weeping and wandering round among the slain,

Frantic with grief, and inconsolable ;  
The only show of mercy still vouchsafed  
Came through a timely providential hand  
To quench a match-train kindled by the foe  
Before he fled ingloriously away  
With base intent to fire the magazine,  
Blow up their hecatomb of honored dead,  
And rob them of the little solace left  
In sacred burial-rites for their beloved.

In that half-hour of conflict on the Heights,  
With the great odds of more than five to one,  
What firm and dauntless courage was displayed,  
What unexampled sacrifices made !

No one but he who hath in battle been  
Knows how a good man feels when first he aims  
His loaded gun to kill a fellow-man ;  
So, as Parke Avery stood beside his son,  
A lad of seventeen summers scarcely past,  
Inside the breastworks, firing at the foe,  
Thinking the boy might flinch, he cheering said,  
" Fear not, my son, but do your duty now."  
The gallant youth as cheerfully replied,  
" I'll do my duty, father, have no fears."  
And fell, with " duty" ringing in his ears.

As Ajax bore Patroclus from the field,  
The doting father lifted up his son  
And bore him, lifeless, to the barrack-room,  
Then, hastening back into the breach again,  
And with the invader grappling hand to hand,  
Was himself crushed as by an avalanche,  
And brained and bayoneted, and left for dead ;  
But still the veteran lived for twoscore years,  
And made his annual visits to the spot  
So sacred to his memory and his tears,  
Lending his little grandson by the hand,  
Over the ramparts and the broken walls,  
And with his staff uplifted pointing out  
Where his brave boy had fallen by his side,  
Where two of his own brothers were cut down,  
Where Latham with his battery held a point  
Until his cannoneers were shot away,  
Where the first breach was made, and then  
How like a deluge was the furious storm,  
Where was the thickest of the hopeless fight,  
Where Ledyard, his commander, stood and fell,  
And how the blood of captive prisoners ran  
When the atrocious massacre began.

How many aged, venerable sires,  
Themselves unfit for service on that day,  
Gave up their children, and did offer them  
Upon the altar of their native land !

When the two Stanton brothers, side by side,  
Were laid out, cold, in their old father's house,  
He asked to see them ere the coffin-lids  
Should close their forms forever from his eyes,  
And entering the room, stood at their heads,  
Bent down and fondly kissed their marble brows,  
Then looking up beseechingly to heaven,  
As hot tears trickled down his furrowed cheeks  
And dript upon his white and fleecy beard,  
" O God (he cried), how great this sacrifice !  
But—but—'tis freely made: thy will be done !"

What an abiding, pure, and living faith !  
By Father of the Faithful not surpassed,  
Who rose, like them, with brightening of the dawn,  
Without consulting either kith or kin,  
And took his son up to Moriah's mount  
For sacrifice by the divine command.  
But here no guardian angel's arm appeared  
To avert the fatal sacrificial blow :  
'Twas done, recorded, and the blessing came  
In independence and in liberty.

Fair Freedom, in the pall of battle-smoke,  
Was hovering o'er the hilltop all that night,  
As mourners fondly linger round the tombs  
In which their dear and best-beloved sleep;  
But when the flag of the young rising States,  
So rudely torn and trampled in the dust,  
Was the next morning given to the breeze,  
She soared away to other battle-fields,  
And left the scene to valor and to hope.

Oh tell me not the "tale of Troy divine"  
In trumpet strains of gladiatorial fame,  
Of battles lost and won in classic lands  
By servile forces with ambitious chiefs,  
Impelled by thirst for power and love of gold,  
Trusting in mythic heathen deities,  
But tell me of a people, all as one,  
United in defense of fatherland,  
With fortunes, lives, and sacred honor pledged  
To stand or fall together in their cause,—  
Patient, enduring, and heroic men  
Of deep convictions, of sincere belief,  
Unfailing headspring of life's purest streams,  
Belief in God, themselves, and in mankind,  
That truth and justice would at last prevail,  
Whose lion hearts found utterance in their deeds  
Of noble daring to maintain the right  
Regardless of eventualities,  
Who fought through years of desolating war,  
Never discouraged, always undismayed,  
Until the foreign despot left their shores  
And their desires became their history.

These are such men as constitute the State,  
Theirs was the sacrifice we celebrate.

#### CENTENNIAL ANTHEM.

Up with the brave old flag on high  
And let it float along the sky,  
Salute its stars and streams of light that beam on all below,  
As we, with offerings divine,  
Bow like the pilgrim at his shrine,  
Where our forefathers fought and bled a hundred years ago.

All honor to the gallant few  
Whose locks were glistening with the dew  
Of that September morning, in the day-spring's early glow,  
When, hastening from beloved ones,  
Responsive to the signal-guns,  
To fight for home and country hero a hundred years ago.

Sing praises to that noble band  
Who died to save their native land,  
Who faltered not when face to face with the invading foe,  
Who stood like martyrs in the fight,  
Through hope forlorn and for the right,  
And fell as heroes love to fall, a hundred years ago.

Let our united voices rise  
To celebrate their sacrifice,  
Let clarion strains of gratitude in choral numbers flow,  
Till from the summit of these hills,  
Resounding o'er the vales and rills,  
Shall echo our memorial of a hundred years ago.

**Alfred N. Ramsdell** was born in Mansfield, Conn., May 12, 1819. His father, Isaiah, was a native of New Hampshire, a farmer, and one of a numerous family. He possessed a great amount of character and ability, and the Ramsdell family, in its entirety, was quite prominent in that State. He moved to Mansfield in early life, and became a representative farmer, much respected by his fellow-townsmen. He had only moderate means, and his sons, as they grew up, became scattered, and were generally successful. Albert left home when about sixteen, came to New

London, entered the employ of a shoe-house, probably that of an elder brother, and continued as clerk and partner for about six or seven years. He then became identified with banking and railroad business, and continued largely interested therein until his death, May 10, 1873. He was a man of wonderful capacity for business, of great intuition, developing his plans with lightning-like rapidity, and uniformly with success. He was a natural financier, and became president of the New London City Bank, and his name was a synonym for ability and highest financial standing. As president of the New London Northern Railroad Company, he exhibited great tact and business ability. Taking the management at a time of great embarrassment, the stock selling at a mere nominal price, considered by many as worthless, he made it one of the best investment securities, selling at twenty-five per cent. premium. His large means were never withheld from any local enterprises which were calculated to promote the interests of the community in which he lived, and his private charities, although unostentatious, were commensurate with his fortune.

In the following resolutions, adopted by the board of directors of the New London Northern Railroad, we have a fine testimonial to the character of Mr. Ramsdell and the appreciation of his nature by his most intimate associates, than whom none could better or more accurately judge him:

"Resolved, That this board has heard with the greatest sorrow of the death of Albert N. Ramsdell, who has been for more than seven years the president of this company.

"To his masterly management of its affairs this corporation mainly owes its past success and its present prosperity. It has lost its firmest supporter, its wisest counselor, and its ablest advocate. His kindness of heart, his fine sense of honor, his clear and ready judgment, and his unswerving loyalty to his convictions gained him the perfect confidence and esteem of all his associates.

"In deep grief at his death we offer to his family our warmest sympathy and condolence.

"Resolved, That, out of respect to his memory, the board will attend his funeral, and that the secretary be instructed to enter these resolutions upon the records of the company, and to transmit a copy of them to Mrs. Ramsdell."

Mr. Ramsdell was twice married,—first, to Caroline A., daughter of Capt. Alfred and Jeannette (Mitchell) White; she died in 1846; second, to Mary J., daughter of Latham and Betsey W. (Lester) Avery, of Groton.

**Col. H. D. Morgan.**—James Morgan, the first settler of New London, Conn., bearing the name borne by so many of his descendants, was born in Wales in 1607. In March, 1636, he and two younger brothers emigrated to America, and arrived at Boston in April following. Wherever he settled at first, he was at Roxbury, near Boston, before 1640. He married there Margery Hill, of Roxbury, and was made a freeman May 10, 1643. He was a freeholder there as late as 1650; the same year he removed to Pequot, now New London, Conn., and was assigned a house-lot. The lands were granted to him, according to New London records, and occupied by him as a homestead, and the further entry that "James Morgan hath given



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him about six acres of upland, where the wigwams were, in the path that goes from his house towards Culver's, among the rocky hills." These lands were sterile and dreary, in what is now the western suburbs of the city of New London. James continued resident "on the path to New Street," or "Cape Ann Lane," till on Dec. 25, 1656, he sold his homestead, and shortly after removed, with several others, across the Thames, upon large tracts of land previously granted them by the town, in what is now the south part of Groton. The spot where he first built in Groton, and where he lived and died (in 1685, aged seventy-eight), is about three miles from Groton Ferry, on the road to Pequonnock Bridge, and has never been out of the possession of his lineal descendants, and nearly always occupied by a "James."

James was a large proprietor and dealer in lands, distinguished in public enterprise, often employed in land surveys, establishing public highways, determining boundaries; as a magistrate adjusting civil difficulties, as a Christian man and good neighbor, enjoying to a marked degree the confidence and trust of the people. He was one of the "townsmen" or selectmen of New London for several years; was one of the first "deputys" sent from New London plantations to the May session of the General Court at Hartford, 1657, and was nine times afterwards chosen a member of that grave and important assembly. As an evidence of his sterling integrity and the estimation in which he was held by his compeers, we would state that in a controversy between the General Court and the New London plantations about boundaries and jurisdiction it was ordered that the matter be submitted to three arbiters, mutually agreed upon. New London named James Morgan, their own townsman, and in their own interests, but the General Court promptly accepted him, agreeing to submit to his sole decision, which, when made, was satisfactory to all. He was an active and useful member of the church, and he was prominent in every important movement. In 1662 his list on the town assessment stands third highest. It was only two hundred and fifty pounds, but this was a large estate in those days, for out of the one hundred tax-payers of that year only seven had a list exceeding two hundred pounds. Such a man his descendants do worthily esteem and venerate. His sterling qualities of mind and honesty of purpose have been shown on many occasions by his descendants, and throughout the broad land the bearers of the "Morgan" name are worthy members of society, occupying positions which reflect credit on the unbending integrity of their progenitor.

The following "Invocation," prefixed by N. H. Morgan, Jan. 1, 1869, to his "Morgan Genealogy," is well worthy presentation here: "Kinsmen of the name, you I invoke! To you I now make an appeal. Hear me for my cause. On the spot where our first American ancestor reared his humble abode, in the ancient land of the Pequots, now the town of

Groton, and where an unbroken succession of his line, each bearing his own honored name of James Morgan, have continued to dwell, even unto this generation, there, on that hallowed spot, repose the ashes, not only of himself and of his good wife Margery, but also of his children and grandchildren, the patriarchs and mothers of us all. Time has wellnigh obliterated from the little, rude, and crumbling headstones the name, the date, and the story; but by the flickering light of tradition, of old records, and of broken inscriptions, I have been enabled recently, amid the tangled thorns which enshroud them, to trace out and identify every grave. Now is the day and we are the men to mark more suitably this their last resting-place, and thus save from oblivion the story and the memory of this hallowed ground. Ours is the privilege and ours the duty to consecrate anew this ancient necropolis of our family, by erecting thereon to the remembrance of these our sires and mothers a fitting and enduring monument worthy of them and worthy of ourselves. Shall this be done? Have we the motive? These mouldering graves appeal with silent eloquence to the living,—'E'en from the tomb the voice of nature cries!' Have we the means? Our family is conspicuously marked for its wealth. Have we the wish, the filial desire to preserve and venerate the memory of this sacred ground? Let a monument be the answer, and let me read it ere I go hence."

James<sup>2</sup>, born March 3, 1644, married, first, Mary Vine, of Old England, November, 1666; second, Hannah ———, and died Dec. 8, 1711, aged sixty-eight. He was one of the two first deacons of the first church in Groton, was the principal magistrate, and at the first town-meeting after the incorporation of the town was moderator, and chosen first townsman or selectman. He was chosen captain of the first "train-band" in Groton in 1692, and had then been two years a captain and commander of the dragoon force of New London County, under special commission from the General Court. He was deputy to the General Court from New London from 1689 to 1700, and one of the first deputies from the new town of Groton in 1706, and was for several years a commissioner to advise and direct the Pequot Indians in the management of their affairs. His children were all by his first wife, and he lived and died in the home in Groton, already described. His oldest son, Deacon James<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 6, 1667, lived on the same homestead in South Groton as his father and grandfather, and was twice married, having four children by his first wife. He was an active and useful man in all church and civil affairs, drafting and taking acknowledgments of deeds, wills, and other legal instruments as the principal and almost sole acting magistrate, and until a short period before his death his name appears generally as moderator in all town and society meetings. He died May 4, 1748, aged eighty-one. His children were James<sup>4</sup>, Daniel, Mary, and Anna. Anna married Rev. John Owen, the second



minister of Groton. James<sup>4</sup> was born in 1693, and was the fourth lineal occupant of the same name of the homestead. He was twice married, having seven children by his second wife, Mary, daughter of Capt. John Morgan. He died Aug. 25, 1770, aged seventy-seven years, and is buried, with his wives, in the family burial-ground near the old home. James<sup>5</sup>, his oldest child, born 1730, lived and died on the old place. He married Catharine Street, 1758. They had seven children,—James<sup>6</sup>, Nicholas, Moses, Daniel, May, Fanny, and Catharine. He married Mrs. Lydia Miner, April 28, 1779, and had two children, Lydia and Jerusha. Daniel, born March 3, 1765, settled in Groton, and married Jemima Gallup, who had one child, which died in infancy. She died March 25, 1800. He married for his second wife, Priscilla, daughter of Capt. D. H. Burrows, who was killed in Fort Griswold at the massacre of 1781. He was a native of Groton, married Sarah Avery, also of an old Groton family. He was in the prime of life when he was shot, the first victim of the British at the massacre. Daniel Morgan was a farmer; never aspired to political distinction, but was a plain, hardworking, economical man; Democratic in politics, an attendant of the Congregational Church, and much respected by all. He died Jan. 21, 1838, aged seventy-three, leaving five children by his second wife,—Priscilla, Hubbard D., Sarah A., Mary Ann, and Moses E.

**Hubbard Daniel Morgan** was born in Groton, Conn., May 12, 1804. He remained at work with his father until he became about seventeen or eighteen years of age, when he was made lame by something resembling a fever-sore, and in consequence thereof he went to New London and learned the shoemaker's trade. His opportunities for early education were only those afforded by the common school at "North Lane," and it is surely worthy of credit that the spirit of diligence and perseverance which has characterized him through life should have been manifested in the independence that would give him, although a lame youth, a livelihood by his own exertions through his labors even in the trade of a shoemaker. After learning his trade, Mr. Morgan went to Springport, N. Y., where his sister Priscilla (Mrs. Jabez D. Haley) resided, and followed his trade for one year. He then returned to Connecticut, when his father exchanged his farm in Groton for one in East Haddam, for the purpose of retaining Hubbard with him. When the exchange was made Hubbard Daniel was about twenty-one. He remained with his father, diligently applying himself to keep the family together, and by great toil, as he expresses it, "just making strap and buckle meet," and continued thus occupied for about twelve years, when a younger brother became large enough to take his turn in charge of the farm. Mr. Morgan, feeling the necessity of more means than his circumstances had hitherto given him, left the farm without a dollar, and engaged in the wood and lumber business with Elias Loomis, his

brother-in-law. They were prospered, and after one year's time in partnership Mr. Morgan purchased Mr. Loomis' interest, and continued the business in his own name for two years, drawing and causing to be drawn about five hundred cords of wood each year, besides sawing quite an amount of ship-timber. This introduced Mr. Morgan to the ship-timber trade, which he soon adopted as his sole business. Being in want of a vessel to carry timber to New York, he purchased one-half interest in the sloop "Morning Star," the other half being owned by the commander, Capt. Henry Sisson. On the return voyage of the first cargo of lumber to New York, and *en route* to Hartford with a cargo of coal and provisions, the sloop was lost on Saybrook bar in a gale of wind. Capt. Sisson was a young man, unused to business, and had signed a bill of lading in which damages by sea was not excepted. As a consequence Mr. Morgan not only lost the results of his three years' labor, but was involved in a lawsuit of several years' duration. By the kindness of friends, however, and particularly Governor Oliver Ellsworth, his strong personal friend and legal adviser, the case was withdrawn, at an expense to him of not ten dollars, Governor Ellsworth charging him nothing for his services. The opposing parties had costs of about seven hundred dollars.

When Mr. Morgan was about twenty-five years of age he enlisted in the first company, Second Regiment of Horse Artillery of the militia of Connecticut. He became much interested in the service, and, with his usual directness and ambition to excel, attracted the attention of his superior officers, and he made many friends by his proficiency. He was rapidly promoted, held the various commissions of captain, major, and colonel, and was considered one of the ablest officers in that arm of the service. After the loss of the "Morning Star," Col. Morgan resigned his commission, but it was not accepted. The whole of his time was imperatively demanded by his business, and his reduced finances would not allow of any diversion from business, so at last, much to the regret of all his associates, his often-renewed resignation was accepted. It reads thus:

"ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

"EAST HARTFORD, Sept. 10, 1839.

"SIR.—Your resignation of the office of colonel of the Second Regiment of Horse Artillery, Connecticut militia, has been received by His Excellency, the commander-in-chief, and is accepted. When your successor shall have been chosen and commissioned, you are hereby honorably discharged from the duties of said office.

"By His Excellency's command.

"SAMUEL L. PITKIN,

"Adjutant-General.

"TO HUBBARD D. MORGAN,

"Col. commanding 2d Regt. Horse Artillery."

Col. Morgan continued shipping chestnut timber to New York for about four years, until the demand for that wood ceased. He then went to Long Island and got white oak and cedar for the same trade. While thus engaged his attention was called to the vast

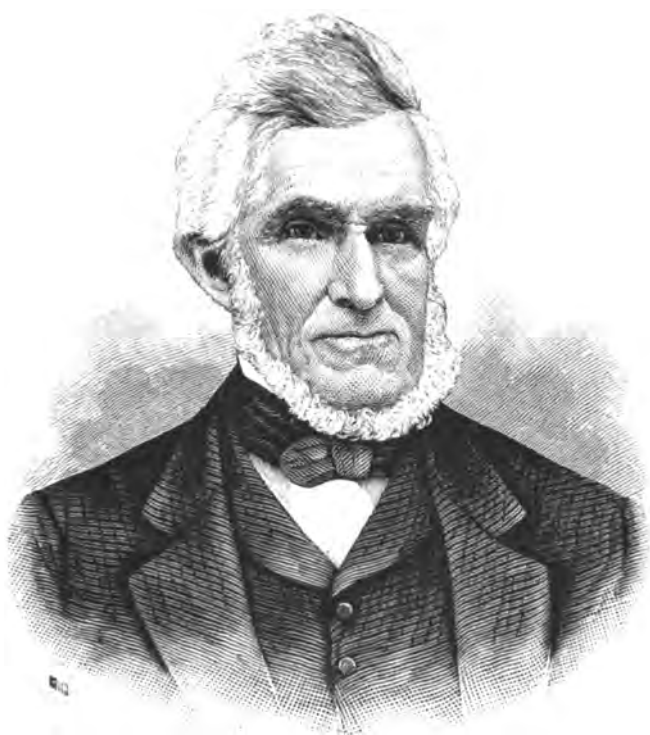


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**SANFORD MORGAN.**



*Elisha Morgan*

amount of oil in the menhaden fish and the efforts made to extract it. On returning to Groton, through his exertions, a company of seven others with himself was formed, the crude works of the first experimenter purchased, and an attempt made to extract the oil. This was about 1845. From the difficulties surrounding the initial steps, the other stockholders became dissatisfied and disgusted, and Col. Morgan, with far-seeing sagacity, purchased their interests, and took as a partner Mr. Franklin Gallup, under the firm-name of Morgan & Gallup. This was the origin and theirs the first successful manufacture of an article which has had large sales, and which has as a business attained large proportions in this section. This partnership continued for fifteen years, and the partners acquired from forty to fifty thousand dollars. Sanford A. Morgan then purchased an interest of one-third, and the business continued for a year or two under the same name as before. Mr. Gallup and S. A. Morgan sold their interest to the Quinnipiac Company of New Haven. Col. Morgan, after getting them well under way, sold his property to them and retired from the business. To his sagacity, perseverance, and business capacity is alone owing the success of this great enterprise, now employing so many men and so much capital.

Col. Morgan represented his town one term in the Legislature, being elected by the Republicans. He has been for many years a member of the Baptist Church, and is prompt in supporting all things tending to advance the interests of Groton. He married, Aug. 7, 1844, Lucy A., daughter of Park W. Avery, of Groton. She died Nov. 25, 1851. He married Maria J., daughter of George Slater, of Webster, Mass., Oct. 25, 1858. She is of the family so noted in connection with manufactures.

**Sanford Morgan.**—The annals of an honest, useful, and industrious life are of more value as a lesson for coming generations than those of kings or emperors, and perhaps none can better reward the time of the historian than the subject of this sketch.

SANFORD MORGAN, son of Nicholas and Phebe (Avery) Morgan, and seventh generation from the first American James, was born in the home of his father, near Pequonnock, Nov. 11, 1798. His early years were passed among the pleasant associations of a father's home, and when eighteen he was apprenticed to Timothy Daboll & Bros., house carpenters. With them he remained until he was of age, but followed his trade but a short time thereafter. This work was all done on Long Island, the workmen leaving Connecticut in the spring, and remaining until fall, taking with them all materials, supplies, etc., demanded. In September, 1821, Mr. Morgan married Lovina, daughter of Joshua and Hannah Avery, and commenced married life by working on his father's farm, where he remained seven years. In 1831 he engaged in trade as a merchant at Pequonnock, and for twenty-nine years was steadily pro-

pered. There was but little trade at some times, and not wishing to pass the time in idleness, Mr. Morgan worked also at his trade in an adjacent shop, making wheels, etc., and in this proverbially thrifty and industrious neighborhood was held high in the estimation of the people. His son, Sanford A., succeeded him in merchandising when years suggested less application to business, and Mr. Morgan only looked after his farming interests, to which, at the hale old age of eighty-two years, he still attends. Brought up in a Democratic household, Mr. Morgan has been unswervingly a Democrat. The people of his town have frequently called on him to discharge important local trusts, such as selectman, town clerk, etc. These have been uniformly done to the satisfaction of his constituents. For many years he has been a member of the Congregational Church and a consistent Christian. For over eighty years he has walked among the people of Groton, mingled with them in their labors, their recreations, and their devotions, and never could malice or suspicion whisper aught against his integrity. He leaves his children the legacy of an unblemished name. He has been three times married. By the first wife, above mentioned, he had two sons, Sanford A. and Orlando, who died aged three years. His second wife was Harriet, daughter of Samuel Edgecomb. They had two children, Daniel and Harriet, who died, aged twenty-eight. He married, July 10, 1837, Cornelia, daughter of Cyrus and Micah (Bailey) Avery. Of the seven children of her father's family but two now survive, Mrs. Morgan, aged eighty-one, and Mrs. Hammond, who resides with her, aged eighty-six. Both are in possession of fair health and clear intellects.

**Elisha Morgan**, son of Dr. Elisha Morgan, was born in Groton, Conn., Feb. 28, 1794. He is a lineal descendant from James Morgan, the emigrant, through Deacon William, son of James<sup>2</sup>, who was born March 4, 1669, and married Margaret, daughter of Capt. James Avery, of Groton, July 17, 1696. They were members of the church at New London before the church at that part of New London now Groton was founded. At the establishment of the first church in Groton, Nov. 8, 1704, he was chosen deacon. He died Dec. 25, 1750, aged eighty-two. His wife survived him five years. They had nine children, of whom Solomon was born Oct. 5, 1708. To him, shortly before he died, in 1749, William gave a deed of the family homestead in Groton, containing two hundred and fifty acres of land, and he probably lived and died here. He married Mary Walworth, July 1, 1742, and had eight children. He was a deacon of the church, and died Nov. 22, 1791, aged eighty-three. His tombstone in the family graveyard, on the James Morgan homestead, bears this tribute to his memory: "Esteemed for his integrity, peaceableness, and fidelity, and his Christian life and character." Dr. Elisha Morgan, youngest son of Deacon Solomon, was born March 7, 1762. He was surgeon

at Fort Griswold at the time of the massacre, but by feigning death he escaped, and after the British left he extinguished the fuse set by them to explode the magazine. He never practiced very steadily as a physician, but made several voyages to sea. He married, October, 1790, Abigail, daughter of John Morgan (son of James<sup>4</sup>) and Dorothy Avery, his wife. Both he and his wife died in the same month, April, 1796, he on the 1st, on his passage home from Demerara, aged thirty-four; she on the 22d, aged twenty-five. They left three children,—Frederick, Elisha, and Abigail.

Elisha was but two years old when his parents died, and he spent his childhood with his grandmother and a bachelor uncle, John, who had a stiff knee from a wound received at Fort Griswold. He remained with them until the war of 1812, when, to prevent his being drafted, his uncle apprenticed him to a woolen manufacturer in Westerly, R. I. His education was acquired first from the close and analytic teachings of the celebrated mathematician, John Daboll, and afterwards from Amos Niles, a teacher of note. These advantages were appreciated, and when but sixteen Elisha began teaching district school, and continued teaching winters with great success for several years. After learning his trade he engaged in manufacturing at Centre Groton, with Harry and Gilbert Williams. When about twenty-five, Jan. 3, 1819, he married Caroline, daughter of Theophilus and Mary (Hinckley) Morgan. She was born Dec. 22, 1801. They had ten children,—Mary A. (Mrs. Nathan D. Smith, of New London); Caroline M. (Mrs. James D. Avery, deceased); John A., of Mendocino, Cal.; Henry E., of Port Townsend, W. T.; Osmer H., of Whitby Island, Oregon; Jennette E. (Mrs. N. S. Fish); Ellen A. (Mrs. Palmer B. Woodward, of Madison, Ga.); Colby M. (deceased); Stephen A.; and Sarah H. After marriage Mr. Morgan commenced life as a farmer on the place so many years his home, and where Mrs. Morgan and daughter Sarah yet reside. He was a man of more than ordinary executive ability, had foresight, and yet was cautious enough not to run rashly into losing speculations, and became an opulent farmer. He built a grist-mill, saw-mill, and blind-factory at Pequonnock, and did more, perhaps, than any other in this part of the town to give employment to others. He was always ready to encourage any enterprise that promised benefit to his town or people, and the first works for the manufacture of fish-oil were constructed on his place. He was for many years a magistrate of wide usefulness, and famed for his skill in drafting wills, deeds, etc.; was for years town clerk, and often represented Groton in the Connecticut Legislature. He was of social disposition, warm and strong in his personal attachments, and tender and loving as a father and husband. He died much regretted, March 15, 1877.

**Deacon Roswell Augustus Morgan** was born in Noank, Conn., Oct. 14, 1816. His great-grandfather

was Joshua Morgan, son of James<sup>4</sup>, born 1733. He married Esther Stoddard, of Groton, Nov. 13, 1760, had five children,—one son, Joshua, and four daughters,—and died Oct. 10, 1774. Joshua, Jr., born 1767, married, when about twenty years of age, Jemima Fish, settled in Groton, and died July 9, 1796, at the early age of thirty-one. He left four children,—Joshua, Roswell Avery, Gilbert F., and Prentice. Roswell Avery Morgan was born in Groton, Nov. 22, 1789, married Jemima Fish, of Salem, Sept. 24, 1814, settled in Groton, followed coasting in early life and boat-building in later years, and died June 4, 1830, leaving five children, of whom Roswell Augustus was oldest. He was possessed of some property, but his will was not admitted to probate until more than nine years had passed after his death. (*Vide Morgan genealogy.*)

Roswell Augustus when a lad enjoyed the advantages of the common schools of Groton, supplemented by a number of terms at the "Connecticut Baptist Literary Institute," a very creditable school, located at Suffield, Conn. Acquiring a knowledge of boat-building with his father, after the latter's death Mr. Morgan continued in that business, and has been continuously engaged therein until the present time. Mr. Morgan married Margaret, daughter of William and Sally (Ingham) Wilbur, Oct. 29, 1839. Their children are Francis W., who married Ella Graham, of Branford, and has one child, Leroy; Harriet (Mrs. Charles I. Chester), who has three children, Wayland, Harry, and Webster; Emeline (Mrs. Charles H. Weaver, of Rock Island, Ill.), who has three children, Maggie, Charlie, and Hattie; and Augustus V., residing with his parents.

Mr. Morgan's sons are associated with him in his business. They are good, reliable men, promising to do well their part in the community and in their business. About 1876, Mr. Morgan began the building of steam-yachts as a specialty, and this branch of his business is steadily increasing. He has had four of them in process of construction at one time. These are only built to fill an order, and these orders come from various States, one coming from Colorado, attesting the value and workmanship of Mr. Morgan's work.

Mr. Morgan has been for years, as well as Mrs. Morgan, a member of the American Union Baptist Church at Noank, and is a deacon of the same. He is always in the foreground of all progressive and loyal movements, but never cared to hold office, and has steadily refused nomination for any civil position. In politics he has been a pronounced Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. Industrious, frugal, honest, and honored and respected by a large range of acquaintances, Mr. Morgan is truly a representative man of Noank, and one of whom none of his descendants can ever wish to change one quality or trait, and who will never bring discredit on the "Morgan" name.

**Levi Spicer.**—Silas Spicer, the first American an-



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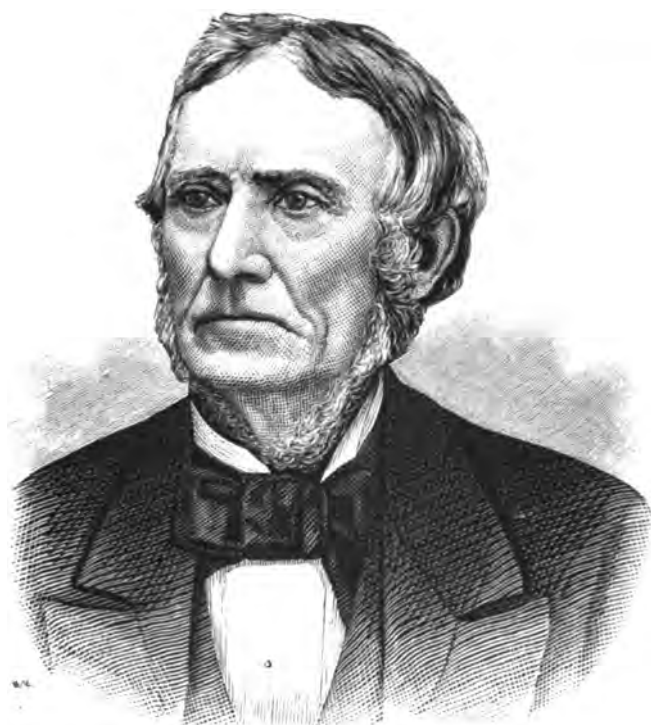


*Wm. Lloyd Garrison*



*Portrait of Elisha*

*Elisha Spicer*



**JOHN G. SPICER.**

cestor of this family, was said to have been of Quaker extraction. He came from England when a young man, with one or two brothers, and settled in that part of Groton now called Ledyard in the early part of the eighteenth century. He learned the wheelwright trade in England, and in connection with working at that trade became a farmer. He married Hannah Draper, had a large family, and about 1790 moved with most of his family to the western part of New York State, where they bought quite largely of land and became permanent residents. (The father of Silas was Thomas, who married a Button.) Silas, in the latter part of his life, was prospered financially, and when he died was far advanced in years, and an honored man in his community.

Three of his children remained in Connecticut,—his third son, Levi, the youngest son, Alanson, and his daughter Mary. She married Ralph Carpenter, of North Coventry, Conn., moved thither, and there resided until her death, leaving several children. Levi Spicer was born in Groton, now Ledyard, Feb. 20, 1767. He had the advantages for education afforded by the common schools of those early days, was reared a farmer, and also learned the wheelwright trade of his father. His first wife, Lavinia Cheseboro, died April 13, 1794, leaving one child, Levi C. Spicer, who settled in Ohio, and there remained with his family until he died.

When about twenty-eight years old Levi Spicer moved to Stonington to work as a wheelwright or ship carpenter, became acquainted with and married Prudence, daughter of Elihu and Ruth Palmer, and a direct descendant of Walter Palmer, of Wequetequock. Elihu Palmer was a farmer, and in his last years lived near the present site of Noank; had several children, one of whom, Elihu Palmer, was the father of Deacon John Palmer, who established the ship-yard at Noank, now conducted by his son Robert (see biography elsewhere).

Prudence was born June 5, 1771. Soon after this marriage Mr. Spicer, who had removed to Noank, built him a house, which is now standing (see plate), and became a small farmer, in consequence of a cut in his left knee, which rendered the leg stiff, and so disabled him from successfully pursuing his trade. He, however, in connection with farming, worked at wheelwright and ship-building. Some of his workmanship is still in existence, and shows him to have been a skillful workman. This mode of life he continued until the death of his wife, Aug. 13, 1846. Shortly after he gave up active business and went to live with his son Elihu, with whom he remained until his death, April 26, 1850.

His children by Prudence Palmer attaining maturity were Elihu P., born Oct. 1, 1796; Eldredge, born June 23, 1798; Lucy C. (Mrs. Henry Latham), born June 8, 1803; Sally (Mrs. Peter D. Irish), born Nov. 10, 1806; John P., born Sept. 14, 1808; and Silas, born April 29, 1811.

All are now dead but Elihu and Silas. For many years both Mr. and Mrs. Spicer were honored and esteemed members of the Baptist Church. He was of a genial, social nature, fond of home, family, and friends.

He loved a good story, and was fond of a joke. In politics he was a Democrat of the old school, believing that the government should be carried on as he did his own affairs, in a frugal and economical manner.

His lameness was the direct cause of his death, for in climbing over a ledge of rocks he caught his leg, and was precipitated in such a way as to injure him so severely that death resulted therefrom in a very few weeks.

**Capt. Elihu Spicer.**—Elihu Palmer Spicer was born at Noank, in a house then standing where the store of Levi Spicer now stands. He received a common-school education. He commenced his seafaring life when very young as cook of the "Thetis," one of the first fishing-smacks engaged in the business. From that time he followed the sea until he was about forty-five years old, passing consecutively through the various grades from cook and common hand to that of captain.

While fishing in open boats during the war of 1812 he was often compelled to run the British blockade, was several times chased by their cruisers, and had many narrow escapes.

The first vessel he commanded was the fishing smack "Luzerne," which was engaged in Southern fishing and wrecking.

Afterwards he commanded the schooner "Empress," engaged in Southern coasting and West India trade for several years. He was also master of the schooner "Magellan" for several years, engaged in the same business. He then took charge of the brig "Apalachicola," and was engaged in transporting troops during the Seminole war, under Gen. Scott, after which she was engaged in Southern coasting trade for a number of years.

As a captain he was careful, prudent, and successful, never meeting with a serious accident or loss.

When Stonington was attacked by the British in the war of 1812 he was placed on duty to extinguish the fires caused by the bursting of the enemy's shells, and also helped to repulse the English troops on their attempts to land.

On July 21, 1817, Capt. Spicer married Jemima, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia Fish.<sup>1</sup> Jemima was born April 28, 1797, died May 22, 1849. The children of Elihu and Jemima were William (deceased), born Aug. 1, 1819; Prudence A. (Mrs. Capt. P. T. Brown, dec'd), born May 19, 1821; Emeline (deceased), born June 16, 1823; Elihu, born April 13, 1825; Levi,

<sup>1</sup> Ebenezer was a grandson of Samuel and Sarah Fish, and a son of Capt. John and Lucretia Fish. Lydia Fish (his wife) was a granddaughter of Moses and Martha Fish, and a daughter of Capt. Jonathan and Abigail Fish, all born in Groton, Conn.

born June 1, 1830; Sarah (Mrs. Andrew G. Dickenson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.), born May 20, 1833; Hiram (deceased), born Nov. 27, 1839. He married for his second wife Eliza H. Roath, April 30, 1850. She died Nov. 1, 1874.

Capt. Spicer still resides in his home at Noank, with his son Levi and family. Capt. Spicer is a reserved and quiet man, of strong opinions and positive character, of warm friendships, careful and considerate in all his dealings, and successful financially.

He was appointed by the United States government for several years as tide-waiter of the Mystic River; represented Groton two terms in the Legislature of Connecticut, and in each position stood high in the esteem and confidence of his townsmen. Democratic in politics, he has never swerved from the principles of Thomas Jefferson. For many years he has been a valued member of the Baptist Church.

At his advanced age he now can look back over a long and useful life with pleasurable emotions and a just pride in seeing his descendants occupying honorable and representative positions in society.

**Capt. John G. Spicer**, son of James and Lydia (Pride) Spicer, was born in that part of Groton now Ledyard, Nov. 26, 1804. The first American Spicer of this line was John, who emigrated from England to Virginia, and removed from there to Groton, Conn. He was great-grandfather of the subject of our sketch. John<sup>1</sup> had three sons—John<sup>2</sup>, Cyrus, and Abel—and several daughters. He married Abby Allen, was a tanner and currier, and died aged forty-seven. John<sup>2</sup> was a farmer and carpenter; married Nancy Parks, and had one son, James, and four daughters, Mary, Hannah, Clara, and Eunice. All married save Mary, who lived to the age of ninety-two years. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and his widow drew a pension for his services. He died aged about sixty-seven. James Spicer was born Nov. 30, 1779. He married Lydia Pride; she was born Jan. 2, 1778. His second wife was Eunice Pride, born Dec. 18, 1775. Their children of Lydia were William, John G., Herbert P., Lydia M., and Mary; those of Eunice were Abigail, Sarah, James, and Charles. James, Sr., was a carpenter and farmer. He was an industrious, frugal man, and died in Preston, Conn., whither he moved about 1812, and where he continued to reside until his death, April 2, 1867. Lydia, his first wife, died Jan. 3, 1812; Eunice died May 25, 1867.

John G. married Clarissa, daughter of William Kimball, 18—. She was born Sept. 14, 1805. Their children are John O., Harriet A. (Mrs. Lucius Baldwin), Susan (Mrs. Noyes B. Meech), Danaris (Mrs. William A. Bedaut, of Preston), William, and Everett.

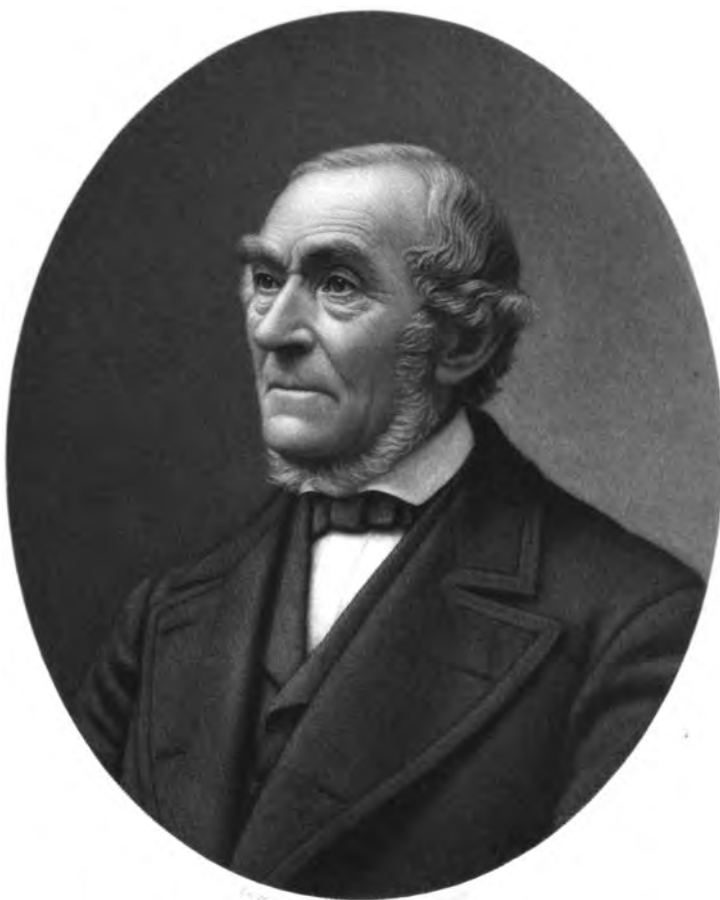
At nineteen years of age Capt. Spicer went before the mast on the sea; in two years' time became captain of brig "Ann Maria," in the West Indian trade. After two years spent in her he bought a half-interest in sloop "Eliza Allen," in coasting and Panama trade. In about a year he took command of schooner

"Planter," remaining in her three years. He then commanded, with one-half ownership, the schooner "Chesapeake." She was lost on the first trip on the Henry Banks, Abico. The same year he took command of schooner "Andrew Jackson," with one-half interest, sailing to New Orleans, West India, and Spanish Main. He remained in her about eighteen months, and since then has been a farmer. He is a Republican, but has never obtruded himself in politics, never sought official position; is a good citizen and strong friend, and is prized by his circle of friends for his many good qualities and sterling worth.

**Capt. William Clift**.—William Clift, the first of the family who came to America, was put ashore in the harbor of Scituate, Mass., when but seven years of age. Tradition reports through Pero, an old negro servant, who died in 1807, aged eighty-one, and who knew the first generation, that William "was sent from England by interested parties, because he was heir to a large estate which they would inherit in case of his death." He married Lydia Wills, and nothing further is known of him than that he had several children and was a resident of Marshfield.

**Capt. William Clift** is his descendant in the fifth generation, and is son of Nathaniel Clift and Eunice Denison, who were married Aug. 5, 1801. Nathaniel spent the early portion of his life in trading-voyages along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and rose to the rank of commander. He finally settled in Mystic Bridge (Stonington), engaged somewhat in trade, and became the popular proprietor of a public-house near the present "Hoxie House."

Capt. William was born in Mystic Bridge (Stonington), Conn., April 20, 1805. He was educated at the common schools of Mystic Bridge, supplemented by two terms' attendance at the private school of Sheffield & Kirby, at Stonington Borough. He commenced active life by teaching school two years in his native town, and then for three years held a position as clerk in the store of Gilbert Denison, at the head of Mystic River. His health, from his sedentary life, was not good, and when twenty-three years old he went to sea in a fishing-smack to improve it. In three years' time he had regained his original strength, and then, with eleven others, formed a joint-stock company, bought the sloop "Montgomery," altered her to a schooner, and went on a sealing-voyage to the west coast of Patagonia. She sailed from Mystic, Aug. 18, 1831, and was the first vessel that sailed from Mystic in this business. Mr. Clift sailed as a common sailor, yet he appears to have had the whole management of affairs. The enterprise and voyage was successful, and Mr. Clift immediately started on another voyage, this time as "master" in schooner "Mary Jane." This was also a successful voyage, paying the owners a dividend of one hundred and twenty-five per cent. net profits in twenty months. These two voyages were very laborious, replete with hardships and vicissitudes, and



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Capt. Clift endured great physical discomfort and dangers, being on one rock seventy-three days and nights, and on another forty-six days and nights. On his first voyage in the "Mary Jane" Capt. Clift was selected by the Foreign Missionary Society to convey two missionaries, Revs. Armes and Cowan, to Terra del Fuego. Knowing their lives to be not worth anything in the hands of the people of that land, as they were cannibals, Capt. Clift prevailed on them to change their destination and conveyed them to Patagonia. The unprecedented success of these voyages gave Capt. Clift great reputation as an able navigator, and he was invited to take command of exploring expeditions untrammelled by orders, and could have accepted very high marine positions. But his sagacity and carefulness caused him to decline all these brilliant offers, and, knowing that his was a commercial mind, he bought the schooner "Hudson," and continued as master during the remainder of his nineteen years of seafaring life, the first five years of which were spent "before the mast." He never sailed for wages, but always for a share. His business capacity, shrewdness, and ability were rewarded by very handsome financial results. When he retired from the sea he owned a part of a number of vessels, and became their New York agent, spending the most of his time in that city for fifteen years, taking care of the vessels and managing their business. At the same time he was extensively engaged with Nathan G. Fish and others in ship-building at Mystic, and himself purchased all the material demanded in New York. In 1865 he retired from active business. Every vessel that he ever had anything to do with was successful, never failing to declare a dividend. He was a man of careful system, and for many years no policy of insurance was carried on his vessels, and not a dollar was lost. One of his preceptory rules on ship-board was that no one, sailor, officer, or passenger, should swear, play cards, or drink liquor.

Capt. Clift was chosen director in "Mystic River Bank," Aug. 1, 1854, and has been in the board since. He was elected its president Aug. 24, 1870, and held the office until June 7, 1881, when he resigned it on account of his failing health. When the Groton Savings-Bank was organized, July 3, 1854, he was elected vice-president; elected its president, Sept. 6, 1870, and held that position until July 27, 1875, when he declined a re-election, but accepted that of vice-president, which office he still holds. He was president of the Elm Grove Cemetery Association from April 16, 1866, to April 11, 1881.

He never held any political office, although doing much as a private citizen to help his party, which in early life was Whig, and since 1856 Republican. In religious matters he has been very active for the last ten or twelve years, using his money very liberally and freely in building up not only the Union Baptist Church, of which he has been for years an esteemed member, but all good enterprises. He is

always giving, and lavishly, to charitable societies, educational projects, and all good objects, and is particularly generous to the poor.

Capt. Clift married, June 18, 1833, Bridget, daughter of Sands Fish, of Groton. They had two children, Mary H. (Mrs. Edward Y. Foote) and Hannah F., both of whom are living. Their mother died Sept. 17, 1845. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Daniel Burrows, of Middletown, Sept. 16, 1846. She died Jan. 10, 1865.

In the fullness of years, honored by the confidence and love of the better part of the community, Capt. Clift can have the satisfaction of knowing that he has worthily and honorably passed a useful and laborious career, and that his memory will be forever a sweet remembrance in the hearts of a large circle of friends.

**Hon. Nathan G. Fish.**—The Fish family can claim a very early Saxon existence. The original name, traced in the rolls of German nobility, is Fisch, and runs back to a remote era. At a time not definitely ascertained a branch of the family removed to England, and from this English line three brothers, it appears, emigrated to Massachusetts in the early colonization of the country. Their names were Nathaniel, John, and Jonathan. They first settled in Lynn, but in 1637 they went to Sandwich, Cape Cod. Here, it is said, Nathaniel located permanently. Jonathan finally joined the settlers of Newtown, L. I. John, with his wife and at least three children, came to Groton, Conn. At least a John Fish, wife and children, were living here in 1665, among the first settlers. He is the first-known ancestor of the Fish family of Groton. His children were John, Jonathan, and Samuel. This Samuel (born 1656 or '57, died Feb. 27, 1733) had numerous children, among them Nathan<sup>1</sup> (born 1699, died July 13, 1732). His name appears in New London records in 1704, the year prior to incorporation of town of Groton. On organization of Groton he became second townsman, and was re-elected many years. He was captain in the French and Indian war. By his first wife, Abigail Havens, he had one son, Nathan<sup>2</sup> (born Sept. 11, 1727, died Oct. 22, 1822). By a second marriage he had other children. He was a member of the Presbyterian (now First Congregational) Church of Groton. Rev. F. Denison says, "I infer that Abigail, the first wife, was inclined to the faith of the Friends, as her mother, Mercy Havens, on Shelter Island, was a decided disciple of that school, and a most estimable woman." Nathan<sup>2</sup> married twice,—first, Catharine Niles; second, Catharine Helme. He had four children by the first wife and ten by his second. He was but five days old at the death of his mother, and not five years old when his father died. His grandmother, Mercy Havens, took him home to Shelter Island and kept him seven years, when he was placed in the famous school of "Master Niles," in Groton. He inherited a handsome estate. He was a quiet man, fond of home and social life, but disinclined to public life and political



preferment. He was tinctured with the principles of the Friends, yet often invited clergymen to hold meetings in his house, and joined the First Baptist Society of Groton, July 25, 1755. He lived to be ninety-five, and wore the old-fashioned dress of the last century,—short clothes, long vest, knee and shoe-buckles, flowing hair, and broad-brimmed hat. Sands Fish, son of Nathan and Catharine (Helme) Fish, was born in Groton, July 1, 1761, and died Aug. 20, 1838. He married Bridget, daughter of Deacon Benadam and Bridget (Palmer) Gallup, June 17, 1789. They had eight children, of whom Nathan G. was seventh. Inheriting a portion of the paternal acres, industrious and frugal, Deacon Sands acquired as a farmer sufficient property for his not extravagant needs and the just demands of charity; he was therewith content. Caring nothing for public or political preferment, he moved chiefly, and always wisely, in religious circles. A member of the First Baptist Church of Groton from 1787, he for many years was deacon, discharging the duties of the office with fidelity until his death, at the ripe old age of seventy-six years, and was honored with the esteem of the whole community.

**Nathan Gallup Fish** was born in Groton, Conn., Sept. 7, 1804, received an extremely good common-school education, supplemented by some time in attendance at Plainfield Academy. His early life was passed until eighteen on the Fish homestead, and after teaching school some time on Long Island he went to sea, and for about twenty years led a seafaring life, the most of the time being master, and made numerous voyages to Southern ports, West Indies, Mexico, and South America. He was very successful, and on retiring from the sea was owner in a number of vessels, and became their agent in New York. In company with Capt. William Clift, B. F. Hoxie, and W. E. Maxson, he started a ship-yard at "Old Field," Mystic River, and carried on an extensive business. About 1860, Messrs. Hoxie and Clift retired, and Mr. Fish and Mr. Maxson carried on the yard, building a large fleet of ships, steamers, etc., among them the ironclad steamer "Galena" and gunboat "Vicksburg."

He was of positive nature and a leader in the community. Every position he held he filled with dignity, ability, and fidelity, and was immensely popular. He was a Whig and Republican. Represented Groton in the State Legislature in 1849, '50, '57, served as State senator three consecutive terms, 1851-53, was elected judge of probate in 1854, and was railroad commissioner of Connecticut. The Groton Bank was incorporated in 1854, and Mr. Fish was chosen president. At the organization of the Mystic River Bank, in 1851, he was chosen second director, and from Aug. 7, 1860, until his death was its president. The bank became the Mystic River National Bank, Dec. 5, 1864.

He was kind-hearted, generous, and social, and enjoyed the esteem of a very large range of acquaint-

ances. For nearly a quarter of a century he served faithfully and acceptably as deacon of the Baptist Church, and his life was always consistent with his professions. He favored all things tending to improvement, education, and Christian progress, and gave them substantial aid. He was one of the founders of Mystic Academy, and president of the board during its continuance.

Mr. Fish married Emeline F., daughter of Dr. John O. Miner, of Centre Groton, Jan. 9, 1833. They had seven children,—Susan L., Ellen M. (deceased), Simeon G. (married Eliza Eldredge, and has two children), John O. (married Frances Eldredge, and has two children), Horace W. (married Anna Potter, and has two children), Phebe M. (married Robert P. Wilbur, and has two children), Roswell W. (married Isabel Park, and has one child). Mrs. Fish died in Groton, Jan. 9, 1871. Mr. Fish died Aug. 1, 1870.

Mr. Fish was known as an honest man, faithful to every trust in an age when political corruption, bribery, and "rings" for ill-gotten gain seemed to be more than usually prevalent, and never was his integrity doubted, or his gentlemanly, Christian character deemed aught than consistent. He leaves his children what is better than worldly goods,—the legacy, far more precious, of a good name and a long life of good deeds.

**John Palmer**, son of Deacon John Palmer, was born July 16, 1818; learned the trade of ship-building with his father; was all his life connected with the Noank ship-yard with his father, and in partnership with Robert, his brother. He was converted when but fourteen years of age, and joined the same year (1832) the Old Fort Hill Baptist Church, under the ministry of Elder Roswell Burrows, and during the remainder of his life was in act, word, and deed an active and unusually earnest Christian worker. He was a constituent member of the Noank Baptist Church. His heart was bound up in the prosperity of Zion. His church was his delight; his membership the excellent of the earth in his estimation. He married Julia, daughter of Peter and Dolly (Fish) Baker, Jan. 1, 1840. Of their seven children, three sons—John, Charles R., and William—are now living. His death occurred, after an illness of seven years, Sept. 30, 1876.

As a husband he was affectionate, faithful, and thoughtful, endearing himself to his beloved wife by all those worthy qualities and little attentions which bespeak tenderness, appreciation, and interest. One of his marked traits of character was unselfishness.

Thoughtful of all around him, forgetful only of himself, it might truly be affirmed he lived not for himself but for others; generous to a fault, fond of his home, true to his friends, given to hospitality, he lives to-day in a thousand hearts.

As a father he was generous, indulgent, cheerful, and patient, and the three sons who survive him—



By T. G. Smith

*Chas. G. Bush*



*John Palmer.*



*Robert Palmer*

John, Charles, and William—can never refer to an impatient or unkind word from this best of earthly fathers; but year by year, as the grass springs upward and the flowers bloom over his grave, they can repair to that hallowed spot and say, "Here lies our father, companion, and friend."

During an illness of seven years he found in an affectionate and loving wife the sympathy and assistance so indispensable to his comfort, and a full repayment of the wealth of affection he had lavished upon her, and it is doubtless due to her skill and watchfulness that he lingered so long among us.

As a brother he was both respected and loved by his brothers and sisters, and each in their degree sought to comfort him in his last days.

A life-long and unbroken attachment existed between the deceased and his brother, Deacon Robert Palmer, of the most intimate and spiritual nature, dating from their earliest home associations. Theirs was a truly Christian home. With but six years' difference in ages, reading from the same Bible, bending at the same altar, it is not strange that a love of more than ordinary cohesion should bind them together. Not much less, however, was the love given to him by all who knew him; even the children were attracted by the sweetness and gentleness of his nature, and mourned his loss as much as those of maturer years.

The day of his funeral was like a Sabbath in its solemn stillness. Work seemed suspended, the flags on the shipping were displayed at half-mast, and the whole village, as if moved by one impulse, gathered in the house of God before the body rested there.

**Robert Palmer**, son of Deacon John and Abby (Fish) Palmer, was born at Noank, Conn., May 6, 1825, and is consequently fifty-six years of age.

His great-grandfather, Elihu Palmer<sup>1</sup>, was a native of New London County, and a resident of Ledyard in early life. He had children,—Elihu<sup>2</sup>, Prudence (who married Levi Spicer), and Lucy (who married Francis Clark, of Greenport, L. I.). He was a farmer, and much esteemed by his neighbors. Elihu<sup>2</sup> followed the sea, married Anna, daughter of William and Sarah (Denison) Latham, and was lost at sea while quite young. They had one child, John. Mrs. Palmer married for her second husband Benjamin Ashby. They had children,—Moses, Benjamin, Latham, William, and Nancy, all now living but Moses. Benjamin married Hannah Fish, who is now living at a very advanced age. Nancy married Aaron Main, of Ledyard.

John Palmer was born in Noank, town of Groton, Conn., June 11, 1787. He had common-school advantages for education, and engaged in fishing for several years, but early learned the trade of boat and ship-building; commenced to work at it at Noank, and pursued it until he retired, an old man. He married Abby, daughter of John Fish, of Groton, Oct. 19, 1809, and after her death Asenath Whittlesey, March 22, 1859. His children were Prudence

(deceased), Abby (deceased), Elihu (deceased), Lucy (married, first, Capt. William A. Wilbur, of Noank, second, Capt. Jeremiah Wilbur, of Mystic), Abby (Mrs. James A. Latham, deceased), Mary (Mrs. T. J. Sawyer), Caroline (Mrs. P. Chipman, deceased), John (deceased), Lydia (Mrs. John D. Latham, deceased), Robert, William (deceased), and Roswell (deceased).

Mr. Palmer continued his business in a small way until about 1832, when he entered into partnership with James A. Latham. They enlarged and extended the business somewhat, sometimes employing help and sometimes not. Near 1836 they commenced building fishing-smacks. Their reputation for good work extended, and the business gradually but steadily increased. About 1845, Mr. Palmer retired from active labor, and Mr. Latham not long afterwards formed a co-partnership with his brother, John D., consequently Mr. Palmer's two sons, John and Robert, became successors to their father, who died July 16, 1859, aged seventy-two.

Mr. Palmer was a man of industry, perseverance, and activity in every direction, Whig and Republican in politics, and outspoken and pronounced for his principles. He was a consistent and faithful Christian, a deacon for over fifty years in the Baptist Church, and very active in all religious or church matters, holding many meetings in the absence of a pastor, and although of stern and unyielding manners where principle or integrity was at stake, was actuated by the broadest Christian charity. He was liberal almost to a fault in every case of distress or need coming to his notice. In connection with his deep piety, he had great Scriptural knowledge, was a wise and discreet counselor, a pillar in the church, to whom the Noank Baptist Church is more indebted than any other person for its existence and strength. His loving, Christian influence made itself felt not only in the early development of religion in his children, but through the entire community, doing good to many, and manifesting itself a power which yet shows a potent influence.

Robert Palmer had a common-school education. At an early age, say twelve years, he went on the water as a sailor during summer months, and continued there until he was nineteen, when he went to Stonington, to work with Stiles West at boat-building. After remaining there two years, he worked for Charles P. Williams on a ship that he was building, but his father being in need of his services in his ship-yard at Noank, he soon went there and entered into active business, which he has ever since continued. On the withdrawal of Mr. Latham, John and Robert entered into partnership. In October, 1845, Robert married Harriet, daughter of Deacon Ebenezer and Grace (Gallup) Rogers. Their children are Robert (died in infancy), Harriet (died at three years), Jane (Mrs. Simeon W. Ashby), Harriet (Mrs. Harry Knapp, of New York), Robert, Jr. (married Libbie Murphy, of Noank), Jessie (died at five years). The brothers

continued in business at the upper ship-yard till about 1855, when Robert, in company with his cousin, Daniel E. Clark, of East Marion, purchased the lower ship-yard. Mr. Clark, after two or three years, sold his interest to John and Robert, who continued work in both yards until the partnership was closed by the death of John, in 1876. In 1860 the brothers put a set of marine railways (then the largest between New York and Boston) into the upper yard, and business came in rapidly. During the war they had a very large amount of work to do, rebuilding, among others, two ships for Baltimore parties. In 1879, Robert purchased the interest of his deceased brother, and put in the gigantic steam marine railways now in use. These are probably the largest in the world. We give their dimensions: Length of ground-ways, 658 feet; timber of ground-ways, 12 by 18 inches; length of cradle, 265 feet; depth of water (high water) with cradle lowered,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet at bow; length of chain, 450 feet; diameter of chain,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches; length of link, 17 inches; weight of chain, 27,280 pounds; incline, one-half inch to the foot; number of iron rollers under the cradle, 475; diameter of rollers, 5 inches; weight of rollers, 29,093 pounds. A 75-horse-power engine is used in the hauling. This is supplied with power by two return flue steam-boilers 18 feet long and 36 inches in diameter. The engine is geared to make one hundred revolutions per minute, which moves the cradle three feet. The machinery was made by C. H. Delamater, New York. The construction and erection of machinery was superintended by Erastus W. Smith, superintending engineer of the "Providence and Stonington Steamship Company." No marine-ways in New York or Boston can compare with these. The first vessel placed on them was the steamer "Narragansett," of the Stonington line, rebuilt in the winter of 1879-80, after her collision with the "Stonington." June, 1880, she was taken out and rebuilt again.

She was completed and launched the last day of August, 1880.

Since September, 1880, Robert Palmer, Jr., and Simeon W. Ashby have each owned a quarter-interest in the yard, and the firm is "Robert Palmer & Sons." Their yard is one of the most active business centres of New London County, employing now (August, 1881) about one hundred and twenty men. The largest vessel ever built in the State is now in process of construction here. It is the new "Rhode Island" steamer, which will take the place in the Providence and Stonington Steamship Company's line of the lost "Rhode Island." It is 345 feet long, 46 feet beam, 82 feet wide over guards, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep in lowest place. Robert Palmer & Sons enjoy a high reputation as workmen, and have most of the ship-building and repairing of the New Jersey Central Railroad. They also number among their large patrons the New York and New England Transfer Company, John H. Starin, and many other large companies.

Robert Palmer is a man of influence in his town and church, and throughout a business acquaintance reaching along the whole Atlantic seaboard. Republican in politics, he was sent to represent his town in the State Legislatures of 1858 and 1869. He was an early member of the Noank Baptist Church, and for thirty years has been a deacon. He has a kindly, affectionate nature, and cherishes home and friends dearly. He has a winning personal magnetism which makes him many friends. To these he is loyal, and he enjoys to an unusual degree the marked confidence of the better portion of society and leading business men. He is generous in the highest degree, and even beyond his ability, in contributing to religious and charitable objects, and no case of deserving need or suffering ever appealed unsuccessfully to him. He is not only a prominent and leading business man, but, higher yet, a consistent Christian, whose active zeal has done much for the church and society of his locality.

**Hon. Noyes Barber.**—Noyes Barber was a descendant of Thomas Barber, who came to Boston in the ship "Christian" in the year 1635. Stiles' "History of Windsor" says that Thomas Barber came to that town in the same year in company with Stiles, and was made a freeman in 1645; was a sergeant in the Pequot fight, and was mentioned by Capt. Mason in his "Brief History of the Pequot War." Thomas Barber had six children, the oldest of whom was John Barber, who afterwards removed to Springfield colony, Mass. His son Thomas had a son Jonathan, who at fourteen years of age entered Yale College, and in the year 1726 graduated from that institution and entered the gospel ministry. When Whitefield came to this country he and Rev. Jonathan Barber became fast friends, and as a consequence of their intimacy Mr. Barber accompanied Mr. Whitefield to Georgia, and had charge of his orphan asylum for seven years. At the expiration of that period of labor he came North, and was settled over the Congregational Church at Oyster Pond, Long Island, for ten years, and in the autumn of 1758 was installed pastor of the church in Groton, Conn. Here he twice received visits from his friend, Mr. Whitefield, and from a platform projected from the upper windows of the minister's house—which is still standing at Centre Groton—multitudes listened to the eloquence of this wonderful man. One of his sons, John Barber, who lived and died on the spot where his father had lived, was the father of Noyes Barber, his mother being Elizabeth Denison, of Stonington, a lineal descendant of George Denison and Anne Boredil, and his grandmother (the wife of Rev. Jonathan Barber) the daughter of Thomas Noyes, a physician of Westerly, R. I., and granddaughter of Rev. James Noyes, the first minister of Stonington, Conn. Noyes Barber was born April 28, 1781, and at eleven years of age entered the store of William Eldridge, at the village of Groton, where he served as clerk until at the age of

twenty he bought out the proprietor and engaged himself in business, marrying the same year Catharine Burdick, thus assuming all the responsibilities of manhood, depending solely upon his own energy and skill and the good will of his fellow-citizens. He became one of the largest buyers of farmers' products and dealers in farmers' supplies on the Thames River, and carried on besides a considerable trade with the West Indies, and was interested more or less in the various ventures by sea common in a maritime town.

With the pecuniary prosperity which followed his efforts came the approval and consideration of those around him. He was elected captain of his company in the Eighth Regiment of Volunteers, and in the war of 1812 was promoted from captain to major, by which title he was known among his neighbors until his death. He was summoned to Stonington with the volunteer troops on the 10th of August, 1814, when an attack was made on that town,—a day on which he was to have been married (a second time) to Mrs. Mary Smith, the widow of Elijah Smith, and daughter of Starr Chester; but the marriage, delayed by this event, was consummated the next day. Being a Jeffersonian Republican, Mr. Barber supported Mr. Madison's administration and the war, and while Commodore Decatur was blockaded in New London Harbor he sometimes entertained him and his officers at his house, with other men of prominence in the region of differing political views, and all his life addicted to hospitality, and his house was open not only to men of distinction with whom he had intercourse, but to a large circle of friends who were wont to meet under its roof. The Republican party of Jefferson was largely in the ascendant at that time, and with this party Mr. Barber heartily sympathized, and every position of honor and trust within the gift of his fellow-citizens was open to him.

He was twice elected to the Legislature of Connecticut, and in 1821 was nominated for Congress, and elected as a member of the House of Representatives, and returned each successive election until 1835, a period of fourteen years, which has not been equaled before or since in this State, except by Benjamin Tallmadge, of Litchfield, who served eighteen years in the House of Representatives. When Mr. Barber took his seat James Monroe was President, and Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Thomas H. Benton, John Q. Adams, and Andrew Jackson were members of Congress. It was a brilliant period in our national history, and though the subject of this sketch could not be reckoned among those who moved the House by the power of his eloquence, he faithfully and diligently sought to be useful to his constituents and his country, and was as earnest and untiring in his efforts to serve his political opponents as those who favored his own views. The records of Congress assure us his vote was always recorded in the interest of economical administration of the government, liberality to the nation's benefactors and pensioners, and in favor of

liberty for the oppressed in our own and other lands. Mr. Barber was appointed on the Committee of Claims, of which Elisha Whittlesey, of Ohio, was chairman, and on this committee he served to the close of his congressional career. It was a committee where much hard and difficult work was to be done, and from all that can be learned two more faithful and laborious men could not be found in the Congress of the United States than Elisha Whittlesey and Noyes Barber. No period in the history of the government has been more often referred to for economy in the administration of its finances and righteousness in the adjustment of its claims. A change came over the politics of our country, and in 1824 the Electoral College failed to elect a President, and the House of Representatives being required to do it, John Quincy Adams was elected over his opponent, Andrew Jackson, and the old Jeffersonian Republican party was disrupted, the Jackson Democracy claiming to be the true Democracy; but not so thought Mr. Barber, and, with the sounder and safer men with whom he followed, he was proscribed by the popular party, though returned to Congress by his constituents. As he had done before so he continued to do,—strive to keep fraudulent claimants from thrusting their hands into the treasury, voting in favor of a measure that for each day's unnecessary absence of a senator, representative, or delegate he shall forfeit his eight dollars, and on a motion to adjourn on the 22d of February, in honor of Washington's birthday, voting adversely with a majority of the House, because, as was said by Mr. Forsyth, of Georgia, "the most respectful tribute the House could pay to the memory of Gen. Washington was a due attention to the discharge of their proper duties." In the bitter contest between Gen. Jackson and the United States Bank Mr. Barber was on the side of the bank, and as an evidence of his practical wisdom Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, said to one of Mr. Barber's descendants that at the time of Jackson's famous veto Webster, Clay, and some of the more distinguished men of the party thought it would render him unpopular, but Mr. Barber said, "No, it won't; where he has had one vote he will have two," and events justified the correctness of his opinion. In 1835, Mr. Barber, though receiving more votes than in any previous election, was, with his party, returned to private life, but in all that concerned the welfare of the country his interest did not abate, and he was sent regularly from his town to the Whig conventions of the State. At the last one before his death, being unable to attend because of impaired health, he wrote to a friend of his inability to be present, and expressing a preference for Clay and Davis as candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, concluding his letter with advice characteristic of the man, "Be bold, have no skulking." He died Jan. 3, 1844, at his home in Groton, and the comments of the various journals of his own State and others on his life and character were such as his most



intimate friends know to be only just and true. The *National Intelligencer*, of Washington, quoting an eulogy from the *New York Courier and Enquirer*, says of it, "And far from being chargeable with the usual exaggeration of partial friendship in regard to the dead, utters no more than the literal truth of one of the best men, in both his public and his private character, that it has ever been our fortune to meet," and with the editors of the *Intelligencer*, Messrs. Gales and Seaton, Mr. Barber was on terms of intimacy. Though not a communicant, Mr. Barber was a constant attendant upon the services of the Congregational Church, in which he was reared, and a supporter of the institutions of religion, and his house was one where the ministers of the church were cordially received and hospitably entertained. In these days it is well to review the political life of those who represented the country in its earlier history, when the old-fashioned writers of economy, integrity, and devotion to its best interests were not at a discount, and may a review of the public life of the subject of this sketch prove useful to those who have known of him, though living too late to have known him personally.

**Hon. Elisha Haley.**—Elisha Haley, son of Caleb and Mary (Helmes) Haley, was born in Groton, two miles from Mystic River, Jan. 21, 1776. He had in early life the common-school advantages of a farmer's boy, and that was all the schools of the land ever gave him. He continued on the farm with his father until his marriage, July 24, 1803, to Nancy, daughter of Nathan Crary, of Groton, and until 1816, when he purchased a little piece of land, and lived with his brother Stephen, in a house on the place now occupied by Warren Haley. There he continued to reside until 1846 or 1847, when he removed to Centre Groton, and made his home there until his death, Jan. 22, 1859. He was a great student, and acquired much more valuable practical knowledge than many colleagues. He was well developed physically, and had a well-balanced mind. He was stirring and active, a leader in society and in politics. He knew no such word as fail. Whenever he took hold of a measure or principle it was carried to success. He was never a candidate for any office and failed of an election, and he was popular not only in his own town, but throughout the range of his extended acquaintance. He came from good Democratic stock, and was firm and fearless in the advocacy of those principles. He was intrusted with various important positions in his native town, represented it in the General Assembly of Connecticut for several years, was State senator more than once, and was early elected member of Congress from Connecticut. He was always ready to help every scheme of public improvement. In 1816-18 was largely interested in constructing turnpikes in both Connecticut and Rhode Island, and held stock in several of these companies more or less during his life. He was for several years a captain in the State militia, and was universally respected and honored by

his townsmen. He was a representative farmer, and owned six hundred broad acres in Groton. Mrs. Haley was born Nov. 30, 1780, and died Sept. 11, 1860. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church for many years. Their children are Henry, born May 11, 1804; Giles, born Sept. 24, 1805 (deceased); Austin, born May 11, 1810; Abby A. (Mrs. William F. Mitchell), born May 28, 1814; and Eliza, born Nov. 13, 1818.

Henry has always been a farmer, residing at Centre Groton since 1844; had common-school education, taught district school several terms, and married, June 15, 1853, Mary Ann, daughter of John B. and Betsey (Haley) Burrows. They have had three children,—Virginia (Mrs. Nelson Morgan; she has one son, John A.), Betsey A. (Mrs. Albert C. Burrows; she has two daughters), John B. (residing with his father; he has four daughters). Mr. Haley is a quiet, law-abiding citizen, never accepting any public position, even refusing to sit on a jury. He owns about three hundred and fifty acres of land, and, like his father, is a strong Democrat. As long as the Democrats were in power the January meetings were held at the Haley residence, and it was the regular place for holding Democratic caucuses.

**John J. and Deacon A. L. Avery.**—Capt. James Avery, the first American ancestor of the numerous Avery families of Groton, was born at Salisbury, England, in 1620, and emigrated to America with his father, Christopher, and for a time settled at Gloucester, Mass., where he married Joanna Greenslade, and afterwards moved to New London, Conn., where he was granted land, Oct. 19, 1650; had the fifth lot of six acres on "Cape Ann Lane," and settled there in 1651. In 1652 and 1653 he with others received grants of land in South Groton. He was a man of mark in the community, was a leading member of the first church organization in New London, and was assessed in 1664 on property valued at two hundred and thirty-six pounds. In June, 1668, with Cary Latham, was appointed by the town to treat with the Mohegan chief Uncas and settle the boundary line, a very important trust; was twelve times deputy to the General Court, for fifteen or twenty years was commissioner (justice), was a noted Indian-fighter, and was in active service through King Philip's war; was assistant judge of the County Court, was chosen townsman in 1660, and held the office twenty-three years. He removed to Pequonnock between 1660 and 1670, and died there in 1694. A part of the house now occupied by James Avery, of Groton, a lineal descendant, was built by him, and has been continuously in possession of the family for seven generations. He left several children.

James Avery, Jr., was born at Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 16, 1646; married Deborah, daughter of Edward Stallyon, Feb. 20, 1669; with his wife, stands first on church records of Groton, admitted profession not given. They had twelve children. Mr. Avery died



*Eliza Huley*



JOHN J. AVERY.



*Albert L. Avery*

Aug. 22, 1728. James Avery (3) married Mary Griswold. He was born April 20, 1673, and had eight children. The line of descent continues through John, his son, born 1700, married Mary Elizabeth Morgan; Elijah, baptized Sept. 15, 1734, married Prudence Avery, and had three children,—Caleb, Elizabeth, who married Wm. Eldredge, and John J., to Albert L.

John J., born March 4, 1776, was therefore in the sixth generation from James (1). He was born in Groton, Conn., as were all his ancestors following James. He was a well-to-do farmer, was modest and unassuming in his manners, owned seven hundred acres of land, was one of Groton's leading farmers, and one of the solid, substantial men of his day. He married Nancy, daughter of James Murdoch, of Saybrook, in 1794, and had twelve children,—Maria M., born Jan. 26, 1796, died July 13, 1867; Elijah, born May 27, 1798, died 1834; Dean Loy, born Feb. 14, 1800, died April, 1824; George Anson, born Jan. 28, 1802, died May 8, 1856; Delia A. (Mrs. Samuel B. Wheeler); Carlton M., born April 24, 1806; Courtland, born Dec. 18, 1807; Erastus, born Dec. 8, 1809; Albert L., born July 12, 1812; Oscar F. and Amanda M., born May 24, 1813; and Solon C., born May 27, 1816, died July, 1854. Mr. Avery was a Whig in politics. He died Oct. 25, 18— . At this writing (June, 1881) Carlton, Amanda, and Albert are the surviving children.

Albert L. was born on the place in Groton, near the Thames, where F. Bill now resides. He received his education at the district schools of Groton, and the then highly-celebrated "Bacon Academy," at Colchester. His home was with his father until his marriage, March 15, 1837, to Phebe Esther, daughter of Deacon Charles Wheeler, of North Stonington. She lived but a short time.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Avery removed to Eastern Point, Groton, and has been resident there since. Quite a marked contrast exists between the state of the Point then and now. Surely if the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is a public benefactor, why is not Mr. Avery entitled to the same distinction? Here has his life-work been given. The best road in Groton runs from the Point to New London, but when Mr. Avery first came there there was no road for quite a distance, and the rest of the way it was but a gate-road, with five gates to open. The nicely-graded streets, the beautiful villages of cottages, evidences of refined and cultured inmates, are most all indebted to Mr. Avery for their existence. Alone, with far-seeing sagacity, he discerned the opportunity of development, and in spite of the opposition of neighbors and friends, has convinced them that he was right. He commenced his married life with two hundred and fifty dollars cash capital. The next year he built the house where he now resides, at the cost of one thousand dollars, and for ten years improved the land.

At the expiration of that time he had gotten it nicely into improvement, well stocked, and all improvements, stock, etc., paid for except one hundred and twenty dollars. He then purchased the land (three hundred acres) from his father, his brother Erastus purchasing the remainder of his father's possessions in this part of Groton, over three hundred acres more. He ran in debt for the entire purchase-money, eight thousand dollars. He had then conceived the idea, for which some persons called him crazy, of making a watering-place and summer resort of the pleasant point. In pursuance of this object he sold to Capt. Fisk, of the "Ocean House," a piece of land for a merely nominal price, to secure the building of another house. At that time (1842) there was but Mr. Avery's residence and the "Ocean House" on the point. Since then, by Mr. Avery's persistent labor and energy, a three-rod road was laid out on the bank of the river, about 1871, and in addition to the other residences spoken of, thirty-eight summer residences have been built by wealthy gentlemen from various places. In connection with this improvement, the steamboat "Cecil" was built to ply between New London, Pequot House, Edgcombe House, and Ocean House. The round trip was made every hour through the day during the summer season. The travel increased so that in 1880 there were two boats on the same route. (Mr. Avery has a free life-pass on this line for his services in developing Eastern Point.) The boat from Norwich to Watch Hill makes two calls a day, and several other lines make regular stops. The streets have been made under Mr. Avery's personal supervision, at his expense and the cottage-owners', and although done by permission of the selectmen, he has never called on the town for a dollar. He paid nearly four hundred dollars himself to improve one street. Mr. Avery married Joanna B. Wheeler, sister of the first wife, Jan. 1, 1839. She died March 5, 1866. Their children are George A., born March 4, 1840; Rebecca W., Jan. 17, 1842; Maria L., Feb. 5, 1844; Martha W., who died aged seven years; Augustus P., June 11, 1849; John D., June 8, 1852; Jerusha P., Sept. 17, 1855; Thomas W., Dec. 26, 1858; and Annie H., April 20, 1861. He married Mrs. Abbie J. Burrows, of Norwich, Feb. 8, 1869. Although never seeking office, Mr. Avery has been called to fill various representative positions, was two terms on State Board of Agriculture, was one of the originators of the New London County Agricultural Society, and served as president two years, declining the "third term." He has at various times been selectman; was chosen in 1865 to represent Groton in the General Assembly of the State. Mr. Avery particularly distinguished himself in the Legislature by his determined opposition to the attempted removal of the county-seat from New London to Norwich, and by a telling speech and active labors he rendered efficient service and acquired great popularity. Mr. Avery has been a consistent member of the Congregational Church for

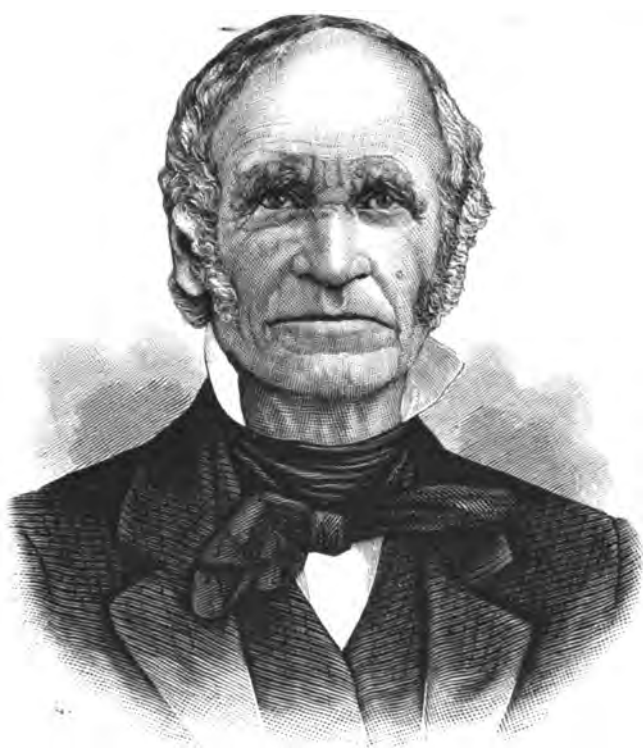
nearly half a century, and succeeded his brother Erastus, who died in 1878, as deacon. For over fifty years he has diligently labored in the Sabbath-school, holding its superintendency for about twenty years. He was an active member of the building committee in rebuilding of the church, and has shown himself to be a worthy son of worthy sires by his active and cordial support of all things tending to improve mankind or develop the progress of his native town. He is to-day one of its honored and prominent citizens and a leading man in the community.

**The Burrows Family.**—In the early settlement of New England, it is said, there came with the Pilgrims three brothers, John, William, and Robert Burrows, who being Baptists were driven out by religious persecution from Manchester, England. One finally settled in Pennsylvania, one in New York, and Robert, who was one of the first who removed from the vicinity of Boston, Mass., settled in Wethersfield, Conn. He there married a widow, Mary Ireland, prior to 1642. About 1643, Robert, with a few others, made a permanent settlement at Pequot, now New London, Conn. After the organization of the town of New London a special grant of land was made to him, dated June 2, 1650. On the division of the lands vacated by the Pequots in Groton, Robert Burrows, John Packer, and Robert Park settled on the west bank of Mystic River. Mr. Burrows' grant, dated April 3, 1651, was a "parcel of land between the west side of the river and a high mountain of rocks." The records also say, "Goodman Robert Burrows was chosen the first ferryman to ferry horse and man across Mystic River for a groat" (fourpence). With his house in New London and his estates at Poquonnock and on the Mystic, he was in 1664 the third gentleman in the New London settlement in the amount of his taxable property. His children were Samuel and John, both presented to be freemen of the colony in 1669. He died in Groton in August, 1682. John was born in 1642, married Hannah, daughter of Edward Culver, Dec. 14, 1670. Their children were John, Mary, Margaret, Samuel, Robert, Jeremiah, and Isaac. Mr. Burrows was one of the patentees of the amended charter of the New London settlement (1704), that up to this date included Groton. He was evidently of large property and honorable position. His remains, marked by a large granite slab, marked "J. B., 74, dyed 1716," are in the Wightman burying-ground, near the site of the first meeting-house of the Baptists. He was a liberal supporter of the first Baptist Church in Groton, which was also the first in Connecticut. His sons, John, Samuel, Robert, and Jeremiah, were in 1712 among the "accepted inhabitants of Groton."

John (2), born in Groton, 1671, married Lydia, daughter of Hugh and Jane (Latham) Hubbard, Oct. 14, 1700. Their children were John, Lydia, Mary, Hubbard, Hannah, Silas, Abigail, and Amos. He died in 1752. His remains, with those of his wife, Lydia,

are in the old Packer burying-ground, in Groton, on the southwestern slope of Pequot Hill. John (3) was born in Groton, Nov. 14, 1701, became both farmer and ship-carpenter, married Desire, daughter of Capt. James Packer. They had thirteen children, of whom Mary, Lydia, Phebe, Lucretia, Waity, Desire, Nabby, John, Nathan, and Daniel attained maturity. The mother, Desire, died in 1808, aged ninety-three. Of her tradition relates that once, seeing great flocks of pigeons flying past the hill where she lived (now Clift's Hill), she took a gun and by a single shot brought down more than a score; and also, during the extremely cold winter of 1740-41, she, in a huge chopping-tray for a sled, darted from her chamber-window eastward over the snow-filled valley far away across the river. Nathan, born in 1744, married, first, Amy Williams, June 2, 1765; second, Sarah Williams, 1788. By his first wife he had eleven children,—Joseph, Waity, George, Betsey, Amy, Abigail, James, Nancy, Experience, Lydia, and Desire; by his second wife seven,—Benjamin, Jesse, Nathan, Simeon, Betsey, Edward (1), and Edward (2). During the Revolution he made two trips with ox-teams from Groton to Boston, Mass., conveying supplies to the patriot army. He died Aug. 18, 1808, in Chenango County, N. Y., whither he had removed.

**Capt. Benjamin Burrows, Sr.**, was born in Groton, near Mystic River, Oct. 20, 1789. He was oldest child of Nathan and Sarah (Williams) Burrows. He received his education at the common schools of his native town. His parents moving about 1805 to Chenango County, N. Y., he accompanied them, but not liking a farm-life, he obtained his father's consent to return to Connecticut and follow a seafaring life. He was then about seventeen. He accompanied an uncle on foot to Jersey City, and after reaching his destination he at once went sailing on a fishing-smack, and for nearly a quarter of a century was engaged on the sea as a fisherman. In that pursuit he went as far south as Florida. He was not long in becoming not only captain but owner. One of his smacks was sunk during the war of 1812 to keep her out of the enemy's hands. He enlisted in the "Sea Fencible" at that period, and drew a pension for his services. He was for a long time a member of the Fort Hill Baptist Church, which was the first organization of that denomination in the State. Capt. Burrows was a true type of the old New England man, of plain, simple habits and clear perceptions, resolute, of great energy and force of character, penetrating in reading character, keen to observe, and could unerringly detect a sham or fraud in any one. If he had been educated for the bar he would have stood pre-eminent as a lawyer. He was four times married,—to Rebecca Thompson (born June 14, 1787; died Nov. 23, 1842), March 17, 1808; to Lucy Perkins, Nov. 10, 1844; to — (Y.) Williams (date unknown); to Sarah (R.) Holdredge, Nov. 22, 1864. By his first wife he had



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**CALVIN BURROWS.**

thirteen children,—Nathan (deceased), William T. (deceased), Hannah (Mrs. Franklin Gallup, deceased), Benjamin, Calvin, Edwin S. (deceased), Roswell S. and Rufus S. (twins, both deceased), Sarah E. (Mrs. Franklin Gallup), Simeon S., Mary Ann (Mrs. Geo. W. Morgan, deceased), George. By his second wife he had two children,—Lorenzo D. and Daniel L. (both of these were soldiers in the civil war, and died in 1863, while in service). Capt. Burrows died March 27, 1876. From a communication to the *Norwich Weekly Courier* of April 5, 1876, we extract the following:

Capt. Benjamin Burrows, Sr., one of our oldest and a highly-respected citizen, passed away on Monday, 27th ultimo, after an illness of only a few days, at the house of his son, Benjamin Burrows, Jr., at the age of eighty-six years and five months. Capt. Burrows was one of a family of eighteen children of Nathan Burrows, of Mystic, living in the house now occupied by Col. Amos Clift, in the north part of our village, his parents removing to Greene township, Chenango Co., N. Y., about 1804. Benjamin came back to his native village in 1806, walking to Jersey City, and coming over to New York, where he embarked on board a Mystic fishing-smack for his place of destination. He then shipped on board a fishing-vessel, and spent the next twenty-two years of his life as a fisherman or marketman at Charleston, S. C., and in New York City. He was known as an enterprising captain in this trade.

He became an extensive land-owner after he gave up going on the water. Capt. Burrows was a volunteer in the last war with England, and received a land-warrant. He cast his first vote for President Madison in 1812, voting at every succeeding Presidential election to the last, viz.: for Monroe, Adams, and with the anti-Jackson, Whig, and Republican parties. But though punctual and reliable at the polls, he would never take office nor suffer his name to be used. When elected a justice of the peace, and well qualified for such a position, he would not accept. He was a man of sterling virtues, his firmness resembling the old Roman, but he had a kind heart, and his departure will be sincerely mourned, not only among his children and their descendants, but by all who knew him. He was interred in the family burying-place upon Fort Hill.

**Capt. Benjamin Burrows, Jr.**, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Burrows, was born Feb. 6, 1815. He received a common school education, and when but ten years old accompanied his father on a cruise to Havana. When seventeen he went to sea as a sailor before the mast. After one year became mate of schooner "Bolivar" for one season; sailed as mate of several vessels. In 1838 became captain of the schooner "Talma," in Southern and coasting trade, and continued in this avocation until 1872, when he retired from the sea and entered into the coal trade at Mystic River, in which he is yet engaged. He is a solid man of Groton, well respected and esteemed.

He has been a member of the Baptist Church since 1835. In politics he has been a Whig and Republican, and represented Groton in the Legislature of 1864.

He married, July 25, 1838, Sarah A., daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Avery) Hammond. She lived



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only two years. He married, Oct. 23, 1854, Ann M., daughter of Urbane and Amanda Avery. Their children were Elizabeth A. and Benjamin F. Mrs. Burrows died April 12, 1860. For his third wife he married, March 26, 1867, Frances L., daughter of Isaac and Levina (Fish) Denison, of Mystic Bridge. Capt. Benjamin is prudent and careful, of good business faculties and judgments, and has been prospered in his undertakings through the most of his life.

**Calvin Burrows**, son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Thompson) Burrows, was born in Groton, Conn., March 22, 1817. He was brought up in Groton, receiving his education at the common schools, and remained with his father's family till he was twenty-two years old, when he went as a sailor in fishing-vessels for several years. About 1851, Mr. Burrows, in company with Capt. Darwin Rogers and others, fitted out the schooner "Edward L. Frost" for a voyage to California. They had a pleasant trip of one hundred and seventeen days to San Francisco. On account of ill health Capt. Burrows only remained in California eight months, when he returned to Connecticut. After he regained his health he again went fishing, and continued at that avocation until the fall of 1855, when he went West, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and became a farmer. He returned to Connecticut on a visit in the spring of

1864. His father, being then advanced in years, desired him to purchase the old homestead and remain near him. Calvin at last did so, and since that time has followed farming on Pequonnock Plains.

He has been twice married, first to Mary A., daughter of Nathan Niles. She died May 27, 1840. He married, April 11, 1842, Catherine, daughter of Zebediah and Eunice (Packer) Gates, of an old Groton family. His children are Calvin (captain of steamer "Anna Gallup"), Alice (deceased), Jane (deceased), Esther (Mrs. Elisha Williams), Julia (Mrs. Franklin Manier), and Charles (deceased). Both Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are Baptists. He has been a Republican since 1856. Has never held office. By economy, industry, and prudence has attained a handsome competency, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen for his good judgment and practical common sense. He is to-day one of Groton's successful farmers.

**Franklin Gallup.**—Capt. John Gallop and Christobel, his wife, came to America with John Winthrop's company in 1630, and settled in Dorchester. They subsequently lived for a time on an island in Boston Harbor, which yet bears the name of "Gallop's Island." He had a house and lot in Boston, which he occupied alternately with his island home. He joined the first church of Boston, Jan. 5, 1634, and was made a freeman in April following. In naval history he is credited with having fought the first naval battle on the Atlantic coast. He died February, 1649. His wife survived him, dying Oct. 27, 1655. They had four children,—Joan, John (2), Samuel, and Nathaniel. The dates of their birth are unknown. His estate, inventoried before the County Court, April, 1649, amounted to three hundred and eleven pounds ten shillings and eightpence. The will of Widow Gallop, made Aug. 24, 1655, disposed of property, money, and household goods inventoried at thirty-six pounds and fourteen shillings.

John (2) married Hannah, daughter of Widow Margaret Lake, who resided with Governor John Winthrop's family. They had nine children,—Hannah, John (3), Benadam, William, Samuel, Christobel, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret. John (2) was old enough to serve in the Pequot war with the Massachusetts forces, who arrived at New London, Conn., in June, 1637. These forces united with Mason and his second levy of troops, and drove the Pequots to New Haven and beyond. He was probably born in 1616 or 1617, and was nearly sixty years of age when he was killed in the great swamp-fight at Kingston, R. I., in 1675. He was known as "Capt. John Gallup, famed in Indian warfare." (John Gallup, son of Capt. John Gallup, resided with his father in and around Boston until 1640, when he left and subsequently lived at Taunton, Mass., then Plymouth Colony. In 1651 he removed to New London, Conn., thence to Stonington in 1654, and represented that town in General Assembly in 1665 and 1667.) Benadam Gallup, son of

Capt. John Gallup, was born in 1656. He married Esther, daughter of John and Hester Prentice, of New London. They had seven children,—Hannah, Esther, Marcey, Benadam, Joseph (1), Margaret, and Lucy.

Joseph (1), son of Benadam, born Sept. 27, 1695, and married Eunice, daughter of John and Martha (Wheeler) Williams, Feb. 24, 1720. They had nine children,—Martha, Joseph (2), Elisha, Oliver, Eunice, William, Eunice, Benadam, and Lucy.

Joseph (2), called "Captain," was born Feb. 26, 1725, and married Mary, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Gardiner, May 18, 1749. Their ten children were Joseph (died aged three years), Sarah, Joseph (3), John, Lucretia, Phebe, Gardiner, Jonathan, Esther, and Gurdon. Capt. Joseph Gallup died Feb. 21, 1778, aged fifty-five years. His wife survived him, dying July 11, 1802, aged seventy-two. Both were buried in the Ashby burial-ground at Pequonnock Bridge.

Gurdon Gallup, of Groton, youngest child of Capt. Joseph Gallup, was born Dec. 18, 1771. He became a farmer at Pequonnock, and in connection therewith a carpenter and ship-builder as well. He built three vessels—the "Atlas," the "Blossom," and another—right opposite his residence. In the great September gale of 1815 one vessel was driven by the wind nearly one-fourth of a mile up the river, and was left near the old Morgan cemetery. He married Sibell, daughter of Giles and Lucy Capron, Feb. 15, 1795, in Preston, Conn., where she was born Feb. 25, 1771. They had nine children,—Lucy, Gurdon, Grace, Frederic, Joseph, Giles, Mary A., Sabra, and Franklin. He died at Noank, Conn., Dec. 17, 1847, aged seventy-five. His wife died April 9, 1852, at Waterford, Conn., aged eighty-one. Both are buried in the Ashby burying-ground.

**Franklin Gallup**, youngest child of Gurdon and Sibell Gallup, was born in Pequonnock, Aug. 18, 1812, within a few rods of where he now resides. He had only the advantages of the common schools of Pequonnock, and remained with his parents until his twenty-second birthday, when he married Hannah, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Rebecca (Thompson) Burrows, of Mystic River. His father then removed to Noank, and Franklin continued as farmer on the old home. The children of Mr. Gallup by this marriage were Hannah B. (who married Rev. A. C. Bronson, Baptist clergyman at Lebanon, Conn.), Benjamin Franklin, Loren A., Frederic, and Sarah A. Mrs. Gallup died Jan. 2, 1843, on her father's farm at Pequonnock, which place they lived on and worked in connection with Mr. Gallup's own farm, a short distance away. He married, April 9, 1843, Sarah E. Burrows, sister of his first wife. She was born Feb. 19, 1823. Their children are Simeon S. (deceased), Edwin S. (deceased), Frances D. (Mrs. O. P. Howell, of Port Jervis, N. Y.), Adelaide (Mrs. G. W. Atkins, of Indianapolis, Ind.), Walter L. (also of Indianapolis), Roswell B. (deceased), Lucy M. (Mrs. William R. Avery, of Cin-



*Franklin Doolittle*



*Albert Latzka*

cinnati, Ohio, deceased), Elmer E. (of Indianapolis), Alice E., and Florence E.

April 1, 1848, a most distressing calamity fell upon Mr. Gallup and family. His dwelling, with entire contents,—furniture, money, etc.,—was burned, with no insurance. The fire was so extremely rapid in its work of destruction that all who were saved were scorched and blistered, and Sarah A., a girl of five years, was burned to death. None of the family, including his aged mother, then living with him, had scarcely anything to wear, and they were scattered through the community, one at one place and one at another. His numerous friends gave Mr. Gallup liberal aid, and by their kind assistance he had, in a few months' time, his present residence completed on the site of the burned one. After three years' residence here he sold it, bought a farm in Waterford, lived there four years, sold it, repurchased his old home at Pequonnock, and entered into partnership with Col. H. D. Morgan, with the firm-name of Morgan & Gallup, for the manufacture of menhaden or "bony-fish" oil. The first season they manufactured over twelve hundred barrels. This partnership continued till 1856, when Mr. Gallup sold out his interest therein, and, with his son Frederic and others, formed a new company in the same business on the coast of Maine. This business is still continued as Gallup, Morgan & Co. The manufacture of this oil has in the past been extremely profitable, not so much so of recent years from the vast number of competing firms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gallup have for about thirty-five years been members of the Baptist Church, and are liberal in support of all good works. Mr. Gallup in early life was a Democrat, but has acted with the Republican party since 1856. He has been selectman several terms, held various other town offices, and enjoys in a high degree the confidence and esteem of his townsmen. His large family of children has been well educated; they are intelligent and worthy, and are filling their places in life so as to cast credit on the parental care and guidance around the old home hearth. The worthy father and mother are passing on through life's declining day, and, with patience and a well-grounded hope of a reunion hereafter, await the twilight.

**Albert Latham.**—From the first settlement of the New London plantation has the name of Latham been associated with the active growth and development of this part of Connecticut.

Cary Latham in 1654 was awarded a lease and monopoly of the ferry over Pequot River at the town of Pequot (now New London, on the Thames) for fifty years from March 25, 1655, and, as lessee of the ferry, he was the first to reside at Groton Bank. He was a man of sterling worth, of value and strength in the community; served in various town offices; was "townsman" or selectman for sixteen years, and was six times deputy to the General Court, from May, 1664, to 1670. He left several children, and his large

grants of land enriched his descendants. His death occurred in 1685.

**Albert Latham, Esq.,** son of Capt. William and Eunice Latham, was born May 5, 1787. Capt. Latham was a farmer, and lived where William F. Mitchell now resides, on the homestead of the Lathams. He was a man of great force of character; was in 1778 captain of artillery at Groton, in the regular Continental army. He removed from Roxbury, where he was on duty for a time, to Fort Griswold a short time previous to the descent of the British under Benedict Arnold, and was in command of that fort when Col. Ledyard made it his headquarters. He was in the massacre at the fort and was wounded there. He died of smallpox. Albert was youngest of nine children. He stayed with his mother on the farm, his father's death occurring when he was small. He had a common-school education; was indentured to Samuel Edgecomb to learn the cabinet trade. After serving five years, his energies could not be satisfied by serving longer, and buying of Mr. Edgecomb the two remaining years of his time, he commenced the business for himself, establishing his shop at Groton Bank, and continued there many years. He purchased land near Fort Griswold about 1820 and engaged in farming. In agriculture, as in everything else, he was successful, and was considered one of the model farmers of Groton. He afterwards purchased quite largely of land in various localities in Groton. He was a man of action, but not of many words. When aroused he had tremendous energy, and rarely failed to accomplish whatever he set out to do. He stood well in the estimation of his townspeople, and was often honored by their preference of him to discharge important public trusts, and for many years represented Groton in the State Legislature, and was also chosen State senator by his district. He was a prominent man in the counsels of his political party, and ever a standard-bearer in its conflicts. Brought up in the school of Thomas Jefferson, there was no middle ground to his Democracy. He deemed the Constitution the bulwark of our liberties, and would sanction no intrusion upon its sanctity. Honesty, integrity, and economy in the management of public affairs were cardinal principles in his platform, and always were observed to the letter. Reared among a people who suffered the most fearful ravages of war for devotion to principle and love of liberty, he would give time, money, anything he possessed, to preserve the liberty so dearly bought, and for the principles he deemed necessary to preserve it. He was a liberal supporter and advocate of all things tending to elevate and improve mankind.

He married, April 25, 1812, Nancy, daughter of Francis and Mary (Leeds) Mitchel. She was born Sept. 26, 1787, almost directly across the street from the house where she now lives, and which for nearly sixty years has been her home. She is of French extraction. Her father came from France when a child,

with his parents, to Stonington, Conn., where they located. Mr. Latham's children, six in number, were all sons, viz.: Albert Gallatin, of Providence, R. I.; James Madison, deceased; Francis William, of Brownsville, Texas; David, died in infancy; Charles P., deceased; and Andrew Jackson, of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Latham died June 20, 1869, much regretted by all. Mrs. Latham, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-four years, survives him, and is a remarkably good type of the woman of the "time that tried men's souls." Her memory is good, and she is as active as a woman in the prime of life. Her reminiscences of the "old times" are vivid and faithful in their portraiture, and, with many pleasant memories of the years of her wedded life, she is waiting till the summons comes to meet her much-loved husband on the "other shore."

**Capt. Gurdon Gates.**—Gurdon Gates, son of Zebadiah and Eunice (Packer) Gates, was born in Groton, April 15, 1814. His father was a farmer, and Gurdon remained with him, receiving a common-school education, until he was eighteen years old, when he went to sea before the mast, and five years after, in 1837, he became master of the schooner "Emeline," of the Southern coasting trade. He commanded her three years, then commanded brig "Republic" three years, brig "Metamora" two years, bark "Montauk" three years. In 1850 took command of ship "Wm. H. Wharton," in European, California, and China trade. He was in her three years, then in ship "Electric" three years, and ship "Twilight" four years. In 1862, Capt. Gates took charge of the steamship transport "United States" for six months in United States service. He then ran her between New York and New Orleans as a packet until 1872, when she was cast away on East Florida coast. Capt. Gates then terminated his maritime career, and has since resided in Groton as a farmer. In politics was formerly a Whig, and a Republican from 1856. He enjoys to a high degree the confidence and esteem of the people of his native town, and has by them been called to various important stations. He has been for eight successive years committeeman in charge of his school district, is a member of Board of Relief, a director of First National Bank of Mystic Bridge, and for the last two years has represented Groton in the State Legislature.

Capt. Gates married, June 11, 1839, Esther D., daughter of Isaac and Esther (Dennison) Miner, of Stonington. They had one child, William Henry. He was lost off Cape Horn in a storm when only nineteen years old.

Capt. Gates married Martha, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Brown) Phelps, of Stonington, Oct. 25, 1853. Their children are Mary S. (deceased), Gurdon, Henry, Joseph P. (deceased), Kariska S., N. Stanton, and Louise P. Capt. Gates has owned an interest in every vessel he has ever commanded, and is still largely interested in vessels. He is a straight-

forward, honest man, never idle, and a good representative of the seafaring element of Groton. He is considered by all a man of much ability and a careful, far-seeing, conservative person. His advice is often sought and heeded as valuable by the best citizens of his and adjacent towns.

## CHAPTER XLVIII.

### LEBANON.

Geographical—Topographical—Indian History—Po-que-chan-neeg—The First White Proprietor—Maj. John Mason—The Claim of Oweneco—The First Settlement—First Meeting of Inhabitants—Organization of the Town—Organization of Church—Formation of "Train-Band"—Town Votes—Military Enterprise—The Revolution—Town Meeting of April, 1770—Subsequent Military Events—Governor Trumbull, etc.

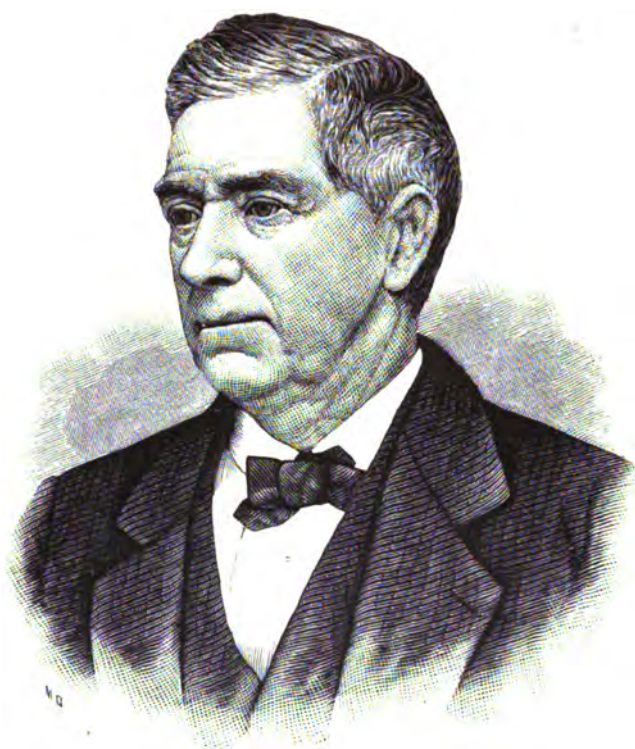
THE town of Lebanon lies in the northwestern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Tolland and Windham Counties, Conn., on the east by Windham County and the towns of Franklin and Bozrah, on the south by Franklin, Bozrah, and Colchester, and on the west by Colchester and Tolland County. The surface is moderately hilly, the soil fertile and well adapted to agricultural pursuits. It is one of the leading agricultural towns in the county.

In presenting the history of Lebanon it is deemed advisable to reproduce as introductory an historical address delivered in Lebanon, July 4, 1876, by Rev. Orlo D. Hine, pastor of the First Church. Herein is embodied a mass of valuable information bearing upon the history of the town. Mr. Hine is an enthusiast in matters of historic lore, and in this address he builded better than he knew, and delivered an address that will live as long as Lebanon itself has an existence. The article is reproduced by permission of Mr. Hine, to whom we are under special obligations.

### ADDRESS.

The territory which now constitutes the town of Lebanon, called by the Indians, as to its main part, Po-que-chan-neeg, was originally claimed by the Indian chief Uncas. He belonged to the Pequot tribe, which had its seat in the present town of Stonington, near the village of Mystic. He was of the royal family, and married a princess of the royal family of the same tribe. Aspiring to the leadership of the tribe by means decidedly crooked and summary, and failing in his rash purpose, he was obliged to secede, and with a few adherents withdrew across the Pequot, now the Thames River, where he established himself on lands which have since been held by the remnant of Indians, in the present town of Montville. Here he set up a claim to a territory twenty-two miles





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wide, bounded on the east by the Thames River, and on the west by the Connecticut, and extending from the sea-shore north indefinitely, embracing large portions of the present territory of Tolland and Windham Counties. This included the tract which formed this town.

After the destruction of the Pequot fort at Mystic by Maj. Mason, in 1637, Uncas seems to have been so impressed by the bravery and power of the English, and to have felt so strongly that if he had their friendship they could defend him against any enemy, he ceded from time to time to his many friends among the white settlers, and to the colony of Connecticut, all his lands and possessions, reserving to himself certain rights and privileges.

The first proprietor of land within the limits of this town was Maj. John Mason. In 1663 the General Assembly of the colony gave him for meritorious services five hundred acres of land, which he might take, as he should choose, in any unoccupied territory in the colony. Norwich had then purchased to the line which now divides Franklin and Lebanon. Mason came just across that line, and selected his five hundred acres in the southwestern part of the town, in what is now the society of Goshen, that section being called by the Indians Pomakuk. This land was surveyed and formally conveyed to him in 1665.

In 1666 the General Assembly gave Rev. James Fitch, who came from Saybrook to Norwich, and was the first pastor of the church there, and son-in-law of Mason, one hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining Mason's tract. Subsequently Oweneco, son and successor of Uncas, gave to Rev. Mr. Fitch, for favors received, a tract five miles long and one wide, which is described as extending from the southwestern corner of the town, next to the tracts already mentioned, along the Franklin line, to near the Willimantic River. According to this description, it was nearer seven than five miles long; but surveys had not then been made, and boundaries were very loosely drawn. This is familiarly known as "Fitch's, or Mason and Fitch's mile."

In 1692, Oweneco, who still claimed a sort of ownership in unoccupied lands here, sold and conveyed to four proprietors—Capt. Samuel Mason and Capt. John Stanton, of Stonington, and Capt. Benjamin Brewster and Mr. John Birchard, of Norwich—a tract called the "Five-mile purchase," adjoining and northwest of "Mason and Fitch's mile," so called. The General Assembly of the colony in 1705 confirmed this deed of Oweneco, and at the same time, and by the same instrument, confirmed a deed from these four proprietors, conveying all their rights and interests in this tract and all that pertained to it to fifty-one persons named who had taken lots, most of whom were inhabitants here.

Adjoining this on the north and northwest was the Clark & Dewey purchase, made by William Clark, of Saybrook, and Josiah Dewey, of Northampton,

Mass., in 1700, of Oweneco and Abimelech, Indian chiefs, claiming the rights which Uncas had had; and the deed was also signed by English persons who had gained titles of some sort to portions of the tract. This purchase embraced the northern portion of this town, as it now is, and a part and perhaps the whole of Columbia.

These several tracts, with two smaller sections, one called the gore, and another the mile and a quarter propriety, constituted the original territory of this goodly town of Lebanon, which one hundred and eighty years ago was a wilderness.

The four proprietors—Mason, Stanton, Brewster, and Birchard—evidently designed that the "Five-mile purchase" and "Mason & Fitch's mile" should form the main part of a plantation, and that this street, since called Town Street, should be the centre, and under their direction the street was laid out, and the land adjoining it allotted.

Having in view the earliest establishment and most efficient maintenance of the worship of God and the means of education, the land along the street was divided into home-lots of forty-two acres each, and there were second and third lots lying back of these, and in other parts of the town. Every one taking a home-lot was entitled to a lot of the other divisions. In this they seem to have had in view access to water in the streams running each side of this ridge, and the possession of meadow-land in the valleys. The second and third divisions, taken from unoccupied land in other parts of the town, were assigned by lot, and hence were literally lots.

This broad street and open common, which became so marked a feature of the place, seems to have been formed in this way: Originally it was a dense alder-swamp. When the settlers came to build their houses they would of course set them on the dryer ground of the edge of the slopes, extending back on each side. Thus between the lines of dwellings there was left this swampy space, varying in width, but in general some thirty rods wide. Of course it was owned by the original fifty-one proprietors of the "Five-mile purchase."

They were organized, had their officers, meetings, and records. They performed acts of ownership of the land in this street, as of other common, undivided land in the purchase; and in 1808 (by William Williams and the second Governor Trumbull, as their representatives) gave to Deacon Samuel Buckingham a deed of a portion of the common in front of his premises, and received of him forty dollars as the price. They had meetings at a still later date.

The actual settlement of the plantation began in 1695, and its increase appears to have been rapid, the number of grants and allotments bearing date November of that year being more than fifty. The Five-mile purchase evidently came then to be fully open for occupancy, and settlers rushed in. They came from different quarters, some from Norwich, others

from Northampton, still others from other places in this colony and in that of Massachusetts.

Lebanon has been spoken of as originally a dependence of Norwich. No part of its territory was ever embraced in the Nine-miles square, which constituted the territory of Norwich, or was ever under the jurisdiction of Norwich; and there is no evidence that a majority of the early settlers came from that town,—the Clarks, the Deweys, the Trumbulls, the Stronges came from other places.

The inhabitants held a meeting in 1698, and the earliest record of the town or settlement, as it was properly called, was then made.

In 1697, under the direction of the first four purchasers and proprietors, a lot was set apart for a minister, to be his, when in an orderly way he should be settled among them, and, as worthy of note, it was one of the best lots through the whole length of the street, near and directly opposite the spot which had been selected as the site of the meeting-house. It was the land which the Lyman family and Mr. Asher P. Smith now occupy. And in a house which stood a little south of Mr. Smith's dwelling the first minister, Joseph Parsons, from Northampton, Mass., is supposed to have lived.

The first inhabitants, of course, had to struggle with the inconveniences and hardships of a new country. Where these dwellings and gardens and farms now are all was forest, and, as we infer from the moisture of the soil and from other evidence, with a thick undergrowth.

It serves to indicate their condition that in 1700 they took action in reference to a grist-mill, and the plantation offered Mr. Joseph Parsons, of Northampton, afterwards of Norwich, as we infer, the father of the minister, as an encouragement to build such a mill, one hundred and twenty acres of land, provided he would maintain it ten years. From the fact that the road running west from the brick church was cut to this mill, the conclusion is warranted that it was built near where the present mill on that road stands. The first saw-mill was built a little below where Hinckley's mill now is, in a tract called "Burnt Swamp."

In 1699, four years after the settlement of the plantation really began, the General Assembly, at its May session, "ordained and appointed a committee to view the lands at Lebanon, and to consider what quantity may be allowed for a plantation there, and to make return to the General Court in October next." There were various "lands"—not a few tracts here—held under different titles and with uncertain boundaries. Though the inhabitants had met to consider their interests, and had their officers, they had not been legally organized, and had not been recognized as a town.

At the fall session of the General Court there is made a record of this sort: "Whereas differences between Lebanon and Colchester hath proved much to the prejudice of both places, and impedimentall to

their comfortable proceedings in the settlement thereof, these proposals are the nearest that can be agreed unto which here follow." The bounds are then given as agreed upon by Joseph Parsons for Lebanon, Nathaniel Foot and Michael Taintor for Colchester. The line thus determined was "approved and confirmed to be the standing dividend line between the above-named towns, the rest of the bounds to be according to the return of the committee in 1699."

And further, "This Assembly doth grant to the inhabitants of the town of Lebanon all such immunities, privileges, and powers as generally other towns within this colony have and doe enjoy." There is then an order as to the rates for defraying the local charges in the town, and the record proceeds: "Free liberty is by this Assembly given to the town of Lebanon to embody themselves in church estate there, and also to call and settle an orthodoxe minister to dispense the ordinances of God to them, they proceeding therein with the consent of neighbor churches, as the lawe in such cases doth direct."

The people acted on these grants of privilege, and the town was formally organized in 1700. The church was embodied November 27th of the same year, and Mr. Joseph Parsons was ordained pastor of the church and minister of the town. A military company, called a "train-band," was also formed, yet I find in the public records no mention of any officers commissioned until the May session of 1702, when Lieut. John Mason is appointed captain of the "train-band" in Lebanon, Ensign Jeremiah Fitch to be their lieutenant, and Mr. Joseph Bradford to be their ensign, and to be commissioned accordingly. In 1708 there was a second train-band here, I conclude in that part of the town now called Goshen.

It is worthy of notice that though the town was organized in 1700, and invested with all immunities, privileges, and powers of other towns, it did not send deputies to the General Assembly until the May session of 1705, the reason being, doubtless, that it had not been required by the colonial government to bear any portion of the public expense until a tax was levied on the inhabitants for that purpose at the October session, 1704. It was at that time distinctly recognized and a cherished principle that representation should accompany taxation, and "no taxation without representation" at length became the war-cry of the Revolution.

Though the town was now fully organized, with church and minister and train-band, and about to take its place by its deputies in the General Assembly with the other towns of the colony, its settlement was hindered. The bounds and titles to lands were in a very unsettled condition, and growing out of this were uncertainties and controversies and frequent appeals to the Assembly for relief. In 1704 the public records say "there were great difficulties and trouble among the inhabitants of Lebanon through the unsettledness of their lands," and they appointed a sur-

veyor to run the south or southerly line of the Five-mile square purchase. The boundary between this town and Colchester was not yet settled, and in 1705 several of the inhabitants of the town of Lebanon made complaint of sundry difficulties and inconveniences under which they were laboring respecting the purchasing of a tract of land five miles square of Oweneco and the four proprietors.

It is not surprising that there was this uncertainty as to bounds and titles when we consider that gifts and cessions were made by Indian chiefs, and Sir Edmond Andros said their deeds were so indefinite and contradictory as "to be worth no more than the marks of a cat's paw," and that these chiefs, as to ownership, were in controversy among themselves, while the settlers had gained a variety of titles from them. In 1705 the General Assembly passed a broad healing act. Referring to the deed of Oweneco to the four proprietors, Mason, Stanton, Brewster, and Birchard, and to the deed of these proprietors to fifty-one proprietors, most of whom were residing there, the act is to this effect: "And the same recited deeds or conveyances, and the grants, sales, and bargains therein contained, are hereby allowed, approved, and confirmed to be firm and effectual to all intents and purposes, according to the true meaning and intent thereof, as shall be construed most favorable on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the grantees and purchasers (heretofore named), their heirs and assigns forever." And by this act a degree of satisfaction and quiet seems to have been established.

At the May session of the Assembly, 1705, Mr. William Clark was deputy from this town to the General Assembly, the first whom it sent; at the October session Mr. Samuel Huntington was deputy. Lebanon was "listed"—i.e., the property was put into the grand list to be taxed for general purposes—for the first time in 1704. In the roll of persons and estates presented to the General Assembly in 1705, embracing thirty-three towns, Lebanon is rated at £3736, and is the twenty-first in the list; it has ninety taxable inhabitants, perhaps indicating a population of 350. The next year it stands £4390 and 105 taxable persons; and this year this town sent two deputies, viz., Ensign John Sprague and Mr. William Clark. The town sent as deputies the same persons repeatedly, the number from which selections were made from year to year being small, in strong contrast to the present practice of rotation, and never more than one term for the same person.

The next year, 1707, Lebanon stands £5179 and 135 taxable persons. For a few years the settlement of the town appears not to have been rapid. Privations and hardships must have been endured by those who came here; their dwellings must have been log houses among the trees and bushes, with here and there a clearing, and all uncertainty as to the bounds and titles of lands had not ceased to perplex and embarrass.

That there was a great amount of danger or annoyance from the Indians does not appear, the Indians of this section being friendly to the English, in league with them, and very much dependent on them.

There is a tradition that some Indians of a tribe at war with the Mohegans—perhaps from a remnant of the Pequots, possibly from the Narragansetts, still farther east in Rhode Island—took a Mohegan child from the house of Mr. Brewster, who lived on the Brewster place, near where Hon. Edwin M. Dolbeare now resides, and killed it, dashing its head against the garden-fence. This tradition comes reliably from one who lived near the time of the alleged event, and who spoke of it as a fact well known. There is also a tradition that the Abel house, which stood where Mr. Robert Peckham's house now stands, was a sort of fort (stockaded, I conclude), to which the inhabitants fled in times of danger.

If the Indians did not seriously trouble the settlers the wild animals did. So late as 1730 the town offered a bounty of ten pounds for every full-grown wolf that should be killed. Col. James Clark, of Bunker Hill celebrity, who died Dec. 29, 1826, ninety-six years of age, used to relate to his grandchildren, who are now living, that in his boyhood, as, coming from Norwich in the evening, he reached the low ground near where Mr. Jeremiah Mason now lives, he drew his feet up upon the saddle to protect them from the wolves, which he often heard barking and howling in the thickets on each side of the road. Deer and wild turkeys were abundant. The first settlers had common corn-lots, which they joined in clearing, fencing, and guarding. I have queried whether they had the fever and ague, and I am sure they had, and must have shaken soundly with it, but probably it did not frighten people away, for it must have prevailed in all the new settlements.

After about 1707 the number of taxable persons ceased to be given in the public records, and only the property list is noted. The list continued steadily to increase, and to gain on the lists of other towns in the colony. In 1730 it was £19,972; 1733, £23,808, and was in amount the eighth in the colony. In 1740 it was £31,709, and was the fifth among the forty-eight towns in the list, and more than that of Hartford or New London; in 1748, £35,570.

From 1730 to 1760 Lebanon must have gained rapidly in population and wealth. The colony of Connecticut had greatly prospered. In 1730 the number of inhabitants, according to a census then taken, was 38,000, and about 700 Indian and negro slaves and 1600 Indians. In 1756, twenty-six years later, the population of the colony, consisting then of seventy-nine towns and settlements, was 130,612, an increase of 90,312, and Lebanon then had a population of whites, 3171, and blacks, 103; total, 3274. Only five towns in the colony had a larger population, viz.: Middletown, the largest, 5664; Norwich, 5540; New Haven, 5085; Fairfield, 4455; and Farmington, 3707;

Hartford had only 3027. In 1774, the year before the battle of Lexington, there were but seventy-six towns and settlements in the colony, some of the smaller settlements having been given up; the population of the colony had increased to 198,010. The population of this town was then, whites, 3841; blacks, 119; total, 3960, the largest population the town has ever had. Only six towns in the colony then had a larger. In 1784 the population of the State had grown to 208,800, and Lebanon had, whites, 3837, 4 less than ten years before; blacks, 94, 25 less than sixty years before; total loss, 29. Only eight towns then had a larger population, New Haven having the largest, 7960.

In 1775 only eight towns had a larger grand list than this town, it being then £41,600, equal to \$130,300, the pound then being \$3.33½. The grand list in 1876 was \$1,185,047. Though the population has diminished, the grand list has largely increased.

The population of the town in 1870 was 2211, an increase on that of the two preceding decades; in 1804, Columbia, with a population of about 600, was set off from this town; it now has a population of 891; add this to the present population of the town and the total is 3162, showing a total diminution of 798 since 1774 within the territory then constituting Lebanon.

As we have said, the thirty-five or forty years previous to 1774 were a period of great prosperity to the town. Men of character and enterprise came in and grew up here. Capt. Joseph Trumbull came here from Suffield about 1704, evidently without any considerable means, for when he bought the place which had been occupied by Rev. Joseph Parsons he mortgaged it for the sum of three hundred and forty pounds. He had vigorous traits, became a planter and trader, and at length had a ship which carried cargoes of his own, or belonging to his family.

A fact which comes to us on good authority illustrates the temper of the man. His business often called him to Boston, and sometimes he went as a drover; and he would meet Rev. Mr. Wells, who had been pastor here, whose parishioner he had been, and who now lived in Boston. Mr. Wells was a little shy of him, and evidently avoided him now and then, in his plain and perhaps dusty attire, as not quite in trim to be familiarly recognized by a Boston gentleman. When Mr. Wells came here, where he still owned property, and (meeting Mr. Trumbull) accosted him as an old acquaintance, the latter refused to shake hands with him, and turned away, saying, "If you don't know me in Boston, I don't know you in Lebanon."

Trumbull's son, the future Governor, after being graduated at Harvard College in 1727, went into business with his father and became a merchant, and engaged extensively in commerce, the War Office, now standing, being his store. He and the firms to which he belonged owned ships which traded with London

and Bristol, England, Hamburg, Germany, and the West Indies, and took in their cargoes at New London and Stonington, and at Haddam, on the Connecticut River.

All the trades were carried on here, and it became an important business centre. Cloth, leather, boots and shoes, saddles and harness, axes, hoes, scythes, and barrels were made here. Among the town officers appointed every year was an inspector of leather.

The town appointed Jonathan Trumbull to obtain from the General Assembly leave to hold and regulate fairs and market-days, and they were held twice a year. These streets now so quiet were a place of concourse and bustle, of exhibition and traffic, which the people of surrounding towns frequented, and to which traders came from a distance, Trumbull being engaged in wide commerce and large business.

And after 1743 there was a renowned school here, which Trumbull was active in establishing, and was controlled by twelve proprietors, and which was kept for thirty-seven years by Master Nathan Tisdale. It became so widely known that it had scholars from the West Indies, from North Carolina and South Carolina and Georgia, as well as from the more northern colonies. At one time it had students from nine of the thirteen colonies. Tisdale was a genius in his profession, and carried the school to the highest stage of prosperity which it ever reached. This helped the intelligence and high character, the activity and pecuniary thrift of the place.

As a result of this and other agencies, this town had for many years some of its sons in courses of liberal education, and one hundred and twenty-two are known to have received college degrees. The strong interest in education which long prevailed here accounts for the fact that so many of its sons and daughters have risen to eminence.

And from the first Lebanon has been active in military enterprises. While this town was never directly menaced by the Indians, the frontier towns of this colony and of the colony of Massachusetts were, and this town was required to aid in the common defense. As early as 1709, Mr. Jedediah Strong, one of the original settlers, and an ancestor of the Strong family, which remained and still has representatives here, was killed in an expedition against the Indians near Albany. This colony sent troops to the defense of the county of Hampshire, Mass., in which, in 1704, the Deerfield massacre occurred, and which was exposed to the incursions of the French and Indians.

In 1709, in an expedition against Canada, in Queen Ann's war, the proportion of troops from this colony was one hundred and forty-seven, and the quota of Lebanon eleven.

In the wars in which the mother-country was engaged at this period the colonies were involved,—in the Spanish war of 1739; in King George's war; a war with France in 1744, in which Louisburg, in Cape Breton, a very strong place, termed the Gibraltar of

America, was taken; in the French and Indian war, which began in 1755, and ended in 1763 with the conquest of the whole of Canada. During these wars the seas were infested with hostile ships, and the colonists were exposed on every side. The colonies learned how to raise troops, to equip and supply them, and to tax themselves in order to pay them, and thus were in most important training for the crisis now just before them. The drums used at Bunker Hill were the same which had been used at the capture of Louisburg.

Lebanon, as a town, was among the foremost in this colony in the part it bore in these enterprises and testings. In 1739, Jonathan Trumbull, then young, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of a regiment raised for an expedition against Canada; he was afterwards colonel, and early had experience in recruiting, furnishing, and moving troops. The people of the town were patriotic and spirited.

On the surrender of Quebec, in 1759, they observed the general thanksgiving, and Dr. Solomon Williams' jubilant sermon on the occasion was published. He says, "For more than seventy years our enemies have been designing our ruin, and formed and projected a settled design to encompass us, unobserved, with a string of forts from Canada to the Bay of Mexico." He regards "the conquest of Quebec, the capital of Canada, as of more importance than has ever been made by the English since England was a nation." He states his reasons, and calls upon the people triumphantly to praise Him who has given such success.

Of course a people thus trained, in such a temper, and having such leaders as there were here in Jonathan Trumbull, William Williams, and others, were all ready, when the mother-country began to encroach on the liberties of the colonies, to resist and to maintain their rights.

When, in October, 1765, Governor Fitch proposed to take the required oath to enforce the Stamp Act, and called upon his "assistants" to administer it to him, Trumbull was among those who resisted and remonstrated. The Governor urged that their allegiance to the king, the oath of their office, the safety of the charter of the colony, and their personal safety demanded that they administer the oath and aid in the execution of the act. Trumbull was ready with the reply that the act was in derogation of the rights of the colony, in violation of the common privileges of English subjects, and that they had also sworn "to promote the public good and peace of Connecticut, and to maintain all its lawful privileges," and these they would treacherously sacrifice by submitting to the demand now made upon them.

When five (the requisite legal number out of the twelve) were found ready to administer the oath, Trumbull refused to be present to witness its administration, and taking his hat hastened from the chamber, leading the six other assistants who, with him,

had stood firm. This, with other clear and courageous conduct, showed him to the colonists as fitted to be their first magistrate, and to have their interest in his hands, and he was chosen Governor in 1769. He already had large experience in public affairs. He had fourteen times represented his town as deputy to the General Assembly, and had three times filled the office of Speaker; had been chosen assistant for twenty-two years; had been for one year side judge, and for seventeen years chief judge of the County Court of Windham County; had been for nineteen years judge of probate for the Windham district; had been once elected an assistant judge, and four times chief justice of the Superior Court of the colony; and for four years had been Deputy Governor. He held the office of Governor fourteen years, and till within two years of his death.

William Williams was more impulsive and ardent, and fitted to inspire others with enthusiasm. With tongue and pen and estate he gave himself to the cause of the colonies. During the gloomy winter of 1777 he sent beef, cattle, and gold to Valley Forge, saying, "If independence should be established he should get his pay; if not, the loss would be of no account to him."

With such men active here we are prepared to find on the town records resolutions like the following:

At a town-meeting held 7th December, 1767, a letter received from the selectmen of Boston, as to the oppressive and ruinous duties laid on various articles, and calling for union in some common measures of relief: "Jonathan Trumbull, the selectmen, and others were appointed a committee by themselves, or in concert with committees from neighboring towns, to consider and devise such measures and means as may more effectually tend to promote and encourage industry, economy, and manufactures." Under these oppressions, bearing heavily on it as a port, Boston appealed to Lebanon, and this town came into full sympathy and concert with it.

At the freemen's meeting, Monday, April 9, 1770, on occasion of the "Boston massacre," which occurred the previous 5th of March, after the transaction of other business, "they met and voted, and passed a draft of resolves or declaration of the sense of the rights and liberties which we look upon as infringed by Parliament—and promoting manufactures, etc."

The following are the resolves, or declaration:

"The inhabitants of the Town of Lebanon in full Town-meeting assembled, this 9th day of April, 1770,—now and ever impressed with the deepest and most affectionate Loyalty to his excellent Majesty, George the 3d, the rightful king and sovereign of Great Britain, and of the English American Colonies,—and also being most tenderly attached to and tenacious of the precious Rights and Liberties to which, as English subjects, we are by birth and by the British constitution entitled, and which have also (been) dearly earned by the treasures and blood of our forefathers, and transmitted as their most valuable Legacy to us their children: In these circumstances, we view with the most sincere grief, concern, and anxiety the sufferings and distresses to which this country is subjected and exposed,—in consequence of measures planned by a few artful, designing men, unhappily of too much influence; and adopted by the Parliament of Great Britain;—the action and tendency of which is

to deprive these Colonies of their free and happy constitutions, and reduce them to a state of bondage;—Measures which as the event will more fully show,—equally hurtful and pernicious to the British nation;—particularly we deplore the unhappy fate of the town of Boston, in being so long subjected to a grievous imposition of a standing army quartered upon them,—induced by the false and malicious representations of the late governor Hutchinson and others of odious and detestable memory; which, though they have not been able, agreeable to the designs of our enemies, to awe the inhabitants or the country into a tame surrender of these liberties,—have been the authors of a great variety of Evils and Distresses to that most loyal people, and lately (the 5th of March last) of the barbarous Murder of a number of the inhabitants of that Town. But in the midst of these calamities, we have occasion to rejoice in the union and harmony which continues to prevail throughout the American Colonies, and in their firm and fixed attachment to the principles of Loyalty and Liberty:—and Do hereby declare our high approbation and grateful acknowledgment of the generous self-denying and truly Patriotic spirit and Conduct of the respectable Merchants throughout the Colonies,—in refusing to import British manufactures into this distracted and impoverished country, until it shall be relieved of these Burdens and Grievances,—of which we so justly complain; and while we esteem and respect those who have made so generous and noble a sacrifice, as true friends and lovers of their country, We also abhor and detest the Principles and Conduct of the few, who from sordid motives, have refused to come into so salutary a measure, and Do hereby declare and Resolve that they and their merchandise shall be treated by us with the contempt and Neglect, which their unworthy Behavior most justly deserves: and We do further Declare and Resolve, that we will to the utmost of our Power encourage, countenance, and promote all kinds of useful manufactures in the country and among ourselves,—to the end that we may soon be able, by a proper use of the Bounties of Providence in the rich production of the American soil, to furnish ourselves with the necessities and comforts of life,—without any longer depending for them on the Mother country;—who are also putting it out of our power, and seem to have forgotten her relation; and to prefer the hazard of obtaining from us the forced and unnatural submission of slaves,—to the certain, durable, free, cheerful, and immensely advantageous Dependence and subjection of Children.”

It is added, “The above was unanimously voted and resolved. Attest, William Williams, clerk; and is recorded to perpetuate the sense the town have of their Liberties, etc., etc., by William Williams.”

Here is the very spirit and tone of the Declaration of Independence, and this was six years before the Declaration of Independence was made; and these resolves and this declaration are as worthy of the town as that important instrument is of the country. And they do perpetuate the sense the town had of their liberties, and will perpetuate it; for those resolves have gone down into history, and were embodied, indeed, in the men who acted here. They reveal the hand of the firm, fiery patriot, William Williams. They were undoubtedly drafted by him, as they are in his handwriting in the town records.

It shows the earnestness which then prevailed here, that in August of the same year, 1770, a town-meeting was called in reference to sending delegates to a general meeting of the mercantile and landed interests at New Haven, to consider proper measures to support the “non-Importation Agreement,” and the alarming conduct of New York in violating the same.

They voted unanimously to send two delegates to this convention. Made choice of William Williams and Joshua West, Esqs., a committee or representatives to the same. They then voted and passed the following declaration, instruction, and resolve, viz.:

“That it is the opinion of the inhabitants of this town that the non-Importation Agreement (so called) which has taken place in the American Colonies,—is a virtuous, salutary and Patriotic measure, generously designed and powerfully tending to procure a redress of our grievances in the removal of the unconstitutional duties on America, and the most likely to prove effectual of any lenient, moderate, and lawful measures that can be devised,—to ensure that great and important end,—in which, We our country and all Posterity are and will be deeply interested and concerned;—so that the political salvation of the country and a practical approbation of the principles which induced our Fathers’ first emigration hither—seem to depend on and be deeply connected with a strict adherence to and steady perseverance in that noble and generous resolution.”

“That the conduct of the inhabitants of New York who had been famed for strict adherence to said Agreement, in falling from and violating the same, is very alarming, and gives the most sensible concern; as a union of sentiment and practice of all the Colonies is of great importance to the common interest of the whole, and that in our opinion, all prudent and lenient measures ought to be used to recover them to their former attachments, which, if they should fail of success, They ought in our opinion to be considered lost to every generous sentiment, and all dealings and commercial connection with them broken off by every Friend of his Country’s welfare, but that (so far as to us appertain) we refer to the Wisdom and Prudence of the General Meeting of the Mercantile and Landed interests, to be holden at New Haven, the 13th of September next, and we hereby instruct you, Gentlemen, to attend such meeting, to conform yourselves to our sentiment in the premises as before expressed.

“And it is further voted and resolved that we will continue to adhere to the true spirit and meaning of said non-Importation Agreement, and that we will not purchase any Goods, Wares, or Merchandise of any person or persons in this or any neighboring town who hath or shall import the same contrary to said agreement, or hath or shall have purchased of such importer or such imported goods, but shall and will treat such person or persons with an utter neglect and contempt, which so base and perfidious a conduct justly deserves.”

“The foregoing being unanimously passed, etc., They made choice of Dr. John Clark, Wm. Williams, Mr. Josiah Rockwell, Mr. Benjamin Bill, Capt. Elijah Sprague, Mr. Charles Hinckley, Dea. Samuel Bartlett, Mr. Ansel Clark (persons from the different parts of the town) to observe and inspect the conduct of all Persons in this town respecting their violating the true intent and meaning of said non-Importation Agreement, and to use all lawful and prudent measures to prevent the same, and in their prudence and discretion, when they judge requisite, to publish the Names of such Person or Persons, if any shall be found, who have violated and counteracted the same, and as occasion shall require, to correspond with the Committees of neighboring Towns for the like salutary purpose and design.”

“Then — was asked whether he had purchased or not Tea of a Rhode Island importer; he owned he had tea from Rhode Island, etc., but yet he would not purchase any more there, or otherwise contrary to Agreement, etc., and would store what he had, etc., and thereupon the Town voted it satisfactory and dismissed.”

This was evidently a hot place for Tories and half-hearted patriots.

The people here were in the midst of the events which were now hastening the great crisis of the Revolution, and were keenly alive to them. The day on which the infamous Boston Port Bill took effect, the 1st of June, 1774, was noted through the colonies. In Philadelphia muffled bells tolled; in Virginia it was observed as a day of fasting, and the people thronged the churches. Through the *Hartford Courant* of June, 1774, from a correspondent in Lebanon, we learn something of what was occurring here:

“LEBANON, June 2, 1774.

“Yesterday being the 1st of June, the day on which the cruel edict of the British Parliament respecting the town and port of Boston took place, was observed here with marks of distinction. The bells of the town early began to toll a solemn peal, and continued the whole day. The town-house door was hung with black, with the act affixed thereto,



and the shops in the town were all shut and silent, their windows covered with black, and other signs of distress.

"Towards evening a respectable number of freeholders of the place and others (upon short notice) appeared at the Town-House, where the act was publicly read and observed upon, when the following address was made and resolutions unanimously passed:

"Gentlemen, the occasion of our meeting is interesting and solemn. I hope we are met together with dispositions suitable to the occasion. We are now, my brethren, to determine whether we will tamely submit to every act of cruel oppression or indignantly reject, and with manly resolution remonstrate to every instance of unjust power, by whatever hand attempted. Persuaded you cannot hesitate one moment in the choice of the alternative, I will propose the following resolutions:

"That we do all at this time heartily sympathize with our brethren of Boston in the scenes of distress which this day opens upon them.

"That we view with the utmost indignation the cruel act of unjust power which introduces this distress.

"That we consider them as suffering under the hand of ministerial vengeance for their noble exertions in the cause of liberty, the common cause of all America.

"And, That we are heartily willing and desirous to unite our little powers in whatever general measure shall be thought best for the security and permanency of the just rights and privileges of our country, being determined, as far as we are able, to stand fast in the liberties wherein God has made them (us) free, and at the same time would unite our ardent supplications to our Almighty Helper, the Great Father of the distressed, that American Councils may be directed by His wisdom to those measures that shall be most conducive to the desired end."

The speech and the resolutions bear the impress of the mind of Rev. Dr. Solomon Williams, father of William Williams, who in his old age retained his patriotic fervor, and dying the 29th of February, 1776, left to the town a sum of money to be used in aiding the cause of the colonies.

Such sympathy with the wrongs and distress of Boston, a sympathy universal through the country, and expressed in forms so impressive, so adapted to touch the popular feeling, powerfully tended to alienate the colonies from the mother-country, and to unite them as one people for the common resistance and defense.

The people of the town could pass resolutions, practice vigilance within their limits, and express by words sympathy for Boston, and they could do more. The alarm consequent on the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, stirred the citizens here as deeply as in any other place in the colony. It is said that on the Sabbath subsequent a messenger rode here on a foaming steed, entered the meeting-house in the midst of the services of worship, and beckoning for attention, announced that the blood of their brethren had been spilled in battle and the crisis had come. The services were soon suspended, and the beat of drum called the citizens to take up arms and go to the assistance of those who were resisting the troops of Gen. Gage. This traditional incident, which comes to us on good authority, we can readily believe to have occurred.

An account of moneys paid by the colony to forty-nine towns for services and expenses in this Lexington alarm shows the whole amount to be £7824. The sum paid to Lebanon was £339 0s. 6d., more than was paid to any other town, with two exceptions: Windham receiving £378 15s. 5d., and Woodstock

£352 13s. 3d., these towns being nearer the scene of action.

The store of Jonathan Trumbull, which has since been called the War Office, and which is still standing, was the centre from which the soldiers of this vicinity who at this time went to the relief of Boston were supplied; and it is said the Governor of the colony, his sons, his son-in-law, William Williams, labored with a crowd of neighbors and friends in preparing and hastening forward these supplies.

In the battle of Bunker Hill, the 17th of the subsequent June, Lebanon was represented. Capt. James Clark with resolute haste collected a company in this vicinity and hurried to the scene of action. On hearing the call men at once left their work and made ready for the expedition. "Miller" Gay, as he was familiarly called, was needed as a drummer. He left his hoe standing in the row where he was hoeing, and went to the house to consult his wife. She said go, and he started the next morning with the company.

They reached the low ground of Charlestown Neck on the afternoon of the 16th, having marched ninety miles in three days. The balls from the enemy's ships whizzed by them and rolled at their feet. One of the men, thinking he could stop a rolling ball, put out his foot, which the ball instantly took off.

In an orchard somewhat protected by the hill Capt. Clark found three companies without officers, one from Connecticut and two from Massachusetts. He ordered them to fall into line, and led them upon the hill to join the other troops; and he and his men assisted in throwing up intrenchments on the night of the 16th, and fought in the engagement of the next day.

The year before his death, when he was in his ninety-fifth year, Col. Clark—known then under this title—was one of the forty survivors of the battle who were present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill monument by Lafayette in 1825, on the fiftieth anniversary of the battle. Lafayette, who during the war had repeatedly been in Lebanon, specially noticed Col. Clark, and in the warmth of his Frenchman's heart kissed him; and on hearing of his three days' march from Lebanon, and of his pressing into the engagement, said to him, "You was made of goode stoof."

The number of men whom this town sent into the war of the Revolution it is now impossible to determine, so many of the rolls of companies are wanting. Some who have given most attention to the papers existing and to all the evidence estimate that there were periods when as many as five hundred were serving in the army at the same time. Some served for short terms,—three months, six months; some were minute-men, called out when the towns along the coast, New London and New Haven, were menaced or attacked. This would be one to about every eight of the inhabitants at that time. The quota of this town for the last war, from 1861 to 1865, was

206; and the population in 1860 being 2174, this would be one to about every ten of the inhabitants. About one hundred actually went from this town, one to every twenty-one of the inhabitants.

The town records furnish abundant evidence of the resolute effort made to meet the demands for men,—which came year after year as the war went on and tasked the resources and endurance of the colonies,—and to provide for the families of those absent in the army.

In the later stages of the war, when a given number of men was called for, the number capable of bearing arms had been reduced, and the enthusiasm which in the beginning had prompted men to enlist had subsided, the able-bodied men of the town between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five were divided into classes of the same number, ten, and each class was required to furnish a man.

After the religious services on the Sabbaths, and on Thanksgiving and fast-days, especially in 1777, contributions for the suffering soldiers were received in the meeting-houses, when jewelry and every article of clothing and provisions were presented, and the ladies, as individuals and in concert, with the discreet and earnest Madame Trumbull encouraging them and setting them an example, bore their part in these contributions.

How impossible it is for us in quiet Lebanon, as it now is, to picture what Lebanon was and what transpired here during the years of the war, the Governor of the State residing here, the counselor and friend and efficient helper of Washington; the Council of Safety, which aided the Governor and wielded extensive powers in the conduct of the war in this State and in this part of the country, holding here nearly all of its more than twelve hundred sessions held during the war; messengers from the army and from Washington arriving at and leaving the War Office, bringing and carrying away dispatches; the Governor, with the agencies he employed, engaged in procuring and forwarding provisions, clothing, and military supplies, and these streets often crowded with activity of this sort; for seven months at one period the Duke de Lauzun's legion of French cavalry here, some of them in barracks in a lot on the right of the Colchester road, called "Barracks lot," others of them on the Common, a little north of where we are assembled, where still can be seen remains of their ovens and camp utensils; the soldiers now and then stealing wood, and a sheep, a pig, and convicted and punished; a deserter shot; the duke and higher officers having quarters in the house (on the corner), in its original form, now occupied by Asher P. Smith, and some of the officers at Alden's tavern; these gentlemanly officers in their leisure flirting with the fair maidens of the place; gay festivities, at which distinguished guests from abroad were present, frequently occurring; reviews of troops; Washington repeatedly here to consult with the Governor; Lafayette here, according to

Stuart in his "Life of Trumbull"; Gen. Knox, Dr. Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Adams, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, and others.

Lebanon was certainly then a centre of dignity and influence, and was the military headquarters of this part of the country.

With its other important contributions to the war of independence, this town contributed in Jonathan Trumbull a laborious and efficient war Governor,—at the beginning the only loyal Governor,—to whom Washington gave distinguished confidence, on whom he relied in the most trying emergencies, a man discreet, far-seeing, inflexible in following his convictions, eminently God-fearing, and a true patriot; in William Williams a member of the Continental Congress in 1776-77, and again in 1783-84, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, ardent, self-sacrificing, passionate in his devotion to his country, one hundred years ago to-day he represented this State, represented this town, in that great proceeding in Independence Hall, Philadelphia; in Joseph Trumbull a commissary-general, and the first commissary-general of the national army, whose brilliant career was cut short by an early death, hastened by his strenuous devotion to his difficult duties in organizing this department of the army; in John Trumbull an aide-de-camp to Washington, an adjutant-general to Gen. Gage, and a painter who acquired a distinguished reputation from his delineation of national scenes and from his portraits of distinguished men of the Revolutionary period; in Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., a paymaster to the northern department of the army, a first aide-de-camp and private secretary to Washington, a member of his family, and enjoying his high esteem. Capt. James Clark commanded a company in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was in the battles of Harlem Heights and White Plains. Lieut. Andrew Fitch was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and in the service to the close of the war. John Wheelock, son of President Wheelock, of Dartmouth College, afterwards himself president, served as lieutenant-colonel in the Continental army, and was a member of the staff of Gen. Gage.

Lebanon has done well in the men whom in different periods it has furnished,—six Governors of States, five of them of this State, who held the office thirty-seven years, and one of them (William A. Buckingham) a second war Governor, and a worthy successor of the first; resolute, indefatigable, large-hearted, vigorous, and upright in administration, and of a character to command universal esteem and affection; Trumbull and Buckingham! names that honor the town, honor the State, honor the nation. In all the list of honored men from the beginning have there been abler, better Governors than the Trumbulls, Bissels, and Buckinghams? Four senators in Congress; seven representatives in Congress, and one of them, Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., Speaker of the Second Congress; five judges of higher courts and

two chief justices; a colored man in Prince Saunders, connected for a time with Dartmouth College, who was minister from Hayti to Great Britain, and attorney-general of that government; and a large number of ministers of the gospel and other professional men.

## CHAPTER XLIX.

LEBANON—(Continued).

### REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENTS.

**French Troops at Lebanon—Count Rochambeau—The Bourbonnois—A Deserter Shot—Mrs. Anna Hyde and the Assassin—Governor Trumbull's House and War Office—Council of Safety—Trumbull—Sketch of the Family—Its Various Members—The Tomb of the Trumbulls.**

**French Troops at Lebanon.**—Count Rochambeau was at Lebanon about the 1st of June, 1781, with five sparkling regiments of Bourbonnois on their march from Newport, R. I., to join the American army on the Hudson, and camped in Lebanon about three weeks. The Duke de Lauzun, with his legion of about five hundred mounted Hussars, was also quartered here from about Dec. 1, 1780, to June 23, 1781. Their barracks were on the slope of the hill west of the Trumbull house, and near the rivulet above the pond. A gay June for Lebanon was there when these six brilliant French regiments, with their martial bands and gorgeous banners, were daily displayed on the spacious and lovely village green. Gen. Washington himself reviewed Lauzun's legion here on the 5th of March of that year, and highly complimented them and their commander on their appearance and discipline. He spent three days in Lebanon at the time in a long and close conference with Governor Trumbull, and it is believed that this conference related to the plan of the Southern campaign, which resulted in the surrender of Cornwallis and his army and led to the final termination of the war, and that this confidential disclosure of that plan was one of the first which was made to any one, and was most heartily approved and encouraged by promises of efficient support by Governor Trumbull. This plan was afterwards confidentially considered and perfected at a joint council of the American and French chief commanders, held at the "Webb House," in Wethersfield, on the 21st and 22d of May following.<sup>1</sup>

**Deserter Shot.**—While Lauzun's legion of hussars were quartered in Lebanon, in the winter of 1781, some depredations by his troop were committed upon the poultry, pigs, and sheep of the inhabitants, one of the latter being taken from the fold of even good old Parson Williams. When these complaints reached

the ears of the duke, in view of the fact that the people of the whole town had vied with each other in extending the most cordial hospitalities and furnishing the most abundant supplies to this whole corps, their chivalrous commander was deeply mortified, and resolved on its summary suppression. A few of the suspected hussars, from fear of consequences, deserted from camp and fled into the country. One of the more prominent of these was soon after recaptured and brought into camp about nightfall. A court-martial was immediately ordered, by which the soldier was tried that same evening, convicted of desertion, and sentenced to be shot, and was shot at sunrise the next morning in the presence of the whole corps, who were ordered out to witness the execution. This summary example effectually ended all further depredations.

It is this legend that an ingenious writer of romance has quite recently seized upon as the foundation of a very fairly written sensational story of love and mystery about this deserter and a mythical Prudence Strong, which was published in the *New York Sun* and extensively copied by other papers.

**Mrs. Anna Hyde and the Assassin.**—The story of the encounter between Mrs. Anna Hyde, the worthy housekeeper of Governor Trumbull, and a suspected assassin of the Governor is well supported by authentic tradition. One evening this good woman was greatly alarmed at the sudden entrance of an unknown man, in the guise of a mendicant, who stoutly persisted in seeing the Governor, then ill and in bed. She knew that to have gained entrance to the house the man must have eluded the sentinels on guard. She well knew, what all knew, that a price had been set upon the Governor's head by British authority; that he had often been threatened with assassination by malignant Tories and their emissaries; and he records in his own diary that once, while at Newton, a malignant there said "*he would kill him as quick as he would a rattlesnake*;" and believing that the purpose of the intruder was the assassination of the Governor, the brave lady at once, seizing the large kitchen shovel in one hand and the tongs in the other, made such a vigorous onslaught upon him that he fled for safety and escaped in the dark from capture.

**War Office—Council of Safety.**—The house of Governor Trumbull stood originally and until 1824 on the north corner of Town Street and the Colchester road, on the present site of the Lyman house, and the War Office was west and near it, on the Colchester road. In the winter of 1823-24, Solomon Gilbert, who in 1821 had bought the premises of John Champion, removed both the house and office a few rods farther north, to the place where they are shown in the accompanying view, and added the portico to the front of the office. The view is taken from a very accurate sketch by Barber in 1836. The Governor's house still remains there in good preservation, but the War Office was again removed, in 1844, a few rods farther north,

<sup>1</sup> Gen. Washington enters in his diary, dated at Wethersfield, May 20, 1781: "Had a good deal of private conversation with Governor Trumbull, who gave it to me as his opinion that if any important offensive operations should be undertaken, he had little doubt of obtaining men and provisions adequate to our wants."

where it now stands. In this office Governor Trumbull conducted his great commercial business, and through the war of the Revolution the Council of Safety, or War Council of the colony, held most of its sessions here, and it became by force of circumstances not only the military but also the naval headquarters of all the land and marine forces of the colony during that war. Governor Trumbull was

every member of the Council being present. Stuart says (p. 626) that it appears from a memorandum in Governor Trumbull's handwriting that he was personally present at 913 sessions of this Council during the war; but Hinman, late Secretary of State, in his "War of the Revolution," compiled from the State records and archives in his official custody, states (p. 321) that this Council held over 1200 sessions; and

he gives the minutes of the proceedings at 371 sessions, held from June 7, above, to May 6, 1778, the first three years only of the war. Of these sessions, 355, about 96 per cent. of all, were held at Lebanon, 14 at Hartford, and 1 each at New Haven and Norwich. If the same proportion of these sessions were held at Lebanon during the war, as is more than probable, there were about 1145 sessions of this great, important, and illustrious Council held under the humble roof of that old War Office, still standing among us, every rafter and every shingle which covers it on all sides, from roof-tree to sill, radiant in memory with the glorious light of our morning of liberty.

The threshold of that humble building has thrilled to the tread of Washington, of Lafayette, of Count Rochambeau, of the Marquis de Chastellux, of Baron de Montesquieu, of the Duke de Lauzun, of Admiral Tiernay, of Gen.

Sullivan, Knox, Putnam, Parsons, Spencer, of the fiery Samuel Adams, of John Adams, of John Jay, of Thomas Jefferson, and of Benjamin Franklin (whose recreant son, William, the Tory Governor of New Jersey, was also here, *but as a prisoner*), and a host of other high worthies and patriots, bearing messages of fate and destiny, and taking high council together in "the days that tried men's souls." There it stands! and there let it stand!—preserved with sacred care at public charge!—forever set apart from all ignoble or common uses!—a consecrated Memorial!!

**The Trumbull Family.**—The original spelling of Trumbull is believed to have been Turnbull, and is said to have been derived from the following circumstance. One of the early kings of Scotland, while hunting in the forest, was closely pursued by an enraged bull. A young Scot, seeing the peril of his sovereign, dashed in before the infuriated animal, seized him by the horns, adroitly turned him aside, and the king escaped. The grateful monarch sent at once for the daring young Scot, knighted him by the name of Turn-Bull, granted him an estate near Peebles, and a coat of arms bearing the device of three bulls' heads, with the motto "Fortuna facet audaci." This coat of arms is still perpetuated in the American branch of the Trumbull family, and in the war of American independence it was demonstrated to the English



TRUMBULL HOUSE AND WAR OFFICE.

by virtue of his office commander-in-chief of all the land forces, and by special act of the General Assembly in 1775 he was also made commander-in-chief of all the naval forces, with power to issue commissions, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and to establish prize courts. Here also was one of the chief centres of communication between New England and the Southern colonies, and especially between the Northern and Southern armies.

**Council of Safety, or "War Council."**—The General Assembly, May session, 1775, established a Council of Safety to assist the Governor in the general conduct of the war, in raising, equipping, and directing the troops, and in supplying "every matter and thing that should be needful for the defense of the colony." The following gentlemen composed this Council,<sup>1</sup> viz.: Hon. Matthew Griswold, of Lyme, Deputy Governor; Eliphalet Dyer, Jedediah Elderkirk, and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., of Windham; Wm. Williams and Joshua West, of Lebanon; and Jabez Huntington, Samuel Huntington, and Benjamin Huntington, all of Norwich.

This Council held its first meeting June 7, 1775, at the War Office, in Lebanon, Governor Trumbull and

<sup>1</sup> Stuart's Note, p. 203, in his "Life of Governor Trumbull," is an error. The gentlemen therein named were not the "Council of Safety," but the regular "Council of Assistants," or State Senate.



*John Trumbull*

"John Bull" that the Lebanon branch at least had fair title to the "Turn-Bull" name and coat of arms.

John Trumbull, the ancestor of the Connecticut Trumbull family, came from Cumberland County, England, and settled in Rowley, Essex County, Mass. John, Jr., his second son, was made a freeman there in 1640, a deacon of the church in 1686, a lieutenant of the militia in 1689, and soon after removed with his family to Suffield, now in this State, but then claimed by Massachusetts. He, John, Jr., of Suffield, had four sons, viz.: John, Joseph, Ammi, and Benoni.

John, the eldest son of John, Jr., of Suffield, was a distinguished clergyman, settled in Watertown, Conn., and was the father of John, the poet and celebrated author of "McFingal" and other works.

Capt. Joseph, the second son of John, Jr., of Suffield, went from Suffield to Simsbury, Conn., about 1703, when twenty-four years of age, and soon after married Hannah, the daughter of John Highley, Esq., of Simsbury, and thence in 1704 came to Lebanon, and settled as a farmer and merchant on the corner near the church, on the spot where the house of Asher P. Smith now stands. He was distinguished for high integrity and great enterprise as a merchant, active in all the local affairs of the church and the town, and for many years captain of the train-band. He was the father of Jonathan, the "war Governor," and was the founder of the Lebanon branch of the family. He was born in Rowley, Mass., 1679, and died in Lebanon, 16th June, 1755, in the seventy-seventh year of his age; and his wife Hannah, born in Windsor, Conn., 22d April, 1683, died at Lebanon, 8th of November, 1768, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters, viz.: Joseph, born 27th March, 1705, married Sarah Bulkley, 20th November, 1727 (lost at sea June, 1733, leaving two children, Sarah and Kate); John —; Jonathan, 12th October, 1710, the "war Governor;" Mary, 21st August, 1713; Hannah, 1715, died an infant; Hannah, again, 18th September, 1717; Abigail, 9th March, 1719; and David, 8th September, 1723, drowned in a mill-pond in Lebanon, 9th July, 1740, aged seventeen, while home on his college vacation.

Ammi, the third son of John of Suffield, settled, a substantial farmer, in East Windsor, Conn.

Benoni, the youngest son of John of Suffield, settled in Hebron, Conn., a farmer and merchant, and was the father of Benjamin Trumbull, D.D., the well-known historian, to whom this State is so much indebted for his able early history of Connecticut. Dr. Trumbull was settled over the church in North Haven, Conn. The birth of two children of Benoni Trumbull and wife Sarah are recorded in Lebanon, viz.: Sarah, born 26th August, 1710, and Benjamin, 11th May, 1712.

THE WAR GOVERNOR AND HIS FAMILY.—Jonathan Trumbull, the war Governor, and third son of

Capt. Joseph, was born in Lebanon on the 12th day of October, 1710, O. S., in the house which then stood on the south corner, near the church, where the A. P. Smith house now stands.

In addition to the village school, he was probably a pupil of the Rev. Samuel Welles, then pastor of the First Church, and in 1723, at the early age of thirteen years, he entered Harvard College, whence in 1727 he graduated with honorable distinction, especially in mathematics and the classics, although then only seventeen years old. On leaving college he entered upon the study of divinity and theology with the Rev. Solomon Williams, D.D., of Lebanon, who had succeeded Mr. Welles as pastor of the First Church; was soon licensed to preach, though yet a minor, and after preaching for a short at Colchester, was invited by that town to become their settled pastor. But while he was considering this call an event occurred which changed entirely his whole career and the purpose of his life.

In June, 1733, his elder brother, Joseph, then the partner in business with his father, sailed for London on a commercial adventure in a ship which, with its entire lading, was owned by the firm, but no tidings of that brother, ship, or cargo reached the family evermore. For a time there was a forlorn hope that the ship might have been captured by the Algerine pirates who then infested the seas and held for ransom, but even this hope soon withered and died. The stricken father, doubly bereaved by the loss of his first-born son and of his property by a single blow, appealed to his next son, Jonathan, to come to his aid and rescue. Nor was that appeal in vain. His call to settle in the ministry at Colchester was declined, and he entered at once upon the task of settling the estate of his lost brother and of relieving the embarrassments of his father, and thus commenced his career as a merchant, which he ever after continued with eminence and success.

This change in his calling rendered his already strongly-marked abilities more available in the civil service of the public, and, as if conscious of the prophetic shadow of that future destiny for which Providence was preparing him, he applied himself every spare hour he could gain from his other great labors to the study of law and civil jurisprudence. In 1733, when less than twenty-three years of age, he was chosen by his native town one of the deputies to the General Court at its May session, and from this onward to May, 1754, the town repeated that choice for fourteen sessions. May session, 1739, when under twenty-nine years of age, he was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives, and again filled the same office in 1752 and 1754. In 1740 he was chosen by the freemen of the colony to the post of assistant and member of the Council of the colony, and re-elected to the same important office until he was chosen Lieutenant-Governor in 1766 (except four years while judge of the Superior Court), serving as

assistant twenty-two years. In 1745 he was chosen assistant judge of Windham County Court (Lebanon then belonging to Windham County), and in 1746 chief judge of that court, which office he held by annual elections for seventeen years. In 1749 he was chosen judge of probate for Windham District, and continued in that office nineteen years. In 1765 he was chosen assistant judge of the Superior Court of the colony, and in 1766 was elected Deputy Governor, and re-elected annually until 1770, and during this period of four years he held also the office of chief justice of the Superior and Supreme Courts, and as such discharged with ability the high functions of that office.

In 1770 he was elected Governor, which office he thereafter continued to hold by annual re-elections until he declined, in 1783, any further election after that year,—a period of fourteen more eventful and important years than any other in the history of this country.

In addition to the vast and incessant duties which the war of the Revolution heaped upon him as chief commander of all the military forces of the State, he was also, by a special act of the General Assembly in 1775, made chief officer of all the naval forces of the State, and the whole power of raising volunteers, granting letters of marque and reprisal to privateers and commissions to regular officers, of furnishing supplies and equipments, and of establishing prize courts and settling prize claims devolved on him, and was most ably and efficiently exercised during the whole war. Among the very large number of war-vessels fitted out by this State two notably successful ones bore his own honored name, viz., the frigate "Trumbull" and the audacious privateer "Governor Trumbull," the latter bearing aloft on her pennant the Trumbull motto, "*Fortuna facit audaci.*" Two frigates were also built and equipped under his special direction, at the request of Congress, for the national service; one of them, of thirty-six guns, was built on the Thames, and the other, of twenty-eight guns, at Chatham, on the Connecticut. His eminent fitness and aptitude in marine affairs were the providential fruits of his long familiarity, as a merchant and foreign trader, with every detail of the building and equipment of ships and vessels, and now the ripened fruits of this long experience were happily available to his country in its hour of impending peril.

His business career in merchandising commenced, as we have seen, in 1733, as the partner of his father; afterwards for several years alone; then from 1755 to 1764 the firm was Williams, Trumbull & Pitkin, with branches at Norwich, East Haddam, and Wethersfield; then from 1764 the firm was Trumbull, Fitch & Trumbull, the partners being himself, his son Joseph, and Eleazur Fitch, of Lebanon, which continued until he retired from active mercantile pursuits, but a few years before his death. His commercial transactions extended to the West Indies, England,

and Holland, exporting home produce and importing foreign commodities in exchange, chiefly in ships and vessels owned wholly or in part by his firm, and having agencies and correspondents in the marts of each of these countries.

To facilitate the home exchange of these commodities he at one time, by permission of the General Assembly, established in Lebanon a county fair or mart, which for many years was held at stated times on the village green, and was attended by distant merchants and country traders, and by the farmers from this and neighboring towns, at which large crowds were gathered and large purchases and sales were made.

In all the transactions of his eventful life Governor Trumbull was a remarkable man, and in the public service of his State and his country became one of the most distinguished, reliable, and efficient of her great leaders and wise counselors. Washington himself leaned upon and confided in him, as one of his wisest and truest supporters, throughout the whole trying scenes of our Revolutionary struggle. It was to the zeal and fertile resources of "Brother Jonathan" that he ever turned for supplies to the army, and for "the sinews of war" in every dark and trying emergency. The phrase "we must consult Brother Jonathan," used by Gen. Washington when he first took command of the army at Cambridge, was so often uttered by him afterwards that it became a by-word among his staff, and spread through the army and the country. "Brother Jonathan" thus became a national, generic name for an American everywhere, as is that of "John Bull" for an Englishman, and thus it will live to forever perpetuate his honored name.

In the earliest part of the controversy between Great Britain and the American colonies, Governor Trumbull had ever been conspicuous for his steadfast zeal and patriotism in the cause of American liberty, and when the war broke out this son of Lebanon, among all the Governors of the then thirteen colonies, was the only one who stood stanch to the American cause. Governor Thomas Hutchinson, of Massachusetts, his old friend and classmate in college, proved shamefully recreant; Governors John Wentworth, of New Hampshire, Joseph Wanton, of Rhode Island, William Tryon, of New York, William Franklin, of New Jersey, John Penn, Governor both of Pennsylvania and Delaware, Robert Eden, of Maryland, Lord Dunmore, of Virginia, Joseph Martin, of North Carolina, Lord William Campbell, of South Carolina, and James Wright, of Georgia, all favored, more or less openly and actively, the British cause. But their Tory councils and their authority were spurned by an indignant people, and many of them were forced to seek safety under British protection. The bold and firm position of Governor Trumbull brought down upon him the especial wrath of the British government. He was denounced as "the rebel Governor," and a price set upon his head.



All the family of Governor Trumbull were distinguished for remarkable ability, and all destined to a remarkable career. Each of his four sons were conspicuous in the Revolutionary war for patriotic zeal and devotion, and the husbands of his two daughters were equally conspicuous. His wife, Faith, the daughter of the Rev. John Robinson, of Duxbury, Mass., whom he married on the 9th day of December, 1735, when she was but seventeen years old, was, in moral and mental endowments and greatness of soul, a fitting mate for her illustrious husband. She was born in Duxbury, 11th December, 1718, O.S., and died in Lebanon, 29th May, 1780, aged sixty-one. The Governor, born in Lebanon, 12th October, 1710, died there, "full of years and honors," on the 17th day of August, 1785, at five o'clock P.M., aged seventy-five. Their children were Joseph, born March 11, 1737, was commissary-general of Washington's army; Jonathan, Jr., born March 26, 1740, was paymaster in Washington's army, and afterwards Governor of this State; Faith, born Jan. 25, 1743, married Gen. Jeddiah Huntington, of Revolutionary army; Mary, born July 16, 1745, married William Williams, signer of Declaration of Independence; David, born Feb. 5, 1751, was assistant commissary, etc., and father of Governor Joseph; John, born June 6, 1756, was aide-de-camp to Washington, and the renowned painter.

The following further brief notice of the remarkable career of each of these six children will be found interesting.

Joseph, eldest son of the war Governor, had at the breaking out of the war been for several years chiefly residing in Norwich, in the business branch there of his father's firm. His native town still continued, however, to send him to the General Assembly as her representative. In his own town, and also in Norwich, he was prominent in all measures of opposition to British oppression. In April, 1775, the General Assembly appointed him State commissary-general, and soon after, in the same year, he was appointed by Congress the first commissary-general of the American army, an office then of the highest importance to the cause, and bringing with it a crushing weight of perplexing labor and responsibility. For these duties he was eminently fitted by his great natural fertility in resources and his thorough training in the school of his father's wide commercial transactions. He continued in this office until July, 1778, when, broken down with his unremitted ardor in these duties, he returned home for a short rest, but it was too late. His vigorous constitution and vital powers had been fatally overstrained. On arriving at Norwich, his anxious friends carefully conveyed him to the house of his father, in Lebanon, where, on the 23d day of July, 1778, at the age of forty-one years, he sunk into his final rest, a martyr to the cause of his country.

He married Amelia Dyer, but left no children.

Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., second son of the Gov-

ernor, married Eunice Backus, daughter of Ebenezer of Norwich, March 26, 1767, and has on the records of Lebanon the births of the following children: Jonathan, born Dec. 24, 1767, died young; Faith, Feb. 1, 1769, married Daniel Wadsworth, of Hartford, left no children; Mary, Dec. 27, 1777, died in infancy; Harriet, Sept. 2, 1783, married Prof. Benjamin Silliman, Yale College, Sept. 17, 1809; and Maria, Feb. 14, 1785, married Henry Hudson, Esq., of Hartford. He graduated at Hartford in 1759, with unusual reputation, and gave early assurance of a useful and patriotic career. At the opening of the Revolutionary war in 1775 he was appointed by the Continental Congress paymaster-general of the northern department of the army under Washington, and in April, 1781, succeeded Hamilton as private secretary and first aide to Gen. Washington, serving in this post until near the close of the war. He had been before, and was for several years later, a member of the State Legislature, and was twice Speaker of the House, and from 1796 to 1809—fourteen years—he was annually elected one of the twelve of the Council of Assistants of the State under the charter, and as such a member of the Senate, or "Upper House." In 1790 he was chosen a representative in Congress from this State, and in 1791 was Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and continued in that office until 1794, when he was elected to the United States Senate. In 1796 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor, and in 1798 Governor of the State, and was annually re-elected to this office for eleven years, and until his death in 1809. While holding this office he was also chief judge of the Supreme Court of Errors of the State, as the records of that court show. The many and highly honorable and responsible public positions to which he was called, and the confidence of his fellow-citizens which he so long enjoyed, afford the best and most satisfying evidence of his great abilities and integrity of character. He died in Lebanon, the 7th of August, 1809, aged sixty-nine years.

Faith Trumbull, eldest daughter of the Governor, married, May, 1766, Jeddiah Huntington, of Norwich, as before stated. "She, too," says Stuart, "had a Revolutionary destiny to fulfill, one of singular and startling import. She was to become the wife of Col. Huntington, afterwards a general in the army under Washington; was to follow her husband and a favorite brother (John) to the 'camp around Boston,' and reached there, not to see a formidable army, as she expected, in quiet though watchful quarters, but just as the thunders of Bunker Hill broke over a scene of horrible carnage, which, alarming her deep and affectionate nature for the safety of those most dear to her, drove her into madness and to a speedy death." This terrible battle of June 17, 1775, the first shock of war, was in full view from the camp at Cambridge, from whence it was witnessed by this young wife, the smoke and roar of the conflict envel-

oping with its frightful pall the whole camp. As soon after as possible she was tenderly removed to Lebanon, but the shock proved fatal, and she died at Dedham, on the 24th day of November following, aged thirty-two years and ten months. She left one child only, Jabez, born September, 1767, who was afterwards president of the Norwich Bank.

Gen. Huntington, her husband, born in Norwich, Aug. 4, 1743, a graduate of Cambridge, 1763, was in July, 1775, appointed colonel of the famous Eighth Regiment of Connecticut troops raised for the war. This regiment was finally equipped in scarlet uniforms, and in the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, fought with such desperate bravery that six captains, six lieutenants, twenty-one sergeants, two drummers, and one hundred and twenty-six rank and file were among the dead and missing after the battle.<sup>1</sup>

In 1777, Col. Huntington rose to the rank of brigadier-general, which rank he held until near the close of the war, when he became a major-general. He was afterwards vice-president of the Order of Cincinnati, high sheriff of New London County, judge of probate for the district of Norwich, first alderman of the city, and representative of the town of Norwich; State treasurer in 1788; in 1789 was appointed United States revenue collector for the district of Eastern Connecticut, and August 11th of that year he removed to New London and entered upon the duties of his office, in which he continued until his death, Sept. 25, 1818, nearly thirty years.

Mary Trumbull, second daughter of the Governor, married Hon. William Williams, of Lebanon, Feb. 14, 1771, afterwards one of the signers of the immortal Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, and the last survivor of the four signers from this State. He was born in Lebanon, April 8, 1731, one of the five sons of Rev. Solomon Williams, who for fifty-four years was pastor of the First Society in this town.

One of these sons, Eliphalet, was the settled pastor in East Hartford for about the same number of years. Another son, Ezekiel, was high sheriff of Hartford County for more than thirty years. He himself was the town clerk of Lebanon forty-five years, being first chosen in 1752, at the age of twenty-one years, and the next year, 1757, was chosen to represent the town in the General Assembly, and (with a few rare exceptions, when holding other and higher offices, and when he was a member of the Continental Congress) was continued in this office until 1784. He was a valuable and leading member of the House, often chosen its clerk, and nine times its Speaker, filling the chair always with dignity and high ability. In 1776 he was chosen by the electors of the State at large one of the assistants, and transferred to the "Upper House," to which office he was twenty-four times annually re-elected. It was recorded of him what probably can be said of no other man, that for

more than ninety sessions, regular and special, he was scarcely absent from his seat in the General Assembly, excepting when he was a member of the Continental Congress in 1776 and 1777. He was a member of the Council of Safety, which annually met at Lebanon during the war, and an active, efficient, and patriotic selectman of the town during that period in promoting war measures.

At the age of sixteen he entered Harvard College, and after graduating studied theology with his father a few years, but joined the English and Continental forces in the old French war on the staff of his cousin, Col. Ephraim Williams, who commanded a regiment. In the fierce battle at the head of Lake George, in September, 1755, Col. Williams was shot through the head by an Indian and killed; but the French forces were defeated, and their commander, the Baron Dieskau, wounded and taken prisoner. Soon after young Williams returned to Lebanon, and continued his residence here ever after until his death on the 2d day of August, 1811, in the eighty-first year of his age. They had three children,—two sons and a daughter,—who, with his widow, were all living at his death. His widow, Mary, died in Lebanon, Feb. 9, 1831, aged eighty-five years and eight months. Their children were Solomon, born Jan. 6, 1772; Faith, Sept. 29, 1774; and William T., March 2, 1779.

The following anecdote is related of him: At a meeting of the Council of Safety in Lebanon, near the close of 1776, when the prospects of our success looked dark, two members of the Council, William Hillhouse and Benjamin Huntington, were quartered at the house of Mr. Williams. One evening the conversation of the three gentlemen turned upon the gloomy outlook. Mr. Hillhouse expressed his hope that America would yet be successful, and his confidence that this in the end would be her happy fate. "If we fail," said Williams, "I know what my fate will be. I have done much to prosecute the war; and one thing I have done which the British will never pardon,—I have signed the Declaration of Independence: *I shall be hung.*" "Well," said Mr. Huntington, "if we fail I shall be exempt from the gallows, for my name is not attached to the Declaration, nor have I ever written anything against the British government." "Then, sir," said Williams, turning his kindling eye upon him, "*you deserve to be hung for not doing your duty!*"

David Trumbull, the third son of the war Governor, was born in Lebanon, Feb. 5, 1751; married Dec. 6, 1778, Sarah Backus, of Norwich, sister of Eunice, the wife of his brother Jonathan.

The services which he rendered to the cause of his country in her trying struggle for liberty, though less conspicuous, were as devoted and patriotic, and even more constant, than those of either of his brothers. He was the only son reserved by his father to aid and counsel with him in the discharge of the herculean task which the war devolved, in raising and equip-

<sup>1</sup> Hinman's War of the Revolution, p. 89.

ping troops and furnishing and forwarding supplies, etc., not only to the land and naval forces of the State, but to the whole Northern Army. The minutes of the Council of Safety, or "War Council," show him to have been not only "the right hand" of his father, but of the Council also, as the able, ready, and trusted executive of their important measures. His duties were indeed omnifarious,—now acting as commissary, now as paymaster, quartermaster, prize-agent, etc., wherever most needed. He it was who, as one of a committee in 1776, was to buy up all the pork in the State, and hold it for the use of the State and Continental armies; and if parties refused to sell at fair market price, they were to be prosecuted and made to "*pay the price of the pork.*" He it was who, in 1777, was to procure axes and augers for the Continental army, by order of Congress; to take sixty thousand dollars sent to his father by Gen. Washington, per order of Congress, and pay off the Northern Army; to procure the purchase of eight hundred pounds worth of army clothing; to secure and store one hundred barrels of powder; to go to Boston for a quantity of clothing; to receive and have repaired all the old firearms sent to Lebanon from Albany; to send teams to East Hartford for five hundred stands of arms, and take them under his care at Lebanon; to take one hundred barrels of powder to Farmington, or as much farther as Gen. Washington might direct, for the use of his army; to receive at Boston from our State agent in Massachusetts, for prizes, such quantities of prize goods, taken by our ship "Oliver Cromwell,"—wine, tea, and clothing,—as would load his teams then going there, and keep them under his care in Lebanon for the army use; to supply the Northern Army with five hogsheads of rum, and as much sugar as would load his three ox-teams; to purchase and put up three hundred barrels of pork and one hundred barrels of beef; to send twenty ox-teams to Boston for such army clothing as Col. Joseph Trumbull had bought there for the State, and for salt; to settle all the accounts and expenses of bringing into the State the prisoners taken in the "Antelope" and the "Weymouth," and pay the same. These few items are given as interesting samples, to show the wide scope and diversity of his labors during the war. For these constant services, rendered often by night as well as by day, he seems to have received no regular compensation, only his expenses were paid, except in a few special cases, where it is noted in the minutes that he was "to be paid the same as others were paid for such services." He served also for some time as assistant commissary-general of the United States, under his brother Joseph while commissary-general, for which latter service his widow Sarah afterwards received a pension.

His after-life was spent in Lebanon in the general occupation of a farmer; always active in all the local affairs of the town, and twice its representative in the General Assembly. He died in Lebanon, Jan. 17, 1822, and his wife, Sarah, died June 2, 1846.

They had the following children: Sarah, born Sept. 7, 1779, married her cousin, William T. Williams, of Lebanon, son of William the "signer;" Abigail, Jan. 7, 1781, married Peter Lanman, of Norwich; Joseph, Dec. 7, 1782, afterwards, in 1850, Governor of this State, and the third of this illustrious family—father, son, and grandson—whom this town has had the high honor of contributing to the gubernatorial roll of the State; John, Sept. 19, 1784; Jonathan, Dec. 27, 1786, died in infancy; and Jonathan G. W., Oct. 3, 1789.

John Trumbull, the fourth son and youngest child of the Governor, though, like all of the family, highly distinguished for patriotic zeal and labors in the cause of his country in the war of the Revolution, became afterwards more widely renowned as the most successful and celebrated of all our American painters. He entered Harvard in 1772, at the age of sixteen, and graduated the next year, giving token even then of that love and genius for the art for which he was destined to become so famous. In April, 1775, when under nineteen years of age, he joined the First Connecticut Regiment, stationed at Roxbury, just after the Lexington alarm, as adjutant. He soon after attracted the attention of Washington, on his arrival there to take command of the Continental army, and was employed by him in sketching the enemy's position, and was appointed his aide-de-camp. In August, 1775, he was appointed major of brigade, and in 1776 adjutant-general on Washington's staff. Same year he was sent to the Northern Army for the invasion of Canada, and joined Gen. Gates at Crown Point, to whom he had been appointed adjutant-general, and at once applied his brilliant and magnetic military abilities in bringing order into that discomfited and demoralized army.

In 1777 he returned to Boston, and with the approbation of his father, of Gen. Washington, and other friends, resumed there the study of that art which had ever been the passion, and destined to be the glory, of his life, but still holding himself in readiness for any pressing emergency in the service of his country, as notably, for example, in 1778, when he volunteered as aide to Gen. Sullivan in the attempt to dislodge the British army and navy from Newport. His bravery on this occasion, the cool valor and daring with which he led his troops into the most deadly of the fierce encounters of that unequal contest, commanded not only the admiration but the astonishment of Gen. Sullivan and all who witnessed it. In one of these encounters he found a Massachusetts brigade in hopeless confusion from loss of its commanding officers, and utterly mixed up and disorganized. His ringing voice at once inspired the mass. Almost in an instant he reorganized them, assigned new officers, and mounted on his own "noble bay," as fiery as himself, led them so steadily into a charge against a larger body of the enemy that they were surprised, routed, and scattered from the field. Gen. Sullivan,

seeing the order, rapidity, and effect of this movement, exclaimed to his staff, "That movement would do honor to the ablest regiment in the army, under its ablest leader." High praise this for a veteran general to apply to a young aide-de-camp only twenty-two years of age.

His cool daring and exposures this day gave him the reputation of "bearing a charmed life." Early in the day he had lost his hat, and with only a handkerchief tied over his head, he had been a conspicuous and marked object in every part of the field. "Your escape has been most wonderful," said Gen. Sullivan. "Your preservation," wrote Gen. Mattoon, "in each of these most daring enterprises I have ever considered little short of a miracle, and a most remarkable interposition of Providence for your safety."

He was the natural and pre-eminent military genius of the family, and had fate led him to follow the profession of arms, would doubtless have been renowned as a military chieftain, but it was otherwise ordered that his future fame should rest upon a more peaceful and permanent foundation.

In 1780 he went to London, under assurances of safety as a non-combatant, to become a pupil there under the celebrated painter, Benjamin West, his friend and countryman; but soon after, under the excitement caused by the execution of Maj. André, he was arrested and imprisoned eight months. He then left England for Holland, where he assisted largely in raising a loan for the American Congress, which his father was then, by his agents, negotiating there. After the war he returned to London and pursued his studies under West. His first great historical picture, "The Battle of Bunker Hill," was produced in 1786; soon after, his "Death of Montgomery before Quebec"; and his next was the "Sortie of the Garrison of Gibraltar." In 1789 he returned to America to procure likenesses of Revolutionary officers and heroes for his contemplated series of American national pictures. In 1794 he again went to England as secretary of Mr. Jay, the American minister, and in 1796 was appointed a commissioner in the execution of the seventh article of Jay's treaty. The duties of this office occupied him till 1804, when he returned to the United States and pursued his art, producing portraits of Washington, of whom he painted several copies, and other notable officers, and many other historical pictures.

From 1817 to 1824 he was engaged in painting, by order of Congress, his four great national pictures, viz.: the "Declaration of Independence," the "Surrender of Burgoyne," the "Surrender of Cornwallis," and the "Resignation of Washington" at Annapolis, each on royal canvas, eighteen by twelve feet in view, and for which Congress paid him thirty-two thousand dollars. Afterwards, for many years, he was engaged in finishing his former sketches, and in painting copies of his national pictures on a uniform scale of nine by six feet. Many of these, together with portraits and several

copies from the old masters, fifty-four pictures in all, he finally gave to Yale College, where they were deposited in the "Trumbull Gallery," specially erected for their reception. The "Wadsworth Gallery," at Hartford, contains also fourteen of his paintings, viz.: the "Battle of Bunker Hill," the "Declaration of Independence," the "Battle of Trenton," the "Battle of Princeton," and the "Death of General Montgomery," all of heroic size of nine by six feet open view; three portraits, two views of Niagara Falls, and six pictures of classical subjects. The five national paintings at the first glance instantly seize and fix a wrapped attention, and hold the visitor spell-bound. Every townsman of this great artist who will visit this gallery will feel a new and special glow of pride and admiration in the magic power of his pencil.

He was president of the American Academy of Fine Arts from its foundation, and spent his later years in New York City, where he died, Nov. 10, 1843, aged eighty-seven, and was buried at New Haven, beneath the gallery bearing his name. Sarah, his wife, died April 12, 1824, aged fifty-one, and was buried in the same place. They had no children.

Col. Trumbull, in his autobiography, notes the following among the reminiscences of his boyhood in Lebanon. A Mohegan Indian, Zachary Johnson, "Old Zach," as he was called, once one of the trusted counselors of his tribe, but for many years debased and degraded by drunkenness, had been often employed by his father, as a hunter and trapper, in collecting furs. In those days the State elections at Hartford and New Haven were made the occasions of great ceremony and display, and the Indians used to gather in great numbers and stare at the Governor and the soldiers and the crowds of citizens as they marched through the streets. On one such occasion Old Zach had started from Mohegan, and, as usual, had stopped at Lebanon on his way to Hartford to dine at the house of his old employer. A short time before, aroused by a keen sense of his degradation, and suffering from his besetting sin of drunkenness, he had suddenly and resolutely broken off from all intoxicating drinks. Young John, then about ten years old, had heard of this, and having but little faith in such reform by an Indian, in a spirit of boyish mischief determined to test it. Upon the table, as was the family custom of that day, stood a foaming tankard of strong, home-brewed beer. This the mischievous boy kept sipping, smacking his lips with feigned gusto, and extolling its merits, but the Indian was silent. At length the lad pushed the tankard towards the old man. "Zachary," said he, "this beer is excellent: won't you try it?" The knife and fork dropped from the hands of the Indian, he leaned forward with a stern intensity of expression, his dark eyes, sparkling with indignation, were fixed upon the young tempter. "John," said he, "you don't know what you are doing. You are serving the devil, boy! Don't you know that I am an Indian? I tell you

that I am; and if I should taste your beer I could never stop till I got to *rum*, and become again the drunken, contemptible wretch your father once knew me. John, *while you live never again tempt any man to break a good resolution.*"

"Socrates," continues Trumbull, "never uttered a more valuable precept. Demosthenes could not have given it in more solemn tones of eloquence. I was thunder-struck; my parents were deeply affected; they looked at each other, then at me, and then with feelings of deep awe and respect at the venerable Indian. They afterwards frequently reminded me of it, and charged me never to forget that scene."

It is recorded in history<sup>1</sup> that Old Zach never after allowed a drop of intoxicating drink to pass his lips, regained his former standing with his tribe, became one of its "regents," and died at Mohegan in the one hundredth year of his age.

The Trumbull tomb at Lebanon was erected in 1785, soon after the death of the great "war Governor," by his three then surviving sons, Jonathan, David, and John. Within this family mausoleum rest the sacred ashes of more of the illustrious dead than in any other in the State, or perhaps the country. Here rests the remains of that eminently great and good Jonathan Trumbull, Sr., the bosom friend and most trusted counselor of Washington; of his good wife, Faith Robinson; of his eldest son, Joseph, the first commissary-general of the army under Washington; of his second son, Jonathan, Jr., paymaster-general of the same army, private secretary, and first aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington, and afterwards Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, member of the United States Senate, and Governor of this State, and by his side his good wife, Eunice Backus; of his third son, David, commissary of this colony in the Revolution, and assistant commissary-general under his brother in the army of Washington, and by his side his good wife, Sarah Backus; of his second daughter, Mary, and by her side her illustrious husband, William Williams, one of the signers of the immortal Declaration of Independence, and many others who have from these descended. What a tomb is here! What a shrine for patriotic devotion!

## CHAPTER L.<sup>3</sup>

### LEBANON—(Continued).

Proprietors' Meeting—Town Street Title—"No Taxation without Representation"—The Five-mile Purchase—Deed from Owaneco—Litigation with Abimelech—Indian Schools.

THERE is in existence a "Proprietors' Book," containing a record of the officers and meetings of the original proprietors from 1706 to 1786; and there is

<sup>1</sup> Foster's "Indians of Connecticut," p. 479; Barber's "Historical Collections of Connecticut," p. 300.

<sup>2</sup> For the information contained in the following chapter the author is indebted to Rev. Orio D. Hine and the late Nathaniel H. Morgan.

preserved a record of a meeting as late as Feb. 28, 1810, when William Williams was chosen moderator, and Eliphalet Metcalf clerk and treasurer, in the room of the late Governor Trumbull, deceased [the second Governor Trumbull, who died Aug. 7, 1809], and sworn according to law by William Williams, justice of the peace.

#### PROPRIETORS' MEETING, FEBRUARY, 1810.—*Transcripts.*

"It was voted that Eliphalet Metcalf, Esq., Maj. Zabdiel Hyde, and Col. Jacob Loomis be of the Committee, together with the survivors of the former Committee (William Williams and William Huntington), to warn Proprietors' meetings, and to do and perform all the services and business proper for the Committee of said Proprietors, and for which the former Committees have been chosen, that is needful and expedient to be done."

#### TOWN-MEETING.

"At the annual town meeting, Nov. 8, 1809, the selectmen were empowered to sell to adjoining proprietors all such land in the high way as is not necessary for the accommodation of the public. Jan. 31, 1810, the town instructed the select men to dispose of the land they had surveyed between the meeting houses,—which they thought not necessary for the public travel." To this action of the town the proprietors presented the protest which is found below, dated Feb. 8, 1810.

#### PROPRIETORS' MEETING.

"Whereas the inhabitants of the Town of Lebanon, at a meeting held by them on the 31st of Jan. last, did without law, or right, as we apprehend, vote and agree to take up, discontinue, dispose and sell, for their own benefit,—part of the land called and used for high way, being the Town Street so called, which has from the beginning, down to this present day, been used for high way, and common land, for pasturage and feeding for the poor, and also sundry other pieces of land for high ways."

"Now therefore we the subscribers, original Proprietors of the common and undivided land in the 5 mile property in <sup>sd</sup> town, and legal representatives of such proprietors, in behalf of themselves and with the presumed and certain consent of the rest, who are scattered and removed into various Towns and Places, do object, declare and protest against <sup>sd</sup> vote, as inexpedient, improper and unlawful and for reasons assigned."

"First, that <sup>sd</sup> Town street land is not, nor ever was the property of <sup>sd</sup> town or the inhabitants thereof, very few individuals accepted, who may legally represent the said original purchasers and proprietors, and say that <sup>sd</sup> Town street was never laid out for high way by order of the Town or any Select-men, but was originally reserved and laid (out) by a Com<sup>t</sup> of their own body, and <sup>sd</sup> proprietors always considered it as their own property, all that was unnecessary for high ways; and over kept meetings, clerks, committees, treasurers, and Records of many doings of theirs, respecting <sup>sd</sup> town street and many high ways, and the disposition of many strips of land: <sup>sd</sup> laying or reserving <sup>sd</sup> wide street, was before the town was incorporated, and any name or office of any Select men existed here, so that the Town would have no right to discontinue or alter it, or any part of it, but if necessary to be done, it must be by order of the County Court; and the avails of it belong to the Corporation or Person to whom the fee of the land did belong."

"The <sup>sd</sup> Proprietors have ever considered it as their own property, and have exercised many acts of ownership of the same, more than 100 years, as by the book of records may appear, which never was questioned until now. And at their meeting in March, 1758, the elder Gov<sup>r</sup> Trumbull, moderator (as of all the meetings in his day), they voted and agreed to divide the common land lying in the woods, with all such small strips as may be found lying within this Propriety, save only the common land lying in the main Town street, from Capt. Samuel Huntingtons to Mr. John Popes. And it was provided by law that whatever part or interest the afores<sup>d</sup> Proprietors, by custom as well as deed, have in any common or undivided land in any Town, which they have not by their free consent as before expressed, or otherwise disposed of, or suffered to be divided or disposed of, shall be allowed and taken to be their proper estate, and that no person whatsoever, by becoming an inhabitant of such town, or by any other means against and without the consent of such Proprietors, shall be taken or esteemed to have any estate, title, right, or interest therein."

"Further, all the laws which mention the subject are clearly in our favor;—So that it was the opinion of Gov<sup>r</sup> Trumbull the elder, who was always clerk or moderator in their meetings, and of the late Gov<sup>r</sup> Trum-

bull, who was till his death clerk of <sup>nd</sup> meetings and of all others,—that the right of said Proprietors could never be taken away.

"And we would caution any, if any there be, willing to purchase any of <sup>nd</sup> land, not to proceed; for their title will surely be contested.

"William Williams,	Israel Loomis,
Wm. Huntington,	Samuel Bailey,
Comfort Brewster,	James Bayley,
Eliphalet Metcalf,	Simon Loomis,
Caleb Abel, junr,	John Loomis,
Zabdiel Hyde,	Isaac Gillet,
David Trumbull,	John Clark,
William Lyman,	James Clark,
Daniel Dewey,	Eliphalet Huntington.

"Feb. 8th, 1810."

#### TOWN MEETING.

"Feb. 19, 1810, at a special meeting the town voted to rescind the votes passed at its former meeting respecting selling and disposing of certain portions of land in the highways. And this was the sole business done at the meeting."

**"No Taxation without Representation."**—None of the older towns in Connecticut were ever organized under any formal act of incorporation. The early settlements, during the first century, were made by a few pioneer families in such new places as seemed to offer the best advantages for a plantation. The new settlers, being thus removed beyond the protection and jurisdiction of the older settlements, were compelled, for their own safety and good order, in their isolated condition, to become "a law unto themselves." In many cases these new plantations, from one cause or another, proved to be failures, and after a few years were abandoned; but when successful they attracted new-comers, and the permanency of the settlement became better assured.

One of their earliest desires was to secure the advantages of religious instruction and the offices of a Christian minister among them. The next was, usually, to obtain authority to choose certain civil officers; and as they increased in numbers they desired that a certain territory, of proper size and description of boundaries, should be assigned to them and invested with "town privileges." Application for each of these was made from time to time to the General Assembly as they were severally needed, and they were usually approved, the permission given, and the privilege granted by a short and simple "Order" of the Assembly.

Take the case of Lebanon as a common example of the simple brevity of these important proceedings:

*Oct. Session, 1697.*—"Ordered by this Court that the new plantation situate to the westward of Norwich bounds shall be called Lebanon."

*Oct. Session, 1700.*—"Free liberty is by this Assembly granted to the inhabitants of Lebanon, to embody themselves in church estate there; and also to call and settle an orthodox minister to dispense the ordinances of God to them; they proceeding therein with the consent of neighbor churches, as the laws in such cases doth direct."

*Same Session, 1700.*—"This Assembly doth grant to the inhabitants of the town of Lebanon, all such immunities, privileges and powers, as generally other towns within this colony have and doe enjoy."

But these embryo settlements were never at first called upon to contribute any share of the public expense of the colonial government, even although invested with "town privileges." The settlers were mostly poor in property, and surrounded and envel-

oped as they were by an unbroken forest, it required all their powers and energies to win from the unsubdued soil even the common necessities of subsistence. In a few years, as the clearings were enlarged, the tillage increased, and crops became more abundant, the General Assembly would inquire, by a committee, whether they were not able to bear a portion of the public burdens, and if they found they were, an assessment of their property was ordered and a tax levied thereon, in common with the other towns. Take again the town of Lebanon as a common example of the ordering of the General Assembly in this matter, and note that at this date the town had been organized with full powers and privileges for four years, and yet never taxed.

*Oct. Session, 1704.*—"This court doe order that the plantations of Lebanon, Mansfield, Canterbury and Plainfield, be listed as other townes and plantations in this colonie are, and for performance of said worke, doe appoint the selectmen and constable or constables in each plantation, forthwith upon receipt hereof, to demand and take the rateable estate reall and personall, as the laws direct, in their respective plantations, and perfect said lists with all convenient speed, and transmit the same to the Colonie Secretary, to be inrolled in the publick records in order to be transmitted to the Treasurer, that thereby he may give forth his warrants for the levying their shares of the Colonie charge."

Whereupon, and without any other authority or permission whatever, the towns chose one or two representatives, who at the next session walked boldly into the General Assembly and took their seats among the members unchallenged and unquestioned, representation being the common right, resulting inseparably from taxation,—a right settled by the universal custom from the beginning, not only in this colony, but in every colony in New England, and probably the other colonies. In this right Lebanon chose William Clark, who took his seat in the next session, May, 1705, of the General Assembly at Hartford.

It was in this custom in New England that the great "war-cry of the Revolution" had its roots and nerves. "No taxation without representation" rang out as the popular key-note everywhere when the mother-government of England attempted to tax them without any representation in Parliament. But it is not strange that this popular cry had so little effect upon the British rulers. They had but little acquaintance with our local customs from which it sprang, and from which it derived its peculiar potency. It was a new cry to them, in which they could see but little reason, and they considered it and treated it as only an empty and senseless clamor, set up merely to screen what they deemed the unruly spirit of an unjustifiable and uncalled-for rebellion.

**Five-mile Purchase in 1692.**—The Mohegan lands lying northerly from the New London settlements and extending up into Windham and Tolland Counties were claimed and held jointly by Uncas and his two sons, Owaneco and Attawanhood, *alias* Joshua. The grant of land to Norwich in 1659 was made and signed by all three of these as grantors. Upon the

death of Attawanhood his claim to these lands fell to his son and heir, Abimeleck; and though it does not appear that any actual division of these lands was ever made between these Indian chiefs, yet they had practically each selected a particular range or territory, over which they claimed and exercised a more special and individual right to make grants. These ranges, however, had no well-defined boundaries or extent, and the grants frequently overlapped and conflicted with each other. The special range claimed by Attawanhood, and afterwards by his son Abimeleck, extended over Colchester, Lebanon, and Windham, and most of the early grants in Colchester and Windham, and many in Lebanon, were made by Attawanhood, *alias* Joshua, or by his son Abimeleck.

The "Five-mile purchase," in Lebanon, was made in 1692 from Owaneco by Samuel Mason, of Stonington, Benj. Brewster, of Norwich, John Stanton, of Stonington, and John Burchard, of Norwich, and the deed, bearing date Sept. 6, 1692, is signed by Owaneco alone. This grant was stoutly contested by Abimeleck and others holding under him, on the ground that Owaneco had no right to make grants in this territory; and the parties becoming involved in perplexing lawsuits, appealed to the General Assembly for an adjustment of their claims. But the Assembly looked with disfavor upon these large land-grants, which the Indian sachems and chiefs had made to favored friends and land speculators, as being against good public policy. They thought it wiser and better that the lands should be kept free and unsequestered, and open to the purchase of actual settlers in such quantities as they might need for their own use. To gain the favor of the Assembly by conforming to this policy, and thereby to secure the title of their purchase, Mason, Brewster, Stanton, and Burchard, by their deed dated Jan. 4, 1700, conveyed the whole of it in fee to fifty-one persons, including themselves, for the sole use and benefit of the grantees and their heirs and assigns, as proprietors in common.

But still litigation was continued by Abimeleck and others claiming under him, and the progress of the settlement was impeded thereby until 1705, when, on application by the inhabitants of Lebanon, the General Assembly, at the May session, approved and confirmed the deed of Owaneco to Mason and others, dated Sept. 6, 1692, and also the deed of Mason and others to the fifty-one grantees, dated Jan. 4, 1700; and vested the title forever in the said fifty-one grantees, and their heirs and assigns, as proprietors in common. And this, of course, ended all further litigation, and put the controversy to its final rest. The fifty-one grantees named in the deed of Mason and others, dated in 1700, are as follows (Mason having probably died between 1700 and 1705, his right was vested in his heirs), viz.: Samuel Mason's heirs, John Burchard, Sr., John Burchard, Jr., Jabez Hide, John Stanton, Benjamin Brewster, Joseph Parsons, Daniel

Clark, Sr., Daniel Mason's heirs, Hezekiah Mason, James Buttolph, Jedediah Strong, Thomas Hunt, Caleb Chappel, William Clark, John Woodward, Jr., John Brown, John Morgan, Samuel Fitch, John Mason, John Calkin, John Baldwin, Samuel Huntington, Joseph Bradford, Exercise Connant, John Avery, John Burroughs, Nathaniel Fitch, Joseph Fitch, George Webster, Edward Culver, James Dean, Richard Bushnell, Thomas Adgate, John Dewey, Micha Mudge, Josiah Dewey, Sr., Nathaniel Dewey, John Woodward, Sr., Richard Lyman, Sr., Samuel Hutchinson, Joseph Marsh, Joseph Thomas, John Webster, Joseph Pumery, Josiah Dewey, Jr., John Gillett, Thomas Root, Stephen Lee, John Hutchinson, Joseph Burchard.

It is a curious fact that nearly a third of these Christian names are John, and more than half of them commence with the letter J. Fortunately the town was already named, or it might have been called Johnstown.

**Indian Schools.**—There was also another school, besides the one mentioned in Mr. Hines' address, existing here in Lebanon from 1743 until 1768, of far wider influence and renown than the Nathan Tisdale school, and which, on its removal to New Hampshire, was there established and incorporated as Dartmouth College, that well-known institution deriving its first inception, its birth and origin, and its original and special purposes and objects from this town.

In 1735, Eleazer Wheelock, a clergyman of fine talents, of earnest character, and of devoted piety, was settled over the Second Congregational Church, in the north part of the town of Lebanon. Like many other ministers of the day and afterwards, he had several young men in his family, whom he taught the higher branches of English and in the classics.

In December, 1743, a young Mohegan Indian, about twenty years of age, whose name has since become more famous than that of any other of the tribe, unless, perhaps, the first Uncas, applied to Mr. Wheelock for admission among his scholars. Samson Occom was born in 1723 at Mohegan, and grew up in the pagan faith and the rude and savage customs of his tribe. During the great religious awakening of 1739-40 he had become convinced of the truth of Christianity and deeply alarmed for his own lost condition. For six months he groaned in the gloom of his darkness, but then light broke into his soul, and he was seized with an irresistible impulse to carry this great light to his benighted race, and to become a teacher to his lost brethren, and with his heart swelling with this impulse he now stood before Wheelock, asking to be instructed for this great work.

It was not in the heart of Wheelock to resist this appeal, and he at once admitted him to his school and family with open arms, and in the spirit of his mission. Occom had already learned the letters of the alphabet, and could spell out a few words, and such was his zeal and devotion to study that in four years



he was fitted to enter college; but his health had been so impaired by intense application, and lacking also the means, he never entered. Leaving school, he returned to his tribe, preaching and teaching salvation through Christ alone with power and effect, supporting himself meantime, like the rest of his tribe, by hunting and fishing, and the rude Indian arts of making baskets and other Indian utensils, and occasionally teaching small Indian schools, but during all this time still pursuing his own studies in theology and Bible literature.

In this mission he visited other tribes. In 1748 he went over to Long Island, and spent several years there among the Montauk, the Skenecock, and other tribes, preaching and teaching with great success. At one time a great revival occurred under his labors there, during which many Indians were converted. Aug. 29, 1759, he was ordained by the Suffolk Presbytery of Long Island, and was ever after regarded as a regular member of that ecclesiastical body.

The case of Occom and its instructive results attracted wide attention from the first start, and Mr. Wheelock determined to open his school to other Indian youths who desired to engage in and be fitted for the same work, and in a short time it became exclusively an "Indian School" for missionary purposes, so that by 1762 he had more than twenty Indian students preparing for the conversion of their countrymen.

This new movement attracted the earnest attention of the leading clergymen and Christian philanthropists throughout all New England and the Northern colonies. To all who looked with anxiety for the conversion and civilization of the aborigines of this part of North America this school was long considered the brightest and most promising ground of hope. Notes of encouragement came pouring in from various sources throughout all the New England colonies, from ministers' councils, from churches, and from eminent leaders and philanthropists, with money contributions, cheering on the movement, and all aiming to increase the numbers in training, and to give to the school a wider sweep in its influence. Probably no school in this or any other land or age ever awakened so wide-spread and intense an interest or seemed freighted with such a precious and hopeful mission as did then this little parochial school, kept in the obscure parsonage of a country minister.

In 1765 a general conference of the friends of the school was held, at which it was determined to send Samson Occom to England to show to our English brethren there what Christianity had done for him, and what it could do for the natives of North America, and that Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, of Norwich, should go with him, to enlist co-operation in the cause and to solicit contributions in its aid. Occom was then forty-three years old, well educated, and spoke English clearly and fluently. His features and complexion bore every mark of his race, but he was easy

and natural in social manners, frank and cordial, but modest in conversation, and his deportment in the pulpit was such as to command deep attention and respect. He could preach extemporaneously and well, but usually wrote his sermons. Such, then, was this son of the forest, and such his sublime mission to the English mother-land,—to convert the natives of a pagan continent to Christianity and civilization through the ministry of pagan converts of their own race.

His appearance in England produced an extraordinary sensation, and he preached with great applause in London and other principal cities of Great Britain and Scotland to crowded audiences. From the 16th of February, 1766, to the 22d of July, 1767, he delivered between three and four hundred sermons, many of them in the presence of the king and the royal family and the great nobles of the land. Large contributions were taken up after each of these discourses; the king himself gave two hundred pounds, and in the whole enterprise seven thousand pounds sterling were collected in England and about three thousand pounds in Scotland.<sup>1</sup>

This success resulted in transferring Wheelock's Indian school to New Hampshire, which it was thought would be a better place for an Indian seminary, as being more retired and less exposed to disturbing influences than the more thickly settled colony of Connecticut. It was then incorporated as Dartmouth College (taking its name from the pious and noble Earl of Dartmouth, whom Occom's mission in England had warmly enlisted in the cause, for the special object and purpose of educating and training Indian youths for the ministry and missionary work of their race; but after the death of Eleazer Wheelock, its founder and president, and especially after the death of his son, John Wheelock, who succeeded him as president, its original and distinctive character as an Indian seminary gradually changed until it became, as it still remains, assimilated in character and purpose with the other colleges of the country; and so the glowing dream, the fervid zeal, and the sanguine hopes and expectations of its great-souled founders faded away.

In 1771, a Mohegan Indian, named Moses Paul, was tried at New London and condemned to death for the murder, in a drunken brawl, of Moses Clark. A large assembly of English and Indians collected to witness the execution. At the request of the prisoner, Samson Occom was appointed by the authorities to preach a funeral sermon in the presence of the poor wretch, as was the custom of the time, just before he was launched into eternity. Upon his own coffin, in front of the pulpit, sat the doomed man. Next around him were seated his brethren of the Mohegan tribe, the audience filling the rest of the church, a great crowd

<sup>1</sup> McClure's "Life of Wheelock," pp. 16, 17, and De Forrest's "History of Connecticut Indians," p. 459.

surrounding it, and a military company acting as guard.

The sermon is still preserved in the library of the Connecticut Historical Society at Hartford [Pamphlet No. 225]; the text from Romans vi. 23: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

It is not eloquent, it is not grand oratory, but it is something higher than eloquence, and in its sad and solemn moaning over the degraded and lost condition of his race, in their pagan darkness, their wickedness, the awful consequences of drunkenness, their besetting sin, it has all the moving power and pathos of a Hebrew wail.

The first part of the discourse dwells at length upon the peculiar meaning and significance of the term death, as used in the text, its endless and eternal character, and was addressed to the audience at large, and rising with the vastness of the idea, he exclaimed, "Eternity! O Eternity! Who can measure it? Who can count the years thereof? Arithmetic fails; the thoughts of men and angels are drowned in it. How shall we describe eternity? To what shall we compare it? Were a fly to carry off one particle of this globe to such a distance that it would take ten thousand years to go and return for another, and so continue till he had carried off, particle by particle, once in ten thousand years, the whole of this globe and placed it in that distant space, just as it is now here, after all this eternity would remain the same unexhausted duration! And this eternal death must be the certain portion of all impenitent sinners, be they who they may, Negroes, Indians, English, or what nation soever; honorable or ignoble, great or small, rich or poor, bond or free, all who die in their sins must go to hell together, 'for the wages of sin is death.'"

He next addressed the doomed prisoner upon his coffin, pointed out to him the enormity of his crime, and how by drunkenness, and by despising the warnings and counsels of Christian teachers, he had been led to it; explained to him the way of salvation, urging him with pathos and earnest energy at once to accept it, and like the dying thief upon the cross beside the crucified Saviour, to throw himself upon the mercy of that same Saviour, and so, even at the eleventh hour, escape eternal death.

He then turned to the Mohegans present: "My poor kindred!" he exclaimed, "you see the woful consequences of sin by seeing this, our poor, miserable countryman, now before us, who is to die for his sins and his great crime, and it was especially the sin of drunkenness that brought this destruction and untimely death upon him. There is a dreadful woe denounced from the Almighty against drunkards; and it is this sin, this abominable, this beastly sin of drunkenness that has stript us of every desirable comfort in this life. By this sin we have no name or credit in the world; for this sin we are despised, and

it is right and just, for we despise ourselves. By this sin we have no comfortable houses, nor anything comfortable in our houses, neither food, nor raiment, nor decent utensils; we go about with ragged and dirty clothing and almost naked, most of the time half starved, and obliged to pick up and eat such food as we can find; and our poor children suffering every day, often crying for food, and we have nothing for them, and in the cold winter shivering and crying, pinched with cold. All this comes from the love of strong drink. And this is not all the misery and evil we bring upon ourselves by this sin, for when we are intoxicated with strong drink we drown our rational powers, by which we are distinguished from the brute creation; we unman ourselves, and sink not only to a level with the beasts of the field, but seven degrees beneath them; yea, we bring ourselves to a level with the devils; and I don't know but we make ourselves worse than the devils, for I never heard of a drunken devil."

He closed his discourse with a fervid exhortation to his Mohegan brethren to break off from their sins, and especially from their besetting sin of drunkenness, by a gospel repentance; to "take warning by the doleful sight now before us," and from the dreadful judgments that have befallen poor drunkards. "You that have been careless all your day now awake to righteousness and be concerned for your never-dying souls." Fight against all sin, and especially against your besetting sin, "and above all things believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall have eternal life, and when you come to die your souls will be received into heaven, there to be with the Lord Jesus and all the saints in glory, which God in His infinite mercy grant, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

In 1786 he gathered a few Mohegans and several other Indians from other tribes in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Long Island, and went with them to Oneida County, N. Y., and there formed the nucleus of the clan afterwards known as the Brothertown tribe among the "Six Nations." He continued as their minister, acting also as a missionary among the Six Nations, until his death, which occurred in July, 1792, more than three hundred Indians following him mournfully and tearfully to the grave.

Another young Mohegan, Joseph Johnson, educated in Wheelock's school, became also a preacher of great power and influence. He was sent early as a missionary to the "Six Nations" of New York, and afterwards co-operated with Occom in the establishment there of the Brothertown clan. At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution the Six Nations, a powerful and warlike Indian confederacy, were at first much inclined to favor the English side, and to become the allies of the British forces of Canada, and to this end were strongly tempted by the insidious wiles of British emissaries, backed by the glittering display and lavish use of British gold.

Against this danger both Johnson and Occom exerted the whole weight of their great moral powers and their wide influence, the former especially appealing for help, in averting this impending danger, to Governor Trumbull and other friends here, and to the Assembly. His zeal and patriotic efforts attracted the attention of Gen. Washington, and while at Cambridge, directing the siege of Boston, he wrote him a letter with his own hand, dated Feb. 20, 1776, thanking him for his patriotic and important services, and in closing he says, "Tell the Indians that we do not ask them to take up the hatchet for us unless they choose it, we only desire that they will not fight against us. We want that the chain of friendship should always remain bright between our friends, the Six Nations, and us. We recommend you to them, and hope by spreading the truths of the gospel among them it will always keep the chain bright."

## CHAPTER LI.

### LEBANON—(Continued).

#### ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

The Meeting-house War—The First Church—Church in Columbia—Goshen Church—Exeter Church—Baptist Church—Christian Church, Liberty Hill—Ministers—College Graduates.

**Meeting-house War.**—There was a long and troublesome controversy, which belongs more properly to the ecclesiastical than the civil history of the town, the seeds of which had their birth at the very first commencement of the settlement, and continued their disturbing influence for more than a century, culminating in 1804 in an event that attracted a wide notoriety throughout the State, and which has been animadverted and commented upon in terms derogatory to the fair fame of the town. But we are fully persuaded that most, or all, of this unfavorable comment has arisen from a lack of apprehending the whole case, or of misapprehending the main facts and circumstances relating to it, and that a full and fair statement of these facts will lead to a much more favorable opinion and charitable judgment concerning it.

When the settlement of Lebanon was first commenced, in 1697, it was agreed by all the proprietors and settlers that a broad street, or highway, and common, nearly thirty rods wide (now Town Street), should be first laid out, and home-lots of forty-two acres each staked off and allotted upon each side of it; that at or near the centre, midway between the south line of their purchase and the most northern of the home-lots, a choice lot should be reserved for a minister's lot, and a meeting-house built on the wide highway and common, nearly in front of the minister's lot, and a few rods distant from it (where the church now stands), and that this location for a meeting-house should be

"fixed and established forever," the object being to prevent any trouble from arising in the future in consequence of new-comers, who might so settle in different parts of the plantation as to change the then centre of population and travel, and therefore desire and claim a removal of the meeting-house to a new location.

In 1700, William Clark and Deacon Josiah Dewey, two of these settlers, bought of Owaneco and others a large tract of land north of the Lebanon "5 mile purchase" and adjoining it, which they desired and proposed to annex to the Lebanon plantation. This was objected to by the Town Street settlers, from a fear that the Clark and Dewey settlers, uniting with some of the more northerly of their own, would soon be clamorous for a removal of the meeting-house nearer to them. To allay this fear Clark and Dewey agreed to lay out a street for a village and for a meeting-house thereon, stating that their purchase was large enough for a society by itself, and that the agreement about the location of the Town Street meeting-house should never be violated or disturbed. These terms and conditions were satisfactory, the new tract was annexed to Lebanon, the new street laid out, and a location fixed for a meeting-house upon it, and the place has ever since been known as "the village."

In 1724 the society voted to build a new and larger meeting-house on the old location, but there was so much opposition to this vote that no action was taken upon it; and when, soon after, in 1727, the society of Goshen was set off from the southwesterly part, the difficulty between the First Society and the northerly settlers about the location of their meeting-house was thereby increased, because this setting off of Goshen Society left the location still farther from the common centre of population and travel. Application was then made to the General Assembly for relief, and to appoint a committee to fix a location. A committee was appointed in 1731, who, after visiting the place and hearing the parties, fixed the location upon the old spot, as being in accordance with the original agreement of the first settlers that it should remain forever there.

This action of the committee, instead of healing, only intensified the opposition. The northern party denied that the early agreement was of the character of a contract made between two parties, to be legally and forever binding, but had only the force and character of a vote, and as such repealable, and should be so held; that if it was originally binding, its force was broken and ceased after the setting off of Goshen Society, for by that act the contracting parties were no longer existing as one society, but had become two separate and distinct corporations; and, over and above all, they stoutly protested against being compelled to pay their full share of the expense of a building so distant from them when they were expecting before long to form a new society and build a meeting-house for themselves.

Upon their application another meeting of the society was called and held in 1732, at which it was voted that within eighteen years thereafter, but not before six years, there should be set off a new society in the northern part by a dividing line agreed upon and described in the vote; that until the new society should be so set off the northern settlers should continue to pay their share towards the building and keeping in repair of a meeting-house on the old site; that a separate account of all the moneys so paid by the people north of the line described should be kept; and that when the new society was formed, and had built a meeting-house of their own, all the money so paid by them should be refunded to them by the old society, to be applied towards the building of their own meeting-house; and that application should be made to the General Assembly for an act ratifying and confirming this agreement. Application was so made, and the General Assembly, May session, 1732, by a resolve, sanctioned, ratified, and confirmed this agreement.

This restored peace; the meeting-house was rebuilt upon the old spot by the united labors and at the common cost of all the parties; the rate-book and the amounts paid by the northern parties were kept separate and recorded in the society records, and all continued in harmony until 1767, a period of thirty-five years, although no action had been taken to form a new society as proposed. At that time, 1767, some repairs had become necessary, and at the request of the northern people a meeting of the society was called to ascertain whether the society would then, in case a new society was formed within a reasonable time, agree to repay the moneys which they, the northern people, had heretofore paid under the old agreement. The society voted that if the "village" people would procure an act of incorporation as a society within a reasonable time the old society would so pay back the money advanced in an equal term of time with that in which they had made the advancements.

No steps, however, were taken under this vote by either party, either to establish the new society or to repay the advancements made, doubts arising whether, from the fact that the eighteen years fixed and sanctioned by the General Assembly (in 1732) as the limit in which the original agreement was to have been complied with had long since expired, the new vote (of 1767) would be legally binding, and might not be revoked at any future meeting of the society. This vexed question was agitated and the old trouble continued until June, 1772, when a society meeting was called at the request of the village people, at which it was voted, by a majority of two, to take down the meeting-house, and to rebuild it farther north, at the then new centre of population and travel, including the village as a part, many of the southern people uniting with the northern in favor of this vote.

Immediately upon this a large number of the southern inhabitants united in a petition to the General

Assembly for its further interposition, and at the October session, 1772, a committee was appointed to inquire into the facts and report their opinion. At the May session the committee reported that, after hearing the parties, they found,—

"That there was an ancient agreement that the meeting-house should stand upon Meeting-house Hill, where it now stands; that this agreement was entered into for good reasons, and had its influence from the beginning, and ought to be held sacred and inviolable; that in ancient times it was expected that there would be a new society in the northern part, called the village from the beginning; and a line had been kept up between the old and new proposed societies; that when the present meeting-house was built the place was fixed under the ancient agreement, and with views and prospects of such new society's being formed in a future time; that provisions were made to reimburse the people living northerly what they should pay towards the building of it; that it should be and remain where it is now, according to ancient agreement, and be kept in good repair at the expense of the whole society; and that when the village people should be set off a distinct society they ought to be repaid the sums advanced by them for building and repairing the meeting-house."

The General Assembly approved the report, fixed the location on the same old place, and provided that it should be kept in repair at the cost of the whole society, and that if the village people should form a new society within five years thereafter the old society should refund to them all the money which they had already advanced in the past towards building, or which they should thereafter advance towards repairing the old society meeting-house.

But still no further action was taken by the society or by either party. The General Assembly had not in its last resolution confirmed and made binding the last vote of the society, passed in 1767, agreeing to refund the money, nor reaffirmed and extended the terms of and time limited in their former resolve in May session, 1732, ratifying the vote of the society at that time passed upon the subject, and doubts still remained whether the vote of the society of 1767, or any other vote of the society, was legally so binding and final as to be beyond the power of repeal and revocation at any time by a major vote of the society. In this state of uncertainty, the village people feeling themselves too weak to build alone without the aid of the certain return to them of their former advancements, took no steps towards being set off, and so the whole subject remained in tolerable quietness until 1802.

At that time, 1802, the meeting-house again needed repairs, and at a meeting called to consider it a vote was passed by a majority present refusing to repair it. Several of the southern inhabitants thereupon again presented a memorial to the General Assembly at the October session, 1802, reciting the above facts and asking some relief, whereupon, after hearing, the Assembly passed a very singular and peculiar resolve. It authorized and empowered the inhabitants south of the line proposed as a dividing line for a new society to *tax themselves* for the repairs of the meeting-house, and to call meetings, choose certain officers, and to lay and collect taxes for such purpose, and to make future repairs, *exempting* all the inhabitants north of the line from

any liability for such taxes or repairs, but making no division or set-off, and consequently impairing none of the legal rights, privileges, or franchises which the village people held in common with all others of the whole society.

Under this resolve the southern voters met, taxed themselves, raising therefrom about six hundred dollars, appointed a committee, and expended the sum raised in repairs.

But this did not settle the difficulty. And now commenced a more general and serious agitation than ever. At a meeting of the society, legally warned and held March 27, 1804, it was voted, by 75 yeas to 39 nays, upon a proposition then made by Daniel Tilden, Israel Loomis, John Dewey, Samuel Bailey, and John Haywood, acting as a committee,—

"That the society would relinquish all its right and interest in the meeting-house, and consent that the materials thereof should be used in the construction of a new one; upon conditions that the said Tilden and others, as committee, would give sufficient bonds that they would build a good, commodious meeting-house for the use of the society [at a place about 1 mile northerly] at or near the then centre of the whole society, within one year from the 1st day of April next, at their own sole expense, and give full title thereto to the society, without any cost; and that the people living north of said centre, would fund their proportion for the support of the ministry forever."

The terms of this vote were accepted on their part by the Tilden committee, and they thereupon executed a bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, signed by all of the committee, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract. This bond was accepted by the society and lodged with its clerk, and twenty days after, on the 16th of April, 1804, the contractors, with a force of workmen, began peaceably to take down the old building in order to use its materials in the construction of a new one. But the sight of the demolition of this long-loved structure, and its removal from the cherished spot for a century held sacred under the ancient agreement, deeply stirred the feelings of the southern people, and the whole society was soon in commotion. A large crowd assembled from every quarter, with mingled emotions of grief and anger, so highly excited as to forebode actual violence.

To prevent the progress of the work writs were obtained from the local justices, and several of the workmen were arrested and held under bonds, and thereby the work was interrupted and for that day suspended, but on the 27th a larger force was employed, and again a still larger crowd gathered. To protect the contractors and their workmen retaliatory or counter writs were obtained from other local justices, and arrests were made of those interfering or in any way instigating interference with the contractors or their workmen. These counter measures enabled the contractors to complete during this day the taking down of the building. But this war of writs and counter writs, and the arrests made under them, had only exasperated and intensified the popular feeling, and added fuel to the flame. Doubtless these writs,

though in the forms of law, were an abuse of civil process and a perversion of its purposes. It was "sharp practice," resorted to in anger by both parties, and only to obstruct and harass each other. It was an unseemly strife, but it was a strife under the forms, at least, of law; it was a war of writs and legal processes on both sides, and, however exasperating, no resistance was made to these arrests, so far as it appears, in a single instance. All held in sacred regard the symbols and mandates of the law.

Men of high standing and influence were thus arrested upon both sides, among them the Hon. William Williams, one of the signers of the immortal Declaration of Independence, and, it is said, at that very time a judge of the County Court, then over seventy years old, and infinitely more venerable throughout the whole land for his distinguished honors than for his years. Look at him! A town constable approaches him, taps him on the shoulder, arrests him as a prisoner, marches him off a mile, places him under a keeper, and holds him all day in custody, without the privilege of bail-prize, and the brave old man, whose fiery patriotism so flashed out in the dark days of the Revolution, yielding to all this with the quiet submission of a lamb because of his high sense of **LOYALTY TO LAW!** Why, the whole scene would be sublime if it were not at the same time so supremely ridiculous as to excite our irrepressible laughter. But there was no spirit of laughter there that day in that angry crowd.

And now came the crisis. One party determined at all hazards to remove the materials and proceed in the rebuilding on the new site north, and the other party as firmly determined at all hazards to prevent it. The local authorities were powerless to restrain them, for they were themselves divided, some taking one side and some the other, as partisans, and as strongly excited and as active participants in the struggle as the parties themselves; and mingled with all this, as a disturbing element, fierce political feuds and animosities now showed their baneful influence, for it must be remembered that the bitter political war between the old "stalwart" Federalists and the "fierce Democracy" under Jefferson's administration was at this very time at its whitest heat.

To allay this excitement, and to prevent it from breaking forth into acts of lawless personal violence beyond the power of control by the civil authorities, as was now threatening and imminently impending, the men of high character and influence upon both sides now came forward and strongly counseled forbearance and a resort for a peaceful solution of all the great questions in controversy to the high judicial tribunals of the State. These wise counsels happily prevailed. Suits in trespass were immediately brought to the Superior Court by Eliphalet Metcalf and others of the southern party against Daniel Tilden and others of the northern party for damages by demolishing the meeting-house, and all became

quiet, awaiting peacefully the final determination of the long-standing controversy by due course of law.

In the trial of the cause before the Superior Court the whole history of the controversy, from the beginning of the settlement in 1697, as herein narrated, together with certified copies of all the votes and transactions of the society pertaining thereto, and a copy also of the penal bond of Tilden and others, given to the society for the enforcement of their building contract, were fully presented to the court, and admitted by both parties, and the only issues were the questions of law and equity arising upon these facts. Many issues were raised, but the great question involved, and upon which the whole case turned, was whether the "ancient agreement" fixing forever the location of the meeting-house at the place then established was still valid and irrevocable by any vote of the society however large the majority, for if that agreement was found to remain irrevocable, then the vote of the society to change the location was null and void, and all action under it was without authority and a trespass. But if, on the other hand, that agreement was revocable by a major vote of the society, then the action of the parties, under the authority of such vote, was lawful and justifiable.

Upon a full hearing of the whole case the Superior Court found the issue for the plaintiffs, Metcalf and others, thus affirming the valid existence of the ancient agreement. On a further hearing in damages another great question arose, whether the resolve of the General Assembly of 1802, authorizing a *part* of the society to tax themselves and repair the meeting-house, gave that part, *by itself*, a right to sue and recover, in trespass, for taking down the building under the authority of a major vote of the *whole* society, the building being the common property of *all*. The court found this issue also for the plaintiffs, Metcalf and others, and awarded that they should recover of the defendants, Tilden and others, the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars damages.

A bill of exceptions was thereupon filed by the defendants, and the case came, by writ of error, to the June term, 1806, of the Supreme Court of Errors, at Hartford, the court consisting of two judges and twelve assistant judges, "His Excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, of Lebanon, Governor," being "chief judge." The whole case, from the beginning, with all the documents, was again presented, and upon a full hearing the court affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court upon both issues, against Tilden and others,<sup>1</sup> and this decision ended forever this long and troublesome controversy. All the parties gracefully submitted, though application was made to the General Assembly, and granted, for a division of the society by the old line, as formerly proposed. The society rebuilt the house upon the old ground, and

has ever since remained at peace, but, as was inevitable from the nature of the controversy, some personal alienations and animosities continued to show their unpleasant influence for many years.

The taking down of the church solely for the purpose of using its materials in the construction of a new one unfortunately gave rise abroad, where none of the circumstances here related were known, to the wild stories that were widely circulated regarding it. These stories represented the transaction merely as the lawless work of a ruthless and infuriated mob, bent only on the wanton destruction, in broad daylight, of their own sacred house of worship. It was called an *infidel*, a *sacrilegious* mob! Such was the bald version of the story abroad, without any explanation, palliation, or even knowledge of its real character. It was surely too improbable, too absurd, too monstrous for rational belief or public credence. The high renown which this town had ever maintained, and the world-wide fame of its eminently distinguished men, should have been sufficient at once to have stamped such a story everywhere as a manifest misrepresentation, perversion, and calumny. It nevertheless gained a lodgment in the public mind, was published abroad in the newspapers of the day, and has even crept into sober history, and thus brought undeserved reproach upon the fair fame of the town.

It is time this calumny was swept away, and its true character shown by the still-preserved and incontestable records of the society itself, and by the records, also, of the high court which adjudicated, in the day of it, the whole transaction.

**Society Statistics.**—The churches have been organized as follows, viz.:

**FIRST CHURCH.**—Organized Nov. 27, 1700. Ministers, Joseph Parsons, 1700–8; Samuel Wells, 1711–22; Sol. Williams, D.D., 1722–76; Zebulon Ely, 1782–1824; Edward Bull, 1825–37; John C. Nichols, 1840–54; Orlo D. Hine, 1856, present pastor.

**CHURCH IN COLUMBIA (FORMERLY "LEBANON CRANK").**—Organized 1720. Ministers, Samuel Smith, 1720–24; William Gager, 1725–34; Eleazer Wheelock, D.D., 1735–70; Thomas Brockway, 1772–1807. The town of Columbia was set off from Lebanon in 1800, and this society was embraced in the new town.

**CHURCH IN GOSHEN (LEBANON).**—Organized Nov. 26, 1729. Ministers, Jacob Elliot, 1729–66; Timothy Stone, 1766–97; William B. Ripley, 1798–1822; Erastus Ripley, 1823–32; Salmon Cone, 1832–34; Israel T. Otis, 1835–44; Joshua R. Brown, 1845–52; Elijah W. Tucker, 1853–58; Aarou B. Livermore, 1860–68; Daniel B. Lord, 1868–77; M. Quincey Bosworth, 1877, present pastor.

**CHURCH IN EXETER (LEBANON).**—Organized 1773. Ministers, John Gurley, 1775–1812; John H. Fowler, 1813–21; Daniel Waldo, 1823–34; Lyman Strong, 1835–41; Stephen Hayes, 1841–46; John Av-

<sup>1</sup> See *Tilden vs. Metcalf*, 2d of Day, p. 251–70, Conn. Rep., for a full report of this case.

ery, 1848-73; Charles C. Herbert, 1874-78; David Breed, 1878, present stated supply.

**BAPTIST CHURCH (LEBANON).**—Constituted September, 1805. Ministers, Nehemiah Dodge, 1805-15; Daniel Putnam, 1815-18; Esek Brown, 1818-34; John H. Baker, 1834-36; Levi Meech, 1836-38; Nathan Wildman, 1838-51; Nathaniel W. Miner, 1851-52; T. Bennet, 1853-55; O. Cunningham, 1855-65; B. S. Morse, 1865-70; George L. Putnam, 1870-79; Asa C. Bronson, 1879, present minister.

**"CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (LIBERTY HILL, LEBANON).**—Organized about 1810 by Elder Plumber. Successive ministers, viz.: Dexter Ballard, Dr. Robinson, Warren Hathaway, James Burlingame, Elisha H. Wright, Frederick Coe. Reorganized as a Free Will Baptist Church in 1873, but have no service.

**MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL** born or reared in Lebanon; list as far as known, not including Columbia: Peter Pratt, Eliphalet Williams, D.D., Eliphalet Huntington, Daniel Throop, Joseph Lyman, D.D., William Robinson, David Huntington, John Griswold, Eliphalet Lyman, John Robinson, Elijah Parish, D.D., Lynde Huntington, Ariel Parish, William Lyman, D.D., Asa Lyman, Andrew Huntington, Abraham Fowler, Richard Williams, Shubael Bartlett, John Bartlett, Ralph B. Gurley, Ezra Styles Ely, Nathaniel Freeman, Daniel Huntington, Dyer T. Hinckley, Timothy Stone, Jonathan T. Ely, David F. Ely, David Metcalf, Orrin Fowler, Warren B. Dutton, D.D., Flavel Bascom, D.D., Hobart McCall, Samuel G. Buckingham, D.D., Elijah F. Rockwell, James A. Clark, Salmon McCall, William M. Burchard, Henry D. Woodworth, Henry Gay. Total, 40.

**College Graduates**, who were either natives of or went from Lebanon to college:

**HARVARD.**—Jonathan Trumbull, 1727; Nathan Tisdale, 1749; William Williams, 1751; Joseph Trumbull, 1756; Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., 1759; John Trumbull, 1773; Eliphalet Birchard, 1843. Total, 7.

**YALE.**—James Calkin, 1725; Benj. Throop, 1734; Joshua West, 1738; Peter Sweetland, 1740; Gersham Clark, Joseph Fowler, Samuel Huntington, Eliphalet Williams, and Solomon Williams, Jr., all in 1743; David Strong, 1745; Pelatiah Webster, 1746; Joseph Clark, 1747; John Clark and Nathaniel Porter, 1749; Joseph William Bissell, 1751; Joshua Porter, 1754; Ephraim Fitch, John Smalley, and Thomas Williams, M.D., all in 1756; Jonathan Lyman, 1758; Eliphalet Huntington, 1759; Jonathan Bascom, 1764; Joseph Lyman, 1767; David Huntington, 1773; Abraham Fowler, 1775; Eliphalet Lyman, 1776; John Robinson, Rev., D.D., 1780; Daniel Crocker, 1782; Charles White, 1783; Joseph Eliot, Jabez Huntington, and William Lyman, all in 1784; Dyer Throop Hinckley, 1785; Joshua Dewey, 1787; Lynde Huntington and Jeremiah Mason, 1788; Solomon Williams, 1792; Dan Huntington, 1794; Stephen Thatcher and William Trumbull Williams, 1795; Diodate Brockway, Asa-

hel Clark, Warren Dutton, and Asa Lyman, all in 1797; David Young, 1798; Shubael Bartlett, 1800; Roswell Bailey, Samuel Holbrook, and Joseph Trumbull, all in 1801; Richard Williams, 1802; Ezra Stiles Ely and Eliphalet Swift, 1804; Clark Bissell (Governor of Connecticut), Josiah Bartlett Strong, and Ichabod Brewster, all in 1806; John Bartlett and Jonathan G. W. Trumbull, 1807; Orrin Fowler and Andrew Huntington, 1815; Rufus Huntington and James Fitch Mason, 1817; Ralph Randolph Gurley, 1818; Joseph Dyer Chapman, 1826; Flavel Bascom, 1828; Warren Backus Dutton, 1829; Amasa Dewey, 1832; Samuel Giles Buckingham, 1833; James Augustus Clark and Elijah Frink Rockwell, 1834; Julian Vail Pettis, 1836; William Metcalf Birchard, 1837; Henry Strong McCall, 1842; Edwin Wright, 1844; Nathaniel Williams Manning, 1847; Albert Hebard and Salmon McCall, 1851; John Elderkin, 1852; Edward Strong Hinkley and Arthur Williams Wright, 1859; Daniel Hebard, 1860; Alexander Hamilton Wright, 1863; Charles Daniel Hine, 1871; Leroy B. Peckham, 1880. Total, 83.

**Graduates from the Medical Department, Yale.**—Joseph Peabody, 1821; Charles Hubbard Dutton, 1826; Elisha Hutchinson, 1828; Jeremiah Nathaniel Peabody, 1831; Oliver Kingsley, 1832; Charles Osgood, 1833; Alonzo Fuller, 1842; Jeremiah King, 1846. Total, 8.

**Attended Medical Lectures for a time at Yale, but did not Graduate.**—Jotham Sexton, 1821; Wm. Chauncey Williams, 1822; Samuel W. Ripley, 1830; Wm. Wattles, 1831; Stephen Champlain, 1837; Gilbert Fuller, 1843. Total, 6.

**Members of Yale who did not Graduate.**—David Trumbull, drowned, 1740, while in college; Henry Porter, 1782; John Ward Gurley, 1796 (A.M., Yale, 1799); Eleazer A. Hutchinson and Daniel Strong, 1802 (latter d. sen. yr.); Solomon W. Williams, 1803; John Trumbull and Edward Young, 1806; Ebenezer Dewey and Thomas B. Powers, 1815; John Carrier and Solomon Goodrich Gilbert, 1833; George W. Standish, 1843. Total, 13.

**DARTMOUTH.**—John Wheelock (second pres., and son of Eleazer, first pres. of Dartmouth Coll.), 1771; David Huntington, 1773; Samuel Collins, 1775; Abel Curtis and Eleazer Wheelock, Jr., 1776; Jedediah Parker, Buckingham, Elijah Dewey, and Elisha Smith, 1779; Elisha Picknor, 1783; Joseph Clark and Elijah Parish, 1785; Erastus Clark and Charles Marsh, 1786; Daniel Ordway Gillett, Walter Harris, and Elijah Lyman, 1787; Ariel Parish and Ezra Woodworth, 1788; Josiah Dunham, Lathrop Rockwell, and Joel West, 1789; Bezaleel Pinneo and John Walbridge, 1791; Richard English Newcomb, 1793; Bezaleel Bliss, 1794. Total, 25.

**WILLIAMS.**—David Mason, 1796; Samuel Selden Loomis, 1811; Alfred Wright, 1812. Total, 3.

**PRINCETON.**—Josiah Thatcher, 1760.

**MIDDLEBURY.**—David Metcalf, 1819.



AMHERST.—Henry Dwight Woodworth, 1855.  
BROWN UNIVERSITY.—Luther Robinson, William  
Randall Sexton,<sup>1</sup> 1834. Total, 5. Grand total, 150.

## CHAPTER LII.

LEBANON--(Continued).

## CIVIL AND MILITARY.

Governors—United States Senators—Members of Congress—Assistants—  
Senators—Representatives from 1705 to 1882—Town Clerks from 1698  
to 1882—Town Clerks—Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths—Military  
History.

## Civil List.

## GOVERNORS OF STATES NATIVES OF LEBANON.

Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut, from 1769 to 1784.  
Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., of Connecticut, from 1798 to 1800.  
Clark Bissell, of Connecticut, from 1847 to 1840.  
Joseph Trumbull, of Connecticut, from 1849 to 1850.  
William A. Buckingham, of Connecticut, from 1858 to 1866.  
Nelson Dewey, first Governor of Wisconsin, from 1848 to 1852.

## UNITED STATES SENATORS NATIVES OF THE TOWN.

Jonathan Trumbull, from Connecticut, 1795 to 1796.  
Jeremiah Mason, from New Hampshire, 1813 to 1817.  
William A. Buckingham, from Connecticut, 1869 to 1875.

## MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NATIVES OF THE TOWN.

William Williams, to Continental Congress, from 1776 to 1777, and  
from 1783 to 1784.  
Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. (Speaker of 2d Congress under the Constitu-  
tion), 1789 to 1795.  
Charles Marsh, from Vermont, 1815 to 1817.  
Henry H. Gurley, from Louisiana, 1823 to 1831.  
Joseph Trumbull, from Connecticut, 1839 to 1843.  
Daniel Rose Tilden, from Ohio, 1843 to 1847.  
Orrin Fowler, from Massachusetts, 1849 to 1852.

MEMBERS OF THE "COUNCIL OF ASSISTANTS" AND SENATORS FROM LEBANON FROM THE ORIGIN OF THE TOWN TO 1880.<sup>2</sup>

Under the charter of Charles II., down to the adop-  
tion of the constitution of 1818, there were annually  
chosen by the electors at large a Council of Assist-  
ants, consisting of twelve members, whose functions  
were, 1st, to act as an advisory council of the Gov-  
ernor; 2d, to act as local magistrates for the colony;  
and 3d, as an "Upper House" (or Senate) in the Gen-  
eral Assembly, six of whom, with the Deputy Gov-  
ernor, constituted a legal quorum for the "Upper  
House." After the constitution, down to 1830, twelve  
senators, chosen also annually, and by the electors at  
large, constituted the Senate, six of whom, with the  
Lieutenant-Governor, formed a legal quorum. In  
1730 the State was divided into twenty-one senatorial  
districts, the electors of each district choosing one  
senator, and this provision still remains.

<sup>1</sup> Finished a full course, but twenty-two of his class (himself among  
them), out of a class of twenty-six, declined to participate in the gradu-  
ating exercises, from conscientious scruples of principle in the bestow-  
ment of college honors. His biographer, however, says that he after-  
wards, in 1836, received his degree. He died in 1837. (See "Memoir of  
William Randall Sexton," by Rev. Charles T. Torrey, 1838, pp. 26-29.)

<sup>2</sup> From the State records at Hartford.

## ASSISTANTS FROM LEBANON UNDER THE CHARTER.

Jonathan Trumbull, 1740 to 1750. William Williams, 1784 to 1803.  
Jonathan Trumbull, 1755 to 1767. Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., 1796 to  
William Williams, 1776 to 1780. 1809.

## SENATORS FROM LEBANON UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

1836, Stephen D. Tilden. 1855, Larned Hebard.  
1837, Elisha Waterman. 1863, Edwin M. Dolbeare.  
1843, Amos Fowler. 1868, James M. Peckham.  
1848, Erastus Osgood.

## REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TOWN OF LEBANON.

By the early custom of the colony, each town was  
allowed two "Deputies to the General Court" (then  
called), but some of the towns occasionally chose to  
send but one; and this custom continued down to the  
adoption of the constitution in 1818, after which the  
towns then existing were still allowed to send two, but  
new towns thereafter incorporated were entitled to  
but one representative each.

Under the charter there were two regular sessions  
of the General Assembly in each year, held alternately  
at Hartford in May and at New Haven in October,  
and the deputies or representatives were chosen for six  
months only, semi-annually, for each session. The  
constitution of 1818 provided for one annual session  
only, to be held in May, alternately at Hartford each  
odd year, and at New Haven each even year.

1705.—William Clark, Samuel Huntington.  
1706.—John Sprague, Ens. John Sprague, William Clark.  
1707.—William Holton, Joseph Bradford.  
1708.—John Sprague, Samuel Huntington, William Clark.  
1709.—William Clark, Jeremiah Fitch, John Sprague, Joseph Bradford.  
1710.—William Clark, William Holton.  
1711.—William Holton, John Sprague, Capt. William Clark.  
1712.—William Clark, Joseph Bradford, Jeremiah Fitch, Joseph Marsh.  
1713.—William Clark, John Sprague, Samuel Hide.  
1714.—Joseph Bradford, Jeremiah Fitch, Lieut. John Sprague.  
1715.—Capt. Wm. Clark, Samuel Hide, Ebenezer Fitch.  
1716.—Joseph March, Thomas Hunt, Lieut. John Sprague.  
1717.—Samuel Hide, Capt. William Clark, Capt. Jeremiah Fitch.  
1718.—Capt. Wm. Clark, Lieut. Samuel Hyde, Lieut. John Sprague.  
1719.—John Buell, Lieut. John Sprague, Capt. William Clark.  
1720.—Capt. Nathaniel Fitch, Lieut. John Sprague, John Woodward,  
Ebenezer West.  
1721.—John Woodward, Ebenezer West.  
1722.—Lieut. Samuel Hide, Ebenezer West, John Woodward.  
1723.—Capt. Wm. Clark, Capt. Joseph Marsh, John Woodward.  
1724.—Capt. Wm. Clark, John Woodward.  
1725.—John Woodward, Joseph Fowler.  
1726.—John Woodward, Joseph Fowler, Capt. Joseph Marsh.  
1727.—Capt. John Woodward, Capt. Joseph Marsh.  
1728.—Capt. John Woodward, Lieut. Samuel Hide, Joseph Fowler.  
1729.—Ebenezer West, Capt. Ephraim Sprague.  
1730.—Ebenezer West, Capt. William Throop, Capt. John Woodward.  
1731.—Ebenezer West, Capt. Joseph Marsh, Capt. John Woodward.  
1732.—Ebenezer West, Capt. Wm. Throop.  
1733.—Capt. Wm. Throop, Jonathan Trumbull, Ebenezer West.  
1734.—Capt. Wm. Throop, Ebenezer West.  
1735.—Capt. Wm. Throop, Ebenezer West.  
1736.—Ebenezer West, Jonathan Trumbull.  
1737.—Ebenezer West, Gershom Clark, Jonathan Trumbull.  
1738-39.—Ebenezer West, Jonathan Trumbull.  
1740.—Ebenezer West, Jonathan Trumbull, Gershom Clark.  
1741.—Ebenezer West, Ebenezer Gray, John Williams.  
1742.—Gershom Clark, Capt. Ebenezer Gray, Ellakim Tupper.  
1743.—Gershom Clark, John Williams.  
1744.—Ebenezer West, Gershom Clark.  
1745.—Ebenezer West, Capt. James Fitch, Maj. Joseph Fowler.  
1746.—Ebenezer West, Maj. Joseph Fowler, Capt. Gershom Clark.

- 1747.—Ebenezer West, Capt. Gershom Clark, Maj. Joseph Fowler.  
 1748.—Ebenezer West, Maj. Joseph Fowler, Capt. James Fitch.  
 1749.—Ebenezer West, Capt. James Fitch, Maj. Joseph Fowler.  
 1750.—Ebenezer West, Maj. Joseph Fowler.  
 1751.—Capt. James Fitch, Capt. Caleb Hyde, Col. Jonathan Trumbull.  
 1752.—Col. J. Trumbull (Speaker), Capt. James Fitch.  
 1753.—Col. Jonathan Trumbull, Capt. James Fitch, Capt. Joshua West, Nathaniel Holbrook.  
 1754.—Col. J. Trumbull (Speaker), Capt. Joshua West, Col. Joseph Fowler.  
 1755.—Capt. James Fitch, Capt. Joshua West, Col. Joseph Fowler.  
 1756.—Col. Joseph Fowler, Capt. Joshua West.  
 1757.—Col. Joseph Fowler, William Williams, Capt. Joshua West.  
 1758.—Capt. Joshua West, Col. Joseph Fowler, William Williams.  
 1759.—Col. Joseph Fowler, William Williams, Capt. Joshua West.  
 1760-61.—Capt. Joshua West, William Williams.  
 1762.—Capt. Joshua West, Capt. Ignatius Barker.  
 1763-65.—Capt. Joshua West, William Williams.  
 1766.—Benajah Bill, Capt. Joshua West, Maj. William Williams (clerk).  
 1767.—Maj. W. Williams (clerk), Seth Bartlett, Capt. Joseph Trumbull.  
 1768.—Maj. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. William Synnua.  
 1769.—Maj. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. Joshua West, Capt. Jos. Trumbull.  
 1770-71.—Maj. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. Joseph Trumbull.  
 1772.—Col. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. Joseph Trumbull, Deniah Southworth.  
 1773.—Col. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. Joseph Trumbull, Deniah Southworth.  
 1774.—Col. W. Williams (clerk), Capt. Seth Wright, Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.  
 1775.—Col. W. Williams (Speaker), Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.  
 1776.—Col. William Williams, Col. Jeremiah Mason, John Clark, Capt. Joshua West.  
 1777.—John Clark, Capt. Joshua West, Col. Jeremiah Mason, Beriah Southworth.  
 1778.—Col. Jeremiah Mason, Capt. James Pinney, Jacob Elliott, Peleg Thomas.  
 1779.—Jacob Elliott, Elkanah Tisdale, Elkanah Tisdale, Col. Jonathan Trumbull.  
 1780.—Elkanah Tisdale, Col. Jonathan Trumbull, Col. William Williams (clerk).  
 1781.—Col. W. Williams (Speaker), Elkanah Tisdale.  
 1782.—Col. W. Williams (Speaker), Capt. Daniel Tilden, Isiah Elliott.  
 1783.—Col. W. Williams (Speaker), Elkanah Tisdale.  
 1784.—Col. William Williams, Elkanah Tisdale, Col. Jeremiah Mason.  
 1785.—Elkanah Tisdale, Capt. Vech Williams, Capt. Daniel Tilden.  
 1786.—Capt. Daniel Tilden, Beriah Southworth, Maj. Elijah Hyde.  
 1787.—Capt. Daniel Tilden, Maj. Elijah Hyde, Ephraim Carpenter.  
 1788.—Col. J. Trumbull (Speaker), Capt. Daniel Tilden.  
 1789.—Elkanah Tisdale, Capt. Daniel Tilden.  
 1790.—Elkanah Tisdale, Capt. Daniel Tilden, Peleg Thomas.  
 1791.—Elkanah Tisdale, Asahel Clark, David Trumbull.  
 1792.—Elkanah Tisdale, Asahel Clark, Peleg Thomas.  
 1793.—Elkanah Tisdale, Peleg Thomas, Ebenezer Bushnell.  
 1794.—Elkanah Tisdale, Peleg Thomas, Elisha Hutchinson.  
 1795.—Asahel Clark, Daniel Tilden, Peleg Thomas.  
 1796.—Peleg Thomas, David Trumbull, Jeremiah Mason.  
 1797.—Peleg Thomas, Elkanah Tisdale.  
 1798.—Elkanah Tisdale, Peleg Thomas, James Mason.  
 1799.—James Mason, Solomon Williams, Elkanah Tisdale.  
 1800.—James Mason, Elkanah Tisdale, Wm. T. Williams.  
 1801.—Wm. T. Williams, James Mason, Elkanah Tisdale.  
 1802.—Elkanah Tisdale, Solomon Williams, Daniel Tilden.  
 1803.—Solomon Williams, James Mason, Daniel Tilden, Isiah Loomis.  
 1804.—Daniel Tilden, Isiah Loomis.  
 1805.—Daniel Tilden, Jacob Loomis, Peleg Thomas, James Mason.  
 1806.—Isiah Loomis, Elisha Hutchinson, Zabdiel Hyde.  
 1807.—Jacob Loomis, Zabdiel Hyde, Elisha Hutchinson.  
 1808.—Jacob Loomis, William Williams, Jr., Stephen Meech, Wm. T. Williams.  
 1809.—Wm. T. Williams (assistant clerk), Peleg Thomas, Wm. Huntington, Jr.  
 1810.—Wm. T. Williams (assistant clerk), Wm. Huntington, Jr., Hobert McCall.  
 1811.—Hobert McCall, Jacob Loomis, James F. Mason, Wm. T. Williams (clerk).  
 1812.—Daniel Tilden, Wm. Huntington, Jr., Elisha Hutchinson, James F. Mason.

- 1813.—Wm. Huntington, Jr., James F. Mason, Zabdiel Hyde, William Williams.  
 1814.—Abel Goodwin, Benjamin B. Fowler, Samuel Buckingham, Isiah Loomis.  
 1815.—William T. Williams, Samuel Buckingham, Isiah Loomis, Jr., Hobert McCall.  
 1816.—Ebenezer Johnson, John Robinson.  
 1817.—John Robinson, Stephen D. Tilden, Simeon M. Webster.  
 1818.—Simeon M. Webster, Isiah Loomis, Charles Abell, Joshua Hall.

The delegates from Lebanon to the Constitutional Convention of September, 1818, were Stephen D. Tilden and Thomas Badcock.<sup>1</sup>

After the adoption of the constitution in 1818 there was only one regular annual session, held in May, at Hartford each odd year and at New Haven each even year.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

- 1819, Charles Abell, Joshua Hall; 1820, Thomas Badcock, Isiah Loomis; 1821, Abel Goodwin, Daniel Hutchinson; 1822, Wm. T. Williams, Oliver Kingsley; 1823, Wm. T. Williams, Anderson Martin; 1824, Wm. T. Williams, Elisha Waterman; 1825, John Robinson, Oliver Kingsley; 1826, Isiah Loomis (2), Julius Clark; 1827, Stephen D. Tilden, Elisha Waterman; 1828, Eliphalet Abell, Oliver Pettis; 1829, Thomas Badcock, Erastus Osgood; 1830, Isiah Loomis (2), Timothy Williams; 1831, Asahel Dewey, Jacob McCall; 1832, Thomas Badcock, Julius Clark; 1833, Asahel Dewey, John M. Peabody; 1834, Oliver Pettis, Ebenezer Spafford; 1835, Amos Fowler, Jr., Oliver Kingsley; 1836, Julius Clark, Erastus Hutchinson; 1837, George Kingsley, Archippus McCall; 1838, Gurdon Robinson, Elias Williams; 1839, Amos Fowler, Jesse Wright; 1840, Larned Hebard, Justin Clark; 1841, Ebenezer Johnson, George Kingsley; 1842, John Wattle, Caleb Hayward; 1843, Peter C. Brown, Henry H. Abell; 1844, Edmund Harding, Daniel L. Sherman; 1845, Roswell Badcock, Charles D. Strong; 1846, Azel Rockwell, Julius Clark; 1847, George H. Hill, Ebenezer Johnson, Jr.; 1848, Daniel Wildman, Jr., Joseph Covey (Corey); 1849, Salmon L. Williams, John H. Throp; 1850, Timothy Metcalf, Rufus R. Dimock; 1851, Robert Champlin, Justin Clark; 1852, Charles H. Thomas, Charles Hull; 1853, Geo. M. Standish, Charles L. Loomis; 1854, Geo. D. Spencer, Wm. J. Gray; 1855, Alanson C. Abell, George H. Hill; 1856, Elias L. Williams, David S. Woodworth; 1857, Jabez McCall, Wm. A. Fuller; 1858, Uriel Ladd, Jr., Philo Washburn; 1859, Joseph Holmes, Thos. J. Kingsley; 1860, Edwin M. Dolbeare, Silas P. Abell; 1861, Nathau Bass, Peleg G. Thomas; 1862, Anson Loomis, Jeremiah Mason; 1863, Nathaniel C. Saxton, Sluman L. Gray; 1864, John Avery, James M. Abell; 1865, James M. Peckham, Silas H. Dewey; 1866, Orlo D. Hine, George R. Bill; 1867, Wm. S. Standish, Shubel W. Kingsley; 1868, Lynde L. Huntington, Henry A. Spafford; 1869, David Geer, Daniel Bailey; 1870, Wm. C. Noyes, John Avery; 1871, David H. McCall, Wm. A. Fuller; 1872, Hart Talcott, Ezekiel Abell; 1873, Isaac Gillette, John N. Abell; 1874, George E. Hewitt, Cyrus G. Geer; 1875, Alphonso Browning, Edmund B. Johnson; 1876, Jabez C. Manning, Samuel E. Haynes; 1877, Erastus Geor, Wm. F. Gates; 1878, Joseph C. Crandall, James Y. Thomas; 1879, Jacob McCall, Albert F. Preston; 1880, Oliver E. Pettis, Silas P. Abell; 1881, Joseph S. Warner, Joshua B. Carl.

#### TOWN CLERKS.<sup>2</sup>

As these officers were also chosen near the close of the year, their services were chiefly rendered within the year next after the dates noted.

- William Clark, June 1, 1698, to December, 1703, 4 years.  
 William Holton, December, 1703, 1 year.  
 William Clark, December, 1704, to December, 1723, 21 years.  
 Gershom Clark, December, 1725, to December, 1752, 27 years; died in office, 24 November, 1752.  
 William Williams, December, 1752, to December, 1790, 44 years.  
 Elkanah Tisdale, December, 1790, to November, 1805, 9 years.

<sup>1</sup> The record spelling down to this date.

<sup>2</sup> The several town clerks have also held the office of town treasurer for each of their respective terms, from William Clark down to the present time.

Elisha Hutchinson, November, 1806, to October, 1821, 16 years.  
 Anderson Martin, Jr., October, 1821, to October, 1827, 6 years.  
 Eleizer Manning, Jr., October, 1827, to October, 1830, 3 years; died in office, 1830.  
 Charles H. Dutton, October, 1830, to October, 1836, 6 years; died in office.  
 John Wattles, October, 1836, to October, 1840, 4 years.  
 Asa A. Robinson, October, 1840, 1 year.  
 John Wattles, October, 1841, 1 year.  
 Asa A. Robinson, October, 1842, 1 year.  
 John Wattles, October, 1843, to October, 1849, 6 years.  
 George D. Spencer, October, 1849, to October, 1861, 12 years.  
 Nathaniel C. Barker, October, 1861, to October, 1866, 5 years.  
 George D. Spencer, October, 1866, to October, 1875, 9 years.  
 Walter G. Kingsley, October, 1875, to October, 1880, 5 years; still in office.

## CONSTABLES.

These officers were also chosen near the end of the year noted, and their services were mostly within the year next after the date.

1698.—John Calkins, 31st May, 1698, to December, 1700.  
 1700.—Josiah Dewey, Jr. 1701, Philip Smith. 1702, Thomas Hunt. 1703, John Woodward, Jr. 1704, Benjamin Brewster, Samuel Hutchinson. 1705 (the same). 1706, Caleb Abell, Jonathan Metcalf. 1707, William Wattles, Josiah Dewey. 1708, John Abell, Nathaniel Groves. 1709, John Abell, John Smith.  
 1710.—John Abell, Ebenezer Dewey. 1711, John Abell, Joseph Loomis. 1712, John Abell, William Clark, Jr. 1713, John Abell, Ebenezer West. 1714, Ebenezer Case, William Buel. 1715, Samuel Hutchinson, Thomas Hunt. 1716, Stephen Tilden, Jonathan Crane.

Townsmen were first chosen in May, 1698, when Deacon Josiah Dewey, John Woodward, Sr., and William Clark were elected. Lebanon was not, however, invested with "town privileges" until October, 1700.

## Early Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## ABEL.

JOHN, m. Rebecca Henman, June 2, 1730. Chil., John, b. Mch. 10, 1704—died inf.; Sarah, Mch. 2, 1705; Solomon, Jan. 7, 1708; Rebecca, Jan. 18, 1711; Hannah, Sept. 26, 1716; Bethia, Oct. 18, 1718; David, April 1, 1722.  
 CALZB, m. Abigail Henman, Feb. 20, 1705. Chil., Daniel, b. Feb. 3, 1706; Caleb, April 21, 1709; Abigail, April 11, 1711; Mary, Aug. 4, 1714.  
 DANIEL, m. Sarah Crane, 21 Dec., 1729. Chil., Daniel, b. Nov. 13, 1728; Eliphalet, Sept. 10, 1730; Jonathan, Apr. 26, 1733; Mary, Feb. 24, 1736; Betty, Jan. 19, 1739; Sarah, Jan. 19, 1741; Elijah, Feb. 4, 1744; Simon, Sept. 5, 1746—died young; Ezekiel, Oct. 12, 1747.  
 CALZB, m. Mary Clark, Feb. 7, 1738. Chil., Creta, b. Dec. 5, 1738; Abigail, Aug. 21, 1740; Elizabeth, Dec. 21, 1742; Joseph, Oct. 29, 1744; Mary, Nov. 18, 1747; Caleb, Mch. 15, 1749—died young; Caleb again, Feb. 23, 1751; Lydia, May 21, 1753; Lucretia, Oct. 30, 1755.

## ALDEN.

JOHN, m. Elisabeth Ripley of Windham, Oct. 9, 1744. Chil., Perthena, b. Sept. 5, 1745; Violette, April 8, 1748; John, June 18, 1750; Judah, March 10, 1752; Roger, Feb. 11, 1754; Elisabeth, Dec. 23, 1757—d. May 25, 1858.

## ALLEN.

SAMUEL and wife Catharine had chil., viz.: Joseph, b. Jan. 26, 1733; Daniel, Aug. 14, 1735; George, May 11, 1737. (Samuel, the father, died Feb. 22, 1744.)

## ARMSTRONG.

JOHN, m. Anna Worth, Jan. 19, 1710.  
 JOSEPH, m. Lydia Worth, Dec. 15, 1712. John above was here in 1709, and the name appears a few years later.

## AVERY.

JOHN, sold all his rights and interests here to Henry Woodward, Jan. 6, 1702. His home lot was where the sons of Dea. John Avery now live. New London was his home, and he was active in repelling the inroads of the Narragansett Indians. John Avery and Thomas Avery are mentioned

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as landholders in Preston, 1706. The Avery family now in Lebanon, who came from Preston at a recent date, evidently are of the same stock.

ROBERT, m. Anna —. Chil., Robert, b. Nov. 25, 1742; John, Jan. 29, 1745; Anna, June 25, 1747; Josias, Aug. 15, 1749; Susanna, Oct. 15, 1751; Sarah, Oct. 25, 1755; Ruth, March 6, 1756.

## BALDWIN.

JOHN (from Norwich), selectman in 1699.

JOHN, JR., m. Abigail Baldwin, Jan. 31, 1718. Chil., John Baldwin, b. Aug. 14, 1717; Lucy, April 12, 1720; Zerviah, April 18, 1722; Daniel, June 18, 1725; Benjamin, April 2, 1727; Zervias, March 24, 1729; Mr. John Baldwin, Jr., d. Jan. 18, 1745.

JOHN, 3d, m. Mary Binney, June 12, 1751. Chil., Jacob, b. Aug. 30, 1751—d. young; Mary, May 3, 1753; Jacob, May 16, 1755; John, Sept. 11, 1757; Hannah, Feb. 3, 1760; Abigail, Aug. 8, 1762.

DANIEL, m. Elisabeth Cogswell, Jan. 28, 1749. Chil., Daniel, b. Jan. 12, 1750, d. June 11, 1750; Daniel, Nov. 13, 1751.

BENJAMIN, m. Ruth Porter, Sept. 27, 1750. Chil., Sarah, b. Oct. 1752; Ruth, Aug. 12, 1754; Ann, July 9, 1756.

## BAILEY.

JOSEPH, m. Abigail Ingraham, May 24, 1724. Chil., Mary, b. Jan. 25, 1725; Ann, July 9, 1727; Mercy, Oct. 1, 1730; Joseph, May 4, 1733; James, Aug. 22, 1735; Elisabeth, Oct. 9, 1738; Samuel, b. July 18, 1739.

ISAAC, m. Abigail Hunt, April 18, 1730. Chil., Temperance, b. Feb. 2, 1731; Isaac, Dec. 6, 1732; Joshua, Nov. 25, 1734—d. young; Joshua, July 7, 1741.

SAXTON, m. Hannah Hunt, June 24, 1731; he d. March 21, 1743. Chil., Hannah, b. Aug. 30, 1732; Lucy, May 23, 1734; William, May 10, 1736; Amy, May 6, 1738; Abner, b. July 13, 1740.

## BARTLETT.

JOSIAH and Mercy, his wife. He d. March 16, 1782; she d. Feb. 7, 1781. Chil., Ichabod, b. Oct. 20, 1723; Betty, Jan. 28, 1725; Nathaniel, Nov. 27, 1727; John, Aug. 15, 1730; Chandler, Jan. 22, 1733; Cyrus, Jan. 14, 1739; Mercy, May 4, 1740; Mollie, 1743.

ICHABOD and Desire, his wife. Chil., Lydia, b. May 6, 1746; Desire, April 24, 1760; Judah, June 15, 1752; John, Sept. 24, 1754; Hannah, May 24, 1757; Molly, April 4, 1760; Lucy, Dec. 19, 1763; Seth, June 18, 1766.

JOHN, m. Susannah Southworth, of Duxbury, Dec. 1753. Chil., John, b. June, 1755; Sarah, June 3, 1757; Jedediah Southworth, May 31, 1759.

CHANDLER, m. Delight McCall, Aug. 7, 1777. Chil., Cyrus, b. July 13, 1778; Chandler, Nov. 1, 1780; Julius, April 4, 1782; Mercy, Oct. 11, 1783; Betty, July 1, 1785.

## BASCOM.

DANIEL, m. Elisabeth French (no date). She d. Jan. 15, 1750. Chil., Abigail, b. April 4, 1726; Daniel, Feb. 13, 1728; Elisabeth, Aug. 26, 1729; Thankful, April 20, 1731; Mary, Feb. 21, 1735; Sarah, April 17, 1735; John, Dec. 9, 1736; Elihu, Jan. 13, 1739; Jonathan, Sept. 14, 1740; Billa, Oct. 30, 1742.

## BEAMONT—BEAUMONT.

WILLIAM, m. Sarah Kveret (no date). Chil., Ann, b. Sept. 15, 1749; Sarah, May 31, 1751; William, March 26, 1753; Samuel, Feb. 23, 1755; Isiah and Lydia, twins, May 23, 1757; Oliver, May 16, 1759; Abigail, Aug. 30, 1761; Dan, April 20, 1763.

## BILL.

JAMES and Mercy, his wife. Child, James, b. Sept. 20, 1703.

LIEUT. JAMES, JR., and Kealah, his wife. He d. Nov. 9, 1781, aged 78. Chil., Lurani, b. Aug. 29, 1728; Peleg, Jan. 8, 1733; James, Jan. 2, 1736; Oliver, Oct. 27, 1737; Kesiah, March 14, 1742; Betty, Sept. 5, 1748.

PHILIP and Jane, his wife. She d. July 21, 1731. Chil., Zipporah, b. Feb. 15, 1716; Lucy, Dec. 25, 1717; Elisha, Feb. 7, 1719; Philips, Dec. 31, 1723; Solomon, April 25, 1726; Mercy, Jan. 26, 1729; Elijah, July 15, 1731; Jonathan, Sept. 15, 1735; Sybil, March 6, 1740; Samuel, July 4, 1744.—He m. 2d, Elisabeth, between 1731 and 1734.

JOHN and Mary, his wife. Chil., Simeon, b. Nov. 8, 1713; Jonathan, Jan. 6, 1726; Mercy, May 25, 1728; Judah, Feb. 6, 1731; John, June 6, 1734.

BENAJAH and Mary, his wife. Chil., Lucretia, b. July 26, 1743; Mary, Nov. 27, 1744; Eleazer, March 16, 1747; Benajah, June 11, 1749—d. inf.; Eliphalet, Aug. 25, 1750.

JAMES, 3d, and Mary, his wife. Chil., Anna, b. Nov. 23, 1744; Amariah, April 15, 1748.

## BINGHAM.

NATHANIEL, and Sarah, his wife. Child, Sarah, b. Dec. 16, 1707.  
 STEPHEN, m. Rebecca Bishop, Nov. 30, 1715.  
 ELEAZER, m. Miriam Phelps, July 13, 1738. Child, Stephen, b. Nov. 30, 1740; Rebecca, July 10, 1743; Eleazer, July 7, 1745; Miriam, April 6, 1749; Sarah, July 1, 1751; Esther, Sept. 21, 1752; Mary, Sept. 17, 1756; Aaron, May 12, 1758.

## BIRCHARD.

JOHN, SEN., d. Nov. 17, 1702. His wife d. Jan. 21, 1723.  
 JOHN, JR., m. Hannah Loomis, Dec. 30, 1708. The records note the birth and death of one child only, Hannah, but no date of either event is noted. He died June 30, 1735, his wife died Oct. 21, 1748, aged 69.  
 DANIEL, m. Elizabeth Thomas (no date). Child, Daniel, b. Dec. 13, 1722; Samuel, Jan. 4, 1725; Elizabeth, Aug. 15, 1726; Joseph, June 3, 1734; Lydia, Jan. 28, 1737. (No more entries of this name on the early record.)

## BISSELL.

JOHN, m. Sarah Fowler, Nov. 14, 1714. Child, Abigail, b. Aug. 24, 1715.  
 BENJAMIN, m. Mary Wattles, July 17, 1728—he d. Aug. 19, 1752. Child, Sarah, b. Oct. 13, 1734; Betty, May 1, 1738; Benjamin, Nov. 23, 1740—d. Nov. 1, 1760; Tertias, May 7, 1748.  
 JOSEPH, m. Hannah Partridge, April 12, 1753. Child, Mary Wattles, b. May 27, 1755.  
 DANIEL, m. Elizabeth Fitch, Feb. 15, 1747; d. Oct. 3, 1778. Child, Daniel, b. Dec. 6, 1747; Elizabeth, his wife, d. Dec. 18, 1747.

## BLISS.

SAMUEL, m. Lydia Ticknor, Feb. 21, 1723—d. Dec. 15, 1761. Child, Samuel, b. July 23, 1724—d. inf.; Samuel, July 15, 1731.  
 NATHANIEL, m. Mehitable Spafford, Sept. 4, 1723. Child, Elijah, b. Sept. 9, 1727; Mary, Feb. 21, 1729—d. young; Mehitable, Aug. 10, 1727; Mary, March 2, 1731; Joseph, Feb. 8, 1733—d. young; Patience, June 21, 1734; Nathaniel, Aug. 5, 1738.  
 EBENEZER, m. Rebecca Colton, of Springfield, May 4, 1737. Child, Joseph, b. Feb. 27, 1738; Ebenezer, June 6, 1739; Jonathan, May 7, 1741; Rebecca, Jan. 17, 1743; Jonathan, Feb. 10, 1760; Lucy, Oct. 6, 1752; Irene, Feb. 26, 1755; Dan, July 6, 1759.

## BOSWORTH.

DAVID, m. Priscilla —. Child, Lydia, b. Oct. 2, 1733; Zadoc, Oct. 14, 1735. M. 2d, Mary Strong, June 17, 1743. Child, Lydia, Jan. 28, 1744; David, Jan. 18, 1746—d. young; Ichabod, March 1, 1748; David, April 25, 1750; Jabin, April 2, 1752; Molley, June 6, 1754; Hezekiah, Nov. 14, 1757.

## BRADFORD.

JOSEPH, m. Ann Fitch, Oct. 5, 1698. Child, Ann, b. July 26, 1699; Joseph and Priscilla, twins, April 9, 1702; Althea and Ireny, twin dau., April 6, 1704—d. young; Sarah, Sept. 21, 1706; Hannah, May 24, 1709; Elizabeth, Oct. 21, 1712; Althea and Ireny, twins again, Sept. 19, 1715; John, May 20, 1717. Anne, wife of Joseph, d. Oct. 7, 1717. He moved to Mohegan in 1717.

## BREWSTER.

BENJAMIN, SR., and wife, Mary, had children, viz.: Benjamin, b. Sept. 4, 1697; John, May 25, 1701; Mary, April 22, 1704; Jonathan, Nov. 4, 1706—d. 1717; Nehemiah, June 25, 1709—d. 1719; Comfort, Dec. 2, 1711; Daniel, Nov. 21, 1714.

BENJAMIN, JR., m. Rebecca Blackman (no date). Child, Jonathan, b. Sept. 9, 1723; Benjamin, Oct. 12, 1726.  
 JOHN, son of Benj. Sen., m. Mary Terry (no date). Child, Mary, b. Jan. 20, 1726; Hannah, May 5, 1784.

COMFORT, son of Benj. Sen., m. Deborah Smith, Dec. 2, 1736. Child, Deborah, b. Dec. 20, 1737. Ann, May 10, 1741; Betty, Aug. 20, 1743; Comfort, Aug. 20, 1745; Daniel, July 27, 1751.

DANIEL, son of Benj. Sen., m. Mary Dimack, Oct. 10, 1743. Child, Nehemiah, b. Nov. 21, 1735; d. inf.; Nehemiah, April 19, 1738; d. 1761; Ruth, Aug. 28, 1740; Eunice, Jan. 2, 1743; Mary, April 13, 1745; Mehitable, Aug. 6, 1747; d. 1749. Daniel Brewster, d. May 7, 1749.

COMFORT, JUN., m. Elizabeth Abel, Feb. 15, 1770. Child, Comfort, b. April 7, 1771; Elizabeth, Dec. 2, 1772; Lucretia, Feb. 18, 1776; Melinda, Oct. 30, 1778; Daniel, Aug. 12, 1781; Louisa, March 7, 1787. Comfort Brewster, the father, d. May 27, 1822. Elizabeth, his wife, d. March 19, 1825.

The descendants of Benjamin Brewster, the original proprietor, con-

<sup>1</sup> Ancestor of Gov. Clark Bissell.

tinued to occupy the home-lot near Edwin M. Dolbear's, and owned now by Ludlow Lyman, down to recent date. The last of the line resident here and occupying the home-lot was Louisa Brewster.

WILLIAM, m. Patience —, one child,—Ebenezer, b. Feb. 1, 1703. The father died Aug., 1728.

WILLIAM, m. Mehitable Abel, Dec. 13, 1716. Child, Hannah, b. March 31, 1718; Abel, July 15, 1720; William, Feb. 26, 1723—d. young; Elisha, Aug. 22, 1725—d. at Louisburg, 1746; Ann, Aug. 23, 1727.

## BROWN.

JOHN. His name not on the records of marriages and births; grandson of Major Mason, d. 1755.

EBENEZER, his son, m. Sarah Hide, Jan. 25, 1714. Child, John, b. Dec. 20, 1714; Joseph, June 30, 1717; Lydia, Mch. 19, 1720.

JOSEPH, JR., m. Eunice Allen, Dec. 13, 1736. Child, Abiah, b. Sept. 9, 1741; Elisha, Jan. 11, 1744; Sarah, June 5, 1753; Rachel, May 14, 1755.

EBENEZER, m. Lucy Owen, Jan. 8, 1745. One child, Ebenezer, b. Aug. 23, 1745.

SAMUEL, perhaps brother of John, m. Joanna Loomis of Windsor, 1721. One child, John, b. Jan. 17, 1723.

## BUEL.

BENJAMIN, m. Hannah Hutchinson, June 28, 1710.

WILLIAM, SR., m. Elisabeth —. Child, William, b. Sept. 5, 1706; Samuel, Nov. 1708; Timothy, Oct. 4, 1711; Abel, June 5, 1714; Elisabeth, Mch. 27, 1715; Deborah, July 22, 1718; Mehitable, April 25, 1721—d. young.

WILLIAM, JR., m. Martha Smith, April 23, 1730. He d. April 7, 1763; she d. May 25, 1751.

ABEL, JR., m. Mehitable Dewey, April 9, 1734. Child, Mehitable, b. May 8, 1735; Ann, Aug. 17, 1738; Mary, Sept. 28, 1741; Elizabeth, Oct. 6, 1743; Eunice, Aug. 16, 1745; Abel, April 11, 1740.

JOHN, m. Mary —. Child, Hannah, b. Dec. 7, 1703; Lois, March 12, 1706; Deborah, Jan. 24, 1708; Peter, May 22, 1710; Ebenezer, March 16, 1713; Solomon, Aug. 3, 1715; Jonathan, Dec. 13, 1717; Elisabeth, April 27, 1720.

JOHN, m. Freedom Strong, May 9, 1726. Child, John, b. Aug. 31, 1727; Freedom, June 23, 1729; Oliver, Jan. 31, 1732; Abraham, Feb. 19, 1734; Isaac, April 5, 1736; Jacob, April 30, 1836; David, May 16, 1741; Ezra, April 2, 1744; Lois, Feb. 8, 1747.

The Buel family had representatives here down to a recent period.

## BUSHNELL.

RICHARD, son of Richard Bushnell, a first proprietor of Norwich, and one of the most noted and active men there. "Whereas he [Richard Bushnell] had been at considerable charge with the four proprietors of Lebanon in the setting up of said place, they granted him (June 2, 1699) one hundred acres of land on the hill above Edward Culver's house." Not a home-lot. He was half brother of Thomas Adgate, an original proprietor.

NATHAN, m. Mehitable —. Child, Rebekah, b. Nov. 3, 1737.

SAMUEL, m. Zerviah Lyman, Oct. 5, 1743. Child, Samuel, b. Aug. 7, 1744; Elijah, Mch. 30, 1746; Aaron, Aug. 17, 1747; Zerviah, Feb. 9, 1750.

EBENEZER, m. Elizabeth Tiffany, Nov. 25, 1756. Child, Ebenezer, Sept. 13, 1757; Elizabeth, Nov. 5, 1761; Jerusha, June 16, 1768. Mrs. Bushnell d. Mch. 28, 1790.

EBENEZER, JR., m. Triphena Clark, Aug. 14, 1780. Child, Hezekiah, b. Sept. 27, 1782.

## CALKIN.

JOHN, m. Abigail Burchard, Oct. 3, 1700, of Norwich, and moved to Lebanon. Child, James, younger son, b. April 29, 1702.

JOHN, m. Katharine Foster, Nov. 5, 1719. Child, Solomon, April 24, 1729; Daniel —; Hannah, May 26, 1726; Ezekiel, Nov. 4, 1732; Israel, June 8, 1731; Elisabeth, Sept. 14, 1733; Simeon, June 10, 1736.

JOHN, 3d, m. Sarah Huntington, April 9, 1721. Child, John, b. Mch. 23, 1723; Sarah, Aug. 10, 1725; Elijah, Feb. 29, 1728; Simon, Dec. 18, 1730—d. young; Zerviah, Oct. 4, 1735; Simon again, Mch. 9, 1738; Wm., Sept. 19, 1740; Mary and Joseph, twins, Feb. 5, 1744.

SAMUEL, brother of John the proprietor, m. Hannah —. Child, Samuel, b. Oct. 17, 1699; Nathaniel, Aug. 17, 1703; Stephen, April 4, 1706; Aquilla, June 4, 1711.

## CHAPPELL.

Lieut. CALEB, from New London, probably came about 1695, m. Ruth — (no date). Child, Abigail, b. April 19, 1695; Caleb, Mch. 7, 1697; Jonathan, Mch. 20, 1699; Mary, Oct. 25, 1700; Joshua, Sept. 17, 1702; Abijah, Oct. 19, 1704; Deborah, Sept. 19, 1711; Jabez, Dec. 13, 1714, m.

Zipporah Bill, 1736; Noah, Dec. 13, 1706. Lieut. Caleb Chappell d. Mch. 29, 1733.

CALER, JR., m. Elisabeth Hutchinson, Dec. 6, 172-. Chil., Elijah, b. Dec. 31, 1724; Caleb (no date), m. Elizabeth Crocker, 1744; Ann, Jan. 29, 1727; Elisabeth, May 10, 1729; Esther, July 21, 1734; Amos, Mch. 27, 1736; James, Feb. 20, 1743.

ELIJAH, son of Caleb, 2d, m. Jerusha Jones, Dec. 18, 1752; Chil., Elijah, b. Sept. 6, 1753; Dan, Mch. 24, 1756; Jerusha, Sept. 25, 1758; Elenor, July 27, 1761; Hiram, Feb. 23, 1764; Faith, July 12, 1766; Clare, Oct. 18, 1769; Elias, Mch. 20, 1772.

CALER, 3d, m. Elisabeth Crocker, April 15, 1744, d. April 13, 1760. Child, Sarah, b. Dec. 5, 1755.

## CLARK.

CAPT. WILLIAM, m. 1st, Hannah Strong, and had Chil., Hannah, b. 1682; William, Feb. 15, 1685; Jonathan, May 13, 1688; Thomas, April, 1690; Joseph, Dec. 31, 1691; Benoni, Jan. 31, 1694. She d. 1694, and he m. 2d, Mary Smith, Jan. 31, 1695. Chil., Timothy, Oct. 12, 1695; Ger-shom, Nov. 18, 1697; Mary, Nov. 22, 1709—d. young; David—d. young; David again, 1705—d. young; Capt. William, d. May 9, 1725, age 69, and his wife Mary d. April 23, 1748, age 87. Five of his sons have mar. and births of children noted on Lebanon records.

DANIEL (prob. son of Daniel the proprietor), m. Esther Bridges, Nov., 1730, and had chil., Charity, b. Aug. 11, 1731; Daniel 3d, April 1, 1734; Benoni, Oct. 15, 1737.

## COLLINS.

BENJAMIN, m. Elisabeth ———. Chil., Benjamin, b. March 19, 1722; Abraham, June 4, 1724; Rufus, Nov. 21, 1726; Julius, Dec. 29, 1728; Phebe, July 9, 1731; Zorobabel, Oct. 4, 1733; Lucy, Feb. 5, 1736; Zelotes, March 23, 1738—d. young; Zelotes again, Nov. 12, 1740.

## CONNANT.

EXERCISE, "of Boston," sold his home-lot and all his rights to Daniel Clark in 1700; Clark to John Porter, and Porter to Joseph Trumbull. Connant empowered "his loving son-in-law, Richard Hendee of Windham," to sell his land here.

## CRANDALL.

PETER, m. Mary ———. Child, Samuel, b. Dec. 11, 1729.

CONSTANT, m. Hannah Brewster, May 18, 1743. Chil., Hannah, b. June 22, 1745; Ann, Nov. 13, 1747; Lydia, Oct. 24, 1749; Richmond, Nov. 2, 1751—d. young; Richmond, May 21, 1754.

## CULVER.

EDWARD, came from Norwich in 1698. He then had seven children, whose births are recorded there. The children recorded here are Daniel, b. Dec. 19, 1698; Lydia, Nov. 10, 1700; Ann, Jan. 6, 1702; Abigail, Dec. 23, 1704. His name is on the church records here in 1701. The following are probably his children and their families. He acted as surveyor.

EPHRAIM, m. Martha Hibbard, Nov. 6, 1707. Chil., Martha, b. Aug. 20, 1708—d. young; Edward, Jan. 19, 1710; Martha, June 11, 1711; (and probably by 2d wife, Zerviah, Aug. 30, 1712—d. 1718; Elishama, March 8, 1716—d. 1718; Ephraim, July 19, 1717; Ruth, Nov. 17, 1720; Bersheba, March 15, 1724.

JOHN, m. Sarah ———. Chil., Martha, b. Aug. 14, 1713; Lemuel, May 15, 1716.

SAMUEL, m. Hannah Hibbard, May 13, 1714. Chil., Benjamin, b. July 7, 1715; Zebulon, Nov. 30, 1716; Zerviah, April 28, 1718; Samuel, Oct. 27, 1720; Joshua and Ebenezer, June 13, 1722—twins.

## DAVENPORT.

BENJAMIN, m. Sarah ———. Chil., Samuel, b. Sept. 17, 1735—d. 1751; Sarah, April 28, 1737; Zerviah, April 2, 1739; Mollie, March 22, 1741; Sarah, Feb. 26, 1743; Bille, Jan. 13, 1745; Hannah, Jan. 31, 1747; Jonathan, Jan. 9, 1749; Charles, April 3, 1751.

## DEAN.

JAMES, has no births of children recorded.

JOSEPH, m. Bethia ———. Chil., Bethia, b. Sept. 7, 1718; Bathsheba, Dec. 19, 1720; John, Aug. 4, 1725; Nathaniel, Nov. 27, 1728.

## DEWEY.

JOSEPH, Sr., was from Northampton, Mass. Nathaniel, John, and Josiah, Jr., probably were his sons; and the four were original proprietors. Josiah Dewey, Sr., was here as early as 1695, and under the four proprietors, Mason, Stanton, Brewster, and Birchard, assisted in distributing the home-lots and in making the first division of the common undivided

land. With William Clark of Saybrook, he bought the northern part of the town, of Thomas Buckingham and John Clark of Saybrook, called the Clark and Dewey purchase. Josiah Dewey, Sr., was one of the nine persons embodied in the first church when it was formed, and would appear to have been chosen deacon. Nathaniel and John and Josiah, Jr., left large families. All the Dewey family seem to have early sold their home-lots and moved into the northern part of the town.

## DOUBLEDAY.

ELISHA, m. Margaret Adams of Cambridge, Oct. 21, 1738. Chil., Joseph, b. Dec. 27, 1737; Elisha, April 15, 1740; Margaret, wife of E. D.,—d. May 22, 1749. He m. 2d, Hannah Bayley, Oct. 2, 1749. Chil., Jesse, July 14, 1750; Asahel, March 31, 1752; Margaret, July 29, 1754; Abner, Feb. 4, 1757; Ammi, April 17, 1759; Seth, Aug. 15, 1751; Hannah, July 6, 1763; Lydia, Feb. 26, 1766; Lois, June 24, 1769.

## EDGERTON.

RICHARD, m. 1st, Hannah ———. Child, Hannah, b. 1744. Mar. 2d, Rebecca Wells, and had Child, Rebecca, b. Aug. 10, 1751.

JOSEPH, m. Eunice Meigs. He d. Mch. 6, 1753. She d. 1755. Chil., Joseph, b. April 2, 1744; Betty, Dec. 31, 1746; Temperance, Sept. 25, 1749.

## ELLIOTT.

Rev. JACOB, m. 1st, Mrs. Betty Robinson, May 4, 1732. Chil., Jacob, b. Aug. 27, 1734; Betty, March 16, 1736. Mrs. Betty Elliott d. March 22, 1758. He m. 2d, Miss Ann Blanchard of Stratford, June 4, 1760. Chil., Joseph, b. Nov. 2, 1762; John, June 6, 1764. Rev. Jacob Elliott d. April 12, 1766, in the 66th year of his age. First minister in Goshen society.

## EVERITT.

ISRAEL, m. Sarah Culver, Nov. 9, 1710. Chil., Israel, b. April 11, 1712; Daniel, Jan. 20, 1714; Elisabeth, Aug. 1, 1716.

## FINNEY.

JOSEPH, m. Elisabeth Shaw, Jan., 1723. Chil., Elisabeth, b. Jan. 19, 1724; Josiah, Jan. 27, 1728—d. young; Josiah again, Feb. 24, 1728; Keziah, March 5, 1730; Lydia, March 6, 1732; David, June 21, 1734; Jonathan, June 1, 1737.

WILLIAM, m. Elisabeth Clark of Swansea, Nov. 8, 1738. Chil., William, b. Dec. 9, 1739; Elisabeth, May 25, 1742. His wife Elisabeth d. in 1742, and he m. 2d, Abigail Blair, Nov. 3, 1747.

## FITCH.

SAMUEL, Nathaniel, and Joseph, sons of Rev. James Fitch, who came from Saybrook to Norwich, was the first pastor of the church there, and died in Lebanon; b. Dec. 24, 1632, at Bocking, Essex Co., England, d. Nov. 18, 1702. Samuel did not reside here, but settled in Preston as early as 1698. Nathaniel and Joseph settled here, had large families, a large proportion of which were sons. The Fitches became numerous, and had capacity, and were prosperous and influential.

## FORD.

MATTHEW, m. Mary. Chil., Matthew, b. June 24, 1717; Jacob, Feb. 19, 1719; John, Feb. 17, 1721; Isaac, Nov. 15, 1722; Benjamin, July 24, 1724.

## FOSTER.

DAVID, m. Alithea ———. Chil., Reuben, April 3, 1733; Elijah, Feb. 26, 1735; Eliab, April 18, 1737; Lucy, Sept. 14, 1740.

JEREMIAH, m. Mary Skinner (no date). Chil., Samuel, b. Feb. 13, 1732—d. young; Mary, July 3, 1733; Jeremiah, May 9, 1735; Nathaniel, Feb. 27, 1738.

ASA, m. Hannah ———. Chil., Mary, b. May 20, 1745,—d. '51; Samuel, April 5, 1747—d. young; Daniel, b. Feb. 28, 1748; Asa, April 22, 1750; Mary, Sept. 24, 1753; William, Oct. 24, 1755; Hannah, May 5, 1757.

## FOWLER.

JONATHAN, (son of Samuel of Windsor,) b. 1685; came early to Lebanon, where he had Joseph, 1722, m. Sarah Metcalf; Jonathan, m. Abigail Bissell; Hannah, Aug. 24, 1725—all born in Lebanon. He then, about 1726, removed to Coventry, where he had six children born. He was famous for his great physical strength, and known as "Fowler the Giant." JOSEPH, Esq., m. Elizabeth Powell, Jan. 8, 1713.

Rev. JOSEPH, JR., m. Sarah, dau. of Rev. Joseph Metcalf of Lebanon, Jan. 3, 1741. Chil., Joseph, b. Dec. 31, 1747. He settled as minister in E. Haddam, 1751, where he had several children, and d. June 10, 1771.

THOMAS, m. Elisabeth ———. Child, Thomas, b. April 19, 1714.

JOHN, (son of Mark of N. Haven), b. in N. Haven, March 1, 1681, came

to Lebanon about 1702, m. Sarah ———, and had John, Jr., Oct. 31, 1708; Mary, Nov. 13, 1710; Mark, Nov. 7, 1712, removed to Fallisbury; Dajah, June 10, 1717; Sarah, Dec. 28, 1718, m. Mr. Clark of Lebanon. The first house built by John, Sen., in about 1702, in Goshen Society, remained until 1839, and five generations of the family had occupied it.

CAPT. DIJAH, above, m. Abigail Bigelow of Colchester, Dec. 18, 1745, and had Abigail, March 1, 1747; Dajah, Aug. 14, 1748; Sarah, Jan. 7, 1750; Lydia, Feb. 7, 1753; John, Dec. 5, 1754; Mark, May 9, 1756; Amos, March 19, 1758. He (Capt. Amos) was corporal in Rev. Army, one of Washington's Life Guards, and was in battle of L. I., and served with honor to near the close of the war. He d. in Goshen Society, Nov. 30, 1837, leaving a large family of children, two still surviving in Lebanon.

## FULLER.

AMOS, m. Priscilla Woodworth, June 29, 1721. Chil., Judith, Oct. 22, 1721—d.; Hannah, July 19, 1724; Joseph, Sept. 2, 1726; James, Oct. 21, 1728; Priscilla, Sept. 21, 1730; Sybil, May 1, 1732; Amos, April 5, 1839—d.; James, Oct. 19, 1737; Judith, Feb. 2, 1740; Isaiah, May 15, 1742; Amos, May 10, 1744; Eleaser, July 28, 1746.

ERIKEL, m. Hannah ———. Chil., David, b. Aug. 17, 1727; Nathan, Oct. 1, 1731; Ebenezer, July 22, 1735; Jerusha, Aug. 18, 1733; Mary, 1742.

BENJAMIN, m. Tabitha ———. Chil., Amos, b. April 3, 1721; John, Feb. 26, 1723; Hannah, Feb. 9, 1726; Timothy, July 5, 1727.

ARIEL, m. Ist, Sarah ———, and had Sarah, Aug. 29, 1730; m. 2d, Hannah Porter, Dec. 19, 1732, and had Ann, May 26, 1736; Abiel, March 6, 1739.

## GAGER.

WILLIAM, m. Elisabeth Whiting, Nov. 1, 1725—she d. Sept. 2, 1730. Chil., Sarah, b. Oct. 10, 1728; Samuel, April 18, 1728. Mar. 2d, Mehitable Taylor, June 11, 1731—she d. Nov. 15, 1739. Chil., William, b. Jan. 12, 1733—d. young; William, Jan. 1, 1733—d.; Mehitable, April 5, 1734. Mar. 3d, Mary Allen, March 3, 1737; William, June 8, 1738; Samuel, Aug. 27, 1743—d. March 3, 1760.

## GAY.

JOHN, m. Lydia Culver, Dec. 7, 1721.

JOSEPH, m. Abigail Thorp, Dec. 25, 1723—she d. May 10, 1730. Chil., Simeon, b. July, 1724; Gideon, Nov. 14, 1727.

SAMUEL, m. Ist, Mary ———. Chil., Abigail, b. Feb. 17, 1743—d.; Joseph, July 3, 1744; Samuel, Nov. 1, 1747. Mar. 2d ———, and had Betty, May 23, 1750; William, July 6, 1752; Asael, Jan. 9, 1755.

SAMUEL, m. Joanna ———. Chil., Elieha, b. June 12, 1717; Mary, Nov. 21, 1721; Hannah, Jan. 15, 1727.

## GILLET.

JOHN, m. Experience Dewey, Jan. 3, 1700. Chil., Experience, b. Aug. 18, 1701; John, Oct. 7, 1702; Gershom, June 26, 1711.

JOHN, JR., m. Abigail Lee, Dec. 1, 1726. Child, Lucy, b. Oct. 11, 1728.

CORNELIUS, m. Deborah ———. Chil., Jonathan, b. July 5, 1716; David, March 1, 1720.

SAMUEL, m. Mary Chappell, Jan. 30, 1718.

NATHANIEL, m. Sarah ———. Chil., Nathaniel, b. Nov. 18, 1702; Joseph, Oct. 11, 1704; Elijah, July 31, 1706; Jonathan, May 5, 1708; Joshua, Dec. 26, 1710—d. 1711; Nathaniel, Sen.—d. July 10, 1714.

EBENEZER and Mary Ordway, m. Sept. 23, 1730. Child, Experience, b. July 11, 1731.

## GOVE.

NATHANIEL, m. Sarah. Child, Nathaniel, b. May 11, 1708.

## GRAY.

DR. EBENEZER, m. Mary ———. Chil., Samuel, b. April 6, 1721; John, Sept. 21, 1723; Mary, July 27, 1726—d. young; Mary, Nov. 11, 1728; Lucy, June 8, 1730; Susanna and Elizabeth, twins, Dec. 11, 1733; Jonathan, March 26, 1732; William, May 16, 1737; Esther, May 20, 1739.

SIMEON, m. Ann Hide (no date); he d. Nov. 13, 1742. Chil., Ann, b. July 29, 1732—d. ———; Simeon, Oct. 18, 1733; Ann, June 25, 1735.

## HATCH.

MOSES, m. Mary Bliss Feb. 1, 1735. Chil., Joseph, b. March 14, 1740; Mary, May 1, 1742; Eliphalet, Feb. 21, 1746; Peletiah, May 7, 1747.

## HIDE—HYDE.

CAPT. CALEB, m. Mary Blackman (no date). Chil., Caleb, b. Feb. 28, 1724—d. young; Joshua, Feb. 7, 1727; Sarah, June, 1729; Mary, July 3, 1731; Caleb, again, Aug. 1, 1735—d. young; Eleonar, Dec. 22, 1736—d. young. Capt. Caleb d. March, 1764.

EBENEZER, m. Dorothy Throop, Feb. 25, 1729. Chil., Wm., b. April 8,

1730; Ignatius, April 30, 1731—d. young; Ebenezer, Sept. 10, 1732; Deborah, Oct. 16, 1734; Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 1736—d. young; Ignatius, again, April 28, 1738; Elizabeth, again, March 14, 1740; Submit, Nov. 24, 1742. (The father died Aug. 21, 1742.)

SAMUEL, m. Priscilla Bradford Jan. 14, 1725. Chil., Samuel, b. Oct. 24, 1725; Anne, Oct. 22, 1727; Priscilla, d. young, and Sybil, twins, April 16, 1731; Dan, May 7, 1733; Priscilla, again, June 4, 1735; Hannah, July 19, 1738; Zerriah, Dec. 15, 1740; Abigail, Nov. 4, 1744.

## HILL—HILLS.

SAMUEL, m. Hannah; she d. March 17, 1777. Chil., Phebe, b. Dec. 10, 1727—d. young; Joseph (no date); Hannah (no date); Eliab, March 9, 1728; Samuel, July 28, 1729; Lenura, June 4, 1731; Abner, Jan. 19, 1733—d. young; Abner, again, July 8, 1736; Darina, Aug. 28, 1729; Consider, Sept. 7, 1741.

## HINCKLEY.

GERSHOM, m. Mary Buel Oct. 29, 1712. He d. Nov. 24, 1774. She d. Feb. 22, 1774. Chil., Bethia, b. Jan. 27, 1713; Mary, Dec. 7, 1714; Ann, Oct. 5, 1716; Gershom, Sept. 1, 1718; Jerusha, Dec. 29, 1720; Thankful, April 19, 1723; Ebenezer, March 17, 1725; Lois, Sept. 24, 1727; John, Feb. 10, 1730; Jared, Oct. 8, 1731; Charles, Oct. 11, 1734; Chloe, Nov. 9, 1735; Lucy, March 19, 1738; Hannah, April 8, 1739.

## HUNT.

THOMAS, m. Mary ———. Chil., Clemence, b. Feb. 5, 1680; Elizabeth, Oct. 20, 1692; Mary, Nov. 17, 1694; Thomas, April 8, 1697; Elizabeth, March 18, 1700; Hannah, Oct. 3, 1702; Gideon ———; Jonathan (no date).

THOMAS, m. Ruth Thacher Dec. 17, 1730. Chil., Gamallel, b. March 28, 1733. Thomas Hunt, d. April 24, 1735.

GIDEON, m. Rebecca Ordway June 7, 1732. She died Jan. 20, 1744. Mar. 2, Abigail Culver, Oct. 16, 1744. Chil., Samuel, (by first wife), b. Jan. 30, 1735; Dorothy, Feb. 28, 1738; Theodore, March 21, 1741—d. Dec. 3, 1747. By second wife—Rebecca, b. Dec. 31, 1745.

JONATHAN, m. Ruth Cushman May 24, 1732. Chil., Huldah, b. Jan. 28, 1733; Vetta, July 15, 1735; Love, Nov. 26, 1738; Luther, Jan. 20, 1743; Jasper, June 2, 1745; Sarah, July 11, 1747; Jonathan, Feb. 9, 1750; Theodore, Jan. 17, 1755.

STEPHEN, m. Esther James June 18, 1730. Chil., Stephen, b. July 6, 1731; Esther, Jan. 29, 1733; Elijah, June 22, 1734; Lemuel, March 2, 1736; John, March 3, 1836—d. Jan. 3, 1743; Rachel, July 2, 1840; Eunice, Feb. 11, 1743.

## HUTCHINSON.

SAMUEL, m. Sarah ———. Chil., Experience, b. March 28, 1698; Martha, May 17, 1701; Eleaser, March 21, 1704; Stephen, March 2, 1707; Hannah, Sept. 14, 1709; Jeremiah, July 21, 1712.

ELIASER, m. Jemima ———. July 15, 1725. Chil., Sarah, b. June 25, 1726; Anna, Jan. 17, 1728; Rebecca, March 17, 1733; Eleaser, Feb. 19, 1735; Hannah, Feb. 8, 1737; Martha, Feb. 9, 1739; Samuel, Feb. 10, 1742; Lois, July 30, 1744; Jemima, March 15, 1731.

STEPHEN, m. Esther Terry Feb. 19, 1730. Chil., James, b. Nov. 28, 1731; Stephen, Nov. 15, 1733; Paul, April 18, 1736; John, Dec. 5, 1737; Huldah, June 14, 1741; Esther, March 27, 1744; Sarah, Oct. 29, 1747.

JOHN, m. Hannah ———. Chil., Moses, b. Feb. 2, 1700; Aaron, April 4, 1702—d. 1719; Mary, July 13, 1705. The father d. Dec. 2, 1719.

JOHN, m. Hepsalba Washburne Oct. 29, 1708. Chil., Margaret, b. April 18, 1710; John, Feb. 17, 1712; Timothy (no date). John, sen., d. Feb. 9, 1727, aged 42 years.

JOHN, m. Temperance Cogswell Nov. 10, 1737. Chil., Temperance, b. May 10, 1740; John, May 2, 1742; Ann, Nov. 5, 1738.

SAMUEL, m. Thankful Stedman March 25, 1715. Chil., Samuel, b. Dec. 26, 1719; Daniel, July 24, 1721; Ezra, Nov. 2, 1726; Solomon, Sept. 26, 1730. The family numerous and prominent, and remained here down to a recent date.

## HUNTINGTON.

LIEUT. SAMUEL, m. Mary ———. Chil., Sarah, b. Oct. 22, 1701; John, May 17, 1706; Simon, Aug. 15, 1708. Lieut. Samuel d. May 10, 1717. His wife d. Oct. 5, 1743.

SAMUEL, m. Hannah Metcalf, Dec. 4, 1722. Chil., Samuel, b. Oct. 16, 1723; Mary, June 1, 1725; Zerriah, July 23, 1727; Oliver, April 15, 1729; William, Aug. 12, 1731—d. young; William, Aug. 2, 1732; Sybil, Feb. 5, 1835; Eliphalet, April 14, 1737; Jonathan, March 19, 1741; Eleaser, May 9, 1744; Josiah, Nov. 5, 1746.

## JANES.

JONATHAN, m. Irene Bradford, March 18, 1736. Had large family.

## JOHNSON.

MAVERICK, m. Bathsheba Jones Oct. 1, 1730. Had a numerous family.

## KINGSLEY.

ELDAD, m. Priscilla —. Chil., Mary, b. March 6, 1744; Nathan, Sept. 20, 1747; Lydia, June 6, 1753.

## LEE.

STEPHEN, m. Elizabeth —. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1698; Stephen, Dec. 19, 1700; Abigail, Feb. 27, 1704; Ann, June 26, 1706; Asahel, Dec. 8, 1708; Rachel, April 16, 1711; Mary Dec. 19, 1713. Stephen Lee, Sen., d. Sept. 5, 1725.

STEPHEN, JR., m. Mary Bentley May 20, 1725. Chil., Deborah, b. March 8, 1728; Elizabeth, Dec. 31, 1727; Lois, March 7, 1732—d. 1755; William, Feb. 22, 1735—d. 1756; Nathan, Aug. 23, 1738; Ezra, May 9, 1743; Ann, July 12, 1745—d. young; Stephen, March 2, 1730. Mary, wife of Stephen Lee, d. Nov. 25, 1756.

ASAHIEL, m. Hannah —. Chil., Desire, b. Aug. 21, 1731; John, Jan. 8, 1734.

SAMUEL, m. Mehitabel Baldwin (no date). Chil., Israel, b. Oct. 21, 1720; Samuel, Sept. 11, 1728.

DANIEL, m. Eunice Serl of Northampton, 1739.

ISRAEL, m. Dorothy Tracey, Dec. 7, 1743. Chil., Israel, b. Dec. 25, 1744; Solomon, March 29, 1747; Jerusha, May 23, 1749; Mehitabel, Nov. 10, 1751; Dorothy, April 3, 1756; Dan, July 13, 1752; Sarah, June 8, 1761.

## LOOMIS.

There were many early settlers in Lebanon of this name, but they were each directly descended from Thomas Loomis, who settled in Windsor, Conn., 1639.

ZACHARIAH, b. 1681, (son of Dea. John of Windsor,) m. Joanna Abel, 1707; had 3 sons, Zechariah, b. 1712—d. young; Ebenezer, 1720; Zechariah again, 1726; and 7 daus., Joanna, 1708; Margaret, 1710, m. Dea. Daniel Rockwell, 1733; Abigail, 1715; Joanna, 1718; Elizabeth, 1722; Zerviah, 1724; Ruth, 1729, m. Elijah Strong, 1756. He d. in Lebanon, 1751.

ZACHARIAH, JR., born 1726, (son of above,) m. Huldah Jones, 1751; had 3 sons, Israel, b. 1754, m. Sarah Adams, 1778; was soldier in Revolutionary war; Ebenezer, 1763, m. Eunice Bowen, 1786; Zechariah, 3d, 1770, m. Esther French, 1793, m. 2d, Sarah Stanton, 1811. They had also 6 daus., viz.: Lydia, b. 1761, m. Asa Perkins; Huldah, 1756, m. Ephraim Cook; Joanna, 1758, m. Abiathar Lynum, 1782; Lois, 1761, m. Asa Perkins, above, 1800; Eunice, 1761, m. Jas. Cook; Abigail, b. —, m. — Buck. Zechariah, Jr., died in Andover, 1797.

EBENEZER, b. 1720, (son of Zechariah, Sen., above,) m. Hannah Snow, 1751; had 2 sons, viz.: Ebenezer, 1852; Samuel, 1757—both d. young; and one dau., Hannah, 1754, who was living 1762. He d. in Lebanon, 1759.

EZEKIEL, b. 1683 (son of Dea. John of Windsor,) m. Mary Temple, 1715; had 5 sons, viz.: Ezekiel, Jr., b. 1716; Abraham, 1721; Phinehas, 1723; Elijah, 1725; Ezra, b. 1726; had also 2 daus., Mary, b. 1717, m. Elijah Fitch, 1742; Zerviah, 1728. He d. in Lebanon, 1756.

EZEKIEL, JR., b. 1716 (son of above,) m. Elizabeth Colton of Springfield, 1743—d. 1766—and had 6 sons, viz.: Ezekiel, 3d, b. 1745, was living in 1768; Abner, 1748, was living in 1768; Asa, 1750, m. Mary Stanton—he died in Columbia, 1805; Jonathan, 1752; Jesse, 1753, m. Lydia Barstow, 1780, and soon after removed to Vermont, and d. there in 1839; Solomon, prob. removed to Windham. Ezekiel, Jr., had no daughters. He d. in Lebanon, 1766.

ABRAHAM, b. 1721—d. in Leb. 1791, (son of Ezekiel,) m. Hannah —, had 2 sons and 2 daus., viz.: Mary, b. 1749, m. Joseph Loomis; Nathan, 1750, m. Phebe Freeman—he d. in Columbia, 1824; Lola, 1753, m. — Salard; Abraham, Jr., 1757, m. Ruth Allen, and d. in Lebanon, 1822.

PHINEHAS, b. 1723, (son of Ezekiel,) had, as supposed, 1 child only, viz.: Phinehas, Jr., b. 1771, m. Lucy Weldon. He d. in Salisbury, 1850.

ELIJAH, b. 1725—d. in Lebanon, 1809, (son of Ezekiel,) m. Elizabeth Throop, 1751, had 2 sons and 3 daus., viz.: Elijah, Jr., b. 1753; Alexander, 1769, m. Eunice Hartshorn; removed to Chazy, N. Y., and d. there, 1834; Rebecca, 1776, never m.; Zerviah, 1778—d. young; Susannah, 1781.

EZRA, b. 1726, (son of Ezekiel,) m. Rachel Talcott, 1757, had 6 children, but removed to Vernon, Conn.

JOHN, JR., b. 1692, (son of Dea. John of Windsor,) came early to Lebanon, but probably removed to Andover in 1747; had 1 son, John, 3d, b. in Lebanon, 1712.

JOHN, 3d, above, b. 1712, m. Mindwell, 1732, and d. in Lebanon, 1755; had 3 sons and 3 daus., viz.: John, 4th, b. 1733, was living in 1755; Anne,

1735; Mindwell, 1737; David, 1738, m. Judy Britton, 1760, and d. in Aurelius, N. Y., 1806; Mary, 1742; Daniel, 1747, m. Hannah Wolcott; removed 1787 to Scipio, N. Y.

JOSEPH, b. 1684, (son of Joseph of Windsor,) m. Sarah Bismell, 1708; had 4 chil., viz.: Sarah, b. 1708; Lieut. Joseph, 1710; Daniel, 1713; Benoni, 1715.

LIEUT. JOSEPH, above, b. 1710, m. 1st, Sarah Woodward, 1736; m. 2d, Abigail Clark, 1738; had 4 sons and 7 daus., viz.: Sarah, b. 1736, m. Josiah Webster; Joseph, 3d, 1741, m. 1st, Mary Loomis; m. 2d, Catharine Allen, and d. 1820; Elvira, 1743, m. — Huntington; Abigail, 1745, m. Jordan Post, 1766; Rhoda, 1747; Azubah, 1749, m. Henry Bliss; Irene, 1751; William, 1753, killed in battle of Bunker Hill; Simon, 1756, m. Martha Buckingham, 1799; soldier of Rev. war; removed to German Flats, 1812; Jerome, 1757, m. Elizabeth Tippets, 1798; soldier of Rev. war; removed to Geneva, N. Y.; Sarah, Sept. 12, 1759, m. Samuel Bliss.

BENONI, b. 1715, (bro. of Lieut. Joseph, above,) m. Hannah Woodward, 1735; had 5 sons and 3 daus., viz.: Daniel, b. 1736, m. Eunice Lyman, 1762; Asahel, 1738, m. Mary Sims, 1763; Hannah, 1741, m. — Smalley; Joel, 1744, m. Jemima Selden; Reuben, 1746, m. Zareab —, removed to Vermont; Benoni, Jr., 1749, m. 1st, Grace Parsons, 1781; m. 2d, Esther Crocker, and d. 1811; Phebe, 1751—d. before 1783; Ruth, 1754, m. Joel Wright, 1777.

ENS. JOHN, b. 1681, (son of Thomas of Hatfield, Mass.,) came early to Lebanon; m. 1st, Martha Osborn in 1706; m. 2d, Ann Lyman, 1725—d. in Lebanon, 1755; had 4 sons and 3 daus., viz.: John, Jr., b. 1709—d. 1726; Martha, 1712, m. Ebenezer Brown; Israel, 1715; Timothy, 1718; Jonathan, 1722; Sarah, 1726—d. young; Ann, 1727—d. young.

ISRAEL, b. 1715, (son of Ensign John, above,) m. 1st, Esther Hunt, 1737; m. 2d, Mary Holbrook, 1743; m. 3d, Mary Marsh, 1747. He d. in Lebanon, 1801; had 7 sons and 3 daus., viz.: John, b. 1733—d. young; Daniel, 1739, m. Mary Sprague, 1762, and d. in Coventry, 1807; Israel, Jr., 1722, m. Rebecca Bingham, 1765, and d. in Lebanon, 1825; Esther, 1748, m. Eleazer Bingham; Mary, 1749, m. — Babcock; John, 1751, m. 1st, Elizabeth Tilden, 1773, m. 2d, Mary —, was a soldier in Rev. war, and d. in Lebanon, 1841; Rhoda, 1743, m. Eleazer Manning; Jacob, 1755, m. Lucy McCall, was also a soldier of Rev. war, and d. in Lebanon, 1835; Isaiah, 1758, m. 1st, Sybil Pryor, 1781, m. 2d, Mrs. Sarah Gager, 1817, was also soldier of Rev. war, and d. in Lebanon, 1841; Simon, 1760, m. Sarah Holbrook, 1783, was also soldier of Rev. war, and d. in Lebanon, 1841.

TIMOTHY, b. 1718, (son of Ensign John, above,) m. Ann Taylor. He d. in Lebanon, 1786; had 4 sons (no dau.) viz.: Joseph, b. 1745—d. 1766; Elihu, 1748, m. Rebecca Terry; he d. in Lebanon, 1820; Timothy, Jr., 1752, m. Mary Orton; was a soldier in Rev. war, and d. in Jordonville, N. Y., 1838.

DAN, 1758, m. Sarah Field, 1774. Was also soldier of Rev. war, and d. 1841, in Coventry, Conn.

JONATHAN, b. 1722, (son of Ensign John,) m. —, and d. in Lebanon, 1785. Had one son and two daughters, viz.: John, b. 1745, m. Irene Lilly, and d. in Leb., 1791; Lydia, 1749, m. Abijah Babcock; Rhoda, 1752, m. — Porter.

THOMAS, b. 1684, (son of Thomas of Hatfield,) m. 1st, Elizabeth Fowler, 1713, 2d, Hannah Hunt, 1743, and d. in Leb., 1765; had one son only, viz., Lieut. Thomas, Jr., 1714.

LIEUT. THOMAS, JR., b. in Leb., 1714, (son of above,) m. Susanna Clark, 1734, and d. in Leb., 1792. Had seven sons and four daughters, viz.: Elizabeth, b. 1735—d. young; Joseph, 1737—d. young; Isaiah, 1740—d. young; Elizabeth again, 1741—m. — Payne; Joseph again, 1743, m. 1st, Lydia Bosworth, 1763, m. 2d, Ruth Bingham, 1787; was a soldier of Rev. war, and died in Leb., 1811; — Susannah, 1745, m. Aaron Throop; Abijah, 1747, m. — Williams; Capt. Isaiah, 1749, m. Abigail Williams, 1774; was also soldier of Rev. war, and d. in Lebanon, 1834; Amos, 1752—d. young; Desire, 1754, m. Dea. John Bartlett of East Windsor; Thomas, 3d, 1756, m. Mary Williams, 1777; was also a soldier in Rev. war; removed to Hartwick, N. Y., in 1797, and d. in 1842.

EPHRAIM, b. 1698, (son of Josiah of Windsor,) m. Mary Tuttle. Had two sons, viz.: Benajah, b. in Leb., 1719, d. 1738; Ephraim, Jr., 1727, m. Hannah —, and had one son, Benajah, b. in Leb., 1747, who probably left no child.

## LYMAN.

RICHARD, b. in Windsor, 1647, m. Elizabeth Cole of Hatfield, Mass. Resided in Northampton until 1696, when he removed to Lebanon; d. Nov. 4, 1708. Chil., Samuel, b. April, 1676; Richard, April, 1678, d. 1745; John, July 6, 1680; Isaac, Feb. 20, 1682; Lieut. Jonathan, Jan. 1, 1684, d. Aug. 11, 1753; Elizabeth, March 25, 1685, m. — Smith; David, Nov. 28, 1688; Josiah, Feb. 6, 1690, d. 1760; Ann (no date), in



Lebanon, the rest in Northampton; Richard, Jr., John, and Jonathan settled in Lebanon. The descendants of Richard, Jr., resided chiefly in "the Crank," now Columbia.

LIEUT. JONATHAN, m. Lydia Loomis, who d. July 10, 1775; he d. 1753. Chil., Jonathan, b. Sept. 19, 1708—d. early; Lydia, Nov. 23, 1709, m. Thomas Webster, Aug. 17, 1727; Jonathan, April 23, 1712; Sarah, Jan. 24, 1713, m. William Hunt, Dec. 19, 1734; Hannah, Feb. 15, 1715; Joseph, July 3, 1718; Jacob and Rachel, twins, May 4, 1721; (Jacob m. Mehitabel Burhel, June 26, 1745; Rachel m. Edmund Grandy, May 15, 1745;) Zerviah, April 14, 1723, m. Samuel Bushnell, Oct. 5, 1743; Elijah, July 21, 1727, m. Esther Clark, Dec. 14, 1749; Ann, Jan. 28, 1731, m. Isalah Tiffany, May 19, 1748.

#### MARSH.

JOSEPH, m. Hannah. Chil., Hannah, b. Nov. 9, 1704; Peletiah, Dec. 8, 1707; Joseph, Dec. 5, 1709; Jonathan, Sept. 23, 1713.

PELETIAH, m. Mary Moore of Southold, May 10, 1731. Chil., Peletiah, b. April 14, 1732; Mary, Dec. 22, 1733; Lucy, Feb. 14, 1736; Isalah, Feb. 31, 1738; Silas, March 3, 1740; Jesse, Sept. 8, 1743; another March 31, 1746.

JONATHAN (son of Joseph, Sen.), m. Alice Newcomb (no date). Chil., Elisabeth, b. July 26, 1735; Hannah, Nov. 20, 1736; John, March 10, 1739; Abraham, May 31, 1742; Joel, June 1, 1745; Zebulon and Sarah (twins), May 12, 1748. Alice, wife of Jonathan, d. (no date). He m. 2d, Kesiah Phelps, Dec. 4, 1752. Child, Alice, b. Oct. 11, 1753.

JOSEPH, m. Dorothy Mason, Jan. 10, 1750. Chil., Lydia, Nov. 5, 1750; Dorothy, April 23, 1752; Rhoda, July 20, 1754. From this family was Hon. Charles Marsh, M.C., and George P. Marsh, author, and minister to Rome.

#### MARTIN.

THOMAS, m. Ann Clark, Aug. 19, 1744. Chil., David and Jonathan (twins), b. Aug. 25, 1745; Ann, May 8, 1747; Molley, Oct. 27, 1750.

#### MACKALL—MCCALL.

JAMES, m. Hannah ——. Chil., Archippus, b. Aug. 9, 1723.

BENJAH, m. Hannah Otis, Nov. 6, 1735. Chil., Faith, b. Feb. 12, 1737, m. Asa Harris, July 23, 1761; Nathaniel, Sept. 25, 1740; Delight, March 19, 1744.

#### MASON.

SAMUEL, b. 1644, d. 1705, at Stonington; never settled here. He was son of Maj. John.

CAPT. JOHN (grandson of Maj. John), b. 1693, in Norwich; active in the Mohegan controversy.

LIEUT. DANIEL (3d son of Maj. John), b. April, 1652, d. in Stonington, Jan. 28, 1737—schoolmaster—m. 2d wife, Rebecca Hobert of Hingham, dau. of Rev. Jeremiah. Lt. Daniel is ancestor of the Lebanon family.

DANIEL (oldest son of Lt. Daniel), m. Dorothy Hobert, settled in Lebanon, and d. there July 4, 1706, leaving one child, viz.:

JEREMIAH, the first Jeremiah of Lebanon, had son, viz.:

JEREMIAH, JR., who settled in Goshen Society, and had Daniel, who settled in Lebanon. Jeremiah 3d, U.S. Senator, New Hampshire, and afterwards renowned lawyer of Boston, and Fitch, who also settled in Lebanon, near Franklin line.

#### MUDGE.

EBENEZER (prob. son of Michael the proprietor), m. Abigail Skinner, Jan. 13, 1709. Chil., Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 1709; Mary, March 30, 1711; Ruth, Feb. 2, 1711. (?)

THANKFUL, m. William Nichols, July 19, 1714.

MARTHA, m. Isaac Tilden, Dec. 30, 1714. (This is all relating to this family.)

#### NEWCOMB.

SIMON, came from Martha's Vineyard to Lebanon, in 1713, and died here, Jan. 20, 1745. He m. Deborah about 1687, who d. June 17, 1756; Chil., John, b. about 1689—m. Alice Lambert; Thomas, 1692—m. 1st, Eunice Manning, m. 2d, Judith Woodworth; Chil., Hezekiah, 1694, m. 1st, Jerusha Bradford, m. 2d, Hannah —; Obadiah, 1695, m. 1st, Abigail —, m. 2d, Mrs. Mary Post; Deborah, 1697, m. Capt. Timothy Hatch—lived in Tolland; Kent, —, Sarah, about 1698, m. Jan. 13, 1720, Ebenezer Nye—one of the first settlers of Tolland; Benjamin, b. about 1700, m. Hannah Clark; Elizabeth, b. 1702, m. Ebenezer Wright, April 20, 1721—d. at Windham, Jan. 13, 1727; Simon, about 1705, m. 1st, Jerusha Lathrop, m. 2d, Jane Worth.

THOMAS, resided in Lebanon from 1714 to 1734, when he removed to Salisbury.

JOHN, lived in Columbia, became the first deacon of the church when organized, 1718. Hezekiah lived and died in Lebanon—a large landholder.

#### OWEN.

MOSES, m. Hannah Man, Feb. 4, 1714. Chil., Daniel, b. Nov. 6, 1714; Hannah, Nov. 16, 1718; Eleazer, Jan. 24, 1721; Bathsheba, June 13, 1728, d. June 4, 1732; Timothy, April 18, 1731.

#### PARTRIDGE.

Births on record as follows:—Joseph Wm., Feb. 10, 1769; Benjn. March 30, 1761; Annie Rhuhama, Sept. 11, 1766; Guido Suisignans, Apl. 1769. (No parents named.)

#### PAYNE.

BENJAMIN, m. Mary Brewster, Oct. 19, 1726—he d. Jan. 14, 1755. Chil., Benjamin, March 4, 1728; Mary, Jan. 20, 1730; Lydia, Nov. 6, 1731; Stephen, June 26, 1735; Dan, April 10, 1737; Hannah, June 23, 1739; Seth, Sept. 1, 1742; Sarah, March 22, 1745.

#### PHELPS.

BENJAMIN, m. Deborah Temple, Oct. 26, 1708. Chil., Deborah, Oct. 23, 1709.

JOSEPH, m. Sarah Curtice, Nov. 17, 1708. Chil., Joseph, b. Aug. 6, 1709; Sarah, July 23, 1711; Aaron, Oct. 12, 1713; Abigail, Feb. 17, 1716; Eunice, Aug. 16, 1720; Miriam, Sept. 1718; Moses, March 6, 1722; David, Jan. 21, 1724—d. May 31, 1747; Esther, Sept. 23, 1725—d. March 22, 1734; Nathaniel, Dec. 19, 1726; Kesiah, Feb. 26, 1728; Mary, May 31, 1729; Submit, May 15, 1734.

This family was numerous.

#### PINNEO.

JAMES, m. Dorothy ——. Chil., Submit, b. Oct. 19, 1717; Joseph, June 14, 1720; Peter, May 4, 1723; Dorothy, Dec. 6, 1725.

JAMES, m. Priscilla Newcomb, June 16, 1731. Chil., Ann, b. May 15, 1732; James, April 5, 1734; Joyce, April 3, 1736; Elizabeth, Oct. 7, 1738; Lydia, Jan. 30, 1740; Joseph, March 15, 1743.

#### PITCHER.

SAMUEL, m. Elisabeth. Chil., Samuel, b. March 17, 1712.

#### POMEROY.

JOSEPH, m. Hannah. Chil. Noah, b. May 18, 1700.

DANIEL, m. Naomi Phelps, Oct. 19, 1749. Chil., Daniel, b. Aug. 3, 1750; Eleazer, Oct. 24, 1752; Elizabeth, May 10, 1755. No further record.

#### PORTER.

NATHANIEL, m. Mehitabel Buel, Nov. 18, 1701. 1 chil., Nathaniel, b. April 24, 1704.

THOMAS, m. 1st, Thankfull Badcock, Nov. 13, 1707. Chil., Mary, b. Oct. 10, 1708; Mary, Nov. 16, 1710; m. 2d, Elisabeth —, and had Elisabeth, Dec. 20, 1721; Thomas, Sept. 16, 1723; Samuel, Aug. 3, 1725; Sarah, March 25, 1727; William, Dec. 13, 1728; Mary, June 18, 1731; Bethia, July 29, 1734; Nathan, Feb. 16, 1736; Elijah, Oct. 12, 1738. This family numerous, and now represented here.

#### ROBINSON.

JOHN, JR., m. Thankfull Hinckley, Jan. 17, 1743. Chil., Samuel, b. Jan. 22, 1744; Hannah, April 1, 1745; Samuel, June 17, 1752; John, Nov. 12, 1753.

BENJAMIN, m. Jerusha —. Chil., Jerusha, b. Aug. 8, 1746; Benjamin, April 24, 1749.

#### RICHARDSON.

EBENEZER, m. Elisabeth Kendrick, Jan. 14, 1718—d. May 12, 1756. Chil., Abigail, b. Nov. 6, 1718; Ebenezer, Aug. 25, 1720; John, Aug. 17, 1722; Sarah, May 29, 1724; Elisabeth, June 15, 1726; Esther, April 26, 1728; Margaret, April 9, 1732; Eleazer, June 2, 1734.

#### ROOT.

THOMAS, had a home-lot, m. Sarah —. Chil., Hannah, b. May 12, 1699; Mary, Feb. 14, 1701; Thomas, Dec. 13, 1705; Martha, Feb. 11, 1708; Experience, Jan. 10, 1711.

THOMAS, JR., m. Hannah —. Chil., Eleaser, Jan. 28, 1730; Hannah, July 10, 1731. No further record.

#### SMALLEY.

BENJAMIN, m. 1st, Rebecca Wright, (no date)—she d. July 3, 1726. Chil., Benjamin, b. Oct. 25, 1724; Rebecca, June 26, 1726; m. 2d, Mary —, and had Mercy, b. July 27, 1728; Samuel, April 13, 1732; John, May 24, 1734; Phebe, May 15, 1736.

## SMITH.

PAULIP, m. Mary. Chil., Samuel, b. Dec. 10, 1701.  
 MATTHEW, m. Mary Lyman, March 22, 1732. Chil., Mary, b. Jan. 21, 1733; Hannah, July 31, 1734; Matthew, Nov. 3, 1738.  
 GEORGE, m. Elizabeth Lyman, June 27, 1716. Chil., Joseph, b. July 10, 1718; Elizabeth, Sept. 30, 1719; George, May 13, 1724.  
 JOHN, m. Abigail —. Chil., Abigail, b. June 22, 1706; Mary, May 13, 1710.  
 JOSEPH, m. Mary Webster, June 4, 1740. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1742; Mary, June 4, 1744; Eliza, March 26, 1746.

## SPAFFORD.

THOMAS, m. Bethiah —. Chil., Samuel, b. Nov. 1, 1718; Sarah, May 13, 1723.  
 AMOS, m. Hannah Veach, Jan. 4, 1723. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1734—d. 1762; Sarah, Jan. 13, 1736; Mary, April 3, 1738; Andrew, March 22, 1743.

## SPRAGUE.

BENJAMIN, m. 1st, Mary Woodworth, Dec. 29, 1707. Chil., John, b. Sept. 5, 1709; Eliakim, Oct. 10, 1711; Mary, March 5, 1713; William, Sept. 29, 1715; Phineas, Sept. 5, 1717; Jerusha, Oct. 2, 1720; Benjamin June 5, 1725. He m. 2d, wid. Abigail Tisdale of Taunton (who had previously two children, Elkanah and Elijah Tisdale), and had Silas, Jan. 3, 1727; Abigail, Nov. 23, 1729; Elkanah, Jan. 25, 1732; Minor, March 6, 1734; Lydia, March 20, 1736; Esther, March 3, 1738; Mary, Sept. 10, 1740.  
 JOHN, m. 1st, Mary Badcock, Feb. 22, 1711. Chil., Ebenezer, b. Dec. 12, 1711; Hannah, June 30, 1714; Jonathan, April 30, 1716; m. 2d, Hannah —, and had John, July 22, 1723—d. Jan. 13, 1733; Thomas, May 8, 1726; Huldah, April 15, 1734; Rachel, Aug. 9, 1737.  
 EPHRAIM, m. Deborah —, (no date). Chil., Perea, b. July 22, 1706; Peleg, May 15, 1707; Ephraim, March 13, 1709; Deborah, April 2, 1712; Betty, Oct. 28, 1714; Irene, Feb. 9, 1717; Mary, Dec. 20, 1721—d. young; Mary again, March 18, 1725.  
 Family numerous, down at least to 1770.

## STRONG.

JEDEDIAH, b. Aug. 7, 1667, m. Abiah Ingersoll, Nov. 8, 1688; a farmer at Northampton, Mass., moved to Lebanon, Aug. 24, 1696, when there were but four white families here; was killed by Indians at Wood Creek, N. Y., near Albany, Oct. 12, 1709, aged 42. She d. Nov. 20, 1732, age 69. Chil., Azariah, b. Oct. 7, 1689—d. young; Stephen, Nov. 24, 1690—d. at Lebanon, Feb. 2, 1785, age 94; David, June 19, 1693—d. 1712; Eleazer, Sept. 7, 1696—d. 1780; Supply, Oct. 10, 1697—d. in Hebron; Lieut. Jedediah, Jan. 15, 1700; Ezra, March, 1702; Freedom, May 16, 1704, m. John Buel.

## SULLARD.

JOSEPH, m. Mehitable Ball, Dec. 24, 1735. Chil., Mary, b. March 22, 1736; Mary again, Sept. 14, 1744; Mehitable, June 13, 1746; Azubah, May 31, 1748; Submit, May 31, 1750; Joseph, Feb. 3, 1756.

## SWEETLAND.

JOHN, m. Sarah —. Chil., John, b. Feb. 5, 1708; Joseph, April 3, 1710; Benjamin, Feb. 22, 1712; Rowland, April 7, 1715; Luke, March 20, 1717; Sarah, Feb. 20, 1719; Ebenezer, Feb. 21, 1721; William, Feb. 11, 1723; Agnes, Oct. 13, 1726; Jerusha, Dec. 12, 1727; Luke, June 16, 1729; Mary, May 15, 1733. Family numerous here and in Columbia; left about 1775.

## TIFFANY.

ISAIAH, JR., m. Ann Lyman, May 19, 1748. Chil., Ann, b. March 29, 1749—d. infant; Isaiah, May 29, 1751; Asa, April 14, 1753.  
 JOHN, m. Mary Meacham, May 5, 1748. Chil., Edward, b. Jan. 30, 1749—d. young; Edward, June 24, 1750; John, Jan. 8, 1753—d. young; John, April 3, 1755; Elizabeth, Dec. 26, 1756; Isaiah, Feb. 16, 1759; Mary, March 27, 1761; Lucinda, Jan. 17, 1764; Alpheus, May 24, 1764.

## TILDEN.

ISAAC, m. 1st, Martha Mudge, Dec. 30, 1714. Chil., Isaac, b. Sept. 20, 1715; m. 2d, Rebecca Man, June 14, 1716. Chil., Rebecca, b. March 7, 1717; Jonathan, April 21, 1719; Judith, Aug. 2, 1721; Martha, Oct. 12, 1723; Mercy, Aug. 15, 1725; John, Jan. 28, 1729.  
 STEPHEN, SEN., m. 1st, Sarah Root, March 5, 1712; m. 2d, Mary Powell, May 31, 1716; had Zerviah, who d. 1732, and evidently other children whose births are not recorded.  
 STEPHEN, JR., probably son of Stephen above, m. Abigail Richardson, April 23, 1749. Chil., Abigail, b. May 19, 1751; Stephen, March 19, 1753; Rhoda, July 18, 1755; Joshua, April 19, 1757; Josiah, April 19, 1760; Esther, May 15, 1762.

JOSEPH, m. 1st Elizabeth Brewster, Nov. 11, 1744—one child, Zerviah, b. Sept. 30, 1745; m. 2d, Elizabeth White, June 14, 1750, and had Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1752; Chloe, Oct. 19, 1754; Ebenezer, Dec. 19, 1757.

A Joseph bought land here in 1706; Isaac, in 1709; and Stephen, in 1710; (was here in 1708)—may have been brothers; Isaac and Joseph came from Plymouth Colony. Hon. Daniel Rose Tisdale, b. in Lebanon, late M.C. from Ohio, descended from Stephen and Sarah Root, above, and Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, ex-Governor of New York, and late Presidential candidate, is also from the Lebanon stock.

## TERRY.

DEA. EPHRAIM, m. Hannah —. Chil., Samuel, b. July 21, 1709; Ann, Sept. 2, 1710. Dea. Terry d. Dec. 7, 1760, in 90th year of his age.  
 EPHRAIM, JR., m. Deborah Bailey, Jan. 18, 1728. She d. Aug. 2, 1759. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Sept. 27, 1729; Ephraim, Nov. 4, 1731; Deborah, July 2, 1734; Dan—d. young; Mary, Feb. 24, 1739; Esther, May 8, 1741; Dan, Aug. 2, 1743; Christiana, Aug. 10, 1745.

## THATCHER.

THOMAS, m. Mary Dean, Nov. 16, 1704. Chil., Rhodolphus, b. Aug. 1709, d. Jan., 1728; Ruth, Feb. 18, 1712; Partridge, Aug., 1714; Mary, April 12, 1717; Ann, March 29, 1720.  
 PETER, m. Abigail Hibberd (no date). Chil., Peter, b. April 28, 1717, d. Aug. 24, 1757; John, Aug. 9, 1719, d. April 3, 1739; Lydia, Dec. 7, 1720; Joseph, Oct. 11, 1722—d. May 13, 1751; Abigail, June 20, 1725; Ruth, May 1, 1727; Rhodolphus, April 2, 1729—d. Oct. 12, 1740; Samuel, 1731; Josiah, July 8, 1733; Jared, March 5, 1736; Ebenezer, April 2, 1738—d. Oct. 2, 1740; John, Feb. 22, 1740; Rhodolphus, March 12, 1742. The family continued here until near 1808. Prof. Thomas A., of Yale College, is of this family.

## THOMAS.

JOSEPH, m. Mary —. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Sept. 1, 1698; Experience, March 23, 1701. He probably m. 2d wife, Elizabeth, and had Abigail, b. Oct. 20, 1706; Ruth, Jan. 26, 1708; Rachel, March 9, 1710; Joseph, Sept. 12, 1713; Mabel, April 10, 1717; Miriam, Aug. 15, 1719; Hopestill, June, 1724; Joseph, Jr., d. in the expedition against Cuba, 1740.  
 SAMUEL, m. Elizabeth Webster, Nov. 5, 1701. Chil., Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1702; Samuel, April 26, 1706; Grace, Oct. 2, 1713.  
 JOHN, m. Hannah Spafford (no date). Chil., John, b. Oct. 6, 1734; Peleg, Feb. 1, 1736; James, July 22, 1737; Deborah, April 7, 1739; William, March 30, 1741; Hannah, June 1, 1743; Elihu, April 20, 1745; Malachi, Jan. 30, 1747.

## THROOP.

SAMUEL, m. Dorothy. Chil., Samuel b. (no date); Mary, Jan. 23, 1727. WILLIAM, m. Elizabeth. Chil., Joseph, George, Josiah (no date); Benjamin, b. Jan. 19, 1730; John, Oct. 12, 1731; Thomas, Sept. 9, 1733; Elizabeth, Jan. 8, 1735; Martha, May 17, 1739; Priscilla, July 1, 1741; Mary, Aug. 11, 1744.

JOSEPH, m. Deborah Buel, March 20, 1740. Chil., Deborah, b. April 22, 1741; Joseph, April 22, 1743; William, Dec. 26, 1745; Elizabeth, Jan. 10, 1747; Dan, Nov. 8, 1748.

DAN, m. Susanna Carey, of Bristol, Oct. 27, 1737. Chil., Bethia, b. Dec. 18, 1738; Dan, April 19, 1740; Susanna, March 18, 1742; Benjamin, June 3, 1745; Joseph, Dec. 23, 1748.

## TISDALE.

Ebenezer, m. Hope Basset (no date). Chil., Mary, b. Aug. 6, 1731; Nathan, Sept. 19, 1732; William, May 29, 1734; Sarah, May 16, 1736; Abijah, June 2, 1738; Abigail, June 18, 1740; Lydia, Jan. 10, 1742, d. 1747; Eliphalet, Sept. 15, 1744; Mary, Feb. 28, 1746; Lydia, March 16, 1749. Mr. Tisdale m. again, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, of Taunton, June 8, 1762.

ELIJAH, m. Eunice Smith, Nov. 6, 1743. Chil., Elkanah, b. Jan. 22, 1746. Mr. Elijah d. Nov. 19, 1796, and his wife d. Sept. 22, 1795.

## TUTTLE.

JOHN, m. Judith —. Chil., Daniel, b. Nov. 11, 1716; Martha, July 3, 1718; Judith, Sept. 2, 1720; Freedom, March 1, 1722; Silence, Dec. 20, 1723; Desire, April 16, 1728; John, Feb. 20, 1726.

JOHN, JR., m. Eunice Allen, July 17, 1747. Chil., Lucy, b. Feb. 4, 1748; James, Feb. 25, 1749.

## WADSWORTH.

JOSEPH, m. Lydia Brown (no date); she d. Dec. 27, 1759. Chil., John b. March 15, 1705; Mary, Nov. 29, 1707; Martha, April 1, 1710.

JOHN, m. Elizabeth Richman (no date). Chil., Zerviah, b. May 6, 1735; John, June 20, 1737.

## WARNER.

ICHABOD, m. Mary Metcalf, March 5, 1712. Chil., Ichabod, b. Dec. 10, 1712; Daniel, July 10, 1714; Isaac, Jan. 4, 1717; Ebenezer, March 20, 1719; Nathaniel, Feb. 18, 1722; Timothy, Dec. 21, 1724; Samuel, Aug. 21, 1728; Mary and Hannah, twins, Sept. 13, 1730; Ruth, Oct. 17, 1732; John, May 22, 1734.

## WATTLES.

WILLIAM, m. Abigail —. Chil., William, b. Nov. 21, 1706; Mary, March 11, 1708. He died Aug. 11, 1737. She died Nov. 21, 1744.

WILLIAM, m. Abigail Denison, May 29, 1735. Chil., Abigail, b. March 20, 1736; Ann, March 20, 1738; William, Dec. 19, 1739; Mary, Oct. 14, 1744; Belcher, Nov. 3, 1743; Sarah, Feb. 26, 1747; Andrew, Aug. 2, 1749; Denison, July 12, 1764; Daniel, Nov. 5, 1765.

## WEBSTER.

JOHN, m. Elisabeth —. Chil., Thomas, b. Oct. 12, 1699; Elisabeth, Feb. 26, 1701; Thomas, Feb. 8, 1704; Josiah, Jan. 26, 1708.

GEORGE, m. Sarah —, who died April 12, 1721. Chil., Samuel, b. Nov. 5, 1698; Jonathan, Nov. 5, 1700; Peletiah, Nov. 17, 1702; George, Aug. 5, 1704; Noah, Aug. 9, 1706; Ebenezer, June 9, 1708; Sarah, May 5, 1710; Jerusha, Jan. 20, 1712; Benajah, Dec. 25, 1713; Mary, April 1, 1718; Josiah, May 20, 1720. This family still continue here.

## WEST.

JOHN, m. Deborah —; (d. Nov. 17, 1741.) Chil., Jerusha, b. Dec. 17, 1708; Hannah, July 13, 1710; Nathan, Nov. 10, 1712; John, March 12, 1715; Priscilla, July 17, 1717—d. 1730; Dorothy, Sept. 10, 1719—d. 1730; Solomon, March 15, 1723; Caleb, July 3, 1726.

NATHAN, m. Jerusha Hinckley, July 20, 1741. Chil., Jerusha, b. Oct. 21, 1741; Samuel, Aug. 23, 1743; Nathan, May 26, 1746—d. young; Mollie, June 7, 1747; Nathan, June 8, 1749; Lucy, May 16, 1751; Walter, May 12, 1753; Charles, April 22, 1755—d. young; Charles, July 4, 1756.

EBENEZER, m. Mrs. Susanna Wales, Jan. 14, 1713. Chil., Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1714; Joshua, July 30, 1715; Bathsheba, March 8, 1717; Susanna, Jan. 17, 1719; Ebenezer, April 11, 1721—died young; Jonathan (d. young) and David, twins, Oct. 2, 1723. "Hon. Ebenezer West, Esq., d. Oct. 31, 1758—Susanna his wife d. Oct. 14, 1723."

JOHN, m. Rebecca Abel, Nov. 8, 1738. Chil., John, b. Aug. 8, 1739; Dan, Dec. 31, 1741; David, Feb. 4, 1744; Rufus, May 16, 1745—d. young; Abel, May 11, 1747; Hannah, Sept. 2, 1749.

AMOS, m. Sarah Cutler of Watertown, July 21, 1738. Chil., Bathsheba, b. May 1, 1739—d. young; Abigail, July 9, 1741; Bathsheba, July 29, 1743—d. young; Sarah, Aug. 28, 1745—d. young; Abia, March 15, 1748—d. young; Reuben, June 6, 1750; Simeon, May 21, 1751; Levi, May 20, 1754; Judah, April 4, 1757.

## WOODWARD.

JOHN, JR., m. Experience Baldwin, June 2, 1703. Chil., Experience, b. Aug. 10, 1704; Israel, June 5, 1707; John, March 28, 1709—d. Sept. 8, 1741.

HENRY, bought Capt. John Avery's home-lot in 1702; m. Hannah Burrows, Nov. 17, 1703. Chil., Samuel, b. Sept. 10, 1705; Israel, May 20, 1708; Hannah, July 19, 1710; Abigail, Sept. 21, 1712; Sarah, Oct. 25, 1715; Martha, Nov. 14, 1717; Henry, Dec. 22, 1720; Ann, Dec. 13, 1721; David, May 20, 1725; John, Dec. 2, 1727.

ISRAEL (son of John and Experience), m. Abigail —, March 31, 1731. Chil., Nathan, May 13, 1732; Anna, Jan. 4, 1734; Abel, April 1, 1736; Abigail, Aug. 22, 1738—d. young; Israel, March 31, 1740; John, March 22, 1742; Ann, Feb. 10, 1744; Eunice, June 5, 1746; Elijah, June 10, 1748.

ISRAEL (son of Henry and Hannah), m. Mary Sims, Jan. 24, 1733. Chil., Israel, b. Aug. 1, 1738—d. young; Israel, Oct. 6, 1739; Sarah, Aug. 2, 1741; Mary, July 7, 1743; Bezalel, July 16, 1745; Eleaser, Feb. 26, 1748; Hannah and Martha, twins, July 9 or 10, 1750—Hannah d. Inf. The Woodward family were numerous.

## WOODWORTH.

EBENEZER, m. Rebecca Smalley, Dec. 27, 1717. Chil., Ebenezer, Jr., b. Sept. 26, 1718; Zerviah, Nov. 14, 1720; Eliphalet, Sept. 24, 1722; Joseph, Oct. 19, 1724; Amasa, April 4, 1727; Rebecca, July 25, 1729; John, Jan. 24, 1735; Phebe, Aug. 9, 1737.

EBENEZER, JR., m. Hopestill Tryon, Sept. 2, 1742. Chil., Phebe, b. July 31, 1743; John, Jan. 31, 1746; Sylvanus, Jan. 2, 1748; Elijah, Oct. 14, 1749.

BENJAMIN, father of Ichabod—d. April 22, 1729.

ICHABOD, m. Sarah —. Chil., Lebbeus, b. Jan. 8, 1723; Silas, March 22, 1725; Jehiel, Sept. 17, 1728; Reuben, Aug. 22, 1733.

DAVID, m. Hannah Gay (no date). Chil., David, b. Jan. 29, 1738; Obedience, April 6, 1740; Prudence, May 26, 1742; Moses, March 7, 1748.

SILAS, m. Sarah English, Sept. 22, 1746. Chil., Silas, b. March 21, 1747; John, Feb. 17, 1749; Solomon, April 16, 1751; Josiah, July 10, 1753; Sarah, July 23, 1755; Esau, April 11, 1758.

JOSEPH, third of the name, m. Rebecca Wright, May 13, 1747. Chil.

Samuel, b. April 11, 1748.

## WHEELOCK.

REV. ELEASER, m. 1st, Mrs. Sarah Maltby, April 29, 1735. Chil., Theodore, b. May 23, 1736; Eleaser, Jr., Aug. 14, 1737—d. young; Ruth, Jan. 12, 1740; Rhodolphus, Aug. 18, 1742; m. 2d, Mrs. Mary Brinsmade, Nov. 21, 1747. Chil., Mary, Aug. 28, 1748; Abigail, Dec. 21, 1751; John, Jan. 28, 1754; Eleaser, Jr., again, Aug. 17, 1756; James, March 5, 1759.

## WILLIAMS.

DANIEL, m. Lydia Abel, June 19, 1711. Chil., Daniel, b. Aug. 14, 1712; Isalah, March 1, 1715; Samuel (no date).

EBENEZER, m. Mary Vetch, July 27, 1721. Chil., Jonathan, b. April 28, 1722; Elisabeth, May 2, 1725; Veach, April 23, 1727; Isaac, June 1, 1729.

SAMUEL, m. Deborah Throop, Dec. 3, 1724. Chil., Deborah, b. Sept. 25, 1725; Priscilla, Sept. 1, 1727; Joanna, April 26, 1729; Submit, Oct. 22, 1731; Rebecca, Feb. 20, 1733; George, Nov. 19, 1734; Bathsheba, May 22, 1737; Mary, Sept. 27, 1739; Nathaniel, April 30, 1742; Theody, Dec. 11, 1744; Samuel, Dec. 11, 1746—d. Aug. 21, 1768.

REV. SOLOMON, m. Mrs. Mary Potter (no date). Chil., Solomon, b. Nov. 5, 1723—d. young; Eliphalet, Feb. 4, 1727; Esau, May 5, 1729—d. Feb. 12, 1818; William, April 8, 1731; Mary, —; Thomas, Nov. 12, 1735—d. Feb. 10, 1839; Christiana, —; Moses, —; Samuel, —; Eunice, —.

Rev. Solomon, d. Feb. 7, 1776; Mrs. Mary Williams, d. —, 1788.

## WRIGHT.

ABEL, m. Rebecca —. Chil., Ebenezer, b. Feb. 22, 1701; Mary, Nov. 22, 1702; Ephraim, Feb. 29, 1704; Martha, April 12, 1706; Jemima, Sept. 4, 1707; Ann, June 4, 1709; Miriam, Nov. 14, 1711; Benjamin, July 28, 1712—d. young; Benjamin, March 3, 1714. Mr. Abel Wright d. June 2, 1745.

SAMUEL, m. Mary Cass, Nov. 22, 1710. Chil., Aaron, b. March 29, 1713; John, Sept. 23, 1716; Mary, May 10, 1721. Abel, m. Mary Calkin, Nov. 7, 1717. Ebenezer, m. Elisabeth Newcomb, April 20, 1721.

BENONI, m. Elisabeth Smith, Jan. 7, 1742. Chil., Samuel, b. Sept. 27, 1752; Theodora, July 9, 1755; Dan, April 7, 1757; Benoni, May 31, 1761.

**Military Record.**—This town was prompt and earnest to bear its part in supporting the war for the Union. The firing upon Fort Sumter and the immediately subsequent events stirred no community more deeply and thoroughly than this. The call for volunteers was at once responded to, and it was a marked feature of those who enlisted from this town that they were the substantial and intelligent young men of the town, connected with some of the best families. Their motives were shown to be patriotic and high from the fact that they had no immediate prospects or position and office, as had those who enlisted from larger places and centres of influence. Two at least early received lieutenant's commissions, and ultimately four from the society of Exeter (perhaps some from other societies) received a captain's commission, and one a colonel's.

The Governor of the State, William A. Buckingham, so distinguished as a war Governor, was a native and spent his early life here, and the town was honored and incited by his enthusiasm and vigor. Here, too, lived and died Jonathan Trumbull,—"Brother Jonathan,"—the only Governor among the thirteen colonies who in the beginning was true to the cause of

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by Rev. O. D. Hine.

the colonies, and William Williams, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and the place contains well-known memorials of the prominence which it held during the period of the Revolution. The examples of the past and present and the associations of the place had educated the people to patriotism, and now incited them to bear their part in the great effort to preserve the integrity of the nation. The ladies were on the alert to do what they could, and during the four years of the war supplies in large amount were sent to be distributed by the Sanitary Commission and the Christian Commission. The pastor of the First Church spent some two months among the sick and wounded of the army in Washington, D. C., under the Christian Commission.

The town responded earnestly to the calls of the government for troops and promptly filled its several quotas, sent its benevolent contributions, and could but congratulate itself that from its homes came the Governor of the State, who performed so efficient service in the nation's peril, and was a worthy successor of Connecticut's first war Governor.

The following are names of soldiers who enlisted from this town during the Rebellion:

Lewis Beers, three months.  
Joseph K. Corey, three months and three years; lost a foot.  
Hosea P. Durfee, three months and three years; veteran and corp.  
Orlense Lombard, three months and three years.  
Charles L. Pitcher, three months and three years; corp.  
William C. Tracey, three months and three years; corp.

The following for three years:

Joseph Wheaton.  
Joseph S. Forsyth.  
Obadiah S. Roundsville; veteran.  
Henry M. Livermore, 8th Regt., Co. D., corp.; died.  
Leander Clark.  
Edwin Blanchard.  
William C. Blanchard.  
Robert W. Burk, veteran.  
Edwin J. Comstock, 8th Regt., Co. D; died.  
Fred. Ellsworth, 8th Regt., Co. D; died of wounds.  
William Huntington, 8th Regt.; veteran; sergt.; wounded twice.  
Jeremiah Jordan.  
Michael Hagan.  
Oliver Lathrop, died of wounds.  
Edgar A. Lockwood, veteran; wounded twice.  
Aaron H. Cebail, died.  
William A. Mason, died.  
Diodate I. Mitchel, died.  
George K. Morgan, died.  
John U. Wheaton.  
Fred. E. Shalk, 1st lieut, 14th Regt.; died of wounds.  
David H. Brown, 13th Regt.; veteran; died.

The following were in the Eighteenth Regiment:

Elias Mulliken.  
Henry D. Rose, veteran.  
Nelson M. Sammis.  
Charles H. Sparks.  
Addison J. Thompson, veteran.  
George Zimmerman, veteran.  
Joseph U. Meach, veteran.  
James C. Jennings, veteran.  
J. A. H. Bowers, veteran.  
Andrew Washburn, sergt.; capt. of colored company.  
Charles Robinson, sergt.; capt. of colored company.  
Edwin S. Huckleley, sergt. and lieut.  
Charles H. Carpenter, sergt.

Thomas C. Abel, sergt.  
George R. Bill, corp. and capt. of colored company.  
Rescome Peckham, sergt.  
Alonzo S. Mather, 1st lieut.  
Judson A. Gager, musician.  
William A. Wetmore.  
John W. Abel.  
Peleg C. Congdon.  
Charles C. Chappel, sergt.  
Joseph E. Davol.  
Abisha P. Durfee, corp., and wounded.  
Alfred E. Gates, wounded and died.  
Charles F. Geer.  
Asher D. Holmes, killed in battle.  
Edwin M. Kidder.  
Adgate Loomis, capt. of colored troops.  
Nelson P. Lord, severely wounded.  
Marcena Lombard.  
Henry B. Ormaby.  
Lucius G. Pember, starved at Andersonville.  
Myer W. Robinson, M.D., also surgeon of 6th Regt.  
John Shalk, died.  
Fred. L. Spencer, sergt.  
Albert Sullard, injured at Winchester.  
Charles H. Tilley.  
Joseph A. Tilden, slightly wounded.  
Ebenezer Tilden.  
George A. Weaver.  
John Williams.  
Alfred J. Comstock, severely wounded; Vet. Res.  
H. H. McCracken, killed in battle.  
Hiram D. Rose, killed in battle.

The following were in the Twenty-first Regiment:

Isaac G. Avery, Frank Bennett, Bradford K. Green, Michael Kelley, Peter Gallagher, William H. Day.

The following were in the Twenty-fourth Regiment, nine months:

Timothy A. Avery, died.  
William H. Hyde, died.  
Maurice Lappe.  
Michael O. Laughlin, slightly wounded.  
Amos Spafard.  
Augustus Tittel.  
George W. Willcox, died.  
Samuel S. Willcox, slightly wounded.  
Henry J. Wilson.

The following were in the Twenty-sixth Regiment, nine months:

Henry L. Gay, 2d lieut.  
Charles Lamb.  
William F. Gates.

The following were in the Twenty-ninth Regiment, three years (colored):

Austin W. Seymour, Edwin Hewitt.

The following were recruits:

Ludwig Hawerwas, 18th Regt., lost leg.  
Asa K. Holmes, 18th Regt., slightly wounded.  
Benjamin Congdon, 18th Regt.  
John Sullivan, 10th Regt.  
Edwin Washburn, 18th Regt., slightly wounded.  
Thomas A. Loomis, 18th Regt.  
Aaron Wolf, 18th Regt.  
Orlando Lombard, 18th Regt.  
John Nutley, 21st Regt.  
Benjamin B. Brown, 18th Regt., two wounds.  
— Pollard.  
— Clark.

Some of the battles engaged in by Lebanon soldiers were those of Antietam, Berryville, Bristol Sta-

tion, Bull Run, Camp Bisland, Cedar Creek, Cedar Mountain, Culpeper, Drury's Bluff, Fort Fisher, Fredericksburg, Georgia Landing, Hall Town, Hatcher's Run, Lynchburg, Morris Island, Newbern, Piedmont, Fort Hudson, Petersburg, Roanoke Island, Sharpsburg, Snicker's Ford, South Mountain, Spottsylvania, Sugar-Loaf Mountain, Summit Point, Wilderness, Winchester.

In June and July, 1864, the Eighteenth Regiment marched eleven hundred miles.

Lebanon sent of her sons 106; 6 enlisted for three months; later 12 for nine months; all the rest—88—for three years. Of the 6 three-months 5 re-enlisted for three years, and 1 became a veteran. Whole number of those who re-enlisted as veterans, 12.

In addition the town sent as substitutes a number sufficient to more than fill its quota by 15, the whole number being about 200.

Of the 106, 20 died, 3 were instantly killed in battle, 4 died of wounds before they were removed from the battle-field, 2 died in hospitals from the effects of their wounds, 12 died of disease, and 1 died after his return home. Whole number, 20.

## CHAPTER LIII.

LEBANON—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Thomas Whitmore** was born in England in 1615, and came to America in 1635; tradition says that he embarked from Bristol. The first mention that we find of his name in the colonial records is in the Wethersfield town records in 1639-40, as owner of certain lands, where it appears he first settled on coming to the Connecticut River.

He subsequently removed to Hartford, at what time we have no data for determining.

He was one of the first settlers of Middletown; the exact date cannot be determined, as a few of the first leaves of the town record are missing.

May 20, 1652, he was made a freeman. The qualifications necessary to be a freeman were, namely: he had to be orthodox, twenty years of age, and worth two hundred pounds, and was obliged to take the oath of fidelity.

That we may more fully fix in our minds the age in which he lived we note the following personages of his time: first, he was a subject of James I., Charles I., and Charles II., and Shakespeare was living, and died when he was a year old. He died Dec. 11, 1681, aged sixty-six years. He was three times married, and had some seventeen children. Izrahiah was his fourth son and eighth child by his first wife, Sarah Hall.

Izrahiah, or Izariah, was born in Middletown, Conn., March 9, 1656, married Rachel Stow, and had eight children, the eldest of whom was Rev. Izrahiah, born

June 28, 1693, and married Sarah Booth and had five children, the eldest of whom was Prosper, born March 14, 1722. The remains of Rev. Izrahiah Whitmore are interred in the old East burying-ground at Middletown. He was settled over the Presbyterian Church at Stratford, Conn., soon after his majority.

Prosper Whitmore early settled in Norwich, Conn., married Keturah Chesbrough and had seven children, the eldest of whom was Nathan, born Aug. 25, 1757. Prosper Whitmore was a sheriff of New London County for many years. He died Oct. 15, 1787, and his wife died Feb. 13, 1789, aged fifty-three. Both were buried in the old burial-ground at Norwich, Conn.

Nathan Whitmore married Elizabeth Bushnell and had three children, the second of whom was Augustus, born Nov. 6, 1786.

Nathan Whitmore (or Wetmore, as the name was spelled by some of the family) was a man of respectability and influence, holding the office of deputy sheriff of New London County, at that time a position of trust and importance, which he retained till his death, Nov. 5, 1791.

Augustus Wetmore was twice married,—first, to Emily T. Hinckley, Feb. 26, 1816; second, to Sarah Hinckley, Nov. 27, 1825. His children by his first wife are William A., Charles H., Edwin D., and Edwin D. (the second); by his second wife, Emily C., Catharine, the wife of William R. Gay, of Lebanon, Sarah J., and William A. (2).

A correspondent thus speaks of Augustus Wetmore: "He removed with his father to Lebanon in 1791, where he has ever since resided, save a few years spent at Millington during his youth. By reason of age and its incident infirmities, though comparatively few have fallen upon him, he no longer confines himself to business. His threescore years and ten, with their abundant cares and toils, are more than passed, and it surely is befitting that the remainder be spent at ease in the bosom of his family.

"He united with the Congregational Church at twenty-two years of age. In public life he has been little seen, all his tastes leading another way, but in private he is well known as a man of unimpeachable integrity, strict honesty, warm friendship, unwavering fidelity, the purest life, and sincerest piety. His tastes are simple and manners unaffected, and without ostentation.

"Though his efforts have not been crowned with affluence, at the call of the poor and needy his benevolence finds no excuse in that for withholding from his means. In person Mr. Wetmore is about five feet six inches in height, his frame well knit and muscular, inclining of late years somewhat to corpulence."

**William R. Gay**, of Lebanon, Conn., is a son of Asahel Gay and Mary Reed (see Reed genealogy), and grandson of Asahel Reed, Sr., and Temperance Reed, and was born in Floyd, N. Y., June 17, 1827. His mother dying when he was only five months old,



*William B. Gay*



*Charles Sweet*



and his father when he was but seventeen months of age, he was left to the tender care and sympathy of his paternal grandparents and his aunt Temperance, who was always a mother to him, and though now they too are dead, yet their names will ever be cherished with the most tender regard, and their kind words and deeds will ever live fresh in his memory.

Asahel Gay, Sr., was a farmer and distiller by occupation, settled in Lebanon, Conn., at an early day, and continued to reside there till his death, March 24, 1843, aged eighty-seven years nine months and ten days. Temperance, his wife, died Sept. 27, 1843, aged eighty-seven years and ten months. Temperance Gay, daughter of Asahel and Temperance Gay, died Feb. 17, 1864, aged eighty-two years.

Asahel Gay, Jr., was born in Connecticut, married Mary Reed, and had two sons, Francis Lafayette, who died at three years and nine months, and William R. Mr. Gay was a merchant. He died Nov. 30, 1828, aged thirty-eight years and two months, and his wife died Nov. 24, 1827, aged twenty-nine years, and both are buried at Whitesborough, N. Y.

William R. Gay received a common-school education, and one term at an academy at Westfield, Mass. At the age of two, in 1829, he settled in Lebanon, Conn., and has continued to reside on the same farm purchased by his grandfather. He married, May 24, 1853, Catherine (born April 14, 1831), daughter of Augustus and Sarah (Hinckley) Wetmore (see history of the Whitmore, or Wetmore family), and to them have been born Emma F., Mary R., and Sarah Jane, who died at two years. Mr. Gay built his present farm-house in 1858 and '59, and all his other improvements were made by him.

In politics he is a Republican. He never aspired to official honors, preferring the quiet of domestic life. Mr. and Mrs. Gay are members of the Congregational Church at Lebanon. He is a man of medium height and light complexion. He is very modest and retiring in disposition, and of industrious and frugal habits. As a man he is esteemed by his neighbors, and loved and respected at home.

His mother descended from Joseph Read, or Reed, who married Sarah Rice, Nov. 26, 1723. Children,—James, born 1724; Berthia, born 1725; John, born 1728. Mrs. Reed died Jan. 1, 1729. Joseph Reed married his cousin Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Reed.

Maj. John Reed (born 1728) married Hannah Goddard. Children,—John, William (afterwards United States navy surgeon), and Thomas. John Reed married Marcia Goodwin, of Plymouth, Mass., daughter of Gen. Goodwin. Children,—John, Betsey, Hannah, George, Charles, William, Joseph, Isaac, Mary, Francis, and Nancy; also five others who died young. Nancy Reed married Nathan Viles, of Boston, Mass.

**Dr. Charles Sweet**, of Lebanon, the subject of this sketch, we trace back through five successive generations to James Sweet, son of Isaac and Mary Sweet,

of Wales. He came to America in 1630, and settled in North Kingston, R. I., where members of the family still live. As far back as their history can be obtained, and tradition leading us still farther, we find that they have always been accredited with a capacity or ability in an eminent degree for bone-setting, though uneducated in any department of surgery, and as we follow along down the genealogical line we find members of the family that have become especially eminent in the practice of this natural ability. Dr. John Sweet, grandfather of Dr. Charles Sweet, gained a wide-spread notoriety during the Revolution by his successful practice among the officers and men of both the French and American army, though not himself in the government service. His son Benoni, father of Charles Sweet, had for a few years followed in the footsteps of his father in this matter, but removing to Lebanon, Conn., in 1793, he determined not to practice bone-setting more, but give his whole attention to farming. This resolution, however, he was unable to carry out, for a dislocated shoulder in his own neighborhood which baffled the surgeons forced him again into the practice of this his legitimate and natural calling, which he never afterwards abandoned during active life, and after a long series of years of usefulness he died, Aug. 26, 1840, at the age of eighty years.

Before leaving Kingston he married Sarah Champlin, and had one child. The rest of the family were born in Lebanon,—Susannah, Thomas, Benoni, Stephen, Sally, Mary, Lydia, Hannah, Lucy, and Charles, the last three only still living. Thomas died at the age of nineteen. Benoni, Jr., practiced bone-setting at Guilford, Stephen at Franklin, Sally for a time at Willimantic, and Charles for many years at the old homestead, and for near thirty years at Lebanon Centre, where he now resides. He commenced the practice of bone-setting as young as sixteen years of age, and for nearly forty years he has maintained an office at Hartford, Conn., and at Springfield, Mass., each of which he visits one day in each month, successfully treating all sorts of bone dislocations, fractures, and diseases.

The greater part of his time is devoted to this calling, in which he manifests an intuitive perception truly surprising.

In the intervals he prosecutes a limited amount of farming, which he does more for a pastime than for pecuniary profit.

At an early age he was married to Eliza W. Throop, of his native town, and their children, with one exception, are still living,—Sophia, born March 18, 1835; Sarah E., born April 7, 1837; Maria F., born Nov. 28, 1838; Marietta, born Oct. 24, 1840; Charles, Jr., born Jan. 1, 1845; J. Henry T., born Nov. 4, 1848; Marietta, died Sept. 8, 1873. Their mother died Feb. 14, 1860, at the early age of forty-four years. Charles, Jr., is located near home, and practices with his father. Henry T. has been in practice at Hartford, Conn.,

for several years, where he has gained an enviable reputation. Dr. Sweet married for his second wife Sarah Elizabeth Williams, of Mystic, Conn. By this marriage he had three children,—Bessie, born Nov. 28, 1869; F. Benoni, born Oct. 7, 1870; George H., born June 3, 1875. Bessie died Jan. 10, 1870, and their mother departed this life after having been married about nineteen years.

His third and present wife was Laura A. Anderson, of Clinton, Conn., whose years run parallel with his own. The doctor has ever been of the strictest temperance habits, and his life the life of a Christian, both by profession and practice, in which he has ever had the fullest co-operation of each of his three respective wives.

**Judge Edwin Munford Dolbeare** was born in Montville, Conn., Jan. 23, 1806. He is a lineal descendant of John Dolbeare, who came from Wales and settled in Boston in 1720, where he (John) was a silversmith by trade. He died there, and was buried in the Old Park Street burying-ground, tomb No. 50.

John Dolbeare had a large family of children, one of whom was George, who settled in Montville, New London Co., Conn., and became the father of six children, viz.: Mary, Abigail, John, Samuel, Hannah (who stood in the door of her house in New London, Conn., and defended her home so heroically from the attack of the British forces, Sept. 6, 7, 1781, that her home was not burned; she tried hard to shoot the old traitor Arnold), and George B.

George Dolbeare owned a large tract of land, called Pogwunk, in Montville, Conn. He died far advanced in life. The family for generations has been prominent in town affairs and members of the Congregational Church.

Samuel Dolbeare, son of George, was born March 12, 1748, in Montville. He married Hannah Munford, a native of Narragansett, R. I., Nov. 29, 1770, and had the following children, viz.: Munford, Naby, or Abby, and Samuel (2). He was a farmer. He died about 1832.

Munford Dolbeare, son of Samuel (1), was born in Montville, Conn. (now Salem), Oct. 27, 1771. He was a farmer, married Rhoda, daughter of Col. Jeremiah Mason, January, 1800, and had the following children: Sophia E. (deceased), Edwin M., William A. (deceased), Jeremiah F. and Samuel P., twins (deceased), and Rhoda M.

He was a Whig in politics. He was a magistrate several years, and a member of the Legislature in 1821. In 1830 he settled in Lebanon, Conn., and continued to reside there till his death, Sept. 8, 1835. His wife died Jan. 31, 1840, and both were buried in the Second Cemetery, at Lebanon, Conn.

Edwin M. Dolbeare, the immediate subject of this sketch, received a common-school education. He remained at home working on his father's farm till he was nineteen years of age, when he went forth to seek his fortune in the mercantile business. In 1827 he

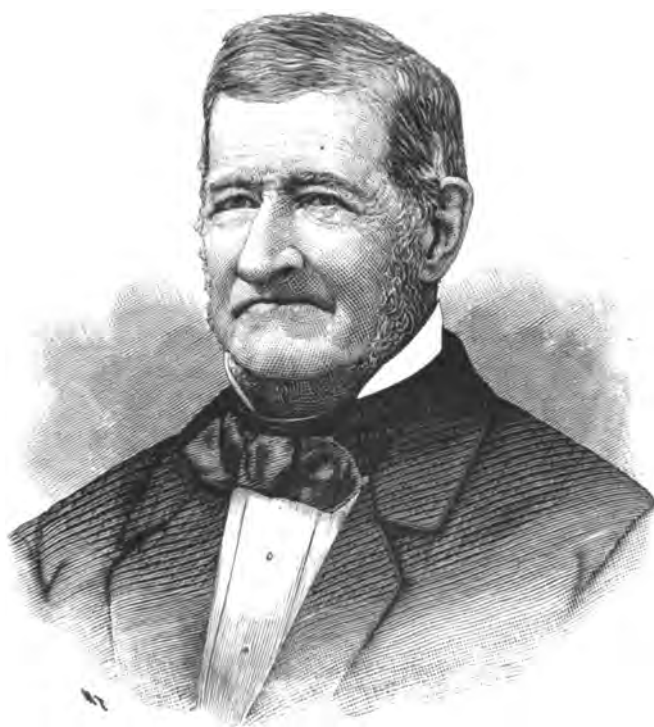
went to New York and entered a dry-goods store as clerk, and remained two years, then began business for himself, which he continued some nine years.

For the following two years we find him in Missouri, Illinois, and other parts of the great West. In 1838 he settled in Lebanon, Conn., on the farm purchased by his father in 1830. Here he has continued to reside to the present time (1881). He has always been a Whig and Republican in politics, and as such has been one of the standard-bearers of the town. He has held all the important offices of the town, such as justice of the peace, selectman, member of the Legislature in 1860, and of the Senate in 1863, that being one of the most important sessions ever held in the State. In 1862 he was chosen judge of probate, and continued to perform the duties of that office to the satisfaction of his constituents till 1876, when his age (seventy) exempted him from further duty. For nineteen years he was clerk of the South Congregational Society. He is regarded as one of Lebanon's staunch men, a man of energy and great force of character, prudent and wise in all his counsels.

**Jeremiah Mason** (the first Jeremiah Mason of Lebanon) was the son of Daniel Mason (who was the grandson of Maj. John Mason) and Dorothy Hobart, of Topsfield, Mass., daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Hobart and Elizabeth Whiting, and granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Whiting, of Lynn, and his second wife, Elizabeth St. John.

Through his ancestress, Elizabeth St. John, Jeremiah Mason was descended from Sir Oliver St. John, Baron of Beauchamp, who upon the coming of his third cousin, Queen Elizabeth, to the throne was created Lord St. John of Bletshoe. Through his ancestress, Margaret Beauchamp (grandmother of King Henry VII.), whose first husband was Sir Oliver St. John, of Penmark, Jeremiah Mason was descended from Gundred, fourth daughter of William the Conqueror, who married William de Warren, first Earl of Surrey. Through his ancestress, Margery Le Dispenser, and her ancestress, Joan Plantagenet (fourth daughter of Edward V.), who married Gilbert Le Clair, third Earl of Gloucester, and her ancestress, Matilda of Scotland, niece of Edgar Atheling, and wife of King Henry I., he was descended from Alfred the Great; and through his ancestress, Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, and daughter of Baldwin, seventh Count of Flanders, and Adela, daughter of Robert I., of France, he was descended from Charlemagne and Hildegard of Swabia, his wife.

**The Waterman Family.**—Thomas Waterman was nephew of the wife of John Bradford. Robert Waterman and Elizabeth Bourn, of Marshfield, were married Dec. 9, 1638. Thomas, their second son, was born in 1644, at Marshfield, and probably came to Norwich with his uncle Bradford. In November, 1668, he was joined in wedlock with Miriam, only daughter of Thomas Tracy.



*Edwin M Boker*



THE LIFE OF JOHN CALHOUN

1852

The Waterman house-lot was next to that of Maj. Mason, and the dwelling-house was built at a slight turn of the town street, opposite the residence of the late Dr. Turner. It projected awkwardly into the highway which now passes over a part of the site. The old well that stood by the house, is under the street.

A granite stone records in rude capitals the decease of this proprietor.

The inventory of Thomas Waterman amounted to £855 11s. 4d. He had ten oxen, ten cows, and abundant household goods, showing a condition of thrift, comfort, and independence. He left three sons and five daughters. Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, married John Fitch, one of the sons of the reverend minister of the town, and settled in Windham.

Martha, the second daughter, went to Lyme, as the second wife of "Lyme's captain, Reinold Marvin." Miriam died unmarried, Sept. 22, 1760, aged eighty-two. Lydia married Eleazer Burnham, a new inhabitant of the Nine-mile square, who came from Ipswich after 1700. Ann, the youngest daughter, became the partner of Josiah De Wolfe, of Lyme. The sons of the proprietor were Thomas, John, and Joseph. Thomas, the first-born of Norwich Watermans, not waiting to be quite twenty-one years of age, married, June 29, 1691, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Allyn. Their union was prolonged to a term of sixty-four years, and the memorial stones at their graves show that they had both attained their eighty-sixth year, and died within a few months of each other in the year 1755. They had seven sons and two daughters.

Lieut. Elisha Waterman, their fifth son, died in Havana, a victim of the fatal expedition undertaken against the Spanish in 1762. He left a large family.

Asa Waterman, the sixth son, was the father of Arunah Waterman, who was born at Norwich in 1749, and after taking an active part in the various scenes of the Revolutionary war, both as a soldier and assistant commissary, emigrated with his family, about the year 1800, to Johnson, Vt., assisting greatly in the growth and prosperity of that town. At Johnson, Capt. Waterman lived to old age, adhering to ancient principles, simple manners, and old customs, grandfather to the whole village, and wearing to the last the long waistcoat, small-clothes, and shoe-buckles of a former generation. He died in 1838.

Nehemiah Waterman, seventh son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Allyn), was the first of the Bozrah line of Watermans. He died Oct. 27, 1796, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. His son Nehemiah was an officer of the Revolutionary army, and the representative of Bozrah for ten sessions, from 1787 to 1797. He died in 1802, aged sixty-six.

Rev. Elijah Waterman, distinguished as a successful teacher of the classics, and an able and fearless preacher, was the son of the second Nehemiah Waterman, and born in Bozrah, Nov. 28, 1769. He

graduated at Yale College in 1791, and was ten years pastor of the church at Windham. He was afterwards engaged in the ministry at Bridgeport, where he died Oct. 11, 1825, aged fifty-six. He was a man of large information and an able writer. It is said that he had read "Paradise Lost" several times through before he was nine years of age. He published sermons and treatises; was fond of poetry, and often composed small poems on fugitive occasions.<sup>1</sup>

John Waterman, the second son of the proprietor Thomas, born in March, 1672, married, in 1701, Elizabeth, daughter of the second Samuel Lothrop. They had a family of six or seven sons and two daughters, the youngest of whom, Hannah, was the mother of Benedict Arnold. A branch of the Waterman family settled in Lebanon, N. H. Col. Thomas Waterman, born July 11, 1766, is said to have been the first white child born in that town. His parents, Silas and Silence Waterman, were from Norwich.

Joseph Waterman, third son of Thomas Waterman, the original proprietor, married Elizabeth Woodward, and had seven children, viz.: Timothy, Judith, Ezra, Elizabeth, Mehitable, Annie, and Joseph.

Andrew Waterman was probably a son of Lieut. Elisha Waterman, who lost his life in the West Indies in 1762. Andrew Waterman married Elizabeth Fitch, Sept. 11, 1759. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, Ezra F., Lebbeus Andrew (2d), Betsey, Sarah, and Elisha. Andrew (1st) settled in Lebanon at an early day, about the time he was married. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and was known as Capt. Andrew Waterman. He died Feb. 16, 1822, aged eighty-four years, and his wife died March 25, 1821, aged eighty-four years.

Elisha Waterman, youngest son of Capt. Andrew Waterman and Elizabeth Fitch, was born in Lebanon, Conn., Oct. 1, 1777. He received such advantages for an education as the common schools of his day afforded, supplemented with a few terms at an academy in Lebanon, Conn., taught by Nathan Tisdale. He early manifested a strong desire to teach, and at an early age began teaching school, and taught several terms. Sept. 20, 1812, he married Elizabeth Fitch Mason, daughter of James Fitch Mason. (See history of Mason family, Lebanon, Conn.) She was born Oct. 10, 1790. Their children are Andrew (deceased), Elizabeth F., James F. M., Elisha (deceased), an infant, Nancy M. (Mrs. James M. Peckham), and Andrew, who is in business with Mr. J. M. Peckham, all of whom were born on the Waterman homestead, in Lebanon, Conn.

Mr. Waterman was a large farmer of more than three hundred acres; in politics a Whig and Republican. He held all the town offices to the universal satisfaction of his constituents. He several times represented his town in the State Legislature, and district once in the Senate. For many years he was

<sup>1</sup> Sprague's Pulpit Annals, vol. II.

judge of probate. He was a regular attendant upon the services of the Congregational Church, and was ever ready with an open purse to do more than his share. He was thoroughly posted in business matters, and well read on the topics of the day. He was a man of positive character and very energetic. Whatever he did he did with his might. He had the courage of his convictions, and right well did he do his work. He died March 30, 1857. His wife died May 4, 1862, and both were buried on Goshen Hill, Lebanon, Conn. Their daughter, Elizabeth F., married Nathaniel C. Saxton (deceased). He was a farmer in Lebanon, and a man respected.

**James M. Peckham.**—William S. Peckham was a native of Rhode Island, but moved to Lebanon, Conn., where he resided till the time of his death. He had twelve children, one of whom, Simeon, was born in Rhode Island, April 9, 1794. He (Simeon) came to Tolland County, Conn., where he remained a short time, and then removed to Lebanon in 1820, and resided on a farm one mile north of the Baptist church of Lebanon Centre a short period. After having changed his location two or three times, he finally settled at Lebanon Centre in 1837, and remained there until his death, Aug. 17, 1859. He was a large and progressive farmer for those days. He was twice married,—first, to Lucy T. Avery, daughter of Thompson Wells. They had nine children, viz.: James M., George W., Lucy Ann (deceased), an infant (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Abby (deceased), Joseph and Mary (twins, the former of whom died young), and William S., now a real estate broker and wholesale grocer in Milwaukee, Wis., of firm of Romidy, Peckham & Co. All of the children save James M. were born in Lebanon. Mrs. Peckham died April 26, 1840, and Mr. Peckham married for his second wife Rebecca A. Battey, daughter of Dr. Owen Battey, of Scituate, R. I. They had three children,—Owen D. (deceased), Sarah M. (deceased), who married Dr. W. P. Barber, of Lebanon, and Simeon A., who resides on the homestead.

In politics Mr. Peckham was a Democrat. He was postmaster at the Centre many years, was selectman, assessor, etc. He was for a short time in the war of 1812, and was located at New London, and for his services received a land bounty, and his widow a pension after his death. Both his wife and himself were members of the Congregational Church, in which he was deacon many years. He was noted for his hospitality, and his house was always a welcome place to the stranger and the ministry. Prudent, kind, and affectionate, he commanded the respect and esteem of his associates and acquaintances. His second wife died September, 1880.

James M. Peckham was born in Columbia, Conn., Feb. 3, 1820, was brought up on the farm, working summers and attending school winters, until his seventeenth year, when he went to Kingston, R. I., and entered the employ of T. S. Taylor & Co., merchants

of that place. With this house he remained ten years, until 1847, when he returned to Lebanon and commenced business as a merchant. April 10, 1848, he married Nancy W., daughter of Elisha Waterman and Elizabeth Mason (see history of J. Mason). They had two children, Elizabeth W. and Mary E. (deceased). He continued merchandising in Lebanon till September, 1848, when he purchased a half-interest with Elisha Waterman, Jr., at Bozrahville. October 16th of this same year his store at Lebanon was burned, and since that time his attention has been devoted to the establishment at Bozrahville. In 1855, Mr. Waterman died, and Mr. Peckham took a younger brother, Andrew Waterman, in as partner, and the business was continued under the firm-name of Peckham & Waterman.

Mr. Peckham also has an interest in various manufacturing companies, has been director of the Second National Bank of Norwich, and has held various positions of trust and honor, such as selectman, town agent, member of board of relief, justice of the peace; was in the Legislature in 1855, and Senate in 1858, and has been postmaster about twenty-five years. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Republican. In religion both himself and wife are members of the Congregational Church at Goshen, and Mr. Peckham is one of its chief supporters.

His partner, Mr. Andrew Waterman, married Julia Emma Stark, daughter of H. N. Stark, Feb. 5, 1873. They have three children,—Elisha, Clarence M., and Frank E. Mr. Waterman is a farmer as well as merchant, and, like Mr. Peckham, is Republican in politics.

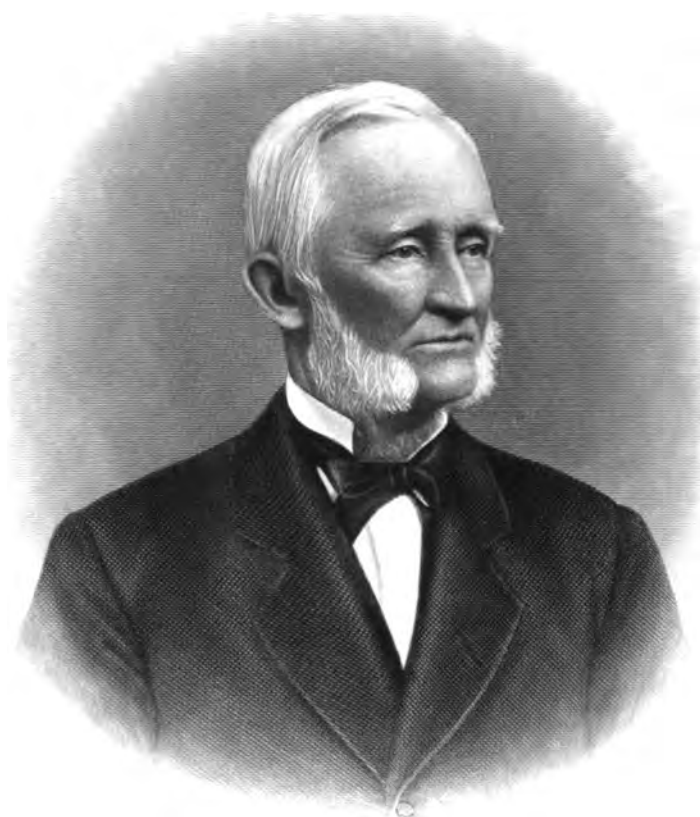
**Joseph Holmes**, only son of Ozias and Betsey (Tully) Holmes, was born Dec. 17, 1817, at East Haddam, Conn. He received a common-school education, supplemented with several terms at a select school taught by Rev. George Carrington, and an academy at Mount Parnassus, East Haddam, Conn., under the control of N. Q. Foster, Esq. At twenty commenced teaching, and taught a few terms. His father was a practical farmer, hence Joseph was reared to habits of industry and economy, thus laying the foundation of his future success. December, 1848, he went to Colchester, and began to work for the Hayward Rubber Company, and after two years was put in charge of the grinding department, till March, 1851, when he settled in Lebanon, near Bozrahville, on the well-known Mason farm, since which time he has been superintendent of the Hayward Rubber Company at that place. He has an interest in the business, and their particular branch of the trade is to compound the crude material for the more extensive works at Colchester, where it is made into goods. They employ about forty men the year round.

In 1855 he became interested in the manufacture of woolen goods at Rockville, Conn., and subsequently a director in the Rockville Manufacturing Company at that place.



*E. Walthermann*





*J. M. Reckham*



*Joseph Holmes*



*Oliver Pettis.*

Since 1871 he has made valuable investments in real estate, and resides on the original Mason farm, in the southern part of the town of Lebanon, on which he has made extensive improvements. He has been three times married,—first, Maria K. Selden, May 21, 1844. She was born in Greenfield, Erie Co., Pa., April 21, 1824, and was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Kirtland) Selden. She died in Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 30, 1859. Their children are Mary S., wife of Charles DeKay Townsend, of Boston; Elizabeth K., married Prof. Henry P. Johnston, of New York; Harriet T., married Charlemagne Holmes, of East Haddam, Conn.; Adelaide M., married Newton Rozelle, of East Haddam, Conn.; and Joseph S., married Hattie R. Wade, of Hartford, Conn.

June 19, 1860, he married Sarah Eliza, daughter of Griswold E. and Eliza J. (Saxton) Morgan. (See Morgan genealogy.) She was born April 26, 1838. They have one son, Howard M.

Mr. Holmes married for his third wife Fanny M. Morgan, sister to his second wife. Their children are Dudley T., Grace H., Alice E., Royal G., Bessie E., and Frederick M. Mr. Holmes is a Republican, formerly a Whig. In 1859 he represented his town in the Legislature. He has always paid close attention to his business, and has been successful. He is industrious, frugal, shrewd, and honest. He is of a social disposition, and carries a frank, open countenance. He is a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church at Bozrahville, Conn., and was formerly a member of the Congregational Church at Fitchville.

Thomas Holmes<sup>1</sup> (2), of whom our only knowledge is gained from the *Letter of Directions* written by his grandson, married Mary Thetford, and lived in London, England. He was a lawyer or counselor of Gray's Inn, and was killed in the civil war at the siege of Oxford, probably in May or June, 1646. Their son, Thomas<sup>2</sup> (3), was born in London, England; thence he came, during the "Great Plague," in 1665, to Virginia, and after a few years made his way to New York, where he married Lucretia Dudley, daughter of Thomas Dudley, of London, England. They settled in New London, Conn., where she died July 5, 1689. He removed to East Haddam, with his son John, at whose house he died, Dec. 12, 1723, aged ninety-eight years. John<sup>3</sup> (4), son of Thomas and Lucretia (Dudley) Holmes, born at New London, Conn., March 11, 1686 or 1687, married, at New London, Feb. 11, 1706 or 1707, Mary Willey, born at New London, Dec. 10, 1685, daughter of John and Miriam (Moore) Willey. They settled in New London, where in 1710 the townsmen leased to him "an acre of rocky land by Cedar Swamp, where his father hath planted some apple-trees."

He died in East Haddam, May 29, 1734. They had nine children, of whom Christopher was the fifth. Christopher<sup>4</sup> (22), born at East Haddam, June 4, 1715; baptized and joined the church, East Haddam, June 8, 1735; married March 2, 1736, Sarah An-

draws, born in East Haddam, Feb. 13, 1715 or 1716, baptized July, 1725, and daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Lee) Andrews. He was a constituent member of the church in Hadlyme, June 26, 1745, and she became a member soon after. He was chosen deacon Jan. 18, 1750–51. She died Aug. 12, 1782; he died April 12, 1792. They had fourteen children, of whom Eliphalet<sup>5</sup> (48), the seventh, was born in East Haddam, Feb. 3, 1746 or 1747; baptized at Hadlyme, March 22, 1746, O. S.; married, Jan. 8, 1772, Anne Gates, born at East Haddam, March 21, 1750, baptized June 9, 1750, and daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Fuller) Gates. She died Aug. 24, 1828; he died Feb. 14, 1833. Eliphalet's fourth child, Ozias<sup>6</sup> (83), born in East Haddam, April 2, 1789, married, Jan. 19, 1808, Betsey Tully, born March 18, 1787, and daughter of Elias and Azubah (Kirtland) Tully. He died Aug. 26, 1845; she died Dec. 1, 1855, aged sixty-eight years.

Mary Ann<sup>7</sup> (seventh generation), born Feb. 4, 1809; baptized and joined the church in Hadlyme, Nov. 18, 1827; married, Nov. 8, 1829, Joseph Warner, born at Lyme, Conn., Dec. 3, 1792, and son of Selden and Dorothy (Selden) Warner. They settled in Lyme (Hadlyme Society), where he died June 13, 1861. Their children are Nancy H., Elizabeth A., and Joseph S.

**The Pettis Family.**—The paternal ancestor of this branch of the Pettis family was named Samuel Pettis, who came from Watertown, Mass., and settled in that part of Norwich now (1881) known as Franklin, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He had a family of children, one of whom was Peter Pettis, who married Abigail Vail, of Norwich, by whom he had three sons and four daughters. Peter Pettis was a farmer in Franklin. One of his sons was James, born in Franklin, Conn., and settled in Lebanon before his marriage to Temperance Dewey, a descendant of one of the early settlers in Lebanon, Conn. Mr. Pettis had four children, viz.: (1) Lucretia, married Stephen D. Tilden, father of Hon. Daniel R. Tilden, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a relative of Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, of New York; (2) Oliver; (3) Lucy, married Alfred Howes, of Windham, Conn.; and (4) James, who died at twenty-eight years of age. Mr. Pettis died in middle life, quite suddenly, and his death was caused by over-exertion.

Oliver Pettis, son of James and Temperance (Dewey) Pettis, was born in Lebanon, Oct. 18, 1781. He received a common-school education, and several terms at a private school taught by Dyer T. Hinkley, of Lebanon. Oliver was reared on the farm, and farming was his principal business through a long and useful life. In his early life he taught school several terms. Dec. 8, 1807, he married Wealthy Fitch, daughter of Simon Fitch, a lineal descendant of the Rev. James Fitch, first pastor in Norwich. (See "History of Fitch Family, Lebanon, Conn.") Of this union eight children were born, viz.: (1) James

F., who died at the age of twenty-seven; (2) Jane E.; (3) Julian V.; (4) Betsey F., died at twenty-one years of age; (5) Lucy A.; (6) Martha L., married Shubael Hibard, of Norwich; (7) Eunice H. (deceased), married Daniel Fairbanks, of Truxton, N.Y.; and (8) Oliver Ellsworth. Mr. Pettis and his children were born on the original Pettis homestead, in Lebanon, Conn., and continued to reside there till 1831, when he purchased the farm on Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Conn., where he lived till his death.

He was a Whig in politics, and as such held all the important offices of the town. He was a selectman many years, and represented his town in the Legislature in 1828, and again in 1834. He was judge of probate several years. In all the positions to which he was called he discharged the duties of his position with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was chosen captain of militia for many years, and was familiarly known as Capt. Pettis. Mr. Pettis was a member of the Congregational Church at Lebanon for a few years before his death, and his wife became one after his death. Judge Pettis kept the South Society records for many years before his death, and was succeeded by Judge Dolbeare, and he by Oliver Ellsworth Pettis, son of Oliver Pettis.

Judge Pettis was a man of great force of character, prudent, of a social disposition, and a man of good executive ability, and by his industry and frugality, assisted by his noble wife, left a competency to his family. He died Dec. 10, 1855, and his wife died Feb. 18, 1864.

Oliver Ellsworth Pettis, son of Oliver, was born March 15, 1825, and was educated in the common schools of his native town and in the academy at Westfield, Mass. He is occupied in farming upon the homestead in Lebanon, Conn. Sept. 6, 1853, he married Mary Almira, daughter of Jabez McCall, of Lebanon, Conn. She was born Aug. 19, 1834. Their children are Jabez McCall; Mary Ellsworth, died at three years, July 11, 1864; and Caroline Whitney. Mr. Pettis has held nearly all the important town offices. In 1880 he was a member of the State Legislature. He succeeded Judge Edwin M. Dolbeare as clerk of the South Society, which position he still holds. Mr. and Mrs. Pettis are members of the Congregational Church at Lebanon, Conn., and he is a deacon of the same.

**Peleg George Thomas.**—John Thomas arrived in New England Sept. 11, 1635, in the ship "Hope-well." He was reared by Governor Edward Winslow, and settled on a farm given by him for the "better accommodation of a neighborhood" from his tract in Marshfield. He married, Dec. 21, 1648, Sarah Pitney, who came to this country at the age of seven years with her parents on the ship "Planter." They had eight children. The sixth son, James, born Nov. 30, 1663, married Mary —, name and date of marriage unknown. They settled in Duxborough, and had six children. The fourth son, John, born Nov. 7, 1700,

came to Lebanon with four other families of the same name, who numbered among them forty-eight children; forty-four of them lived to manhood and womanhood, and married and spread the name from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. John married Hannah Spafard and had six children; bought the ancestral farm of John Robinson, one of the first owners of the town of Lebanon. He deeded the farm to his son Peleg in 1765.

Peleg had a remarkable conversion at the age of three years; was noted for his piety and honest dealing with his fellow-men; was commissioned lieutenant by Jonathan Trumbull during the Revolutionary war. He was something of a poet in his old age, and many houses in Lebanon have in them the poems written by him when over ninety years of age. He married Mollie Bartlett, a descendant of Elder Brewster, of "Mayflower" memory, and had five children.

His son Peleg married, March 25, 1802, Sally Young, daughter of David Young, and had six children, viz.: James, David, Edward, Peleg George, Sarah M., and Thomas S., all born in the town of Lebanon, Conn., and all are dead except Peleg George, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Thomas was a farmer, was a Whig in politics, and for a long time held the office of justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were members of the Congregational Church, and he one of its deacons for many years. He died Nov. 16, 1860, and she died Aug. 20, 1830, aged fifty-one, having been born in 1779.

Peleg George Thomas, son of Peleg and Sally Young Thomas, was born in Lebanon, Conn., July 24, 1809. He received a common-school education, and at an early age began teaching a district school at seven dollars and a half per month, and twenty dollars a month was the most he ever received, and that was on Long Island. At the age of twenty-two, in 1831, he went to Richmond, Va., where he remained one winter, and the following spring returned to his native town, where he has since continued to reside.

He became the sole owner of the homestead by paying the other heirs their proportion, and by adding farm after farm he has now (1881) more than one thousand acres. He has dealt more or less extensively in wood, which has proved highly remunerative.

He is a Republican in politics. He has been justice of the peace and selectman many years, and member of the Legislature in 1861. He is more or less interested in railroads, and has settled several estates.

Jan. 23, 1838, he was married to Mary S., daughter of Josiah Cady, of Providence, R. I. She was born June 18, 1812. Their children are (1) Mary L., deceased; (2) Sarah M.; (3) Mary C., wife of W. W. Gillette, and has three children,—Annie, Louise, and Clara; (4) George H., deceased; (5) James Y., married



*P. G. Turner*



*Erastus Green*



Ella Avery, of Ledyard, and has three children,—James, Ella, and Eunice; (6) Caroline S.; (7) George H., second; and (8) William G.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the entire family are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Thomas is a man universally respected. He has great force of character, quick perception, a good business tact, industrious and economical.

**Erastus Geer.**—The subject of this sketch is a son of David Geer and Anna Gallup, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Smith) Gallup, and was born in the town of Lebanon, Conn., Oct. 9, 1823. His paternal ancestor was George Geer, who, tradition says, was one of two sons of Jonathan Geer, of the county of Devon, England.

George Geer was born in Hevitree, England, in 1621, and his brother Thomas was born there in 1623. They were bereaved of their parents while young, and were put in charge of an uncle. They came to America, and settled in Boston in 1635, without friends or money. George Geer became an early settler in New London, Conn., about 1651, and Thomas about 1682.

On the 17th of February, 1658, George Geer married Sarah, daughter of Robert Allyn, one of the earliest settlers in New London, Conn. Immediately after his marriage he settled on a tract of land adjoining or near the said Allyn's land, on the grant of fifty acres made to him by the town of New London, now called Ledyard. He was one of the first officers of the town. He died towards the close of the year 1726, at the age of one hundred and five years. He had a family of eleven children, the eighth of whom was Robert, born Jan. 2, 1675, and died in 1742. Robert married Martha Tyler, and had five children, the second of whom was Ebenezer, born April 1, 1709, and died Aug. 28, 1763. Ebenezer Geer married Prudence Wheeler, Jan. 2, 1735. She was born Sept. 25, 1712, and died June 2, 1797. They had ten children, the youngest of whom was David, born June 18, 1755, and died Aug. 31, 1835.

David Geer married Mary Stanton, May 17, 1781. She was born Aug. 28, 1756. Their children were Dorothy, David (2), born Jan. 20, 1784, William S., Prudence, Joseph, Cyrus, Anna, Robert, Isaac W., and Charles, all born in Ledyard, Conn.

David Geer (2) married Anna Gallup, Jan. 11, 1810. She was born Sept. 3, 1787, and died Feb. 12, 1862. Their children are Cyrus G., William F., Thankful S., an infant son, Sarah A., David, and Erastus, the immediate subject of this sketch. David Geer settled in Lebanon, Conn., in the year 1817, on the farm now (1881) owned and occupied by his son Erastus. His farm of five hundred acres is in a good state of cultivation, and well watered by the Yantic River, flowing through it. Among Lebanon's substantial men and representative farmers, none perhaps have accomplished more as farmers than the Geer family, and much credit is due to the indefatigable energy and

perseverance of David Geer. He was a Whig and Republican in politics. He died May 19, 1867, and lies buried by the side of his wife in the family burying-ground on the home farm.

His brothers and sisters settled in New London County, excepting Wm. S., Robert, and Charles, who settled near Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N. Y. His children settled in Lebanon, with the exception of William F., who settled in Syracuse, N. Y., and died there Aug. 26, 1875.

Erastus Geer was reared on the farm, and early learned the cardinal principles of success, industry, and frugality. His advantages for an education were such as the common schools of the day afforded, supplemented with a few terms at Bacon Academy, at Colchester, Conn. At the age of nineteen he commenced teaching school, and taught ten terms during the winters, working on the farm summers. Being the youngest of the family, he very naturally continued the occupancy of the homestead. He is energetic, prudent, and practical, alike in public and private affairs. As a man he is respected at home and abroad; as a farmer he ranks among the most enterprising of the town. In politics a life-long Whig and Republican, and as such has held important offices of the town.

In 1877 he was a member of the State Legislature, serving on the Committee of Claims. In 1878 he was appointed one of the County Commissioners of New London County, and is now (1881) serving on his second term. He has been twice married,—first to Almira H. Saxton, May 12, 1852. She died May 30, 1853, leaving one son, William H. Second, to Frances A., daughter of Joseph and Laura (Witler) Geer, of Ledyard, Conn., Nov. 21, 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. Geer are members of the Goshen Congregational Church, in Lebanon, Conn.

**Isaac Gallup Avery**, of Lebanon, is a descendant of Isaac Avery, of Groton, who was one of that large and intelligent family of Averys so intimately connected with the early history of Groton. For a more extended notice of the ancestry, see history of Groton, Conn., also biography of Albert L. Avery, of Groton.

Isaac Avery, of Groton, had a son Nathan, who had a son Elias B., born in Ledyard, Conn., March 6, 1805. He was twice married,—first to Mary Ann Gallup, daughter of Isaac Gallup (see history of Groton), and to them was born, Dec. 20, 1835, Mary Ann, who married, March 24, 1857, William Geer, of Torrington, Conn. Mrs. Avery died Jan. 4, 1836. Mr. Avery married for his second wife Thankful S., daughter of David and Nancy (Gallup) Geer. She was born in Ledyard, Conn., May 10, 1814. Their children are Sarah A. (married John Williams), Isaac G., Nancy M. (married Everette Stark), Eliza S. (died at twenty-one), and Albert A. (died young).

Elias B. was a farmer. He settled in Lebanon, Conn., in 1837, and resided there till his death, July

25, 1864. He was a Whig and Republican, and held the offices of selectman and magistrate.

Isaac Gallup Avery, son of Elias B., was born on the farm where he now resides, in Lebanon, Conn., July 4, 1841. He worked on the farm summers and attended the district school winters till seventeen years of age, when he left the school and continued to work on the farm till Aug. 21, 1862, when he enlisted in the Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He served faithfully his country, and was in all the engagements of his regiment. He was mustered out as corporal, June 16, 1865, at New Haven, Conn. He was in many engagements, but escaped with a slight wound. He is a farmer on the old homestead. On the 1st of March, 1862, he married Eliza M. Williams, daughter of James C. and Harriet A. Williams. She was born in Lebanon, Conn., Jan. 12, 1844. Their children are Anna G. (deceased), Albert G. (deceased), Amorett E., Arthur D., Alice L., and Ada N.

James C., son of Jasen Williams, was born in Lebanon. He was a farmer. Jasen was born in Canterbury, Conn., settled in Lebanon, and died in 1855, aged eighty-eight. His wife died in 1845.

**Silas Palmer Abell**, of Lebanon, Conn., is a lineal descendant of Caleb Abell, of Norwich, who married Margaret Post (born in 1653), of Saybrook. She was a daughter of John Post, born at Hartford in 1637, and her mother's name was Hester Hyde, born in England, and daughter of William Hyde, born in England, and died at Norwich in 1681. Caleb Abell had three sons,—Caleb<sup>2</sup>, born April, 1677, Samuel, and John.

Caleb<sup>2</sup> married Abigail Sluman, Feb. 20, 1705. She was the daughter of Thomas Sluman and Sarah Bliss, and was born March, 1680. Caleb Abell had four children, viz.: Daniel<sup>1</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Abigail, and Mary. Samuel Abell married Elizabeth Sluman in 1697, and had five children,—Elizabeth, Margaret, Samuel, Joshua, and Sarah. John Abell married Rebecca Sluman, and had seven children,—John, Sarah, Solomon, Rebecca, Hannah, Bertha, and David. Daniel<sup>1</sup>, son of Caleb<sup>2</sup>, married Sarah Crane in 1729, and had nine children, viz.: Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Eliphalet, Jonathan, Mary, Betsey, Sarah, Elijah, Simon, and Elizabeth. Daniel married Lucy Bill; Eliphalet married Lydia Williams; Jonathan married Lydia Bliss; Elijah, grandfather of Silas P., married Hannah West; Mary married J. Clark, grandfather of Col. J. Clark; Betsey married Daniel Clark, Jr., and had seven children. He was the father of Hosea Clark, who married Esther Williams; Betsey married Joseph William Bissel, and had a son, Clark Bissel, who was one of the Governors of Connecticut. Ruby Clark married Capt. Charles Williams. Elijah Abell and Hannah West had five children,—(1) Betsey (Mrs. William C. Hills); (2) Elijah, married Lucy Webster; (3) Julia, never married; (4) Daniel, married Jemima

Burnham; and (5) Silas, who married Rhoda Webster, and had seven children, viz.: James M., William E., Rhoda C., Betsey M., Julia A., Silas Spaulding, and Silas Palmer, born Aug. 10, 1822. His



*Silas P. Abell*

father dying when he was only three years of age, he was left to the care of his mother, with whom he lived till he was nine years of age, when he commenced living on the farm where he now resides, with one Col. Julius Clark, a successful farmer in Lebanon. Mr. Abell married Sophronia Robinson, March 22, 1846, and to them have been born six children, viz.: Julia A., Caroline C., Ida S., Clifford R. and Clifton P., twins, and Myron R. Julia A. died at twenty-five, wife of Leonard A. Horton; (2) Caroline C. married Chauncey A. Brown, and has two children,—Julia A. and Annie S.; (3) Ida S. married Elisha P. Spafard, and has two children,—Lottie M. and Henry P.; (4 and 5, twins) Clifford R. and Clifton P. died at three years and nineteen days and three years nine months and four days respectively; (6) Myron R., born Nov. 18, 1862. Mr. Abell is a Republican, and follows the vocation of a farmer. He received his education at the common schools. He has been at different times assessor, grand juror, selectman, town agent, justice of the peace, and member of the board of relief. In 1860 and 1880 he was member of the State Legislature. In 1876 he was a candidate from the Ninth District for State senator. Mr. and Mrs. Abell are members of the Congregational Church at Exeter, and he was elected deacon in 1869.



*Isaac G. Avery*



*Jabez McCall.*

In a letter from Hon. A. J. McCall, of Bath, Steuben Co., N. Y., to Jabez McCall, of Lebanon, Conn., we glean the following imperfect record of the early history of the McCall family, collected from the town records of their old home, Marshfield, Mass.

The first James McCall married Anna ———, and had children,—James (2), born Oct. 30, 1690, and Anthony, who died May 29, 1688. James (1) was elected constable of Marshfield in 1690. He died May 9, 1695.

James (2) married Rachel Turner, Nov. 15, 1711, and had the following children: Benajah, born in Marshfield, Aug. 19, 1712; Ebenezer, date of birth not known, baptized Feb. 6, 1715; James (8), born March 16, 1715; Rachel, born Nov. 28, 1716.

Mrs. James McCall died Dec. 8, 1716, and he married Hannah Green, Jan. 28, 1718. She was the daughter of a clergyman.

Elisha McCall, probably son of James and Hannah McCall, was baptized in 1720.

James (2) and his wife Hannah took letters of dismission to the Goshen Church, in Lebanon, Conn., in 1724. (See "History of Lebanon.") James (2) had by his wife Hannah several sons and daughters, one of whom was Archippus, born in 1728, married Deborah Marsh, and had children, viz.: Jacob, Hobart, Ozias, Roger, Walter, Green, Anna, Mary, and Deborah. Anna married a Murdock, Mary married Joseph Badcock, and Deborah married Levi Coe, of Litchfield, Conn.

Archippus McCall was a farmer; died Dec. 2, 1798, aged seventy-five years. Deborah, his wife, died Feb. 15, 1820, aged ninety-three years.

Green McCall, son of the above, was born in Lebanon, Conn., May 12, 1765; married Asenath Gager, June 5, 1788. She was born Jan. 1, 1767. Their children were William, born July 24, 1790; John, born Dec. 18, 1798; Mary, wife of Daniel Hinckley, born Oct. 5, 1795; Jerusha, born July 28, 1797, died Aug. 16, 1814; Joseph, born June 20, 1800; Jabez, born

Jan. 23, 1808; and Harriet, born Oct. 20, 1806, died Feb. 18, 1858.

Green McCall purchased his farm in Lebanon of one Joseph Brown soon after his marriage, and continued to reside on the same farm where all his children were born till his death, Aug. 18, 1854, aged eighty-nine years. He was a Whig in politics, and held the various offices of his town. His wife died May 12, 1858, aged ninety-one years.

Jabez McCall, son of Green, was reared on the farm, receiving the advantages of a common-school education till he was eighteen years of age. He continued on the home farm till 1835 or '36, when he purchased a farm within a mile of the old homestead, and lived on it till 1850, when he returned to the old homestead, where he now (October, 1881) resides. He has been twice married: first to Almira Loomis, daughter of Joseph Loomis, Sept. 27, 1827. She was born May 12, 1807, and died April 19, 1864. Their children are (1) Aurelia, born Nov. 9, 1828, married Erastus R. Randall, and has three children, viz., Abby, Mary, and Lizzie; (2) Mary A., born Aug. 19, 1834, married O. E. Pettis, of Lebanon, and had three children,—Jabez McCall, Mary E. (deceased), and Carrie W. Mr. McCall married for his second wife Cordella Huntington, daughter of Eliphalet Huntington, Dec. 14, 1865. She was born Aug. 24, 1818.

Mr. McCall has always been a staunch Republican, and one of the leading men in his town. He has been justice of the peace and selectman many years, and member of the State Legislature in 1857, serving on the Committee of Sale of Lands. Mr. and Mrs. McCall are members of the Congregational Church, as was his first wife, and he has been a deacon of the same for more than twenty years. He is a man of strong will and positive character. He has always been very active in life. He is very economical, yet liberal towards all benevolent institutions, and charitable to the poor. He enjoys the confidence of all his fellow-townsmen, and is regarded as one of the best and most influential men of the town.



*Henry A. Graford*



*Gideon Hoxie*

**Henry A. Spafard**, of Lebanon, Conn., is a descendant from John Spafford (or Spafard, as the name is spelled by some), who came from England and settled in Massachusetts. He had several children, one of whom was named Thomas, born in Rowley, Mass., June 6, 1678, married Bethial West, December, 1701. They had several children, one of whom was Thomas (2).

Thomas (1) came to Connecticut and settled in Lebanon between 1701 and 1718, and became the progenitor of a large and intelligent family.

Thomas (2) married Sarah West, Nov. 27, 1735, and had one son, Nathan, and several daughters. Nathan married Ann Cole, and had many children, one of whom was Ebenezer, who married Lydia Wells, Oct. 11, 1798, and had four children, viz.: Lucy (Mrs. Jesse Wilcox), Samuel, Augustus, born Sept. 9, 1802, and Polly (Mrs. Henry Porter). Ebenezer was a farmer, and held the various town offices.

Augustus Spafard was a farmer. In 1831 he went to Choconut, Pa., with his family, and remained till 1836, when he removed to Broome County, N. Y., and remained there till 1852, when he returned to Lebanon, Conn., with his family. He married Esther, daughter of Amos Porter and Sarah Webster. Their children were Albert P., Henry A., Amos, and Harriet P. (Mrs. Thomas A. Carpenter). Augustus Spafard was a Democrat in politics, as were his forefathers. He died March 5, 1873, and his wife died March 22, 1870. Both were buried at Exeter, Conn.

Henry A. Spafard was born in Lebanon, Conn., June 5, 1831, went to Pennsylvania and New York with his parents, returned with them in 1852, at twenty-one years of age. He has always been a farmer, and since his marriage to Mary E., only child of Elisha P. and Mary C. Porter, April 3, 1853, has lived on the Porter homestead, in Exeter, Lebanon, Conn. Their children are Elisha P., Emily P. (Mrs. J. Eugene Tucker), Henry A., Jr., Lizzie, John A., all born on the Porter homestead. He is a Republican in politics, and as such has been selectman four years, three of which he was first selectman, assessor many years, justice of the peace several years, which office he still holds, also all the minor town offices, and member of the Legislature in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Spafard are members of the Congregational Church at Exeter, and he is one of its deacons. His wife is descended from John Porter, an Englishman, who settled in Lebanon, Conn., at an early day. He had three sons, one of whom was John, who settled at Exeter, in Lebanon, Conn., on a large tract of land near the North Pond. One of his sons was Reuben, who had a son Asahel, who married Mary Pratt, of Cooperstown, N. Y., and had five children, three of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Elisha P., Mary, and Betsey. Elisha P. married Mary C. Porter, and had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born May 24, 1830. All the above generations have been farmers, and six generations of them have resided on the farm

now owned by Henry A. Spafard. Elisha Pratt Porter was born Oct. 24, 1794, and died April 4, 1853. Mrs. Elisha P. Porter was born September, 1802, and died June 27, 1830.

Mary Porter, sister of Elisha P., always lived on the old homestead, and died April 29, 1881, aged seventy-five years.

**Gideon Hoxie**, son of Isaac Hoxie and Cynthia Loomis, was born in Lebanon, Conn., March 9, 1808. His father, Isaac, was a son of Gideon Hoxie, and was born in Rhode Island in 1780, and settled in Lebanon, Conn., in 1794, at fourteen years of age, with his parents, on the farm now owned by his son Gideon. He was always a farmer. He married Cynthia Loomis, and had the following children, viz.: (1) Mary Ann, married Daniel Blanchard; (2) Gideon; and (3) Abby Jane (deceased), married Joshua Tracy. In politics he was a Democrat. He died about 1845, and his wife in 1865.

Gideon, Sr., was of English descent, and was a native of Rhode Island, where his ancestors had resided for several generations. Gideon Hoxie, the subject of this sketch, received a common-school education, and worked on his father's farm till 1837, when he went to Franklin and kept public-house with Joshua Tracy. He made a journey to the West, and purchased horses, returned, and was engaged as a teamster six years at South Coventry, Conn., then went West and bought more horses. On his return he settled on his farm at Liberty Hill, where he remained until his mother's death in 1865. He was not engaged in any business for the next eight years. In 1873 he settled on his present beautiful farm, and has resided here since. In 1879 he commenced building his present residence, which is one of the best in the town. He married Phylura Mason, widow of Edward Mason (see history of Mason family), and daughter of Edmund Styles, June, 1858, and to them was born one son, George Henry, Dec. 31, 1858.

Mrs. Hoxie died in November, 1860.

In politics Mr. Hoxie has always been a Democrat, but on account of a deafness, caused by sickness when he was a young boy, he has not been able to transact any town matters. Religiously, he inclines towards Universalism, as his fathers have done for several generations.

**Daniel Mason** was born in Lebanon, Conn., Sept. 13, 1770. He was a lineal descendant of Capt. John Mason, who was born in England in 1600, and who was Sir Thomas Fairfax's companion in arms in the Netherlands, and was probably a lieutenant. Capt. John Mason settled in America between the years 1630 and 1632. We quote the following:

"The first occurrence of his name in the history of New England is in the year 1632-33, when he and Capt. Gallup, a kindred spirit, were appointed by the magistrate of Massachusetts to suppress the rapine and cruelty of Bull's band of pirates on the coast. The court granted to him (1633) for his service ten



pounds, and in the terms of the grant he is called 'Lieutenant Mason.' In November of the year 1633 he was entitled by the court 'Captain Mason,' when Sergt. Stoughton was chosen the ensign of his company in Massachusetts. Having settled at Dorchester, he was admitted a freeman in 1634-35, and represented this town at the General Court in 1635 and 1636. He removed with Mr. Warham's party from their first location, and thus became (1636) one of the first planters of the new colony at Windsor. He is to be distinguished from his contemporary, Capt. John Mason, Governor of Newfoundland, the associate of Sir Ferdinando Gorgee and others, who claimed the territory of New Hampshire. He and his friend Whiting were for many years distinguished leaders of the people, celebrated for their care and protection of the colonies.

"Ninety men for the Pequot war were furnished by the three settlements, Hartford, Windsor, and Wethersfield; and these, together with seventy Mohegans and other friendly Indians, soon proceeded on their expedition towards Saybrook fort. The friendly Indians were led by the celebrated Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans, and the whole force was under the command of Capt. Mason. Not long after the termination of the war the captain was (March 8, 1638) appointed, and until his death he continued to be, the major-general of all the forces of Connecticut.

"For eighteen years (1642 to 1660) he was chosen a magistrate, a commissioner to the Congress of the United Colonies (1647, 1654 to 1657, and 1661), chief judge of the County Court (from 1664 to 1670), and for nine years (1660 to 1669) Deputy Governor. In the settlement of the town of Saybrook, as early as the year 1637, he was one of the five principal planters, and he afterwards (1647) resided there, and was chosen one of the two magistrates to whom was confided the government of the town.

"In testimony of their appreciation of his services, and especially of his exploit at the Mystic River, the General Court, after the example of the ancient Greeks, who gave portions of land to their victorious heroes, bestowed (1641) upon their valiant captain five hundred acres of the Pequot territory, and a tract of equal extent for distribution among his comrades. On a previous occasion (1639) the court had granted to him ten pounds 'for his good service against the Pequots, and otherwise.' While Governor Winthrop was absent in England on the business of the colony, for a renewal of their charter, at the time of the accession of King Charles II., on Deputy Governor Mason devolved the chief conduct of civil affairs; and when the charter was sanctioned by the royal authority he was appointed (1662) by the king 'Deputy Governor until an annual election could be had, and at that election his appointment was continued. He was one of the nineteen petitioners to Charles II. who were selected to sign the document in the colony's behalf.

"Having for many years resided at Saybrook, Maj. Mason removed (1660) to Norwich, where, advanced in years and disabled by bodily infirmities, 'he excused himself from the service of the commonwealth,' and soon after died, before the 4th day of June (1672), in the seventy-third year of his age, honored and lamented, not more sagacious, valiant, and intrepid as a military leader than he was wise and just as a legislator and a magistrate. His house at Norwich was 'a little south of the old court-house, on the old road leading to New London, near the bridge' over the Yantic, and was 'bought by the town (1692) for a parsonage.' In a neighboring field of graves repose his ashes, where a monument designates the grave of the first military officer and the Deputy Governor of the colony of Connecticut."

He left three sons and four daughters by his second wife, whom he married in 1640, his first wife having died at Windsor. They were Priscilla, born in October, 1641; Samuel, July, 1644; John, August, 1646; Rachel, October, 1648; Anne, June, 1650; Daniel, April, 1652; and Elizabeth, August, 1654.

To these children are to be traced the genealogies of very many descendants conspicuous for intellectual endowments and moral worth. Daniel, the third son, resided at Lebanon, was for a time (1679) a school-master at Norwich, and died (1736) at Stonington, at the age of eighty-five years. His son Daniel was born at Roxbury in the year 1676, his mother having been sent thither to her friends during the Indian trouble at Norwich, and he was baptized there (A.D. 1676, month 2d, day 9th) by the pastor of the first church at Roxbury, Eliot, the apostle of the Indians.

He married, April 19, 1704, Dorothy, daughter of the Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, of Haddam, and died leaving one son, Jeremiah, who was born March 4, 1705, and married (May 24, 1727) Mary, daughter of Thomas, who was son of Wm. Clark, one of the first settlers of Haddam. After his marriage he removed to Franklin, Conn., and there had four sons and four daughters. The farm where he settled in Franklin, Conn., is owned by James F. Mason. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church and an influential man in the town. He died in 1779, and his wife died at the advanced age of ninety-six years, in the same house in Lebanon, Conn., where their great-grandson, Jeremiah Mason, now (1881) resides. One of his children was named Jeremiah (2), born in Franklin, Conn., 1730; married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. James Fitch, who was born at Bocking, Essex Co., England, Dec. 24, 1632, settled in Saybrook, Conn., thence went to Norwich, Conn., where he was the first pastor of the Congregational Church in Norwich, and died in Lebanon, Nov. 18, 1702.

Elizabeth was born in 1732, and died in 1809. Jeremiah(2) had eight children, viz.: 1, Abigail, who married Capt. Andrew Fitch, a captain in the Revolutionary war; 2, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Hillhouse, of Montville); 3, Ann, who married Christopher Ray-

mond, of Montville; 4, Mary (Mrs. John N. Peabody); 5, Rhoda (Mrs. Munford Dolbeare); 6, James Fitch; 7, Jeremiah; and 8, Daniel, all born in Lebanon, Conn., except Abigail. He served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, and was known as Col. Mason. He was prominent in town and county affairs, and ever tried to do good. He was a farmer, and reared his children to habits of industry and sobriety. He was a good man, affectionate to his family, kind and obliging to his neighbors, faithful and strict in the observance of all moral and religious duties. He died at eighty-three years of age (1813). His youngest son, Daniel, married Eunice Huntington, daughter of Capt. Wm. Huntington, Dec. 8, 1798. She was born Jan. 14, 1769. Their children were: 1, Bithiah H., who married Col. John Wattles; 2, Eunice E., married Col. Joseph Ambler; 3, Mary L., married Dr. Charles Dutton; 4, Rhoda L., married Rev. Nathan S. Hunt; 5, Julia Ann, born Oct. 10, 1805; 6, Wealthy F., who died at twenty-four; 7, John G. H., died at twenty-one; and 8, Abby J.

Mr. Mason was a farmer and manufacturer of woolen goods; a Whig in politics. He died March 26, 1828, and Mrs. Daniel Mason died March 22, 1857, and both were buried in the First Cemetery, at Lebanon, Conn. His daughter, Julia A. Mason, inserts the above notice of her ancestry in memory of them.

James Fitch Mason, sixth child of Jeremiah (2), was born in Lebanon, Conn., in 1762. He was always a farmer; married Nancy, daughter of Joseph Fitch, of Montville, and had eight children, viz.: Elizabeth, married Elisha Waterman; Nancy; Jeremiah; James Fitch, died without issue, Lockport, N. Y.; Sarah; Alfred, died in Iowa without issue; William, no issue; Edward, who married Phylura O. Styles, and had five children, viz.: James F., Nancy F., George E. (deceased), William A. (deceased), and Jeremiah (deceased). Edward died March 30, 1849, aged thirty-nine.

James F., Sr., held nearly all the offices of the town, such as selectman and member of the Legislature. He died May, 1836, his wife having died May, 1832.

Elizabeth Mason, who married Elisha Waterman, had the following children: Andrew (1), deceased; James; Elizabeth, married Nathaniel Sexton; Elisha; and Nancy Fitch, who married James M. Peckham, has two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary (deceased), and Andrew (2).

Jeremiah Mason, only living child of James Fitch Mason, was born in Lebanon, Conn., in the same house where he has always lived for eighty-six years, March 4, 1795. He bears the honored name of his grandfather Jeremiah, and right well has he tried through a long life to honor that name. His advantages for an education were limited, yet by that same energy which has always marked his progress he has acquired a good practical education. His life-work has been that of a farmer, and he has by great perse-

verance and frugality become one of the largest and best farmers in Lebanon. He has been liberal to the church and charitable to the poor. He is a great friend to children, and many there are to-day who enjoy meeting Uncle Jerry. He is a Republican in politics. In 1862 he was a member of the Legislature. He has always been of a retiring disposition, not seeking official honors, but preferring the quiet of home. He is universally respected, being honest, industrious, and frugal.

Edward Mason, the youngest of eight children, was a great favorite in the family, and after his death Jeremiah invited his widow and three children, the youngest three and the eldest thirteen years of age, to make their home with him and his two sisters, expressing a wish that the family might be kept together, sparing no expense that a father could bestow upon his children.

The youngest, Wm. Alfred Mason, enlisted in the Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers at the age of seventeen; lived only six months, and died of consumption.

James Fitch Mason married Fanny G. Hoxie. They have two children,—William Alfred and Fanny Fitch. James Fitch Mason resides on a large farm in Franklin, which was given to him by his uncle Jeremiah, and which has been occupied by the Mason family for six generations. He is a very prosperous farmer. The farm adjoining, known as the "little farm," has been given to Nancy Fitch Mason by her uncle Jeremiah. She is caring for him at the old homestead, where he has always lived. He has two large farms, which he improves and directs at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

## CHAPTER LIV.

### LEDYARD.

Geographical—Topographical—The Pequots—Indian Burial-Place—The "Last Retreat"—"Mashantucket"—The Pioneers—Allyn's Point—Organization of the Parish—First Meeting—Warning-Posts—The First Minister—Name of the Town—Incorporation of the Town—The First Selectmen—Ecclesiastical History—Congregational Church—The Separatists—The Methodist Episcopal Church—The Baptist Church—Prominent Sons of Ledyard—Military Record—Judges of Probate—Representatives from 1836 to 1882.

THE town of Ledyard lies southeast of the centre of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Preston, on the east by Stonington and North Stonington, on the south by Groton, and on the west by Thames River, which separates it from Waterford and Montville. The surface of the town is hilly, and the soil generally fertile.

The following history of Ledyard is from the pen of Capt. William T. Cook, who has earned the grateful remembrance of his fellow-citizens and the sons of Ledyard in rescuing from oblivion the annals of the town.

The Pequot Indians were the aboriginal inhabitants of this section of the country. They were a warlike race, more savage than the surrounding tribes, and more unfriendly towards the whites, although there is no record of any Indian battle taking place within the limits of what is now known as the town of Ledyard.

A favorite place of burial seems to have been on the farm now owned by Mr. William Fanning. An old gentleman who was present at the opening of one of these graves many years ago gives this description of it: A circular opening was dug in the earth, and the body placed in a sitting posture. A stake had been forced into the ground perpendicularly in front of it; a nail was driven into the stake, on which was hung a looking-glass opposite the face of the dead, who was supposed to be a female. Two earthen bowls were also deposited in the grave; these were supposed to contain the succotash to be used as food on the journey to the spirit-land.

The finding of these articles in this grave shows that the body was placed there after the country was settled by the whites. The glass and bowls dropped in pieces on being exposed to the air. In the grave where another body was laid years after were buried a gun with seven pounds of powder and seven pounds of shot for the use of the hunter when he should arrive at the "happy hunting-grounds." A white man is said to have coveted these then precious articles and hired a man to rob the grave, but his courage failed before the time came for the attempt to be made, and the Indian is supposed to still retain his gun and ammunition.

The "last retreat" (so called) of the Pequots is a portion of it situated in the northeast part of this town. This reservation, consisting originally of nine hundred acres, was called in the Indian dialect, *Ma-shantuckel*. It is now known as "Indian Town." The tribe has been gradually dwindling away, and probably at this day there is not a pure blood left.

Efforts have been made to Christianize them, but have been attended with little success. The late Gen. William Williams took a deep interest in the remnant of this tribe, employed teachers, and endeavored to gather them into a school, but his labors were unavailing.

North Groton, together with Groton, Stonington, and several other towns, were included originally in the township of New London, but not all were contained in the township which now belongs to New London County.

In Miss Caulkins' "History of New London" we find the names of some of the early settlers, as follows: Christopher Avery, Robert Allyn, Philip Bell, Jonathan Brewster, William Chapman, Edward Culver, Silas Deane, Edmund Fanning, George Geer, John Hurlbutt, William Maynard, Benadam Gallup, James Morgan, Isaac Lamb, Robert Park, Peter Spicer, Ralph Stoddard, Ezekiel Turner, and William Williams. Other names were added afterwards.

In regard to Jonathan Brewster, who died in 1661, bills of sale are recorded, dated in 1658, conveying all his property in the town plot, his house and land at Poquetannock, with his cattle and swine, to his son, Benjamin Brewster, and his son-in-law, John Pickett.

Mrs. Lucretia Brewster, the wife of Jonathan, was evidently a woman of note and respectability among her compeers. She was one of the first band of Pilgrims that arrived at Plymouth in the "Mayflower," December, 1620, being a member of the family of her father-in-law, Elder William Brewster, and having one child, William, with her.

Her husband came over in the "Fortune," which arrived Nov. 10, 1621.

The bodies of Jonathan Brewster and his wife now lie in the Brewster Cemetery, and a neat monument was erected to their memory a few years since by their descendants.

Silas Deane, Sr., seems to have been a prominent member of the ecclesiastical society for about ten years. The following is a copy of a receipt given by him with others as members of said society: "Groton, Jany. ye 29, 1754, then rec<sup>d</sup> of Lieut. John Stanton £295 1s. 3d. old Tenor, being in full of the Rate which sd Stanton collected for said Society. Wee say rec<sup>d</sup>, Eb. Allyn, Joseph Morgan, Silas Dean, Com. for sd Society."

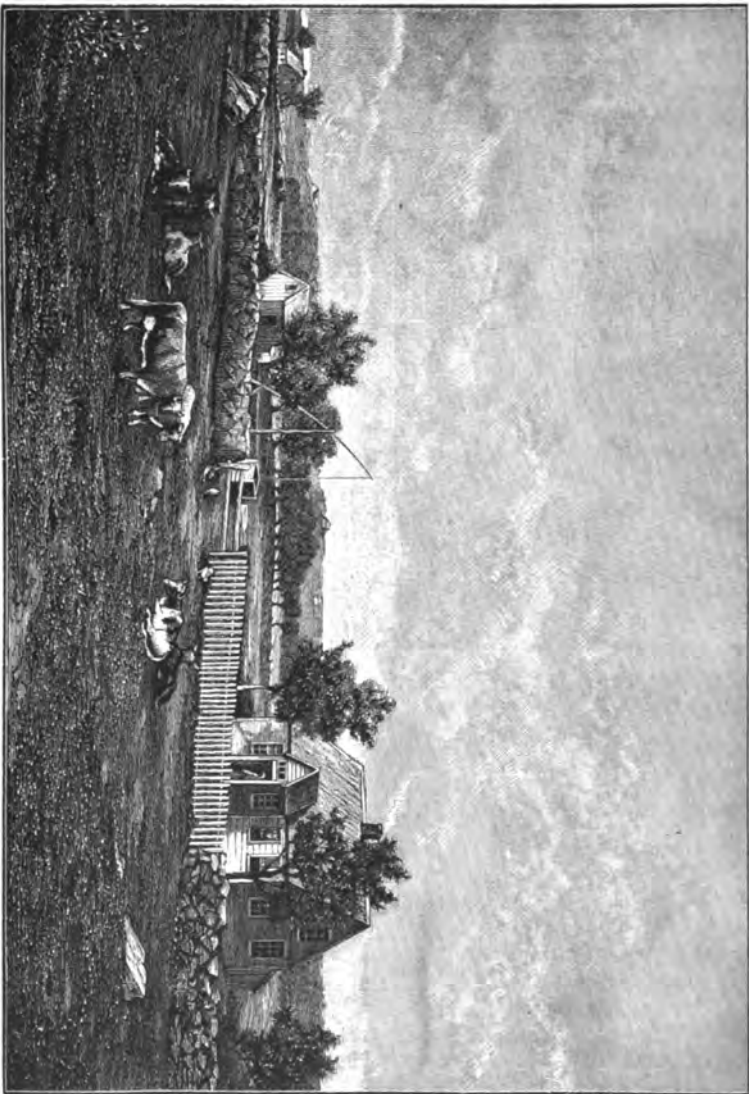
Silas Deane, Jr., was born on the place where Mr. William Fanning and his son George now reside; he graduated at Yale College in 1758, and was one of the three commissioners appointed by Congress to urge France to acknowledge the independence of the United Colonies.

The Allyn's settled at what is known as "Allyn's Point;"<sup>1</sup> the Stoddards, at Long Cove; the Averys, in the northwest part of the town, now known as "Avery Hill"; the Hurlbutts, about Gale's Ferry.

Gale's Ferry received its name from a former proprietor who established a ferry at that place, and during the Revolutionary war had a ship-yard on the Point, where vessels were built to cruise against the British.

The Geers settled in the northern portion of the town. Peter Spicer was one of the resident farmers in the northwest part. Capt. Abel Spicer, of the Revolutionary army, was of this family.

<sup>1</sup> Allyn's Point, where stood the old homestead of the family, is about six miles below Norwich, on the opposite side of the river from the Mohegan fields. The ancient fort of Uncas was in full view from the house. South of the pond and cove is a conspicuous elevation known as Allyn's Mountain, from whence the prospect is wide and far-reaching. To this height the neighbors were accustomed to resort as a lookout post when the river was visited by any unusual craft, or the Indians on the other side were gathered for council or sport. From this place on the memorable 8th of September, 1781, the conflagration of New London was witnessed by women and children whose husbands and fathers had hastened to the scene of action. In the war of 1812 the three blockaded vessels forming the squadron of Commodore Decatur were laid up in the river near by, and on this hill his men threw up a redoubt and kept a sentry to watch the movements in and near New London Harbor.—*Miss Caulkins*.



OLD HOME OF ELIHU SPICER,  
LEDYARD, NEW LONDON CO., CONN.

The Morgans settled near the Centre, the Gallups in the southeastern portion, the Williams in the eastern, and the Chapmans northwest of the centre, the Bills not far from "Allyn's Point."

The first settlers, with their love for religious liberty united an intense desire for education, and simultaneously with the erection of churches schools were established, and it appears from the old society record that a "school committee-man" was appointed by the ecclesiastical society.

Groton being a large town with great inequality of surface, which rendered it very inconvenient for Sabbath-day assemblage in any one point, as soon as the advance in population would allow, the northern part, by permission of the Legislature, withdrew and organized a second, which is now the Ledyard Ecclesiastical Society. North Groton was incorporated as a parish by legislative action in 1724. The first recorded meeting was held at the house of Capt. John Morgan, Jan. 3, 1725-26. In November, 1726, a survey was made of the parish of North Groton in order to discover the exact centre, which the inhabitants had determined should be the site for their meeting-house.

The central point was found to be forty or fifty rods from the southwest corner of Capt. John Morgan's "goat-pasture," on land belonging to Samuel Newton, from whom it was obtained by exchange for the society *training-field*. The warning-posts, where notices were to be set up, were "at Capt. Morgan's, Ralph Stoddard's, and at Sergt. Robert Geer's mill."

The first Congregational minister of whom we have any knowledge was Samuel Seabury, a native of Groton; he preached here a short time and then became an Episcopalian. The next employed was Rev. Ebenezer Punderson, who remained ten years; his preaching-places before the building of the church were at the houses of Robert Allyn, Ensign William Williams, Capt. John Morgan, and William Morgan; his residence was on the place now owned by Mr. George H. O'Brien. Mr. Punderson, too, became an Episcopalian, and was dismissed from the society. A church was erected by that denomination for him about one and a half miles north of here, near the present residence of Mr. Israel Allyn. This building was removed to Poquetannock in 1784; it received some repairs in 1814, and continued to be occupied till 1841, when it was sold and taken down, a new edifice having been erected within the limits of the town of Preston.

The next pastor here was Rev. Andrew Croswell, who received a settlement of two hundred pounds for the first two years, and one hundred and ten pounds per annum afterwards. The *settlement* was given in those days in order to assist the minister in purchasing a farm, it being expected he would reside permanently with his people. The society had met with so much disappointment in the change of religious sentiments of their former ministers that they seem to have been

very cautious in giving another a settlement, and stipulated that in case Mr. Croswell should withdraw from the established religion of this government to any other persuasion he should return two hundred pounds to the society. He remained five years, and was succeeded by Rev. Jacob Johnson, whose place of residence was the house on the hill formerly occupied by Mr. Croswell, east of the present residence of Mr. Edmund Spicer. Mr. Johnson remained about twenty-three years. After his departure the Congregational society kept together a short time and then gradually dwindled away, becoming extinct.

Rev. Timothy Tuttle commenced his ministry here in 1810; his pastorate extended to the time of his decease in June, 1864.

Rev. N. B. Cook supplied the pulpit from that time till Oct. 1, 1867, when the labors of the present pastor, Rev. Charles Cutting, commenced. The ordination of Mr. Tuttle took place at Groton, Aug. 14, 1811. The ministers and delegates were entertained at the house of Capt. Elijah Bailey. We transcribe the following bill (presented by Capt. Bailey on that occasion) for the purpose of showing the change which has taken place in public opinion since that time:

"The 1st and 2d Society Committees in Groton to ELIJAH BAILEY Dr.

"Groton, Aug. 13, 1811.	To 24 Dinners at 1s 6d.....	£8
"	" 10 Suppers " 1s 6d.....	2 5 0
"	" 14 Breakfasts at 1s 6d.....	3 5 0
" 14,	" 28 Dinners at 1s 6d.....	7
"	" 12 horses kept 1 day each.....	2
"	" Liquors, Sugar, &c., &c., &c.....	4"

This town now votes no license to liquor-sellers, and it is said that no ardent spirit can be purchased within its limits.

A Separatist or strict Congregational Church was formed somewhere between 1745 and 1750. The first pastor was Nathaniel Brown, Jr., who was succeeded by Elder Park Allyn, but the church was short-lived.

The house in which Elder Allyn resided is now occupied by Mr. Amos G. Avery. The church edifice stood a few rods west of the minister's house; the doorstep of the church is still seen there, but the building was removed many years since to Gale's Ferry and occupied by the Methodists.

A Methodist society was established at Gale's Ferry soon after the commencement of the present century. It was supplied for many years by Ralph Hurlbutt, Esq., a native of the place, and a local preacher of that denomination. Mr. Hurlbutt was a man of superior talents and an interesting preacher, and the church owed much of its prosperity to his fostering care. Since his decease they have been supplied by the Methodist Conference, Rev. William Turkington being the present pastor.

The Baptist Church was formed in 1843. The edifice stands about two miles east of the centre of the town. Its first pastor was Elder Stephen Peckham, who labored long and faithfully for its prosperity. It has no pastor at present, the pulpit being supplied by different preachers of that denomination.

The town of Ledyard received its name in honor of Col. Wm. Ledyard, who was killed with his own sword by a British officer at the massacre at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781. Tradition says he was a native of this society.

The town was incorporated June 1, 1836. At a meeting of the inhabitants June 11, 1836, it was voted to have but three selectmen, and Capt. Anson Avery, Capt. Henry Hallett, and Mr. Noah Davis were chosen.

Nathaniel B. Geer was one of the constables. At the time its charter was received the town contained about two thousand inhabitants, but the number has somewhat decreased, the last census placing the population in the vicinity of fourteen hundred.

From time to time many have left the town, we trust to be useful in other fields, and there are probably but few States in the Union that cannot reckon a native of Ledyard among their citizens. California especially has received many who were reared among these hills and prepared here to exert a good influence in the community.

We have already spoken of Silas Deane, whose power was felt on the other side of the Atlantic, and coming down to more modern times, we may mention the name of Asa Whitney, the projector of the first Pacific Railroad. Mr. Whitney was raised almost under the shadow of Lantern Hill. Rev. Joseph A. Copp, D.D., an eminent divine near Boston, claimed this town as his birthplace.

The late Henry W. Williams, of Pittsburgh, Pa., one of the judges of the Supreme Court of that State, Elias H. Williams, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and Rev. Robert Allyn, president of McKendree College, were also natives of this town. Rev. James A. Gallup, of Madison, deserves more than a passing notice. A graduate of Yale in 1851, ordained to the work of the ministry in 1854, he has shown himself to be an able and successful preacher of the gospel.

Of the sons of Ledyard, one in particular has endeared himself to the dwellers in his native town. We refer to Hon. Henry Bill, of Norwich. The Bill Library, with a circulation of over two thousand volumes and a fund of more than \$1800, stands as a memento of his earnest desire to promote our well-being. We must also remember him whose munificence erected the monument to Ledyard's fallen heroes.

Laudable mention might be made of the Morgan brothers, of Aurora, N. Y., grandsons of Christopher Morgan, Esq., of this town, men of large wealth and larger hearts, who have been foremost in acts of benevolence.

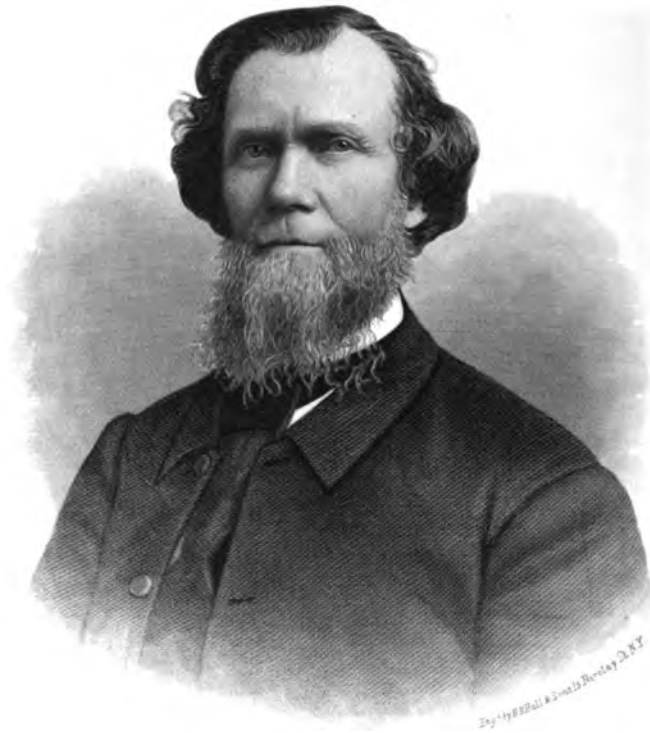
The town furnished her quota during the last war. Lieut. Stanton Allyn, of the Twelfth Regiment, was one of our first volunteers. The "Connecticut War Record" says, "He was a young man of high promise. Among his comrades and at school he was without a peer. When the war broke out he stepped into the

line without a moment's hesitation, and went bravely through every battle with his regiment up to the siege at Port Hudson. On the 10th of June, in that disastrous charge, he was foremost with his men. He was in the column of one thousand heroes which Gen. Banks summoned as a forlorn hope. But the great strain upon his nerves during the progress of the siege was too much for him to bear; from exposure to the rains and scorching sun, a violent fever seized upon his system and shortly swept him away. He was much loved and deeply mourned by his companions and associates."

Samuel S. Whipple, grandson of Mr. Henry Watrous, was another brave man who fell in the heat of battle. The color-bearer of the First Connecticut Cavalry, he was always where the bullets flew the thickest, calling on the "boys" to "rally 'round the flag!" At Ashland, Va., he received a shot through the body, and turning to a companion at his side said, "*I'm shot! Take my horse and the colors and go forward,*" and fell from his horse dead. The colonel wrote, "He was a brave and faithful man, and carried his colors as proudly and coolly in the heat of battle as on parade."

The ladies of the town responded nobly to the call for hospital supplies, consisting of clothing, bedding, and food. A company of earnest workers might be found at that time occupying the basement of the church, day after day and evening after evening, full of patriotism, bent on doing all in their power for the relief of those who had gone to take their part in the struggle for the nation's life on the field of battle.

**Early and Prominent Residents.**—Scarcely any rural locality in the whole United States may more justly claim distinguished mention than the Northeast School District of Ledyard, called for a hundred years and more the "Allyn District." In this stood the second Protestant Episcopal church in the county, the old churchyard of which now contains graves of early settlers dating back to 1739. In this little district were born Silas Deane, of Revolutionary memory, and Stephen Whitney, the projector of the great Pacific Railway. Deane was born here, and certainly was among the most useful servants of the Continental Congress. He was the second of the three commissioners sent to France to arrange commercial intercourse and to find a way by which the king might assist the colonies with arms, ammunition, and supplies, not only without the knowledge of England, but so that she could not even complain of partiality. Deane appears to have been the instrument of completing negotiations begun by Arthur Lee in London, and of dispatching several enterprises which greatly relieved the struggling armies of the colonies. But through the imprudence of Thomas Paine in the first place, who divulged the secrets of the committee, and in the second place through the impatience of certain members of the Congress, who could not be let into the secrets of diplomacy, he fell under suspicion



*R. D. Allen*



and was deprived of his authority, and was for a long time regarded as very unwise and almost mischievous. But late researches among documents in Paris have shown that Deane was not only upright and unselfish but shrewd and far-seeing, and almost the wisest of his times. The contracts made by him with Beaumarchaise, really for the king of France, under the name of R. Hortales & Co., did much to relieve the distress of the army and furnish it with arms and money, and contributed to the equipments so useful and even necessary to the capture of Burgoyne.

Of the Bill family, Philip Bill was the first settler in Connecticut. He came with John Winthrop the younger from Ipswich, in Massachusetts, to New London in 1668. He settled in the eastern part of New London, near what is now Allyn's Point, and which in 1705 was set off as Groton, and in 1836 as Ledyard. His neighbors were Robert Allyn and George Geer, all well-known names in the subsequent history of the town.

Philip Bill was a large landholder and influential citizen in shaping the destiny of the young colony, planted for the most part by Winthrop, or at least largely by his influence. His son, Joshua Bill, was not less influential than his father, for we see in the records of old Groton that he was one of the commissioners to establish a reservation for the remnant of the Pequot Indians, which inhabited this town. The result of their deliberations was the location of the tribe where their reservation now is in Ledyard. He also surveyed and laid out, under the authority of the town, the road leading from Groton Ferry northward to the Preston line as it now is; this was done in 1723. Among his descendants was Gurdon Bill, who settled in the said Northeast District of the town, and after graduation at the Plainfield Academy taught school for seven successive winters, and subsequently embarked in merchandising and did a successful business. His family in many respects are among the most noted of all the families in this portion of New London County. Reared to industry and frugality, and aided by a small but choice library of their father, the sons, Edward, Henry,<sup>1</sup> Gurdon, Frederic, Ledyard, and Charles, have each in various fields become somewhat conspicuous as public men. The eldest was for several years a member of the Iowa Senate. Gurdon settled in Springfield, Mass., and has acquired by his economy a large fortune.

Ledyard, born the same day that the town was chartered, prominent as a business man, of refined, educated tastes, and author of the books entitled "A Winter in Florida" and "Climates for Invalids," and one of the most carefully and correctly prepared genealogies yet published of his own family, and the generous donor of the soldiers' monument in his native town,—a massive, classical, granite obelisk, standing on Liberty Square, in almost the geographical

centre and highest point in town, known as Meeting-house Hill. The said monument was erected in 1873. He also was engaged for a time in publishing in New York.

Charles graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College; has likewise published some well-known and highly popular books, which have greatly tended to enlighten the youth of the land. His health failing, he visited Europe, and spent two years in travel, visiting all the principal places of note,—Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, and the Nile.

Frederic Bill has retired from active business and resides in the town of Groton.

The family of Allyn's are likewise so conspicuous in the history of the town we cannot forbear giving sketches of some of them, namely:

Robert Allyn was of Salem, Mass., and a land-owner in 1637. He came to New London in 1651, where he obtained a house-lot; had land east of the harbor, which is now owned by the heirs of Belton Allyn Copp, who are his descendants. Allyn's Point was among his early possessions. To that place he removed and built a wharf and trading-house, which was maintained by himself or son during their life, and by his descendants for more than one hundred years. In the settlement of Norwich he was one of the thirty-five original proprietors, and either himself or son resided there till the emigrant's death in 1683, aged about seventy-five years, when his only son John exchanged his lands in that town for lands nearer home, and occupied the homestead at Allyn's Point. His four daughters married,—first, Sarah, married George Geer, whose descendants are very numerous and highly respectable; second, Mary, married Thomas Park; Hannah, married Thomas Rose; and Deborah, married John Gager, Jr. The males have not been very numerous, but count among those who have the making of history, four having gloriously died at Fort Griswold,—viz., Capt. Samuel, a selectman of the town at that time, Capt. Simeon, Benadam, and Belton,—and Lieut. Stanton Allyn, one of the highest honored of his rank at the fall of Port Hudson. Of sea-captains, may be mentioned Capt. Robert N., Jacob Christopher, Gurdon, who was a sailing-master of one of our large war-vessels during our Rebellion, and is the author of the "Old Sailor's Story," recounting his voyages and ventures; Capt. Francis, who for some time commanded a packet in the New York and Havre line, and had the honor of bringing Lafayette to this country in 1824, he declining the offer by Congress of a ship of the line to take passage in the ship "Cadmus" with Capt. Allyn, who was a polished gentleman as well as a popular master. After quitting the sea he resided at New London, where he originated the Cedar Grove Cemetery Association, and was its president till his death. Capt. Allyn is remembered by many for his fine personal presence, ready wit, and for social qualities.

<sup>1</sup> See Chapter XXVIII.

Of legislators, Col. Roswell and Israel, of Ledyard; Lyman, of Waterford; Calvin and James, of Montville; Robert, of East Greenwich, R. I. James, of Montville, was county commissioner of New London County from 1869 to 1875, and one of the commissioners to locate and build a building in Norwich for the county of New London, town of Norwich, and city, known as Norwich City Hall.

In later times the Allyns and Bills have added to its reputation. Gurdon Bill and Charles Allyn in early life were in company in mercantile business, and were ever fast friends, as have their families been. The Bill family consists of six brothers, each of which has been distinguished in their several localities.

Of the Allyns, sons of Charles, of Ledyard, the eldest, Robert, perhaps has occupied a field of as much importance as any one of the distinguished citizens of which the town is justly proud. His early education was in the district school just mentioned, supplemented by a short attendance at the old Bacon Academy, in Colchester, after which he began teaching school in the town of East Lyme at the age of seventeen, and from that time prepared himself for college, teaching school winters, and spending the summer vacations at home with his father, who had removed to Montville and owned and improved a large farm. The farm as managed by his father was no idle place, neither would idleness suit young Allyn. Perhaps the vacation was as valuable for his education as any part of his training; no more thorough man or one who put a higher estimate on time and care for the time of others than his father, Charles Allyn.

Robert graduated at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, in 1841, and was immediately employed as teacher in mathematics in the Wesleyan Academy, at Wilbraham, Mass. In 1845 he became principal of that institution. Under his management it increased in number of students and reputation for scholarship. He resigned his place in that institution to accept the position of principal and financial agent of the East Greenwich Academy, in Rhode Island, in 1848, and remained in that position till 1854, when he was appointed commissioner of public instruction in that State. He held that office for three years, when he was chosen to represent the town in the State Legislature for the years of 1852 and '54. In 1854 was appointed by the President of the United States and commissioned by the Secretary of War (Jeff Davis) visitor at West Point Military Academy; at that time R. E. Lee was superintendent. While there his fine social qualities helped him to a large and important acquaintance, and he did not fail to profit by his observation of the methods of instruction practiced at that institution. In 1857 he removed to Ohio, and became professor of Greek and Latin in the Ohio University. At the end of two years he removed to Cincinnati, and became president of the Wesleyan Female College in that city, and remained here till

1863, when he resigned to accept the presidency of McKendree College, in Lebanon, Ill. Here he continued till 1874, and then was chosen to be principal of the Lutheran Illinois Normal University, which the State was just opening. Here to a certain extent he was enabled to have his idea of what an American school should be. The male students receive at this institution practice in infantry and artillery each day, taught by a regular graduate of West Point. Such a school in every State would soon leave no excuse for a national school, as each State would have qualified men who would come forward when needed. He holds that position at the present time.

#### JUDGES OF PROBATE.

Christopher Newton, Erastus Williams, Henry W. Avery, Samuel W. Wood, Edmund Spicer, Israel Allyn, James A. Billings, Jacob L. Gallup, Nathaniel B. Geer, John Brewster, George Fanning.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1837 TO 1882.

1837, Anson Avery; 1838-39, Henry Hullett; 1840, Sanford Stoddard; 1841, D. B. Williams; 1842, Daniel Lamb; 1843, Roswell Allyn; 1844, Jacob Gallup; 1845, S. Thomas; 1846, E. W. Brown; 1847, J. Brewster, Jr.; 1848, J. Gallup; 1849, E. Spicer; 1850, E. A. Satterlee; 1851, John Brewster; 1852, E. W. Brown; 1853, William M. Gray; 1854, Ralph Hurlbutt; 1855, E. W. Brown; 1856, J. L. Gallup; 1857, N. M. Gallup, Jr.; 1858, William L. Mann; 1859, P. A. Williams; 1860, S. Crandall; 1861, A. Reynolds; 1862, W. Avery; 1863, William Fanning; 1864, A. L. Gallup; 1865, B. T. Lewis; 1866, J. L. Gallup; 1867, N. Gallup, Jr.; 1868, Henry Larrabee; 1869, Israel Allyn; 1870, H. Stoddard; 1871, William J. Brown; 1872, A. W. Turner; 1873, C. A. Brown; 1874, L. H. Griswold; 1875, W. L. Main; 1876, F. Brewster; 1877, N. B. Allyn; 1878, John Brewster; 1879-80, William T. Cook; 1881, S. A. Crandall.

## CHAPTER LV.

### LEDYARD—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Ralph Hurlbutt.**—Rev. Ralph Hurlbutt was born May 19, 1767. On Jan. 10, 1790, he married Mary Jones, daughter of John and Sarah Jones. She was born Dec. 2, 1765, and died Dec. 20, 1851, aged eighty-six years. Rev. Mr. Hurlbutt was descended in a direct line from Lieut. Thomas Hurlbutt, who was appointed to the command of Fort Saybrook, Connecticut, 1636, and afterwards settled at Wethersfield in 1640.

Stephen Hurlbutt, great-grandfather of Ralph, settled in New London, Conn., between 1680 and 1690. His grandfather, John Hurlbutt, grew up and settled at Groton (now called Ledyard). His father, Rufus, was killed at Fort Griswold in 1776, aged forty years. Rev. Ralph Hurlbutt, the subject of this sketch, early embraced the Methodist faith and became a minister. He was the means of establishing the Methodist Church of Groton, and gave to this church his services as minister free. He preached almost to the last days of his life. He preached his last sermon sitting in his chair, being unable to stand. He was devoted to the interests of his church, and always ready to make any



Ralph Nuthall



**HIBBERD STODDARD.**



*Sanford Billings Stoddard*



**HENRY DENISON.**

personal sacrifice for the good of the cause. He was a member of the General Assembly in 1844, also justice of the peace for many years, until his age disabled him for the duties of the office. He was for a long period judge of probate at Groton and Stonington. His life was one devoted in many ways to the interests and good of his fellow-men, and he died mourned by a large circle of friends.

Ralph Hurlbutt, nephew of Rev. Judge Ralph Hurlbutt, was born 1807, in Colchester (now Salem), Conn., came to Groton 1810, and settled on the farm on which he now resides. He married in 1833 Margaret Bolles. They have five children, three living,—Tabitha E., the oldest living child, married Robert M. Bailey; son George W. married Lucia A. Perkins; and H. W. Hurlbutt.

**Henry Denison** was born in Stonington, April 8, 1793. His father was a farmer. At the age of twenty-one he began the world for himself. Two years afterwards he married Lucy Smith, of Groton. Their children are Lucy A., born Jan. 27, 1818; Hannah L., born Sept. 27, 1820; Eunice R., born Oct. 30, 1822; Julia A., born Feb. 22, 1825; William H., born Feb. 18, 1828; Harriet A., born Jan. 5, 1831; Rowland S., born Oct. 25, 1832; Emily F., born Jan. 16, 1836; Jennie A., born Sept. 5, 1838; Jerome A., born Sept. 5, 1838, twin to Jennie, all of whom are now living. Mr. Denison is now living in Ledyard in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He receives a pension, having served in the war of 1812.

**Hibberd Stoddard** was born March 26, 1788. He married Betsey Mallison in 1809. Was a farmer, and served in the war of the Revolution. Their children, five in number, were Hibberd, Betsey, Mary, Jane, and Stephen James. Jane died in infancy; Betsey married Capt. Benjamin Crowell; Stephen J. married Susan J. Fish. Mr. Stoddard died June 19, 1866.

**Sanford B. Stoddard.**—Sanford B., eldest son of Sanford Stoddard, was born in Groton,<sup>1</sup> Conn., Dec. 4, 1818. His father was a sea-captain. Having received a common-school education, young Sanford went on the water with his father while yet a boy. At the age of twenty-two he went before the mast; two years later he became mate, serving in that capacity for two years, when he was again promoted to the position of captain. In 1842 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Hibberd Stoddard, of Ledyard, Conn. The children born to them were Mary Elizabeth, Sanford B., and Jane F.

Capt. Stoddard left the sea soon after he was married. He has since devoted most of his time to farming, and now lives in peace and plenty with his family on the old farm which has been in the family since the year 1700.

<sup>1</sup> The town having since been divided, that portion is now Ledyard.

## CHAPTER LVI.

### LISBON.

Geographical—Topographical—Indian Claims—The Surrenderers—Owaneco's Deed to James Fitch—Pioneer Settlements—Names of the Pioneers—Ecclesiastical History—Civil History—Organization of the Town—Representatives from 1786 to 1882.

THE town of Lisbon lies on the north border of the county and is bounded as follows: on the north by Windham County, on the east by Griswold, on the south by Preston, and on the west by Norwich and Sprague. Its surface is hilly.

The territory embraced within the present bounds of the town belonged to the Mohegans, and at an early period was inhabited by a band of Indians tributary to Uncas, known as the Showtuckets. It was claimed by the town of Norwich, as will be seen by the following record:

"Feb. 25, 1669.

"The towne having seriously taken into their consideration the condition of Awaneco, the Sachem, being in hazard of the loss of his Sachemship for want of land to accommodate his subjects, for his reliefe herein the towne have seen cause to give unto the said Awaneco a parcel of land. Thomas Tracy, Thomas Leffingwell, and John Post are to lay out to him 200 or 300 acres at their discretion, near Showtucket River, and abutting southerly on Queenapaug River, secured also to his heirs and successors, but not in their power to alienate any part of it."

Certain regulations were attached to this grant, and the act concludes as follows:

"It is further engaged by Oweneco, that whereas as he hath received these lands by gift from the town of Norwich, the town does order that he shall forbear on the Sabbath day from working, hunting, fishing, or any servile labor, and if any of his subjects be found guilty of this violation they shall be liable to be punished, and to these said and above-specified particulars the said Oweneco doth bind and engage himself, his heirs, and lawful successors.

"Consented to and subscribed by Oweneco, March 22, 1669.

"Mark of OWENECO.

"Witnesses:

"JAMES FITCH,

"JOHN MASON, JR.

"On this grant the sachem gathered his special clan, probably some twenty or thirty families. An annual tribute of ten deerskins was at first demanded of them, but the scarcity of deer in the vicinity rendered that regulation a dead letter. Moreover, the village was soon broken up by the war with Philip, which called the sachem and his warriors to the field and scattered the women and children among their neighbors.

"When the conflict was over a part of this tract was assigned to the Indian fugitives, called Surrenderers, and in May, 1678, Mr. Fitch reported to the government that twenty-nine families of this class had settled upon it under the supervision of the English.

"By a deed of trust, Dec. 22, 1680, Owaneco assigned to James Fitch, Jr., the care and disposition of all his lands on Quinnebaug River. A few years later absolute deeds of sale of these and other tracts of land were executed by the sachem in favor of the same Capt. Fitch.

"In 1695, Owaneco and Capt. Samuel Mason, who



by his own choice and the authority of the government had been appointed his trustee, requested that a committee of the town should be empowered to survey the three-hundred-acre grant and fix its bounds.

"The next year Capt. Fitch, being then proprietary clerk, recorded the whole grant to himself, as included in the large purchases he had made of Owaneco in 1684 and 1687. The town entered a formal protest against the claims of Capt. Fitch, particularly to the three hundred acres at Quinnebaug Falls, which had been guaranteed to the Indians with a proviso that it should not be alienated.

"The course of Capt. Fitch in regard to these Indian purchases was distasteful to the town, and no clear account can be given of the basis upon which the difficulty was settled. Apparently the town, after some murmuring, acquiesced in the claim of Capt. Fitch to what was called the eighteen-hundred-acre grant.

"Capt. Fitch sold this grant in 1694 and 1695 to certain purchasers from Ipswich, Mass., viz.: Joseph Safford, Richard Smith, Meshach Farley, Matthew Perkins, and Samuel Bishop.

"Joseph and Jacob Perkins, also of Ipswich, purchased a tract between the rivers in 1695 of John Fitch, and subsequently bought also a part of the eighteen-hundred-acre grant from the former purchasers.

"Settlements were immediately commenced, and in 1718 sixteen persons on the roll of accepted inhabitants were characterized as farmers in ye crotch of ye rivers,—Samuel Bishop, Samuel Coy, Eleazar Jewett, David Knight, Daniel Longbottom, Samuel Lothrop, Jabez Perkins, Joseph Perkins, Josiah Read, Josiah Read, Jr., Joseph Read, John Read, William Read, Samuel Rood, Samuel Rood, Jr., Henry Wallbridge.

"Samuel and John Bishop were early settlers in this district. They were probably brothers, and sons or grandsons of Thomas Bishop, of Ipswich. Samuel married, in 1706, Sarah Forbes. John, in 1718, married Mary Bingham. Samuel was admitted 1702, and John in 1710.

"Matthew Coy obtained a grant of land east of the Shetucket in 1685. His cattle-mark was registered still earlier. He was probably that Matthew Coy (son of Matthew) whose birth was recorded at Boston, Sept. 5, 1656.

"Samuel Coy, of Newent, may have been a brother or a son of Matthew, but no such connection has been traced. He had a son Abraham baptized in 1719.

"Eleazar Jewett, Dec. 5, 1698, purchased of Messrs. Waterman and Bushnell, agents of the town, seventy-five acres of land near the Shetucket River. He is supposed to have come from Rowley, Mass. His son, the second Eleazar Jewett, died in 1747, at which time the father was still living. The third of the name was the founder of Jewett City village.

"David Knight married, March 17, 1691-92, Sarah Backus. Land was granted him in 1700 for repairing

the meeting-house and school-house. He died in 1744.

"Daniel Longbottom was an inhabitant in 1698, and was chosen one of the surveyors in 1702. Himself, wife, and six children were baptized by Mr. Woodward in September, 1718. He died in 1729.

"Jabez and Joseph Perkins, admitted 1701, were sons of Jacob Perkins, of Ipswich, and commenced their agricultural improvements between the rivers in 1695, holding their land in common until 1720, when it was equally divided between them. Joseph died in 1726, and Jabez in 1742. They left large estates and thriving families.

"Josiah Reed has been already noticed as one of the original proprietors of Norwich. His four sons are here enumerated with him as independent land-owners and accepted inhabitants.

"Samuel Rood was the son of Thomas and Sarah Rood, and born in 1666. In 1687 he became a householder, having his residence 'below Showtucket Falls.'

"Henry Wallbridge was an accepted inhabitant in 1702. William is mentioned in 1719, Amos in 1721.

"Richard Adams, though not on the list of 1718, was an early proprietor between the rivers. He probably came from Sudbury, and may have been the soldier of that name who was wounded in the great swamp-fight with the Narragansetts, Dec. 19, 1675. His wife, Rebecca, was received into full communion by Mr. Woodward in 1708, and three of his children baptized. He died Aug. 24, 1728. His will mentions ten children, among whom were four married daughters,—Hannah Bacon, Mary Baldwin, Abigail Brown, and Rebecca Haggitt.

"William Adams, perhaps brother of Richard, died in 1727. Eliashib Adams, of Preston, died May 15, 1733.

"John Safford is mentioned as an inhabitant of Norwich in 1698. John, Joseph, and Solomon, of the next generation, were probably his sons.

"John Lambert was an early resident in Newent Society. He died July 30, 1727.

"Another name found in this society at an early period is that of Burnham. Eleazar Burnham was recognized as an inhabitant in 1793. He was probably the son of Thomas, and born at Ipswich in September, 1678. He married Lydia Waterman, Nov. 20, 1708, and died in 1743.

"James Burnham, admitted as an inhabitant in 1710, married in 1728 Elizabeth Hough, and died May 22, 1757.

"Aaron Burnham, a seaman, first mentioned in 1718; cattle-mark enrolled in 1720; died Aug. 18, 1727. His will was proved at Ipswich, October 9th of that year. His wife was the sole legatee.

"Benjamin Burnham, admitted in 1726; married, April 20, 1727, Mary Kinsman. He died Oct. 15, 1737.

"These four persons came from Ipswich before

1720. The Kinsmans, Palmers, and Stevens were later emigrants, probably from the same place. The Lovetts came from Beverly, the Rathbuns from Block Island, and Thomas Crosby from Barnstable.

"Robert Kinsman was admitted an inhabitant Dec. 5, 1721. He was one of the selectmen in 1725 and 1728.

"The settlement of Newent was for many years obstructed by the diversity of claims arising from a confusion of grants and conveyances. In 1723 a committee was appointed "to enquire into and gain as good an understanding as they can come at respecting the Indians land in the Crotch of Quinebaug and Showtucket Rivers."<sup>1</sup>

"In 1725 the proprietors of the common and undivided land put an end to all controversy by giving a quit-claim deed to Capt. Jabez Perkins, Lieut. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Joseph Perkins, and Mr. John Safford of all the Indian land in the crotch of the rivers, and of all contained in Maj. Fitch's eighteen-hundred-acre grant, for the sum of seventy-five pounds money in hand paid to said proprietors, provided that the Indians shall be allowed to remain and occupy the tract that had been secured to them. To these purchasers and to those who should claim under them the town confirmed the title of reversion. The Indians dwindled away, and in 1745 the descendants of Owaneco and other principal Mohegans, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven pounds, executed a quit-claim deed of the Indian reservation in favor of the English claimants. This instrument, which extinguished the last aboriginal claim to land in the Nine-miles square, was in substance as follows:

"Ann alias Cutoh, Betty Aucum widow, Wedemow daughter of Mahomet deceased, Ann, otherwise young Ben's wife, all of whom are descendants of Owaneco, late sachem of Mohegan, and the said young Ben or Ben Uncas Jr. and Daniel Punganeek, all of Mohegan, for the consideration of 137 pounds in bills of credit—to Capt. Samuel Bishop, Joseph Perkins, Jacob Perkins, John Safford, Joseph Safford, and Solomon Safford, to all of them in proportion as they now possess—do now relinquish all right and title to the tract of 300 acres more or less in Newent, in the crotch of the rivers Quinebaug and Showtucket, called the Indian Land, abutting southeasterly on the Quinebaug, April 9, 1745."

"Witnesses, ISAAC HUNTINGTON,  
"ASA WORTHINGTON."<sup>2</sup>

**Congregational Church.**—The ecclesiastical society in this place was organized in 1723, the town having previously appropriated sixty acres of land for the use of the first minister that should settle there. The affairs of the society were entirely under the control of the Perkins family, as appears from the following entry:

<sup>1</sup> After this Indian reservation had been entirely cleared of native occupants one of the English owners found at a certain time an old Indian woman, who had come from a distance, barking his birch-trees and otherwise trespassing upon his grounds, and upon remonstrating with her was met with a fiery and indignant rejoinder. "This land yours!" she exclaimed. "How you get it? Indian land, all of it; you white folks come here, drive away poor Indian, and steal his land; that the way you get it!"

This no doubt expresses in a homely way the feeling of many of the aborigines, as from time to time they have relinquished their ancient seats to the whites and retired into the wilderness.

<sup>2</sup> Norwich deeds.

<sup>3</sup> Miss Caulkins.

Jan. 17, 1720. In town meeting ordered, that if the Perkiuses at their return from Boston, do not bring with them a minister to preach in the crotch of the river, or satisfy the selectmen they shall have one speedily, the rate-makers shall put them into the minister's rate.

The church was constituted and Rev. Daniel Kirtland ordained its minister, Dec. 10, 1723. The original members were Daniel Kirtland, the pastor, Samuel Lathrop and Joseph Perkins, who were chosen deacons, John Bishop, Jeremiah Tracy (son of Thomas Tracy, of Preston), Isaac Lawrence, and Isaac Lawrence, Jr.,—the church resting upon seven pillars, a favorite number in that day.

The church agreed to profess discipline according to the Cambridge Platform. They professed to believe "that all organized church acts proceeded after the manner of a mixed administration, and could not be consummated without the consent of both elders and brotherhood." In this they agreed with the two older societies of Norwich.

Before the formation of this church the inhabitants between the rivers had been accustomed to attend meeting at the town plot, the distance for some of them being about eight miles. The older people went on horseback, the women on pillions behind the men, but the young people often traveled the whole distance, going and returning, on foot.

Church-going in former days was a serious and earnest duty. None stayed away from the house of worship that could by extremest effort get there. On horseback or on foot, over wearisome roads or through lonely by-paths that shortened the distance, they came with their households to obtain a portion of the truth. "Many a time," says Rev. Levi Nelson, "while passing over the society, has my attention been arrested to notice the paths, now given up, where they used to make their rugged way to the house of God almost as surely as the holy Sabbath returned."

And when there, how intently and with what eagerness to profit they listened. "To this day," says the same reverend author, "I love to think of their appearance in the house of God, of the seats they occupied, and of their significant motions to express their approbation of the truth."

The new society took the name of Newent, undoubtedly at the suggestion of the brothers Perkins, and, according to tradition, in remembrance of a place of that name in Gloucestershire, England, from whence the family came.

The meeting-house was probably built immediately after the church was gathered.

1723. Sixty acres of land granted by the town to the Society in the crotch of the rivers for the first minister that shall settle there.

The same to be given to the Society over the Shetucket for their first minister.

Jan. 4, 1725-6. The proprietors grant that spot of land the Newent meeting house now stands upon and ye common land adjoining to it to that Society for their use so long as they shall have occasion for it.

JOSEPH TRACY, Moderator.

Lieut. Jabez Hyde.  
Deacon Christopher Huntington.  
Capt. Benajah Bushnell.

Thomas Adgate.  
Joseph Backus.  
Richard Hyde.

The site of this building was about half a mile south of the present edifice, and continued to be used until about 1770.

The inhabitants of Newent, in a petition to the General Court, October session, 1727, state that they had been afflicted with a distressing sickness for two successive years, especially in summer. In 1726 every family but one was smitten, and about twenty persons died in three months. In the summer of 1727 every family, with no exception, felt the scourge, and one-sixth of the male heads of families died. The farmers could not secure their crops, and though kindly assisted by people from other parishes, they lost some of their grain and much of their hay.

Rev. Daniel Kirkland (Kirtland) was a native of Saybrook, born in 1701, and graduated at Yale College in 1720. His ministry in Newent was of nearly thirty years' duration. He was a man of scholastic habits and high aspirations, but of sensitive organization. His failing health led to his dismissal from the pastorate in 1752. Recovering partially, he was installed at Groton in 1755, but after two years of service he again broke down, and returning to his old home in Norwich, there remained till his death, which occurred in May, 1773.

Mr. Kirkland had ten or twelve children. His second son, John, born Nov. 15, 1735, was one of the first settlers of Norwich, Mass. Another son, Samuel, born Dec. 1, 1741, is well known as the Oneida missionary, one of the most energetic, faithful, and self-denying men born within the limits of the old town of Norwich.

Mr. Peter Powers was ordained the second minister of Newent, Dec. 2, 1756. He remained in charge seven or eight years, and then was dismissed at his own request, on account of the insufficiency of his salary. Mr. Powers was a man of marked character, earnest and energetic in action. From Newent he went immediately into the settlements then making in the Coos or Cohos country, on Connecticut River, and organized a church in Haverhill, consisting of members from both sides of the river,—that is, from Haverhill, N. H., and Newbury, Vt.,—over which he was installed Feb. 27, 1765, preaching his own installation sermon. Here he was accustomed to meet his appointments and make his parochial visits in a canoe, rowing himself up and down the stream, an easier mode of traveling, probably, than that of mounting a horse and stumbling over half-cleared pathways, as in his former parish at Newent. Mr. Powers died at Deer Island, Me., in 1799.

The church at Newent, being left without a pastor, gradually declined, and for several years gave but feeble signs of life. Something like a reorganization took place in 1770; several of the Separatists returned to their old places, and Mr. Joel Benedict, a man of fine classical attainments, was ordained pastor of the church, Feb. 21, 1771. He continued with them eleven years, when an infirm state of health and the

old difficulty, want of adequate support, dissolved the connection, and he was dismissed April 30, 1782.

Dr. Benedict afterwards settled in Plainfield, and acquired a distinguished reputation as a Hebrew scholar. Hebrew, he said, was *the language of angels*. He died at Plainfield in 1816.

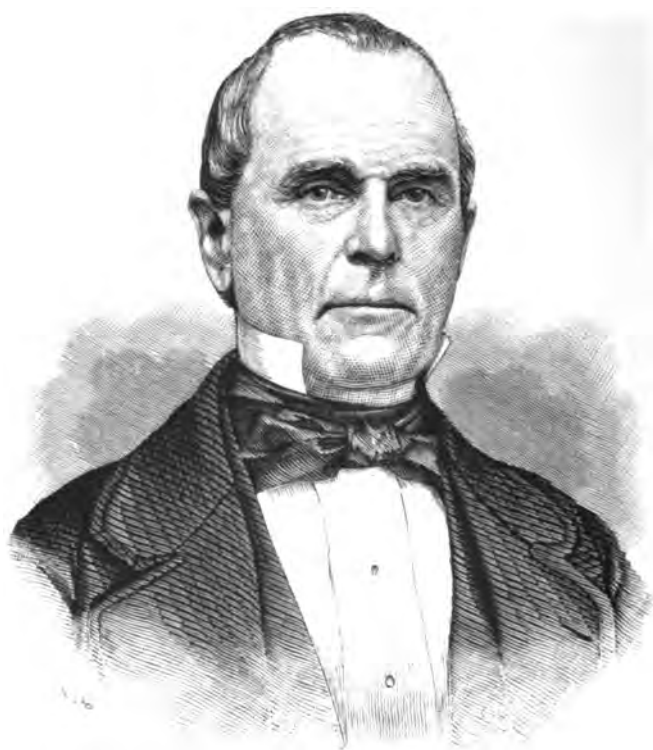
In June, 1790, Mr. David Hale, of Coventry, was ordained. He was a brother of the accomplished and chivalrous Capt. Nathan Hale, who was executed as a spy on Long Island by order of Sir William Howe. Mr. Hale was a man of very gentle and winning manners, of exalted piety, and a fine scholar. He carried his idea of disinterested benevolence to such an extent that, if acted upon, it would overturn all social institutions. He thought it to be a man's duty to love his neighbor, not only *as himself*, with the same kind of love, but also to the *same degree*, so that he should not prefer, even in thought, that a contingent calamity, such as the *burning of a house* or the *loss of a child*, should fall on his neighbor rather than on himself. Mr. Hale supplied the deficiencies of his salary by keeping a boarding-school. As an instructor he was popular; his house was filled with pupils from all parts of the county, but ill health and a constitutional depression of spirits obliged him to resign this employment, and eventually his pastoral office. His mind and nerves were of that delicate and sensitive temperament which cannot long endure the rude shock of earthly scenes. He was dismissed in April, 1803, returned to Coventry, and there died in 1822.

These four ministers of Newent were all men of more than common attainments, and each was distinguished by peculiar and prominent traits of character. Neither of them died as ministers of the parish. The four pastorates covered respectively twenty-nine, eight, eleven, and thirteen years, with intervals between of four, seven, and eight years.

Rev. Levi Nelson, a native of Milford, Mass., the fifth pastor, ordained Dec. 5, 1804, was a man of great simplicity of character and purity of life. It was often said of him that he never had an enemy.

He preached his half-century sermon in 1854. Only one<sup>1</sup> of the thirty-eight members who received him as their pastor in 1804 was then living, but of the ordination choir four were present and united in singing again the same hymns that formed a part of the original service. The old Kirtland church was then extant, seated in decaying dignity upon gently rising ground, with its barrack-like row of sheds spread out at the side like wings. The outside of the edifice had been covered and recovered, as the *wear and tear* of years demanded, but no tool or painter's brush, under pretence of improvement or repair, had invaded the interior since it was first completed. The impression produced on the mind upon entering was that of homely, stern solemnity. The pulpit was high and contracted, with a sounding-board frowning

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. L'Hommedieu, of Norwich.



*Daniel B. Hyde*

over it, and a seat for the deacons in front of it, below. The pews were square, with high partitions, the galleries spacious, with certain seats more elevated than others for the tithingmen or supervisors of behavior. This venerable structure is believed to be the last specimen of the old New England sanctuary that lingered in the Nine-miles square. It was demolished when about eighty-eight years of age, and its place supplied by a new church, dedicated Sept. 15, 1858.

Rev. David Breed was dismissed in 1862. Since that time the pastors have been Lewis Jessup, R. Manning Chipman, and Josiah E. Willis, the present acting pastor.

**Civil History.**—This town was originally known as Newent, and was the third society of Norwich. It was incorporated and given its present name in 1786.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1786 to 1882.

The following is a list of representatives from 1786 to 1882:

1786, Capt. Elisha Lathrop; 1787, Capt. Elisha Lathrop, John Perkins; 1788, John Perkins, Jacob Perkins; 1789, Jacob Perkins, Joshua Perkins; 1790, Ezra Bishop; 1791, John Perkins, Ezra Bishop; 1792-93, Samuel Lovett; 1794, Samuel Lovett, Elisha Morgan; 1795, Samuel Lovett, Levi Perkins; 1796, Levi Perkins; 1797, Levi Perkins, John Kinsman; 1798-99, John Kinsman, Luther Manning; 1800, Luther Manning, Samuel Leavitt; 1801, Joshua Perkins; 1802, Ezra Bishop, Joshua Perkins; 1803, David Hale, Septimus Lathrop; 1804, Joshua Perkins; 1805, Daniel Brame; 1806, Barnabas Huntington; 1807, Daniel Brame; 1808, Levi Perkins; 1809, William Adams; 1810, Levi Perkins; 1811, William Adams; 1812, Levi Perkins; 1813, Freeman Tracy; 1814, Levi Perkins; 1815, Freeman Tracy; 1816, Levi Perkins; 1817, Freeman Tracy, Frederick Perkins; 1818, Frederick Perkins, Joseph L. Lyon; 1819, Thomas Kinsman; 1820, Joseph Jewett; 1821, Tyler Brown; 1822, Tyler Brown; 1823, Joseph L. Lyon; 1824, Andrew Clark; 1825, Samuel Peckham; 1826, Barzillai Bishop; 1827, Elisha Morgan; 1828, Roswell Adams; 1829-30, John Gray; 1831, Jared Farnham; 1832-33, Bucklin Matthews; 1834, Ebenezer Allen; 1835, James Stetson; 1836, Nathan Brewster; 1837, Thomas A. Clark; 1838, Russel Rose; 1839, Daniel F. Butler; 1840, Thomas G. Read; 1841, Thomas A. Clark; 1842, Pearly B. Fuller; 1843, Vine Smith; 1844, Henry R. Robbins; 1845, Thomas M. Jewett; 1846, William C. Cutler; 1847, Edwin Kimball; 1848, Elijah Rathbun, Jr.; 1849, Ebenezer Lyon; 1850, Asher P. Brown; 1851, Daniel M. Brown; 1852, William C. Cutler; 1853, Ezekiel Bromley; 1854, Sanford Bromley; 1855, Edwin Fitch; 1856, Asher P. Brown; 1857, Norman Smith; 1858, Thomas A. Clark; 1859, Jacob B. Bachelder; 1860, N. P. Bishop; 1861, I. S. Geer; 1862, S. L. Harknell; 1863, E. Bushnell; 1864, W. Bliss; 1865, Henry Lyon; 1866, H. A. Bennett; 1867, G. N. Case; 1868, B. F. Hull; 1869, S. Bromley; 1870, G. L. Phillips; 1871, R. W. Fitch; 1872, Henry Lyon; 1873, J. L. Lathrop; 1874, H. G. Palmer; 1875-76, J. B. Palmer; 1877, Edwin Kimball; 1878, J. F. Hewitt; 1879, E. F. Appley; 1880, C. J. Bromley; 1881, George Robinson.

## CHAPTER LVII.

LISBON—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Daniel Burnham Hyde**, son of Elijah and Lydia (Burnham) Hyde, was born in Lisbon, Conn., May 12, 1812. He is a descendant in the sixth generation from Jonathan Hyde, who came to America from near London, England, in 1647, settling in New Town, Mass., now Arlington. Jonathan was twice married.

By his first wife, Mary French, he had fifteen children; by his second wife, Mary Rediat, he had eight children. He died in New Town at an advanced age. His son Joseph married Mary, daughter of Isaac Perkins, and had many children, among them Ichabod, who came to Norwich (West Farms, now Franklin), Conn., in early life. He was born Aug. 24, 1717 (O. S.). He was a farmer, and married Mary, daughter of Daniel Haskins, of Norwich, and was the father of eighteen children. He was a life-long resident of Franklin, dying there April 13, 1779. He was an honest, industrious, and worthy son of the soil. His son Barnabas, born Sept. 17, 1747, married Lydia, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Cady) Armstrong, of Norwich, and settled in Lisbon; lived there his life as a farmer, dying Jan. 5, 1819. He had four children,—Sally, Lee, Elijah, and Lydia. Lydia died at seventeen years. All the rest attained great ages. Barnabas Hyde was proverbially known as an upright, honest, and reliable man. His word was as good as his bond, and neither ever forfeited. He was selectman, but, an unassuming man, neither sought nor cared for office. Elijah Hyde, his son, father of Daniel B., was born in Lisbon, Feb. 4, 1779, married Lydia Burnham, daughter of Daniel, of Hampton, Conn. He was reared a farmer, and was one through life. He was a very reserved man, modest in his manner, and preferred the society of home to that of public meetings, and neither sought nor would accept offices which he was often asked to accept. He was a true son of his father in strict and undeviating honesty. He was a strong friend, sometimes to his injury, a kind neighbor, and devoted to his family. He died Feb. 14, 1854. His children,—Patty P. (Mrs. James H. Kennedy), Daniel B., Eli E., and Lucy A. (Mrs. Charles Palmer, of Preston).

Daniel B. was born on the old homestead of three generations in Lisbon, was educated at common schools, and became, like his ancestors, a farmer. He commenced teaching school in 1830, and taught winters, and worked as a farmer during the summer. He taught two terms, and then attended school, intending to prepare for college, but failing health compelled him to relinquish his plans. For three years he was an invalid. He then (1838) became a teacher again, and taught six consecutive winters, then by illness was unable to dress or undress himself for three years. All in all, he taught sixteen winters and one summer. He has always been an industrious, thorough man, well versed in ancient and modern history, intelligent, yet unassuming, never undertaking to do anything which he could not do thoroughly and well. He has never married, nor ever owned a farm. In politics he has been a Whig and Republican, and in all official positions he ever could be prevailed upon to accept he has discharged his duties fearlessly and well. For many years—over fifty—he has been a member of the First Congregational Church of Lisbon, joining Sept. 2, 1831. He is marked by all who

know him for his strict adherence to truth and honesty and his opposition to all things tending to degrade humanity,—for example, his opposition to rum and slavery has been earnest all his life.

## CHAPTER LVIII.

### LYME.

Geographical—Topographical—The "Loving Parting" between Saybrook and Lyme—Ecclesiastical History—Congregational Church, Grassy Hill—Congregational Church, Hamburg—Baptist Church, North Lyme—Baptist Church, Hadlyme—Civil and Military History—Organization of Town—Representatives from 1667 to 1882—Military Record.

THE town of Lyme is located in the southwestern part of New London County, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Middlesex County and the town of Salem, on the east by East Lyme, on the south by Old Lyme, and on the west by the Connecticut River, which separates it from Middlesex County. Its surface is hilly but generally fertile. Although this portion of ancient Lyme retains the original name, the first settlement was made in what is now Old Lyme, and much of the history of Lyme is given in the history of that town, to which the reader is referred.

**The "Loving Parting" between Saybrook and Lyme.**—The following is a copy of the articles of agreement executed between the towns of Saybrook and Lyme when the latter was set off as an independent plantation. It is dated Feb. 13, 1665:

"Whereas there hath been several propositions betwixt the inhabitants of east side of the River and the inhabitants on the West side of the River of the towne of Saybrook towards a Loving parting,

"The inhabitants on the east side of the River desiring to be a plantation by themselves; doe declare that they have a competency of Lands to entertaine thirty families.

"They declare that they will pay all arrears of Rates past and all rates Dew by the 2 of May next ensuing that belongs unto the towne and ministry, to be brought into the townsmen in the town plots, to wit: Richard Bayment and Abraham Post now in Place. At the request of thos on the east side of the River to abate them ther proportion belonging to the ministry from the first of maye to the Latter end of January next ensuing, the towne doe consent ther unto, and in case they have not a minister selected amongst them, then they are to pay Rates to the minister on the west side, as formerly, unless a minister be settled amongst them.

"In reference to the Lands of hamanasuk, they on the east side of the River doe fully and freely Resign all their Rights, titles, and claims to all and every parcels of the Lands to the inhabitants of the West side, engaging themselves to afford what help they have amongst them for the Recovery of those Lands, they being Reasonably considered for their pains. That the Indians at Nehantick have the Land agreed upon by the covenant maid betwixt the inhabitants of Saybrook and them.

"The above laid articles being agreed upon by the comites chosen on both sides of the River, the inhabitants east side have Liberty to be a plantation of themselves. In witness whereof the committees chosen on both sides have sett to their hands.

"JOHN WALDO,  
WILLIAM PRATT,  
ROBERT LUZE,  
WILLIAM PARKER,  
ZACHARIAH SANFORD,  
"For the West Side.

"NATHAN GRISWOLD,  
WILLIAM WALLER,  
RENAUD MARVIN,  
JOHN LUZE, SR.,  
RICHARD SMITH,  
JOHN COMSTOCK,  
"For the East Side."

**Congregational Church, Grassy Hill.**—This church was organized in 1755. Rev. Daniel Miner was the first pastor, who was settled in 1757. The following is a list of the pastors from that time to the present: Daniel Miner, 1757, died April, 1799; Seth Lee, 1817, died October, 1826; Nathaniel Miner, 1827–29; A. Alden, 1830–31; Mark Mead, 1833–36; — Warner, 1837–38; Oliver Brown, 1839, died February, 1853; Alpha Miller, 1853–63; Rev. William A. Hyde, 1864, died in 1874, while in the ministry Benjamin B. Hopkinson, 1875, present pastor. The present (July, 1881) deacons are William Hull and Richard W. Lee.

**Congregational Church, Hamburg.**—This church was organized probably in 1727, with Rev. George Beckwith as first pastor. He died in December, 1785. The pastors from that time to the present have been as follows: David Higgins, 1787; David Huntington, 1808; Asahel Nettleton, 1813; Josiah Hawes, 1814; Harvey Bushnell, 1835; Philip Payson, 1838; Charles E. Murdock, 1842; James A. Moore, 1844; Daniel C. Tyler, 1844; Samuel Griswold, 1845; E. F. Burr, D.D., 1850, to present time.

Before the division of the town this was the third church in Lyme, now the first. After Mr. Huntington's death the pulpit was supplied one year by the Middlesex Association. There was a revival under Mr. Nettleton's labors, attended with great solemnity and deep conviction of sin, promoted by the preaching of the distinguishing doctrines of the gospel; thirty-one added. Also in April, 1824, a work of divine grace commenced under the ministration of Rev. Noah C. Saxton, progressed rapidly, and forty-eight were added, four of whom entered the ministry. In April, 1831, Rev. Warren G. Jones commenced assisting Mr. Hawes, and a powerful revival followed, adding forty-five to the church. There was also a revival in the winter of 1836, and there have been several since.

The present deacons are Allen Griffin and Thomas B. Peck.

**Baptist Church, North Lyme.**—This church was organized in 1810, by the covenant union of six members. During the year twenty-five others were added, and one in the following year. During the first three years Elder Asa Wilcox administered the church ordinances.

In 1813, Brother Matthew Bolles was ordained pastor, and continued three years, during which thirty-seven were added. He was succeeded by Elder William Palmer, who continued six years, and twenty-five more were added. In 1822, Brother Jabez S. Swan received a license to preach the gospel. The two succeeding years they had no stated pastor, but sustained the ordinances of the church through the

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Burr is the author of the following well-known works: "Ecos Cœlum," "Pater Mundi," "Ad Fidem," "Doctrine of Evolution," "Work in the Vineyard," "Toward the Strait Gate," "Sunday Afternoons," "Thy Voyage," "From Dark to Day," "Dio, the Athenian."

ministry of several of the Lord's ambassadors, and during the time were encouraged by the addition of twenty-four by baptism.

In 1824, Brother Henry Stanwood commenced laboring with them, and rendered essential service by setting things in order, and inducing a good degree of discipline. He was subsequently ordained. During his ministry thirty-four were added to the church by baptism.

In 1827, Elder Tubal Wakefield accepted the pastorate, and Brother J. Pilgrim and James Stark were licensed. Their numbers continued about the same. In 1830 they were again without a pastor, but the ordinances of the church were administered to them by Elder B. G. Goff, and though laboring under such disadvantages, the church enjoyed a good degree of prosperity.

In 1831, Elder Alvin Ackley became pastor, and thus continuing three years, during which the church was strengthened in grace as well as in numbers. The same might be said of the two succeeding years, when Elder Andrew M. Smith dispensed to them the word of life.

In 1846, Elder Ebenezer Loomis accepted the pastorate for one year, when he was succeeded by Elder E. Denison, about one year, when he again succeeded, and continued two years. During their pastorate the church prospered. For a few months they were again without a pastor, then for a short time Elder Willson Cogswell labored successfully among them.

In 1842, Elder Thomas Dowling commenced his labors with them, during whose ministry of almost four years many difficulties were passed through and much good accomplished.

In 1846, Elder Chester Tilden succeeded to the pastorate, and was followed by Elder Simeon Shailer. Brother W. W. Meech was ordained their present pastor in June, 1850. Their present number of members is one hundred and forty-four.

**Baptist Church, Hadlyme.**—Early in the present century a few families had Baptist members, but, scattered and disorganized, they were incapable of exerting any efficient influence. They were, however, visited occasionally by Elders Matthew Bolles and Simeon Shailer, whose labors were blessed, and thus a branch of the North Lyme Baptist Church was established.

In 1820 this branch was organized into a church, under its present name, and for several years enjoyed a good degree of prosperity, but at length, in 1840, through dissensions, the church became extinct.

In 1849 it was reorganized, when ten were added, making their whole number thirty-two. They were supplied by Brother William Harris in 1851.

**Civil and Military History.**—This town was organized in 1667, and is one of the oldest civil organizations in the State of Connecticut. A portion of the present town of East Lyme was set off in 1839, and the town of Old Lyme in 1855.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1670 TO 1882.

- 1670.—Reinold Marvin.
- 1671.—Mathew Griswold, Ens. William Waller.
- 1672.—Mathew Griswold, Lieut. William Waller, Reinold Marvin.
- 1673.—Mathew Griswold, Sergt. Reinold Marvin.
- 1674.—Mathew Griswold, Sergt. Reinold Marvin.
- 1675.—Lieut. Reinold Marvin.
- 1676.—Lieut. Reinold Marvin, William Measure, Jos. Peck, Thomas Lee, *absent*.
- 1677.—Mathew Griswold, William Measure.
- 1678.—Mathew Griswold, Richard Smith.
- 1679.—Mathew Griswold, Richard Smith.
- 1680.—William Measure, Mathew Griswold.
- 1681.—Mathew Griswold, William Measure.
- 1682.—Mathew Griswold, Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1683.—Mathew Griswold, William Measure.
- 1684.—Mathew Griswold, William Measure.
- 1685.—William Measure, Sergt. Thomas Lee.
- 1686.—William Measure, Capt. Joseph Scill, Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1687.—Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1688.—Sir Edmond Andross, Governor.
- 1689.—Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1690.—Capt. Jos. Scill, Ens. Jos. Peck, William Ely.
- 1691.—Capt. Joseph Scill, *abs.*, Lieut. Abram Brunson, Ens. Joseph Peck.
- 1692.—William Ely, Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1693.—William Ely, Lieut. Isaac Brunson, Isack Waterhouse.
- 1694.—William Ely, Lieut. Abram Brunson.
- 1695.—William Ely, Abram Brunson, Ens. Peck.
- 1696.—Wilt Eelie, Mathew Griswold, *abs.*, Joseph Peck.
- 1697.—Capt. Wilt Eelie, Ens. Joseph Peck.
- 1698.—Capt. Wilt Eelye, Ens. Joseph Peck, Lieut. Abraham Brownson.
- 1699.—Capt. Wilt Eelye, Ens. Joseph Peck, Lieut. Abraham Brownson.
- 1700.—Capt. Wilt Eelye, Ens. Joseph Peck, Thomas Bradford.
- 1701.—Lieut. Abraham Brownson, Capt. William Eeelye, Deacon Joseph Peck.
- 1702.—Ens. Joseph Peck, Capt. William Eely, Ens. Joseph Peck.
- 1703.—Capt. William Eeelye, Ensign Joseph Peck, Lieut. Abraham Brownson.
- 1704.—Capt. William Eeley, Ensign Joseph Peck, Mathew Griswold, Thomas Bradford.
- 1705.—Capt. William Ely, Ensign Joseph Peck.
- 1706.—Capt. William Ely, Ensign Joseph Peck.
- 1707.—Capt. William Eely, Mathew Griswold.
- 1708.—Capt. William Eely, Joseph Peck, Thomas Bradford, Mathew Griswold.
- 1709.—Capt. William Eely, Joseph Peck, Abraham Brownson, John Lee.
- 1710.—Joseph Peck, Mathew Griswold.
- 1711.—Capt. William Eely, Reynold Marvin, Abraham Brownson, Samuel Marvin.
- 1712.—Ensign John Colt, Mr. Renold Marvin, Abraham Brunson, Capt. William Eely.
- 1713.—Capt. William Eely, Renold Marvin, Abraham Brunson, Thomas Lee.
- 1714.—Lieut. Abram Brunson, Thomas Lee.
- 1715.—Lieut. Abram Brunson, Thomas Lee, Capt. William Ely.
- 1716.—Thomas Lee, Lieut. Abram Brunson, Reginald Marvin.
- 1717.—Abram Brunson, William Minor, Thomas Lee.
- 1718.—Abraham Brunson, Reinold Marvin, John Colt.
- 1719.—Thomas Lee, Richard Ely, Lieut. John Colt, Richard Lord.
- 1720.—Capt. Reignold Marvin, Lieut. John Colt, Aaron Huntly, Thomas Lee.
- 1721.—Capt. Reignold Marvin, John Griswold.
- 1722-23.—Lieut. John Colt, Samuel Marvin, Capt. Reignold Marvin.
- 1724.—Thomas Lee, Richard Ely, Capt. Reignold Marvin, Capt. John Colt.
- 1725.—Capt. Reignold Marvin, Jno. Griswold, Thomas Lee, Richard Ely.
- 1726.—Thomas Lee, Richard Ely, Capt. John Colt.
- 1727.—Thomas Lee, Capt. Reignold Marvin.
- 1728.—Capt. John Colt, Capt. Reignold Marvin, Richard Ely, Stephen Lee.
- 1729.—Stephen Lee, Daniel Ely, Capt. John Coult, Richard Lord.
- 1730.—Richard Lord, John Lee, Capt. John Colt, Capt. Stephen Lee.
- 1731.—Capt. John Colt, Capt. Stephen Lee.

1 Names of deputies without towns are given in 1706, but these are undoubtedly correct.



- 1732.—Richard Lord, John Lee.  
 1733.—Richard Lord, Stephen Lee, John Griswold.  
 1734.—John Griswold, John Lee, Daniel Ely.  
 1735.—John Griswold, John Lee, Richard Lord, Daniel Ely.  
 1736.—Richard Lord, Stephen Lee, John Griswold, John Lee.  
 1737.—John Griswold, Richard Lord, Richard Ely.  
 1738.—John Griswold, Capt. John Lee, Capt. Daniel Ely.  
 1739.—John Griswold, Joseph Lee, Capt. Stephen Lee, Capt. Daniel Ely.  
 1740.—John Griswold, Joseph Lee, Richard Lord.  
 1741.—Capt. Stephen Lee, Maj. Daniel Ely, John Griswold.  
 1742.—John Griswold, Richard Lord, Capt. Stephen Lee, Maj. Daniel Ely.  
 1743.—John Griswold, Richard Lord, Capt. John Lee.  
 1744.—Maj. Daniel Ely, Capt. Samuel Selden, John Griswold, Capt. John Lee.  
 1745.—John Griswold, John Lee, Maj. Daniel Ely.  
 1746.—John Griswold, Richard Lord, Capt. Elisha Sheldon.  
 1747.—Capt. Elisha Sheldon, Richard Lord.  
 1748.—Richard Lord, Capt. Elisha Sheldon, Capt. Mathew Griswold.  
 1749.—John Griswold, Capt. Elisha Sheldon, Maj. Daniel Ely.  
 1750.—Daniel Ely, John Lay, Joseph Mathews.  
 1751.—Capt. Mathew Griswold, Eleazer Mather, Capt. Nathan Jewett, Daniel Ely.  
 1752.—John Griswold, Richard Lord, Capt. Nathan Jewett.  
 1753.—Richard Lord, Capt. Nathan Jewett, Richard Lord, John Griswold.  
 1754.—John Lay, Uriah Rowland, Richard Lord, Capt. Matthew Griswold.  
 1755.—Capt. William Ely, Richard Walt, Capt. Matthew Griswold, Capt. Nathan Jewett.  
 1756.—John Griswold, Capt. Matthew Griswold.  
 1757.—John Griswold, Samuel Ely, Capt. Matthew Marvin.  
 1758.—George Dorr, Capt. Matthew Griswold, Uriah Rowland.  
 1759.—Capt. Matthew Griswold (chosen assistant), Uriah Rowland (excluded), Capt. Samuel Ely, Eleazer Mathew.  
 1760.—Capt. Samuel Ely, George Dorr, Capt. Richard, Capt. Nathan Jewett.  
 1761.—Maj. Daniel Ely, John Lay (2), Richard Mather, William Noyes.  
 1762-63.—John Lay (2), Samuel Selden, Samuel Holden Parsons.  
 1764.—John Lay, Samuel Holden Parsons.  
 1765.—William Noyes, Samuel Selden.  
 1766.—John Lay (2), Samuel Selden, Capt. Joseph Mather, Capt. Elisha Marvin.  
 1767.—Samuel Holden Parsons, William Noyes, John Lay (2).  
 1768.—Samuel Holden Parsons, Ezra Selden, Samuel Selden.  
 1769.—Samuel Holden Parsons, John Lay (2).  
 1770.—John Lay (2), Capt. Joseph Mather, Maj. Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather.  
 1771.—Maj. Samuel H. Parsons, William Noyes, Samuel Selden.  
 1772.—Maj. Samuel H. Parsons, Samuel Selden, John Lay (2).  
 1773.—Maj. Samuel H. Parsons, Samuel Selden, William Noyes.  
 1774.—William Noyes, John Lay (2), Ezra Selden.  
 1775.—Marshfield Parsons, Ezra Selden.  
 1776.—S. Selden, M. Parsons, John Lay (2).  
 1777.—William Noyes, S. Ely, John Lay (2).  
 1778.—E. Selden, M. Parsons.  
 1779.—E. Selden, R. Wait, Jr.  
 1780.—William Noyes, M. Parsons, Moses Warren.  
 1781.—Seth Ely, R. Wait, S. Mather.  
 1782.—Ezra Selden, N. Matson.  
 1783.—Ezra Selden, N. Matson, Richard Wait, Seth Ely.  
 1784.—Ezra Selden.  
 1785.—Ezra Selden, M. Parsons, John Griffin.  
 1786.—Andrew Griswold, D. F. Sill, Seth Ely.  
 1787.—R. Wait, Jr., M. Parsons, John Griffin, Ezra Selden.  
 1788.—Seth Ely, D. F. Sill, John Griffin, William Noyes.  
 1789.—Ezra Selden, Matthew Griswold, M. Parsons, Ezra Selden.  
 1790.—Ezra Selden, Matthew Griswold, Samuel Mather.  
 1791.—William Noyes, M. Leach, Lemuel Lee.  
 1792.—S. Mather, M. Leach, Lemuel Lee, Samuel Perkins.  
 1793.—S. Mather, James Huntley, Lemuel Lee, I. Reeve.  
 1794.—M. Griswold, D. F. Sill, Samuel Mather, Elisha Way.  
 1795.—Israel Reeve, Ezra Wait, M. Griswold, Jr., D. F. Sill.  
 1796.—Israel Reeve, E. Selden, M. Griswold, Jr., D. F. Sill.  
 1797.—L. Lee, Israel Reeve, M. Griswold, Jr., John Noyes.  
 1798.—D. F. Sill, M. Griswold, Jr.  
 1799.—D. F. Sill, Moses Warren, M. Griswold, Jr., D. M. Jewett.  
 1800.—R. Selden, John Noyes, M. Griswold, Jr.  
 1801.—M. Warren, D. F. Sill, M. Griswold, Jr., D. M. Jewett.  
 1802.—M. Warren, D. F. Sill, M. Griswold, Jr., R. Lord.  
 1803.—N. Matson, D. F. Sill, M. Griswold, Jr.  
 1804.—D. M. Jewett, E. Brockway, Jr., M. Griswold, Jr., M. Warren, Jr.  
 1805.—N. Matson, Calvin Selden, Roger Griswold, George Beckwith.  
 1806-12.—Richard McCurdy.  
 1806.—David M. Jewett.  
 1806-17.—N. Watson.  
 1806-14.—P. Warner.  
 1807.—Seth Smith.  
 1807-9.—William Noyes.  
 1807-15.—C. Selden.  
 1808.—D. M. Jewett.  
 1809.—Seth Ely, Jr.  
 1810-12.—William Sterling.  
 1810-15.—E. Selden.  
 1811.—Joseph Noyes.  
 1812-14.—Henry Perkins.  
 1813-15.—Charles Griswold.  
 1815-26.—Henry M. Walt.  
 1816-31.—E. Brockway.  
 1816.—H. Tinker.  
 1816-17.—Charles Smith.  
 1817-23.—R. E. Selden.  
 1817-31.—Moses Warner.  
 1818-32.—P. Comstock.  
 1818-30.—S. B. Mather.  
 1821.—D. Anderson.  
 1821-32.—J. S. Rogers.  
 1822-30.—Joel Loomis.  
 1834-43.—J. B. Warner.  
 1825-29.—O. Coutts.  
 1827-43.—Charles J. McCurdy.  
 1828.—Z. Brockway, Jr.  
 1834-38-48.—S. C. Selden.  
 1834.—C. Stark.  
 1836.—Lodowick Bill, S. Champlon.  
 1837.—J. L. Smith, N. Tiffany.  
 1839.—Joseph Strickland.  
 1839-45.—C. C. Griswold.  
 1840.—S. I. Lord.  
 1841.—William Marvin.  
 1842.—D. M. Jewett.  
 1843.—J. W. Bill.  
 1844.—S. S. Warner.  
 1845.—William Spencer.  
 1846.—R. E. Selden, Jr., J. M. Beebe.  
 1847.—R. Lord, O. I. Lay.  
 1848.—R. L. Lord.  
 1849-58-59.—Z. Brockway.  
 1849.—James A. Bill.  
 1850.—N. Stark, T. W. Swan.  
 1851.—M. S. Parker, Joseph Warner.  
 1852.—C. P. Stark, J. R. Warren.  
 1853.—J. C. Comstock, Charles E. Tiffany.  
 1854.—F. A. Tiffany, I. Watson.  
 1855.—Daniel Morley, Joseph Selden.  
 1856.—S. C. Ely, R. L. Selden.  
 1857.—C. H. Wood, F. Fiedick.  
 1858-66.—E. D. Brockway.  
 1859.—William Hall.  
 1860.—Horace Ely, S. P. Anderson.  
 1861.—E. Geer, A. Stark.  
 1862.—Charles A. Tiffany, Joseph Beebe.  
 1863.—J. S. Raymond, J. Comstock.  
 1864.—J. L. Lord, Robert Dawley.  
 1865.—Nathan Stark, William Marvin.  
 1866-71.—D. C. Warner.  
 1867.—A. C. G. Rathbun, James A. Bill.  
 1868.—B. A. Rathbun, H. B. Royce.  
 1869.—H. S. Lord, J. F. Laplace.  
 1870.—M. S. Parker, Elihu Geer.  
 1871.—R. M. Jewett.  
 1872.—B. P. Bill, Charles Stark.  
 1873-76-78.—H. B. Sisson.  
 1873.—H. L. Parker.



Henry Clay

*Sordowick Bill*

1874.—E. E. Brockway, J. M. Lord.  
 1875.—J. G. Ely, P. L. Gillett.  
 1876.—O. B. Sterling.  
 1877.—J. L. Raymond, J. H. Lord.  
 1878.—Reuben Lord.  
 1879.—No election.  
 1880.—A. Beckworth, J. Sisson.  
 1881.—J. W. Bill, J. F. Laplace.

## CHAPTER LIX.

LYME—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Lodowick Bill.**—The honored subject of this sketch was born in that part of the town of Groton, Conn., now known as Ledyard, Oct. 9, 1784. He remained in his native town until about the year 1805, when he removed to the town of Lyme, where the remainder of his life was passed.

He located on a pleasant elevation near the central part of the town, and as his family grew up they left the parental roof only to find homes within easy call, and at this day, and mayhap through all time, the place that he selected for his home is and will be known as "Bill Hill."

Judge Bill was in personal appearance a man that we at this day would turn and gaze upon after he had passed; tall, straight, with square-cut features, and chin which denoted firmness of purpose, pleasing address, yet commanding in its very tone, notable hospitality,—these are some of the more prominent traits of his character; in fact, our recollections of him are those of admiration, amounting almost to awe, so beautifully were kindness and firmness blended.

His pre-eminent qualifications as a man of executive ability and superior judgment, united with marked energy and uprightness of character, early won for him an enviable place in the hearts of his fellow-citizens, and he was called to occupy many positions of honor, trust, and responsibility. He was judge of probate for many years and until constitutionally disqualified by age, and it is a noteworthy fact that during the long period he held this position none of his decisions were ever reversed by the higher courts.

In the extensive and ordinary transactions of business life, such was the high sense of honor and integrity which characterized his uniform dealings that he succeeded in binding to himself, as with hooks of steel, all who had intercourse with him.

By nature and culture there were developed in the character of Judge Bill that happy and observable combination of qualities which tend to lift one into prominence, and to give the world assurance of a man.

In politics he was a true and steadfast Democrat, and it was his proud boast he voted for every Democratic President from the great Jefferson down.

In religion he maintained that a divine government, like that of a republic, was instituted and ordered for

the sole good of the governed, and the end of such could not fail to secure the righteous obedience of all created intelligence. In confidence that the end would be in harmony with the design and commensurate with the means put into operation, he hopefully cast in his lot with that of a common humanity, and departed this life firm in the faith that he should be gathered to the rapt embrace of his kindred and friends in the spirit's native skies.

For sixty years he lived in calm fellowship with the venerable order of Freemasons. His amiable and greatly beloved consort, who toiled with him up the hill of life, and with whom he passed by far the largest portion of his prosperous and happy years, went down the opposite declivity only a little in advance, rich in all the gathered treasures of the home and heart.

By frugality and industry he accumulated a competence, which enabled him to idle through the "Indian summer" days of his life, taking no thought for the morrow, knowing his harvest had been abundant, his granary full,—aye, and to spare. The home of Judge Bill is not noticeably different from many other dwellings of the nineteenth century: it is a square two and a half story frame house, standing very near the road, the house having been built first, simple in its construction, yet invitingly home-like in its simplicity.

No wonder that he, being a lover of domestic happiness, should select this delightful place for a home. Hearing the wind as it goes whispering through the grand old stately elms that stand by this familiar homestead, placed there when mere saplings by his hands, I am reminded of two lines by a gifted author,—

"Among the leaves the wind-harp weaves  
 A requiem for thee."

Judge Bill died Aug. 17, 1871, leaving three sons and two daughters. The sons, John W., Benajah P., and James A., are all residents of Lyme, and are classed among the enterprising and influential citizens and agriculturists of the county, all having represented their native town in the Legislature.

## CHAPTER LX.

OLD LYME.

THIS town lies in the southwestern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Lyme, on the east by East Lyme, on the south by the waters of Long Island Sound, and on the west by the Connecticut River, which separates it from the town of Saybrook, in Middlesex County.

This town was first settled in 1664, and was known as East Saybrook, being at that time a part of the town of Saybrook.

The following interesting and thorough sketch of

Lyme is from the pen of the gifted Martha J. Lamb, of New York, author of the "History of New York City," and is reproduced in this work by permission of the publishers, Messrs. Harper & Brothers. It was first published in *Harper's Magazine* for February, 1876.

"Lyme is a word of four letters, and it brings the cars on the Shore-line Railroad from New York to Boston to a full stop for the space of perhaps a minute at the eastern end of the Connecticut River bridge. That is as far, probably, as your next neighbor, who is descanting learnedly upon the charms of foreign travel, will be able to enlighten you. The car-window discloses little save a broad stretch of picturesque scenery, including the natural variations between a fine old sea-beach and rough and ragged undulations piled one upon another half a league inland. Should you suddenly be attacked by the spirit of inquiry, as well as by the notion that, as a native of average intelligence, you are deplorably unfamiliar with the individual features of your own country, you may find yourself, as did the writer on a certain occasion, standing conspicuously alone in apparent possession of the main outpost of this ancient and interesting town.

"From Noyes Hill, a few rods north of the station, you obtain your first glimpse of the village, or rather of its roofs and chimneys and spires among the tree-tops; also of Meeting-house Hill beyond, of the salt meadows and Long Island Sound to the right, and of a beautiful river, formerly the harbor for merchant vessels when Lyme was a shipping port, winding lazily to the sea in the foreground. The ferry road crosses a snug New England bridge and guides you to the Pierrepont House, a new summer hotel, which occupies a commanding position just outside the wealth of shade which shields the town. The name of this hotel hinges upon the romantic. It was given in honor of one of the early ministers of Lyme, Rev. Samuel Pierrepont, a brother of the wife of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, who in 1722 was drowned in crossing the Connecticut on his return from a visit to his lady-love in New Haven.

"Lyme itself is the namesake of Lyme-Regis, on the south coast of England, which, with its geographical peculiarities, its history, traditions, and romances, has been so graphically described by Mr. Conway in his 'South Coast Saunterings.' It covers seven or eight square miles of territory, bounded on the west by the Connecticut River, and on the south by the Sound. It was settled over two centuries ago (in 1666) by an active, sensible, resolute, and blue-blooded people, who gave it a moral and intellectual character which it has never outgrown. Its climate is one of perfect health, and its people live to a great age. The salty, bracing atmosphere tends towards the increase of mental vigor as well as length of years, hence the results which we are about to chronicle. It is a town which has kept pace with

the times. It has been near enough the metropolis to partake of its literary culture and many-sided opportunities, and sufficiently remote to escape its dissipating wastes, and it has always maintained a self-respecting inner life. It is exceptionally rich in family reminiscences, occupies in a certain sense historic ground, and possesses elements of national interest. Lyme-Regis is said to have been famous for its physicians. Lyme is, or ought to be, famous for its lawyers, as it has produced more than any other town of its size on this continent, or any other continent, and not only lawyers, 'whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour,' but eminent judges, senators, and Governors, its latest and grandest achievement being a chief justice of the United States.

"As you proceed from the hotel, 'The Street' springs upon you like a new character in a novel. There is no warning of its nearness until you are among its soft shadows. It has a fascinating air of easy old-fashioned elegance, is a mile and a half long, is wide enough to swallow a whole family of New York City streets, is lined with handsome grandfatherly-looking trees, and mansions, some modest, some pretentious, some antique, are planted on either side of it at neighborly distances. Your eye will fall also upon two churches, an academy, a post-office, two or three stores, where groceries, hardware, and dry-goods dwell in harmony together, a milliner's shop with peaches and melons to sell, and a wagon-shed where they mend breaks and shoe horses. Signs of business there are none. The scene is one of tranquillity on a broad scale.

"One of the first houses which attract attention, through its associations, is a cottage-built, vine-clad, flower-surrounded dwelling, with a body-guard of aged apple-trees. It was the home of the Hon. Henry Matson Waite, chief justice of the State of Connecticut, the father of the present chief justice of the United States, and where the latter was reared into manhood.

"It is only a few months since we witnessed a rare phenomenon, which is fresh in the public memory. An American citizen was elevated to one of the most dignified and important judicial offices in the world without a dissenting voice. When the nomination was announced a flood of surprise seemed to drown captious politicians and impatient office-seekers. The choice had, singularly enough, fallen outside of their ranks. Ere they came to the surface Congress had bowed its lofty head to merit, the newspaper press had despairingly confessed its inability to find any fault with the nominee, and the question had rung through the length and breadth of the land, and been satisfactorily answered, 'What manner of man is he who is to be henceforth the custodian of the liberties of forty millions of people?'

"The office had been entirely unsought. Morrison R. Waite was a lawyer with an immense and valuable

practice. He was the acknowledged leader of the Ohio bar, and had been for a long series of years. He was one whose clearness and dexterity of intellect had never failed to bring order out of confusion in the most complicated law cases which had been placed in his hands. He was, moreover, a thorough gentleman, with an acute sense of justice, strong opinions, sound judgment, and a spotless private record. He had meddled little in public affairs, although repeatedly urged to accept a nomination to Congress. He had declined a seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

"The few instances in which he had served the government were where the mutual attraction of need and fitness were strikingly apparent. In 1849 he was in the Ohio Legislature; in 1871 he was one of the counsel of the United States at the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva, winning special praise for his labor in the commission; in 1873 he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of Ohio by the unanimous vote of both political parties, and was presiding over that body when he was notified of the action of the administration. He stands out in American history bright and clear as sunlight, a living refutation of the popular idea that a man must have narrowed and belittled himself with district politics—in short, have gone through the worst possible training for it—before he can receive any national appointment.

"Chief Justice Waite is so rounded in character and culture that there are few salient points to seize for purposes of description. He is of medium height, broad physique, square shoulders, large and well-poised head, hair and whiskers slightly flecked with gray, complexion heavy, eyes dark and piercing, and mouth indicative of decision. His general bearing is firm and self-possessed. He was born in Lyme, Nov. 29, 1816. He studied law with his father, after graduating from Yale, but completed his forensic education in the office of the Hon. Samuel M. Young, of Maumee City, Ohio, with whom he subsequently formed a partnership that continued with marked success for nearly a quarter of a century.

"He removed his family to Toledo in 1850. The name of Waite is both ancient and honorable. It dates back many centuries. The coat of arms used by the family in both Europe and America was granted in 1512. In the time of Cromwell, Thomas Wayte<sup>1</sup> was a member of Parliament, and one of the judges who signed the death-warrant of Charles I. Shortly after the Restoration the family removed to this country. Thomas Waite, born in Sudbury, Mass., in 1677, settled in Lyme when a young man, and married Mary Bronson, whose mother was the daughter of

Matthew and Annah Wolcott Griswold.<sup>2</sup> He thus became connected with one of the most influential families in the province, and in an age when the distinctions of rank and caste were held in severe respect, even in democratic New England, 'where mental and moral cultivation was the first essential for access to good society, and honest labor esteemed no shame.' He was the father of eleven children. His fourth son, Richard, was twice married; his first wife was Elizabeth Marvin.

"I beg pardon for the digression, but I am reminded of a little story. One of the early settlers of Lyme was Reynold Marvin. He was a rich landholder, a militia captain, and a deacon of the church. He professed to be governed by Divine communications. On one occasion he announced that the Lord had directed him to distribute his cows among the poor. A shiftless fellow who was omitted in the distribution finally went to the deacon and said he too had received a communication from the Lord, who had sent him there for a cow.

"'Of course, then, you must have a cow,' was the reply. 'But what sort of a cow did the Lord say I must give you, a new milch or a farrow?'

"'A new milch cow, sir.'

"'Indeed! Your communication could not have been from the Lord, for I have no new milch cow.'

"The baffled beggar departed.

"Another time the deacon opposed some church measure, which was carried in spite of him. He promptly refused to pay his church taxes, and was sued, and his saddle taken for the debt. He esteemed himself deeply wronged, and rode upon a sheepskin (wheeled vehicles had as yet hardly appeared in the colonies) forever afterward. And riding upon his sheepskin one day, he reined his horse up to the cottage-door of pretty Betty Lee. It was an old Dutch door, cut in two in the middle. She came and leaned upon the lower half, her blue eyes opened wide, and her dainty hands holding fast to a plate which she was wiping.

"'Betty,' said he, solemnly, 'the Lord sent me here to marry you.'

"Betty's eyes fell upon the doorstep, and so did

<sup>2</sup> The Griswolds and Wolcotts were of the old English gentry. Matthew Griswold, the first magistrate of the Saybrook colony, married Annah, the daughter of Henry Wolcott. Matthew Griswold was a descendant of Sir Humphrey Griswold, whose seat was at Malvern Hall. Henry Wolcott was the son and heir of John Wolcott, of Golden Manor. The manor-house is still standing, an immense castle of great antiquity, designed for the purposes of defense against the excesses of a lawless age, as well as for a permanent family residence. It is richly ornamented with carved work, and upon the walls may be seen the motto of the family arms, "*Nullius addictus jurare in verba magistri*,"—inclined to swear in the words of no master. It was in keeping with the independent spirit of an English gentleman of the Middle Ages, and with that of a Puritan of a later date who spurned the dictation of ecclesiastical wisdom. Wolcott sold a portion of his estate before he left England. He was a magistrate in the Connecticut colony, and his descendants in the direct line were magistrates, judges, and Governors for a period of over one hundred and eighty successive years.

<sup>1</sup> From the Waite records it appears that the name anciently was written Wayte, in modern times Waite, and in some instances Wait. It also appears that the names of Thomas, Richard, John, and Joseph, especially the former two, were favorite names in the family.—*History of the Waite Family*, p. 11.

the plate. The demure maiden, however, rallied instantly.

"The Lord's will be done," she replied.

"The deacon nudged his horse and trotted slowly away, and the maiden finished washing her dishes. Betty's father was not friendly to the deacon, and tried to break the engagement. He did not succeed, as appears from the *publishment* which, according to the custom of the times, was posted upon the church-door. It was the production of the prospective bridegroom, and ran thus:

"Reynold Marvin and Betty Lee  
Do intend to marry,  
And though her dad op-posed be,  
They can no longer tarry."

"They were married, and lived in peace, and in a small stone house on the west side of 'The Street' brought up a large family of children, and in due course of events were gathered to their fathers. On a time-worn headstone in the Lyme Cemetery may be seen the following inscription:

"This Deacon, aged sixty-eight,  
Is freed on Earth from serving,  
May for a crown no longer wait  
Lyme's Captain Reynold Marvin."

"The Marvins were a numerous race, and jurists were thick among them in every generation. They seem to have been native bards also. One Reynold Marvin (not the deacon) closes a letter in 1737 to Judge John Griswold in the following manner:

"Sir, this is yours, at any rate,  
To read if you have leisure,  
To burn, conceal, communicate,  
According to your pleasure."

"To return to Richard Waite. He lived on a farm in that part of Lyme known as 'Four-mile River.' He was a leading man and a justice of the peace, which was more of an honor in those days than we of this generation can comprehend. He had ten children by his Marvin wife, one of whom became the celebrated Judge Marvin Wait, of New London, whose son is the Hon. John Turner Wait, of Norwich. He married secondly Rebecca Higgins, the daughter of Capt. Higgins, a large, handsome, imperious woman, who, as the years rolled on, devoted herself with great zeal to the education of her two sons, Remick and Ezra. When the latter graduated from Yale, and then declined to carry out her wishes by studying divinity, she was grievously disappointed; and when he crowned his irreverence by declaring in favor of law, she would have nothing more to do with him. She was severely religious, never allowed cooking or sweeping in her house on the Sabbath, and always entered church at the precise and proper moment. At one time (just prior to the Revolution) both she and her husband withdrew from the communion because of certain charges against their pastor, but finding them untrue, offered to return. Capt. Higgins violently opposed such a proceeding. 'What!'

said he to his daughter, 'has our Lyme church become a tavern, where people may go out and come in when they please, without even knocking?' Her son, Remick Waite, turned his attention to agriculture; but the law in his blood found vent. He was made justice of the peace when quite young, and sustained the office with dignity to the end of a long and useful life. He married Susanna Matson, who was a lady of superior talents and great worth and strength of character. It was her sister who was the mother of Hon. William A. Buckingham, late United States senator, and the great war Governor of Connecticut, and of Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Buckingham, long a beloved and honored pastor in Springfield, Mass.; and she herself was the mother of Chief Justice Henry Matson Waite.

"The last-named gentleman deserves honorable mention, not only because he gave direction to and helped to mould the mind which now defines for us the limits of even authority itself, but on account of his own personal excellence and valuable public services in his native State. His career was specially interesting. He graduated from Yale in 1809. The following summer he taught a small select school in New Rochelle, and one of his pupils was William Heathcote De Lancey, afterwards Bishop of Western New York. He studied law with Judge Matthew Griswold, of Lyme, assisted by his brother, the accomplished Governor Roger Griswold. One of his classmates was Chief Justice Ebenezer Lane, of Ohio. As soon as he was admitted to the bar he grew steadily in importance. Prior to 1854 he had served several terms in the State Legislature, and had been for twenty years judge of the Supreme and Superior Courts. He was then elected by the unanimous vote of both branches of the Legislature to the highest seat on the State bench. A well-known jurist says of him, 'He contributed his full share to the character of a court whose decisions are quoted and opinions respected in all the courts of the United States, and in the highest courts of England.' He was of stately presence, tall, and yet not tall, with a fair, serious face, keen blue eyes, and light hair. He was highly cultivated by study, chose to use his means for educational and religious purposes, and to help others, rather than in a pretentious mode of living, was social in his tastes, and enjoyed the perfect confidence of the entire community. His wife was of the first order of intellect, and, sympathizing in his pursuits, contributed largely to his professional successes. A fit mother was she, indeed, for her distinguished son.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Chief Justice Waite is not the only lawyer-son of Hon. Henry M. Waite. Richard Waite has been in active and prosperous law practice in Toledo, Ohio, for some nineteen years. Another son, George C. Waite, who died in his twenty-ninth year, was a promising lawyer in Troy, N. Y., and an efficient member of the Troy Board of Education. To him that city is mainly indebted for its present free-school system. Hon. Horace F. Waite, of Chicago, a prominent lawyer, member of the Illinois Legislature, etc., is a nephew of the late Hon. Henry M. Waite, and a native of Lyme. Mr. Daniel Chadwick, a leading lawyer, State's

She was Maria Selden, the daughter of Col. Richard Ely Selden, and granddaughter of Col. Samuel Selden, a notable officer in the Revolution, who was himself the grandson of Governor Dudley, of Massachusetts, which carries us again into lordly halls across the water, only that we are too intensely republican to need any such background and perspective. We all began on this side.

"Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite married his second cousin, Amelia Warner, of Lyme, the great-granddaughter of the distinguished Col. Selden, of Revolutionary memory. She was a beauty and a belle, a leader in fashion and society, and now, with the added grace of years, no lady in the land is better fitted by education, culture, and travel for the position in Washington circles which destiny has thrust upon her. She carries good sense, refined taste, and a quiet independence of character to the front which will prove an invaluable balance-wheel to the great social structure.

"Turning north from the Waite mansion, you are confronted by a quaint homestead which seems to be taking life comfortably right in the middle of 'The Street.' Venerable trees rise above it, and their branches droop over its small-paned windows. Its doorstep is foot-worn, its hall of entrance of a pre-Revolutionary pattern, and its whole architecture one-sided, but it has an unmistakable air of gentility. If you enter, you are plunged headlong into an antiquarian mine; paneled walls, curious cornices, enormous fireplaces, high mantels, and round tables bring all your forefathers and foremothers round you in their powdered wigs and high-heeled shoes. The chairs and pictures are many of them two hundred years old. You may presume before you get to it that 'The Street' ends plump against the little doorway fence. No; 'The Street' is guilty of no such impertinence. It dodges politely around the edifice, and pursues its otherwise unbending course as if accustomed to trifling obstructions.

"To the south another mansion has spread itself squarely across the way. It does not, like its *vis-à-vis*, offer the apology of antiquity, but is evidently a freak of modern independence. It is high and broad, the front-door swings in the centre, and it has wings on the side and rear. It is embedded in shrubbery, and gay-colored flowers brighten its pretty grounds. The effect of the two houses facing each other, half a mile apart, is novel in the extreme. They impress you as being active participants in human affairs. They both belong to representatives of the Lord family, who were among the first settlers of Lyme, and who have in all the generations since been lavish in their distribution of doctors, judges, and divines throughout the country.

attorney, etc., residing in Lyme, is another nephew; and a niece married the accomplished scholar, Rev. Davis Clark Brainard (recently deceased), who for more than a third of a century had been the pastor of the Lyme Church.

"The Congregational church towers above you like an anciently bound and well-preserved chapter of ecclesiastical history, on the corner where the ferry road enters 'The Street' at right angles. It is an imposing edifice of the Ionic order of architecture and strikingly ornate. At its right, and under its very droppings, as it were, is a large, square, old-fashioned house, half hidden among stately trees, which is the home of a lady of elegant scholarship and rare accomplishments, who has for almost half a century been the educator of the ladies of Lyme, and to whom is due in large measure the credit of having developed the artistic and musical talent for which they are celebrated. Nearly opposite the church is the Mather homestead. It is gambrel-roofed, and was clapboarded before the time of sawing clapboards, when they were rived as staves are split. It has been the home of the Mathers—the ancient and learned family to which Increase and John Cotton Mather belonged—for more than a century. In the palmy days before the Revolution, when Governors drove six horses, and all the consequential families in Lyme owned negro slaves, this house was almost without a rival in the elegance of its appointments.

"Side by side with it stands the oldest house in Lyme, a landmark which has been protected with generous care. Like Sydney Smith's ancient green chariot with its new wheels and new springs, it seems to grow younger each year. It is the residence of Hon. Charles Johnson McCurdy, LL.D., an eminent jurist, who was for many years in the Connecticut Legislature, was Speaker of the House, Lieutenant-Governor of the State, United States minister to Austria, and for a long period judge of the Supreme Court. It was he who, when Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, in 1848, originated and carried into effect through the Legislature that great change in the common law by which parties may become witnesses in their own cases, a change which has since been adopted throughout this country and in England.

"This antique dwelling has the low ceilings and the bare, polished beams of the early part of the last century. Its doors and walls are elaborately carved and paneled. In the south parlor is a curious *buffet*, built with the house, containing a rare collection of china from ancestral families.<sup>1</sup> Between the front windows stands an elegant round table, which descended from Governor Matthew and Ursula Wolcott Griswold, and around which have sat from time to time the six Governors of the family, of whom more presently. The whole house is a museum of souvenirs of preceding generations. In the north chamber is a rich and unique chest of drawers, which

<sup>1</sup> The ancestral families connected with the McCurdy household are the Wolcotts, Griswolds, Lords, Lyndes, Digbys, Willoughbys, Pitkins, Ogdens, Mitchells (the Scotch family of Mitchells, the same as that of "Ik Marvel"), and the Diodatis. The descent is direct, through the wife of Rev. Stephen Johnson, from Rev. John Diodati (the famous divine and learned writer of Geneva in the time of John of Barneveld), who was from the Italian nobility.



belonged to the Diodati wife of Rev. Stephen Johnson; also mirrors, tables, pictures, and other relics of great antiquity. This apartment was occupied by Lafayette at two distinct eras in our national history,—for several days during the Revolution, when he was entertained by John McCurdy, while resting his troops in the vicinity, and in 1825, as the guest of Richard McCurdy and his daughter Sarah, while on his memorable journey to Boston.

"The house has historical significance through certain Revolutionary events. It was purchased by John McCurdy in 1750, a Scotch-Irish gentleman of education and wealth, who was a large shipping merchant. He had no sympathy with the arbitrary measures of the English government, and gloried in the spirit of resistance as it developed in the colonies. (He was the "Irish gentleman" mentioned by Gordon and Holister as 'friendly to the cause of liberty.') He was an intimate personal friend of Rev. Stephen Johnson, who was then the pastor of the Lyme Church. The two had many conferences upon the subject of a possible independence of the colonies. They grew indignant with the serene composure of Governor Fitch and his associates. The first published article pointing towards unqualified rebellion in case an attempt was made to enforce the Stamp Act was from the pen of Rev. Stephen Johnson, and it was written under this roof. McCurdy privately secured its insertion in the *Connecticut Gazette*. It was a fiery article, designed to rouse the community to a sense of the public danger. Others of a similar character soon followed; while pamphlets, from no one knew whence, fell, no one knew how, into conspicuous places. Could these walls speak what tales they might reveal! two sagacious and audacious men trying to kindle a fire, one feeding it with the chips of genius and strong nervous magnetism, the other fanning it with the contents of his broad purse. The alarm was sounded; organizations of the 'Sons of Liberty' were formed in the various colonies; treasonable resolves were handed about with great privacy in New York, but no one had the courage to print them. John McCurdy, being in the city, asked for them, and with much precaution was permitted to take a copy. He carried them to New England, where they were published and spread far and wide without reserve. This was in September, 1765, and before the end of the same month the famous crusade (which embraced nearly every man in the town of Lyme) moved from New London and Windham Counties against Mr. Ingersoll, the stamp commissioner. It was then and thus that the egg of the Revolution may be said to have been hatched.

"When Governor Fitch proposed that he and his councilors should be sworn, agreeably to the Stamp Act, Col. Trumbull (afterwards Governor) refused to witness the transaction and left the hall. Others followed his spirited example, until only four remained. Ingersoll, as the agent of Connecticut in England, had ably and earnestly opposed the passage of the

odious bill, but when all was over he had been duly qualified to officiate as stampmaster. He had scarcely landed in New Haven on his return when a rumor reached him that all was not quiet beyond the Connecticut, and he started at once for Hartford. The same morning five hundred mounted men, carrying eight days' provisions, crossed the Connecticut from the east in two divisions, one at Lyme and the other farther north. Ingersoll and his guard were riding leisurely through the woods near Wethersfield, when they were suddenly met by five horsemen, who turned and joined their party. Ten minutes later they were met by thirty horsemen, who wheeled in like manner. No violence was offered and not a word spoken. All rode on together with the solemnity and decorum of a funeral procession. Reaching a fork in the road they were met by the whole five hundred, armed with ponderous white clubs and led by Capt. Durkee in full uniform. The line opened from right to left, and Ingersoll was received with profoundest courtesy. Martial music broke the sombre stillness, and they marched into Wethersfield, halting in the wide street. Capt. Durkee then ordered Ingersoll to resign.

"The latter expostulated. 'Is it fair,' he asked, 'for two counties to dictate to the rest of the colonies?'

"'It don't signify to parley,' was the prompt reply. 'A great many people are waiting, and you must resign.'

"'I must wait to learn the sense of the government,' said Ingersoll.

"'Here is the sense of the government, and no man shall exercise your office.'

"'If I refuse to resign, what will follow?'

"'Your fate.'

"'The cause is not worth dying for,' said the prisoner.

"A few moments later Ingersoll wrote his name to the formal resignation prepared for him. That was well, but it was not enough. He was required to swear to it in a loud voice, and then shout 'Liberty and Property' three times. This last ceremony he performed swinging his hat about his head. He was then escorted to Hartford. He rode a white horse. Some one asked him what he was thinking of. 'Death on a pale horse and hell following,' was his retort.

"They entered the capital four abreast, and formed in a semicircle about the court-house, with Ingersoll in a conspicuous position. He was ordered to read his recantation in the hearing of the General Court. He went through the ordeal to the satisfaction of his captors, even to the shouting of 'Liberty and Property' three times again. After which the sovereigns of the soil departed in peace.

"Col. Putnam, who had been one of the instigators of the movement, was prevented by illness from being present. He was shortly summoned before Governor Fitch. In the course of the conversation which followed the Governor asked, 'What shall I do if the stamped paper is sent to me by the king's order?'

"'Lock it up until *we* shall visit you.'

"'What will you do?'

"'Demand the key of the room where it is deposited. You may, if you choose, forewarn us upon our peril not to enter the room, and thus screen yourself from blame.'

"'And then what will you do?'

"'Send the key safely back to you.'

"'But if I refuse admission?'

"'Your house will be leveled with the dust in five minutes.'

"Thus the remarkable interview ended.

"Lyme was not without a Tea Party any more than some of the seaport towns of larger pretensions. On the 16th of March, 1774, a peddler from Martha's Vineyard came into the place on horseback with one hundred pounds of tea in his saddle-bags. He was arrested and examined, and in the evening the 'Sons of Liberty' assembled, built a bright fire on 'The Street,' just above the Congregational church, and committed the peddler's whole stock in trade to the flames, and buried the ashes on the spot.

"There are several Noyes houses which it would be pleasant to visit. The first minister of Lyme was the Rev. Moses Noyes, who preached sixty-three years. He was one of the first graduates of Harvard and one of the founders of Yale. He was from a clerical family,—his brother was the first minister of Stonington, his father was an eminent divine of Newbury, Mass., and his father's father was a still more eminent divine of England. His wife was the granddaughter of the learned Puritan Elder William Brewster. He was a large landholder, and owned a number of slaves. His house stood for more than a century on the site of the present residence of Richard Noyes, one of his descendants. Its windows were few, and they were located nearly as high as the top of the door. They were small and square, and leaded over the sash. They must have been painfully inconvenient to the poor Indian when he was seeking a bit of useful information concerning the domestic fireside. The doors were driven full of nails. Ugh! one can almost catch the glitter of the tomahawk and scalping-knife.

"Judge William Noyes, the grandson of the Rev. Moses, flourished a hundred years later. He was a tall, grave man, the terror of Sabbath-breakers. He never allowed a traveler to pass through Lyme on the Lord's Day without some extraordinary excuse. He was strictly conventional. When on horseback with his four grown-up sons, the latter never presumed to ride on a line with him, but always at a respectful distance behind. He inherited the large classical library of the Rev. Moses, also a writing-desk which Elder Brewster brought to this country in the 'Mayflower,' and which is now in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Daniel Chadwick, of Lyme. Judge Noyes built the handsome old house in the northern part of 'The Street,' now owned by Mr. Schieffelin, of New York, the father-in-law of Rev. Mr. Sabine. By

the side of one of the chimneys is a curious hole several feet deep, supposed to have been an invention of the judge to hide liquor from his negroes. Just south of this mansion, in the midst of English-looking grounds, is a great old-fashioned house, with pillars in front, the residence of Capt. Robert, the youngest son of Governor Roger Griswold; and a little farther on is the pleasant home of the Huntingtons.

"Black Hall is a pleasant drive of three miles from 'The Street.' You pass the Lyme Cemetery, with its kindly shade and its ancient and modern headstones, itself a history. You pass also a quarry of what seems to be the genuine porphyritic granite, with compact base, spotted with reddish crystals of feldspar; it is hard, and susceptible of a fine polish. The Swedes and Russians have worked a similar variety with success, and pronounce it more durable than any other material for building purposes. A polished specimen, beside one of the Scotch granite of which Prince Albert's monument in Hyde Park is made, shows that it is of the same general character, only that the Lyme granite is the handsomer of the two. There is enough here to build a city, and it is significantly within a stone's-throw of the railroad track. Two roads diverge at the foot of Meeting-house Hill, one of which ascends that blustering height (the former site of three successive churches, two of which were burned by lightning), and passes an old burial-ground inclosed by a tumbling stone wall and overgrown by rank weeds, also the original milestone which, according to tradition, Franklin planted with his own hands when he was Postmaster-General of the colonies. It was the old stage-route from New York to Boston, and most of the illustrious men of the olden time have traveled over it. The lower road passes the Champlin house, which was the scene of the marriage of the famous Gen. Buckner to a daughter of Col. Kingsbury. He was then a young West Pointer, and was married in his uniform. Just at the close of the ceremony there was an alarm of fire—a neighbor's house was burning. The bridegroom threw off his coat, and, with the minister and others, ran to extinguish the flames; then returned, re-coated, kissed his bride, and received the congratulations of his friends.

"Black Hall, the seat of the Griswolds, is a cluster of half a dozen houses in the midst of a thick grove of trees, on the fine segment of land which slopes into the Sound so far that in winter the sun rises and sets over the water. This large property was a fief or feudal grant to the first Matthew Griswold in 1645. He built a log house—the first house in Lyme—upon the site of the mansion which you see at the end of the private entrance, and dug a well, which is still in existence. He sent a negro slave to occupy the premises, as the Indians were too hostile for him to venture to remove his family so far from the fort at Saybrook. Tradition says that the log house was called the 'blacks' hall,' which is supposed to have been the origin of the pleasant-sounding name which the place now bears.

"The old gubernatorial mansion of Governor Roger Griswold commands a magnificent view of the Sound and its shipping. It is the home of Mr. Matthew Griswold, one of the Governor's sons. It is a well-preserved specimen of antiquity, and one of those dwellings the geography of which cannot be read upon the face of it. The rooms seem numberless, and vary in size and shape until the explorer is hopelessly confused. It is full of suggestion, for Governor Roger Griswold was one of our country's ablest statesmen. He was called, at the age of thirty-two, from a valuable law practice into the councils of the nation, and was pronounced one of the most finished scholars in Congress, where he served ten years, during a part of the administration of Washington, the whole of that of Adams, and a portion of that of Jefferson. He was a brilliant talker and profoundly versed in law. He was the first cousin of Oliver Wolcott, who was at the same time Secretary of the Treasury. He was nominated Secretary of State in 1801, but saw fit to decline. He was subsequently appointed judge of the Superior Court, elected Lieutenant-Governor, and finally Governor of Connecticut, in which office he died, in 1812. He sleeps in the Griswold graveyard, and his tomb, rising against a background of green, may be seen as you cross Black Hall River. He was the son of Governor Matthew Griswold, who was conspicuous for the energy of his counsels and active measures during the Revolution. Governor Matthew, when a young man, was grave, shy, tall, and somewhat awkward. He courted a young lady in Durham, who put him off, delaying to give an answer in the hope that a doctor, whom she preferred, would propose. He finally tired of his long rides on horseback, and suspecting the state of her mind, pressed for an immediate decision.

"I should like a little more time,' reiterated the fair one.

"Madame, *I will give you a lifetime,*' was the lover's response; and rising with dignity, he took his leave.

"The lady took her lifetime, and died single, as the doctor never came forward. Young Griswold returned to Lyme so deeply mortified with the failure of his suit that he was little disposed to repeat the process of love-making. In course of events his second cousin, Ursula Wolcott, came on a visit to Black Hall. She was a modern edition of her grandmother, the historical Martha Pitkin, bright, beautiful, accomplished, and self-reliant. She was a little older than Matthew. She became assured that his affections were centred upon herself, but he was provokingly reticent. Meeting him on the stairs one day, she asked,—

"What did you say, Cousin Matthew?"

"I did not say anything,' he replied.

"A few days later, meeting him, she asked, in the same tone,—

"What did you say, Cousin Matthew?"

"I did not say anything,' he replied, as before.

"Finally, meeting him upon the beach one morning, she again asked,—

"What did you say, Cousin Matthew?"

"I did not say anything,' he still replied.

"It is time you did!' she remarked, with emphasis.

"Whereupon something was said, the result of which was a wedding, and the brilliant bride had a queenly reign at Black Hall. No lady in American history could introduce you to more Governors among her immediate relations. Her father was Governor Roger Wolcott; her brother was Governor Oliver Wolcott; her nephew was the second Governor Oliver Wolcott; her cousin was Governor Pitkin; her husband was Governor Matthew Griswold; and her son was Governor Roger Griswold.

"Black Hall has always been famous for the beauty and spirit of its women. Governor Matthew Griswold had eight dashing sisters, who were known as the 'Black Hall boys,' from being given to all manner of out-of-door sports; they could ride, leap, row, and swim, and they had withal the gifts and graces which won them distinguished husbands. Phebe married Rev. Jonathan Parsons, the Lyme minister, whose clerical career did not run smoothly, in consequence of his admiration for Rev. George Whitefield. He was a *protégé* of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, and a man of excellent parts. A fair, frank, manly, good-humored face looks down from his portrait. He had a passion for fine clothes, for gold and silver lace and ruffled shirt fronts, which distressed some of the good Puritans in his church. His wife was given to practical jokes. One evening, as he was about to leave the house for the weekly prayer-meeting, after taking a last look in the mirror to satisfy himself that every particular hair was stroked the right way, she playfully threw her arms around his neck, passed one hand over his face and kissed him. As he entered the church he was nettled by a ripple of smiles which ran through the congregation, and he noticed that some of the brethren were eying him suspiciously. Presently it was whispered in his ear that his face was blackened. On another occasion his fun-loving wife wickedly clipped a leaf from his sermon, and sat in the little square pew before him, quietly fanning herself, and enjoying his embarrassment when he reached the chasm. She was remarkably clever with her pen, and it is said often wrote sermons herself. She was the mother of the celebrated Maj. Samuel Holden Parsons, and grandmother of Simon Greenleaf, Professor of Law at Cambridge, author of valuable legal works, etc.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In illustration of the statement concerning the remarkable number of lawyers, as well as other brilliant men and women of Lyme origin in different parts of the country, I will mention a few well-known names; but it must not be understood that I am in the garden to cull all the flowers. Chief Justice Ebenezer Lane, of Ohio, was a grandson of Governor Matthew Griswold, and Judge William Lane is a grandson of Governor Roger Griswold. One of the sisters of Governor Matthew married Elijah Backus, of Norwich, from whom descended Gen. John Pope, of the late war.

"Two generations farther back we have a curious episode, in which Matthew Griswold the second figured as 'Lyme's champion.' He was a tall, broad-chested, powerful young athlete, and a justice of the peace. There was a troublesome controversy between New London and Lyme about a tract of land some four miles in width, which both claimed. One summer morning in 1671 a party of Lyme haymakers went in to the controverted meadow to mow the grass, led by Griswold. About the same time a company from New London entered upon the other side. They all pitched in together, and such a scrimmage was never witnessed before nor since in the land of steady habits. It began with words, but quickly came to blows with fists, feet, scythes, rakes, whetstones, and clubs. There were other justices of the peace present besides Griswold, and the belligerents were pretty generally arrested. They went to law, each party indicting the other, twenty-one from New London and fifteen from

Lyme. The former were fined £9 and the latter £5. The fines were remitted by the General Court of Connecticut, and the land divided between the two towns. But the dividing line was not determined. Then arose another civil or uncivil war. New London kindly offered to take three miles and give one mile to Lyme, and Lyme made a similar disinterested proposition to New London. The wrangling continued for some months. Tradition says 'it was finally agreed, since the tract was not worth the expense of further litigation, to settle the question by a *private combat*.' This decision was piously recorded as '*leaving it to the Lord*.' Each town chose two champions, appointed a day, and people gathered in great numbers to see the fight. Matthew Griswold and William Ely fought for Lyme, and so valorously and well that they won the victory, and New London relinquished all claim to the property.

"A pretty little romance once occurred in this same notable vicinity, which gave the name to 'Bride Brook.' In the winter of 1646-47 a young couple in Saybrook were to be married. The only magistrate qualified to perform the rite was absent. They sent to New London for John Winthrop, who replied that he would meet them at the river, which was then regarded as the boundary line between Saybrook and New London. It was some six or seven miles east of the Connecticut River, but thither the bridal party proceeded through deep snow-drifts. Arriving on the bank of the specified stream, they found it impassable on account of the ice, which was breaking. Consequently the marriage service was pronounced upon the New London side, and the loving pair promised to love, honor, and obey upon the Saybrook shore, and went their way rejoicing.

"Lyme was formerly a part of Saybrook, the settlement of which commenced in 1635. The region was selected for the commencement of empire by Cromwell, Hampden, and several English noblemen who had become dissatisfied with the management of civil and religious affairs under Charles I., and fully determined to remove permanently to the wilds of America. They organized a company, and secured a patent for a large portion of Connecticut, and sent John Winthrop the younger to take possession and build a fort at the mouth of the Connecticut River. It was called Saybrook, in honor of Lord Say and Seal and Lord Brook, who were foremost in pushing the enterprise. It was located on a peninsula, circular in form, and connected to the mainland by a narrow neck, over which the tide sometimes flowed, and was considered safe from any sudden incursion of the Indians. Two great handsome squares were laid out on the rolling land near the fort, designed as a building site for palatial residences.

"Col. George Fenwick was the only one of the original patentees who came to abide in Saybrook. Cromwell and some others actually embarked in the Thames, but were stopped by an order from the king.

Another sister married Judge Hillhouse, whose descendants are among the prominent families of New Haven. Gen. Joseph G. Perkins, of the late war, also Col. John Griswold, an accomplished young officer, who fell at Antietam, were grandsons of Governor Roger Griswold. Rev. George Griswold, pastor of the East Lyme Church for thirty-six years, and Rev. Sylvanus Griswold, of Feeding Hills, were of the same family; also Nathaniel Lynde Griswold and George Griswold, the great East India Importers of New York; the wife of Hon. Frederick Frelinghuysen; the wife of Senator Lanman; the wife of Senator Foster; the wife of John Lyon Gardiner, of Gardiner's Island; the wife of President Tyler; Chief Justice S. T. Hooper; and Eleanor, the wife of Virginia Cenci, Prince of Vicovaro, present Grand Chamberlain to the King of Italy. The prince is a lineal descendant of the family of Beatrice Cenci, and resides in the ancient Cenci palace. The Seldens have contributed largely to the eminence of our country. Conspicuous among the jurists of the present generation are Judge Samuel Lee Selden and Judge Henry R. Selden, of New York. We may add to the list Hon. Dudley Selden, member of Congress; Gen. McDowell, of army notoriety; President Nott; Rev. Dr. Samuel Nott; Prof. Eaton, of Yale; A. L. Backus, of Toledo; the wife of Rev. Leonard W. Bacon; Mrs. Gen. Lewis Cass; and Mrs. Gen. Hunt, of Toledo. A daughter of John McCurdy married the famous and witty ecclesiastic, Rev. Nathan Strong, of Hartford; another married Dr. Chauncy, of Boston. A daughter of Lynde McCurdy married Hon. John Allen, member of Congress; and their son, Hon. John W. Allen, was also a member of Congress. Robert McCurdy, the great importing merchant of New York, is a brother of Judge McCurdy, and the daughter of the latter is the wife of Prof. E. E. Salisbury, of New Haven. From the Smiths, Demings, Pecks, Sills, Marvins, Loris, Colts, Elys, Sterlings, Champions, and other Lyme families the army is legion. Senator Truman Smith; Senator Nathan Smith; Judge Nathaniel Smith; Rev. Matthew Hale Smith; Col. Henry C. Deming, member of Congress; Rev. Dr. Edward Strong, of Boston; Judge Strong, of St. Louis; Judge Strong, of the United States Supreme Court; Rev. Dr. Stone, of San Francisco; Mrs. Rev. Dr. Hubbell, author of "Shady Side;" Hon. David Stone, editor of the *Journal of Commerce*; Mrs. Prof. Hoppin, of Yale Theological Seminary; Dr. John Peck; Rev. Thomas Ruggles Gold Peck; Judge Seth E. Sill; Gen. Theodore Sill, member of Congress; Miss Sill, of the Rockford Seminary; Judge William Marvin, of Key West, Fla.; Judge Richard Marvin, of New York; George Griffin, the famous New York lawyer; Rev. Edward Dorr Griffin, president of Williams College; the inventor of Colt's revolvers; Judge Colt, of the Supreme Court; Judge Colt, of St. Louis; Hon. Alfred Ely, member of Congress, author, etc.; Elias H. Ely, fifty years a member of the New York bar; Abner L. Ely; D. J. Ely; Z. S. Ely, prominent New York merchants; Hon. Ansel Sterling, member of Congress; Gen. Elisha Sterling; Hon. Micah Sterling, member of Congress (all lawyers of eminence); Gen. Epaphroditus Champion, member of Congress; Rev. Henry Champion; Hon. Aristarchus Champion, of Rochester; Chief Justice William L. Storrs; Hon. Henry Storrs, member of Congress; the two wives of Governor Trumbull, and a host of others.

Col. Fenwick was accompanied by his young, lovely, golden-haired, sunny-tempered wife, Lady Alice Boteler. She had been reared in the bosom of English luxury and refinement, but could adapt herself to pioneer life, and made her rude home in the quaint fort bright with wild-flowers and merry with laughter. She brought with her a 'shooting-gun,' with which she used to practice, to the great diversion of her neighbors, and she had 'pet rabbits,' and a little garden which grew table delicacies. She was fond of out-of-door exercises, and was often seen cantering over the country on horseback. She had few associates: Mrs. John Winthrop, whose home during that period was on Fisher's Island, Mrs. Lake, a sister of Mrs. Winthrop, Mrs. Annah Wolcott Griswold, and Col. Fenwick's two sisters (one of whom married Richard Ely) comprised about the whole list. She died after nine years of Saybrook life, and was buried within the embankment walls of the fort. Col. Fenwick soon after returned to England, where he was one of the judges who tried the unhappy Charles I. He left his private affairs in this country in charge of Matthew Griswold, who erected the monument over Lady Fenwick's grave, which for two and a quarter centuries was an object of sorrowful interest on the treeless, flowerless, desolate bluff which overlooks the flats and shallows of the mouth of the Connecticut River. It is, however, no longer there, but occupies a shady nook in the old Saybrook Cemetery. Four years since an enterprising railroad corporation found the world so narrow that it must needs plow directly through this sacred spot, and not only rob us of the last shovelful of earth which our heroic ancestors heaped together, but heartlessly overturn the 'quiet couch of clay' upon which Lady Fenwick had so long rested. Her remains were reinterred with imposing ceremonies. Her golden hair was found in a perfect condition, or nearly so, and a lock of it is preserved in an air-tight box in the Acton Library at Saybrook.

"By the way, this library, which was dedicated with great enthusiasm on July 4, 1874, will repay a visit. It is an institution which originated with the ladies of Saybrook about twenty years ago, but which remained to take definite shape through the gift of a lot to the trustees by Hon. Thomas C. Acton, the well-known president of the Board of Police Commissioners in New York City in the time of the draft riot. He was also chiefly instrumental in raising funds to erect the handsome building, which, in grateful recognition, was christened the Acton Library. It contains some seventeen hundred volumes already, and the germ of a museum of relics and curiosities. It is situated on one of the principal streets of Saybrook, directly opposite the summer residence and attractive grounds of Mr. Acton.

"An attempt was made in 1675 to annex Saybrook and its surrounding territory to New York. Sir Edmund Andros appeared off the coast with an armed

fleet, and demanded the surrender of the fort in the name of the Duke of York.

"'We will die first,' was the reply of Capt. Bull, the commander.

"The garrison was immediately drawn up and prepared for action. Andros did not wish to incur bloodshed, and sent pacific messages. He finally proposed an interview with the officers, and landed. He was received courteously. But when he ordered the duke's patent and his own commission to be read, Capt. Bull, whose messenger, sent in hot haste to Hartford, had just returned with instructions from the General Court, stepped forward and forbade the reading. The clerk of Andros attempted to go on.

"'Silence!' roared Capt. Bull; and then with deep, sonorous voice he recited the protest of the Hartford authorities. When he had finished, Sir Edmund Andros, pleased with his boldness and soldier-like bearing, asked his name.

"'My name is Bull, sir.'

"'Bull! It is a pity your horns were not tipped with silver!'

"Andros wrote to his royal master after his return to New York that nothing could be done with officers or people in Connecticut, for the existing government was bent upon defending its chartered rights.

"Saybrook's historical point, where the lordly palaces of Europe were to have been and are not, was the seat of the first Yale College. The building was one story high and eighty feet long, and, together with the lot, was a donation from Nathaniel Lynde, the great Saybrook landholder, who was a grandson of the Earl of Digby. The books which formed the college library were donated by the ministers in the vicinity. The scholarly people of Lyme and Saybrook enjoyed the privilege of attending fifteen commencements, and sixty of the graduates of that period afterwards became distinguished in the ministry. When the subject was agitated of removing the institution to New Haven, these two ancient towns at the Connecticut's mouth arrayed themselves in open opposition. But potent influences were working elsewhere. The Governor and his royal Council finally visited Saybrook in state—it was in the summer of 1718—and presently a warrant was issued to the sheriff to convey the college library to New Haven. He proceeded to the house where the books were kept, and found resolute men assembled to resist his authority. He summoned aid, entered forcibly, and placed the books under a strong guard for the night. In the morning every cart provided for the journey was found broken, and the horses were indulging in the liberty of a free country. Other conveyances were obtained, and the troubled sheriff was escorted out of Saybrook by a company of soldiers. But, alas! the bridges on the road to New Haven were all destroyed. After multiplied delays and vexations the end of the route was reached, when, lo! three hundred of the books were missing, also val-

uable papers. It was whispered that they had been spirited away and buried.

"Saybrook is larger than Lyme, and more given to business. Its streets are broad and beautiful, and well lined with the venerated trees which the first settlers planted. Its homes are mostly surrounded with spacious gardens and grounds. It has a newness hardly in keeping with its length of years, but many houses are standing, nevertheless, which have tasted the salt air for three and four half-centuries, and are full of historic charms and associations. Prominent among them is the Hart mansion. It was built by Capt. Elisha Hart, the son of the old minister of Saybrook, and brother of Maj.-Gen. William Hart, one of the original purchasers of the three and one-half million acres of land in Ohio known as the 'Western Reserve.' Capt. Hart married the daughter of John McCurdy, of Lyme, and they were the parents of seven of the most beautiful women on this side of the Atlantic. Two of these daughters were courted and wed under this roof by the distinguished naval officers, Commodore Isaac and Commodore Joseph Hull. It was the residence of Commodore Isaac Hull and his family for many years. A third daughter married Hon. Heman Allen, United States minister to South America. A fourth married the celebrated Rev. Dr. Jarvis. Many a thrilling romance might be gathered from the silent halls of this house. Saybrook has five miles or more of sea-beach, presided over by Fenwick Hall, a great elegant summer hotel, which draws annually hundreds of visitors.

"Lyme and Saybrook are about ten minutes by railroad apart; by carriage and the picturesque old Connecticut River ferry-boat, with its white sail, perhaps an hour. Lyme embraces a number of small villages scattered over its wide territory, and the intervening drives are exceptionally attractive. The road to North Lyme winds among sharp steepes, wild crags, around glimmering lakes, through weird ravines and darksome gorges, every now and then emerging into the broad sunlight upon the top of some remarkable elevation, where magnificent views may be obtained, stretching for miles up the Connecticut and across the Sound, with the valleys of soft green, the pretty curving creeks reflecting the blue sky, and Lyme half hidden among the leaves below. The variety in the landscape would drive an artist to distraction. It is a singular mixture of the wild and the tame, of the austere and the cheerful.

"A beautiful lake some two miles long lies among these hills, seemingly thrown in by nature hap-hazard, as a sort of plaything for her subjects. The Mohegan Indians had a settlement upon its shore in the olden times, and their bark canoes skimmed its polished surface in all weathers. It abounds in legends.

When piracy was at its zenith, several noted brigands were in hiding for some time in a cave near 'Lion's Rock,' and it was afterwards currently reported that Capt. Kidd had buried a box of treasures under the same overhanging bowlder. Two negro slaves stole away one dark night to dig for it, armed with a Bible, which they had been told it was necessary to read aloud whenever the devil should make his appearance to protect the property. They were followed to their ghostly task by some waggish young men, who hid near by to watch operations. For a time there was no sound save the steady stroke of the pick-axe into the earth. All at once there was a clink as if it had hit some hard substance.

"'Quick, Sambo, read de Bible; I hear de debel down dar,' cried Pete.

"Sambo scrambled for the book and turned over the leaves.

"'Read, Sambo, read! de debel am gettin' hold ob de lid ob de box.'

"'I can't find de place, de debel he shake me so,' said Sambo, dropping the Bible and running, followed by Pete, neither looking behind them nor pausing until they had accomplished the whole five miles to the town.

"Upon the heights near this lake is the residence of the celebrated Rev. Dr. E. F. Burr, author of 'Pater Mundi,' 'Ecce Cælum,' and other works, who is the pastor of the church in North Lyme. To the west a short distance, near the old homestead of the Elys, and on one of the highest points in the region, is the elegant country-seat of Mr. Z. S. Ely, of New York. This romantic corner of Lyme was the ancient home of the Seldens and Sterlings, one branch of the Lords, and other notable families. It was here that John Pierrepont, the poet, wooed and won his pretty Lord bride, and it was also here that Henry Howard Brownell's last poem was written.

"Lyme, notwithstanding its uneven surface, has very little waste land. Agriculture and the raising of horses, mules, and horned cattle have been a great source of wealth to the inhabitants, particularly in former years. The shad-fisheries in the Connecticut have also yielded large profits, and shell and other fish have been taken plentifully from the Sound. The town has a thrifty, well-cared-for appearance even to its remotest borders, and a quiet, unconscious aspect, as if the stormy world had rained only peace and contentment upon its legendary soil and historic homes. It is one of the loveliest nooks on the New England coast, and if its distinguished sons and daughters could all be gathered home, the world might well pause to exclaim, in figurative language, 'However small a tree in the great orchard, Lyme is a matchless producer of fruit.'"

## CHAPTER LXI.

OLD LYME—(Continued).

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

**Congregational Church.**<sup>1</sup>—An old record reads thus: "Lyme, Mch. the 27th, 1693, at a town meeting it was desired and agreed upon with the inhabitants of this town, as agreed by a unanimous vote, that there may be a church gathered in this town, and Mr. Noyes called to office, if it may be obtained according to the rules of Christ."

"Ye prime Society of Lyme" was thus organized, and the Rev. Moses Noyes was installed its pastor. He had, however, been preaching to the people of Lyme for twenty-seven years prior to this, or from the year 1666, nor does it appear why a church was not earlier organized. The unsettled state of society at that time, when the fathers were attempting a settlement among wild and jealous tribes of Indians, may account for it. Preaching, however, was sustained by the people of the new settlement, which took the name of Lyme.

A meeting-house was built shortly after Mr. Noyes began to preach, probably before 1668. Tradition describes it as a small log house erected by the settlers on the brow of Meeting-house Hill, overlooking the Sound and the surrounding country.

The old Indian trail crossed the hill at this place, and it was by this worn pathway that the men on horseback, with the women on pillions behind them, came to meeting.

How the aged eyes of the grandfathers lighted up with excitement and the hot blood of youth came again to the sunken cheeks as they described the scenes of those days! The men came with their loaded muskets in their hands, and regularly detailed some of their number to stand guard during the services that they might not be surprised by the Indians.

The women, by their courageous devotion in sharing privation and braving peril, sustained their husbands and sons in the laudable design of planting a settlement and a church here.

In this primitive house the early settlers held their meetings for about twenty-one years, or until 1689, when the second meeting-house was built. This date appears to be well authenticated from the following minute of the appointment by the General Court of a committee to locate the house and their report thereupon.

This committee visited Lyme and heard the "several allegations and reasons" of the people, and "saw reason to pitch upon two places where to set the meeting-house; and with the consent of the greatest part of the people of Lyme, we, after calling upon the Lord, commended the decision of the case to a lot, which lot fell upon the southernmost we had ap-

pointed, which is upon the hill where the now meeting-house stands, more northerly, in the very place where we shall stake it out." The report is signed by John Talcott, John Allin.

"This day in Lyme, June 4th, 1686."

Also the following minute on the records of the town:

"September the 26th, 1695, at the same meeting, Joseph Peck demanded of the town £2 19s. 6d., due to him when the new meeting-house was built in the year 1689." Which records establish the fact that there was a meeting-house standing before this one was built, and that this one was built in the year 1689.

It was a commodious and substantial building, capable of accommodating all the inhabitants of the town.

Its location was on the brow of the hill, somewhat to the north and west of the first one, and on the other side of the Indian trail, which had by this time developed into a well-worn track for horses.

The brow of the hill was chosen as a site for the second house for the same reason probably as before, viz.: on account of the security from surprise by the Indians; also because it was midway between the settlements at Black Hall and the region now called Whippoorwill and the town of Saybrook, opposite to which, on the banks of the Great River, was another growing settlement that demanded church accommodations.

After thirty-eight years of service it seems this house needed some repairs. On the society records of Jan. 4, 1727, there is this minute in the quaint old language of the times: "It was voted yt they will repair ye meeting-house in manner and form as follows: First, to clabord ye fore side of said hows, and part of ye east end, and rectifie ye windows and glass, and what els ye cometee for yt affair think fit, not exceeding forty pounds."

In the year 1734 the second house was found to be too small to accommodate the increasing population, consequently we find a record to this effect: "Voted, that this Society think it highly necessary and covenant to erect or build a new meeting-house in this Society." And the next year the society voted to build a house "60 ft. long by 40 ft. wide, and 24 ft. between the sill and the plate," and a committee was appointed to go to the General Court and ask the appointment of a committee by that body to locate the site for it, inasmuch as the society could not agree upon any among themselves, and as the former committee had acted so judiciously and well.

The site selected was still the brow of the hill, a little to the north and west of the old house.

After the second meeting-house had stood forty-nine years, we find by the society records in 1738 the third meeting-house was inclosed, and a committee was appointed to finish it. There is also the following minute: "Sept. the 19th, 1738. Voted, that this Society will pull down the old meeting-house, and

<sup>1</sup> By Rev. William B. Cary.



improve what timber and boards that will be proper towards finishing the new meeting-house in this Society."

It was not burned down, as some tradition has it, nor worn out, but was inadequate to the wants of the increasing population.

The third house was located on the same hill as the second, and a short distance from it. And from the fact that this same site was chosen, it is apparent that the interests of the people settled on the bottomlands between Meeting-house Hill and the Connecticut River were so important as to demand consideration, as otherwise the meeting-house would have been located nearer to Black Hall.

In 1754 one Barnabas Tuthill offered to give a bell to the society if the people would build a steeple for it to hang in. A steeple was accordingly built, and the first bell began to summon the people to meeting, in lieu of the horn or trumpet, which, tradition says, they had been accustomed to hear.

This bell rang in the independence of the colonies in Lyme, and in default of any record as to its final disposition, I suggest the probability that it was given, with others throughout the colonies, to make cannon for the Revolution, for in the year 1780 the society voted "to procure a bell for the steeple," thus signifying that the old one had been disposed of in some way. I do not offer it as a historical fact, but make the suggestion that the old bell was melted up for war purposes.

This same year, 1780, the third meeting-house caught fire in the roof from the tow wad of the old-fashioned flint-lock musket which one of the guardians of the house used to shoot some woodpeckers that were boring holes in it. The fire was extinguished by the light-horsemen stationed in the town, or, as tradition says, by the Hessians, who clambered on the roof like squirrels. The society voted twenty pounds on this occasion "to such persons as dangerously exerted themselves to extinguish the late fire."

In the year 1815, after standing seventy-six years, this house was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, very little of the material being saved.

The present meeting-house, the fourth built by this society, was erected in 1817, near the south end of the main street, a model of architectural beauty in those days, a beautiful and graceful building for any age.

The corner-stone was laid in 1816, with imposing ceremonies, a copper plate being deposited in it, inscribed as follows:

"Old meeting-house burnt by  
lightning, July 3, A.D. 1815.  
This corner-stone laid with  
religious ceremonies by the  
Rev. Lathrop Rockwell, Pastor,  
June 10th, A.D. 1816.  
Sam. Belcher, Architect.  
Eben Smith, Master mason."

The names of the building committee were inscribed on the other side of the plate. The house

was seated at first with the old-fashioned square pews at the sides, and "slips" in the centre.

The first pulpit was a high, circular one, reached by a flight of steps from either side. Those who remember it describe it as a beautiful and costly mahogany pulpit, and lament its destruction. In 1836 it was first lowered. In 1850 it was removed altogether, and a high platform was built, and the present pulpit set upon it. At the same time the square pews were removed, and the modern ones substituted in their stead.

The church was at first surrounded by a picket-fence, which was repaired from time to time, but was finally removed.

In one corner of the churchyard stood that old relic of primitive times, the whipping-post, the indispensable ornament of every New England village. But all traces of it have long since vanished, and the present generation has fortunately only the memory of it, not the fact.

The stocks were erected on the opposite side of the main street, but the memory of the oldest inhabitant serves only to recall their use as a plaything for the boys.

The present church has stood sixty-one years, and is now in an excellent state of preservation.

These grand old elms that so beautify and adorn the churchyard were planted in the year 1828, when the society appointed a committee "to procure ornamental trees to set about the meeting-house."

If we have to thank the fathers for anything, we surely have to for this beneficent act. He who plants a tree scarcely realizes the bounty of his deed: future generations will rise up and call him blessed.

The aggregate number of years that this town has had a meeting-house for the worship of God is two hundred and eight, although the society is but one hundred and eighty-three years old.

In its one hundred and eighty-three years of life the society has had eight pastors, and in reviewing the record the observer is struck by the conviction that it has been wonderfully blessed in the selection.

First is the veteran founder of the society, Moses Noyes, a faithful minister to Lyme for twenty-seven years of the infant life of the settlement, and afterwards pastor of the church for twenty-eight years.

The best blood of England was the best blood of America, well illustrated in the case of Moses Noyes, who was the son of James Noye, of Wiltshire, who was the son of William Noye, of Salisbury, who was attorney-general of England from about 1608 till after 1620, whose wife was sister of the Rev. Robert Parker, "one of the greatest scholars of the English nation."

James Noye came to New England because, as Cotton Mather says, "he could not comply with the ceremonies of the Church of England." He had two sons, James and Moses. James, the elder, was moderator of the Saybrook Synod of 1708, and Moses,

himself a member of the Synod, was, according to Dr. Bacon, "a man of great and extensive learning, an excellent Christian, and a judicious divine."

He was followed by Samuel Pierpont in 1722, a young man of great promise, son of Rev. James Pierpont, of New Haven, a member of the Saybrook Synod, the one who it is said, drafted the articles of its platform, who also laid the foundations of a "collegiate school" which afterwards grew into Yale College. "His beautiful and gifted daughter Sarah," as Dr. Bacon says, "a great-granddaughter of Thomas Hooker, was like a ministering angel to her husband (the great President Edwards), that wonderful preacher and theologian, whose name is to this day the most illustrious in the history of New England, but who could never have fulfilled his destiny without her."

Such were the family connections of Samuel Pierpont, whose short pastorate of three months in Lyme closed with one of the most romantic yet sad incidents in history.

In March, 1723, he crossed the Connecticut River to Pettipaug (now Essex) to visit his lady-love living in Middletown. The ferriage was made by the Indians in canoes from near Higgins' Wood to Ferry Point. Returning, young Pierpont embarked on one of these canoes, and had nearly crossed the river when a sudden squall rendered the canoe unmanageable among the floating ice, and finally capsized it, when, not being able to swim, he was lost, although his Indian guide saved himself.

This was Lyme's shortest pastorate.

Next came the theologian and revivalist, Jonathan Parsons, in whose writings we learn there were seven hundred and sixty-eight inhabitants in the parish in 1735. The parish comprised about the same limits as at present,—the North Society having been formed in 1727, the East Parish in 1719,—so that since 1735 this parish has increased in numbers five hundred and eighty-two.

When Whitefield preached in Boston, in 1740, Parsons, from the strange accounts brought to him of the man and his methods, was inclined to regard him with distrust, and to satisfy himself made the journey to New Haven, and afterwards to other places where Whitefield preached, to hear him. Acquaintance with the great preacher undeceived him, and a close friendship sprang up between the two men which lasted till death.

Tradition says Whitefield came to Lyme to visit Parsons, and preached to the people, gathered beneath, from the great rock in the rear of the present church; and this tradition is probably correct, for he was a great friend of Parsons, who was dismissed from the pastorate of this church in 1745, and followed the fortunes of his friend till his death, which occurred in Parsons' own house, in Newburyport, Mass., on the 30th of September, 1770, and was buried, according to his own desire, in front of the pulpit of the church of which Parsons was the pastor.

A glance at Parsons' itinerary work is interesting. About the time of the "great awakening" several pastors united to invite him to preach for them. He did so. On the 8th of June he preached at Salem, on the 9th at the North Parish of New London. From thence he went to Norwich; thence to Stonington on the 11th. Returning, he preached at Groton on the 12th, Norwich on the 13th; remained there over the Sabbath, when there was a powerful exhibition of contrition and repentance in the congregation. On the 15th he preached to the "New Society" in Norwich, on the 16th in New London, where he was invited by Mr. Adams, whose church was divided by the preaching of Davenport, an inflamed orator, against everybody and everything not in accord with himself.

Mr. Parsons endeavored to promote harmony in the churches and establish the Word in its purity and simplicity.

A singular mania possessed the people of Lyme under his preaching to publicly confess their sins. We find, for instance, a record of July 11, 1733, one "Thos. Graves offered a confession for breaking the peace and contemning the church, which was accepted;" "Jan. 9, 1732, — — made and offered a confession for giving way to passion, evil speaking, and intemperate drinking, which was read and accepted." Another confession was made by a woman for abusing her neighbors.

Many confessed the sins of drunkenness and fornication, evil speaking, railing against neighbors, etc., and Mr. Parsons himself read a confession of some dereliction of duty, in which he "severely reflected upon himself."

These confessions being read before the church, the offending members, upon expression of their penitence, were received again into its charity.

Next comes the longest pastorate of the eight, stretching over forty years, the most trying, in many respects, of the years of its existence. They were those between 1746 and 1786, those years that marked the hardships of the French and Indian war and the struggle of the colonies for freedom from the oppression of the British crown.

This was the pastorate of him whom Bancroft well calls "the incomparable Stephen Johnson."

It is the glory of this town and of this society that while among its pastors it has numbered one whose stirring appeals awoke not only the people of this town to righteousness, but also those of a large section of Connecticut and Massachusetts, through which he itinerated; it has also numbered one whose clear, bold eloquence, coupled, as it was, with a searching, irresistible logic, discovered to the people of New England God's primal heritage to man, viz.: freedom from oppression, and the inherent right to worship Him, untrammelled by State laws or the decrees of kings.

Nowhere in this New World was the clarion note

of a people's freedom more fearlessly or faithfully sounded than from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Lyme.

'Twas fitting that God's minister, while teaching the fatherhood of God and the equality of man before him, should proclaim this freedom, and the patriot breast of Johnson, fired with a noble enthusiasm, offered itself to the brunt of regal tyranny in defending and encouraging the liberties of the colonies.

The next longest pastorate is that which has so lately closed. Davis S. Brainerd began and ended his ministerial life in this church, a life which was given to the work of quiet upbuilding and strengthening of the kingdom of God. Under his pastorate it was that the church passed through the trials of the late war, and steadily prospered from first to last. He was a finished scholar, found worthy to be enrolled among the Fellows of Yale College, whose faculty testified their deep sorrow at his death by their presence at the funeral. He was a man beloved in his parish, and leaves blessed memories behind him.

The present pastor is Rev. Wm. B. Cary, who was installed Nov. 22, 1876.

There is unfortunately no record of church membership during the ministry of either Mr. Noyes or Mr. Pierpont, at least none that has come to light as yet, but from Mr. Parsons' time till now the total membership is eleven hundred and eight.

The largest number added at any one time was during Mr. Parsons' ministry in 1741, when one hundred and forty-eight members were received, and during his entire ministry of fifteen years he received two hundred and eighty-eight persons into the church. This was the period of religious awakening.

During Mr. Johnson's ministry of forty years there were added to the church two hundred and four members. This was the exciting period of civil and political commotion; it is marked by the finger of war in all its length. There was no special religious awakening during these forty years of colonial struggle, but a steady, slow growth throughout.

In 1817, during Mr. Rockwell's ministry,—in the year when the present meeting-house was finished,—there were eighty-two members received.

In 1832, under Mr. Colton, there were twenty-three additions.

During Mr. Brainerd's ministry of thirty-five years there were two hundred and sixty-five additions. The largest number received in any one of these years was in 1858, when sixty-one persons were added to the church.

Since January, this year, there have been added to the church twenty-eight members, the present total active membership being one hundred and forty-eight.

Thus it will be seen the years of special interest were 1741, 1817, 1832, 1858, and the present, years which marked a religious interest in all the country.

1876 is but half gone; may we hope that it will not close without witnessing large additions to the church of Christ, here and elsewhere, of such as shall be saved?

A few interesting notices in regard to the membership I will cite in passing. In 1740 the society appointed a committee to "seat men and their wives together;" thus in the year of the "great awakening" the old, senseless custom of separating husbands and wives in church was broken up.

In 1798 the society set apart the fore seats in the meeting-house for the use of "men over seventy-two years of age and women over sixty-four." In reading such a society vote as this the inquiry naturally suggests itself, where are the aged men and women nowadays?

We are apt to think there was a larger percentage of these venerable ones in those days than now. Perhaps there was. Yet on the Centennial Fourth of July there was one man on the grounds, entering heartily into the spirit of the day, whose age was eighty-six.

Besides him there were a number who are past eighty, while those fathers and mothers present aged between seventy and eighty years might easily be mistaken, from their youthful bearing, for men and women in the prime instead of in the decline of life.

It seems as though this air of the mountains and verdant plains, mingled with the sea breezes, has a wonderful influence in preserving the buoyancy of life. Facts seem to warrant the saying, ascribed to Baron Von Humboldt, that the healthiest district in the United States is the stretch of coast from the Connecticut River to Narragansett Bay. Ponce de Leon, in his search for the fountain of perpetual youth, was seven hundred miles too far south when he entered the Everglades of Florida. He never would have made the fatal mistake of entering behind "death's curtains" in Florida if his brigantine had coasted along our shores.

Our mothers in the olden time braved the cold of winter to enter a church unheated. They carried with them their brass foot-warmers, and ever as they were cooled had them replenished with fresh coals from the neighboring fireplaces.

Stoves were first introduced into the church in 1829, when the stove-pipes were run out of the windows. Not without opposition, however, were the stoves admitted, yet the people seem readily to have become reconciled to an innovation which soon proved itself a blessing.

It is not well to make a vain parade of our ancestry, even though it be noble, nor to speak boastingly of our antecedents before strangers, yet in the family it is proper and beneficial to recount the worthy deeds of our immediate predecessors, and to speak in praise of memorable men, if at the same time we inculcate the principles upon which their lives were founded, and exhort the hearers to emulate them.

Inasmuch, then, as it is in the family, let me recall to you the fact that many worthy and honorable men have sat in the councils of this church.

In the meetings of the society, and serving on its executive committees, we read the names of those whom the State and the whole country delighted to honor, men whose names are linked with the *best* of modern times.

That the race of noble bloods is extinct we cannot for a moment believe, but alas! alas! they are very much hidden in the background of private life. Let our prayer and our endeavor be to bring them to the light, that they may take the active part in our politics that their fathers did.

And here let me urge those who are just entering upon manhood's duties to heed the lives of these men of old, these giants of worth and of work, whose deeds beautify history's page; let me urge you to emulate them. The lesson of the past will be lost to us, and our rehearsal of its worthy deeds will be vain parade, except we profit by it in shaping our lives according to the pattern displayed. Oh, let not the story of the past be fruitless! But let the seeds of honesty, integrity of purpose, and virtue take deep root in your hearts and spring forth in fruit such that the coming time may recount with pride, and say to the children of that day, as we say to ours, "Strive to imitate the virtues and the activities of the fathers."

During the one hundred and eighty-three years of this church's life it has been officered by eighteen deacons, elected for life. These officers, no less than the pastors, have contributed to the permanent welfare and prosperity of the church by their uprightness of character and the wisdom and justice of their dealings.

As rapidly now as I may I will sketch the outline of the church's life.

When the country was almost an impenetrable wilderness from Saybrook to Boston, and the Western Nehantic Indians, associated with the remnant of the once powerful tribe of Pequots, held this whole stretch of coast as their own peculiar property, and the different tribes from the interior came yearly down to the beach to feast upon clams and fish and bathe in the waters of the Sound, crossing the country on the top of the ridge known as Meeting-house Hills; when these dusky warriors battled with each other, and especially with the white man, whom they regarded as an unwarranted intruder, then it was that a party of resolute men crossed the Great River and formed a settlement here; then it was that the pioneer preacher, Moses Noyes, ministered to them in the little log meeting-house on the hill, and after twenty-seven years of labor formed the First Congregational Church of Lyme.

By the laws of Connecticut the church society was authorized to tax the people for its support, and empowered to *collect* said taxes before the courts. There seems to have been no trouble about the collection of

these taxes until the year 1738, when the society excepted from its levy "all those persons called Baptists."

At what time the Baptists were here first in any strength it is difficult to determine, but about the year 1727, Mr. Noyes was much troubled by the preaching of their peculiar tenets here, and conferred with Cotton Mather, of Boston, *who came to Lyme* at that time, in regard to it, and they jointly held some discussion with the Baptists, who, however, continued to increase, and were exempted in 1738 from taxation to support the Congregational Church.

Religious liberty began to dawn in the colonies, and the right of their own form or method of worship seems to have been easily and gracefully granted to the Baptists in Lyme by the Congregationalists, who were then the dominant sect.

In 1792 we see a still greater advance of religious liberty. Heretofore a tax had been levied to support the ministry, but in this year the pews of the church were sold for this purpose.

The idea was that only those who enjoyed the privilege should be obliged to pay for the gospel; but such was the effect of the good old training of families in religious ways that the church was crowded, and the new method of supporting the ordinances gained in favor each year, although it was some time before the formal levy of a tax perished from sight.

One important epoch in the history of this church was that of the "great awakening," in 1740, to which time we can look back with pride and pleasure as we recognize in the pastor, Parsons, one of the *great* preachers of that great day.

The next great period of the church's history is that of the Revolution.

Into that struggle this church entered with clear knowledge as to its probable hardships, but the men who had planted the standard of Christ in the face of a savage, opposing nation were not the ones to draw back or to yield their liberties.

The society gave to the Continental army officers and men freely, and among them was one of the four celebrated Connecticut fighting chaplains.

It is interesting and instructive to glance at the financial condition of the country at that time, as displayed by our society records. The depreciation of the currency of the country after the late war of the Rebellion has been lamented by some people in the most extravagant terms, they freely asserting that no parallel could be found in history. The fact is it was as nothing compared with the depreciation of the old bills of credit issued during the French and Indian war, and especially with the depreciation of the paper money of the Revolution.

We find that this society paid its pastor in 1782 *twenty-five dollars* in these bills of credit for every one dollar of "lawful money" due to him, so that a dollar of that depreciated currency was worth just *four cents*.



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Another item of interest is this. In 1776 silver was worth two dollars per ounce. It is now worth one dollar per ounce. It has shrunk in value in the last hundred years just one-half, and at the present rate of production it looks as though it would shrink at least ten times as much in the next hundred years.

The next period was one of peace and retrenchment of expenses, broken in upon by that ripple of trouble, the war of 1812.

In 1751 wharves were built on the Lieutenant River, near the bridge, for the landing of the ships engaged in the West India trade, whose cargoes were stored in large warehouses built on the shore, but up to the close of the Revolution our merchantmen were constantly harassed upon the ocean; after which, however, Lyme was a thriving mart of trade. Wealth poured into the town, not only from this source, but also from the great transatlantic passenger lines of ships, many of whose captains were natives of Lyme, who adorned their town with beautiful and commodious dwellings, in some of which their children live; in others they *themselves* (having laid down the burden of active life) are now spending a well-earned time of quiet and repose.

The next period was one when the tocsin of war again aroused the people into bustling activity. This time it was not a foreign foe who invaded our coasts, but one of those internal retchings and contortions which a nation working out its liberties must undergo shook the States from sea to sea.

With a quick patriotism worthy of any time, the people ran the Stars and Stripes to the masthead, and as of yore this society supplied men and money to the government to sustain the shock of war. She sent men who by their valor earned the shoulder-straps on the field, and she gave a counselor to the nation whose heart was so true, whose judgment so clear, that his merits have been publicly recognized by all the people.

**Baptist Church.**—The Baptist Church in Lyme was publicly recognized May 11, 1843, the services of the occasion being held in the dooryard of Stephen L. Peck, Esq., the Congregational meeting-house having been refused for the occasion, and the Baptists at the time being destitute of a place of worship.

The church consisted of seventy members, forty of whom were received by baptism and thirty by letter. The sermon of recognition was preached by the lamented Miller, of Essex. A large number of ministers and brethren from neighboring churches were present, and the season was one of deep and thrilling interest.

This church had its origin principally in a revival enjoyed under the evangelical labors of Elder A. D. Watrous, in which many were converted; and scattered Baptists, who had long resided in the vicinity, were brought together and united in the covenant relation. Occasionally, this place has been visited by Baptist ministers for a period of over fifty years.

Elders West, Dodge, Darrow, Wilcox, Palmer, and Shailer and others have here sown much good seed of the kingdom. Elder Brocket became pastor, and remained about two years. A church edifice was erected in 1842-43, and opened for worship May 25, 1843. Among the pastors who officiated since are mentioned the names of Stewart, Brocket, A. D. Watrous, William Smith, J. B. Damon, T. Barber.

**The McCurdy Porphyry-Granite Quarry.**—This quarry is situated on the old McCurdy farm, about seventy-five rods from the New York and Boston Shore-line Railroad, and about fifteen rods from boatable tide-water, leading, at a distance of about three-fourths of a mile, to a navigable arm of the Connecticut River near its mouth. Both ways of approach are within the farm.

The stone is a carnation-red porphyritic granite. It is remarkable for its rich color, and for its large proportion of brilliant crystals of feldspar, many of which are opalescent. Believed to be without a rival in this country, it is more beautiful than any granite of Scotland, and in appearance mostly resembles the famed Egyptian syenite, though excelling that in richness of color and brilliance of crystals. It is easily quarried, dressed, and sawn, and receives a high polish, is very durable, and is equally well adapted to every form of use, rough or ornamental. The supply is practically inexhaustible.

## CHAPTER LXII.

### OLD LYME—(Continued).

#### CIVIL AND MILITARY.

THIS town, which is the south part of the ancient town, was organized as a separate town in 1855.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1855-82.

The following is a list of the representatives from the organization of the town to 1882. The names of the representatives prior to 1855 will be found in the history of the town of Lyme:

1858, James Griswold; 1859, Daniel Chadwick; 1860, John M. Chadwick; 1861, William B. Tooker; 1862, M. Griswold, Jr.; 1863, Israel Matson; 1864, John E. Swan; 1865, Mat. Griswold, Jr.; 1866-67, 1877, John S. De Wolf; 1868, D. M. Watrous; 1869-70, Robert F. Chapman; 1871, N. S. Lee; 1872, John G. Rowland; 1873, R. W. Chadwick; 1874, Joseph A. De Wolf; 1875, Edward Sheffield; 1876, Lemuel A. Calkins; 1878, Erastus C. Clark; 1879, Richard S. Griswold; 1880, Charles W. Morley; 1881, George W. De Wolf.

## CHAPTER LXIII.

### OLD LYME—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Rev. Davis S. Brainerd** was born in Haddam, Conn., Oct. 12, 1812. He was the fourth son of Mr. Heber Brainerd. He entered Yale College in 1830, and graduated from there in the class of 1834.

Having early chosen the profession of a minister of the gospel, he studied theology at Princeton and New Haven, with a few months at Andover.

In 1841, June 30th, Mr. Brainerd was settled as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Lyme, and had a long and successful pastorate of nearly thirty-four years, among a highly cultivated and intelligent people. He was elected a member of the corporation of Yale College in 1861, and in 1867 was chosen a member of its Prudential Committee, which honors he held until his death, April 30, 1875.

He married Anna, the eldest daughter of Capt. Daniel Chadwick, of Lyme. They had five children, one son and four daughters.

## CHAPTER LXIV.

### EAST LYME.

Geographical—Topographical—The Bride Brook Marriage—Washington's Visit, etc.

**EAST LYME** lies in the southern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Salem, on the east by Montville and Waterford, on the south by Long Island Sound, and on the west by Lyme and Old Lyme. The surface of the town is generally hilly and the soil fertile.

As the territory embraced within this town originally comprised a portion of New London and Old Lyme, much of its early history will be found in the history of those towns.

**The Bride Brook Marriage.**—"In March, 1672, when the controversy in respect to bounds between New London and Lyme was carried before the Legislature, Mr. Winthrop, the Governor of the colony, being called on for his testimony, gave it in a narrative form, his object being to show explicitly that the little stream known as Bride Brook was originally regarded as the boundary between the two plantations. The preamble of his deposition is in substance as follows:

"When we began the plantation in the Pequot country, now called New London, I had a commission from the Massachusetts government, and the ordering of matters was left to myself. Not finding meadow sufficient for even a small plantation, unless the meadows and marshes west of Nahantick River were adjoined, I determined that the bounds of the plantation should be to the brook now called Bride Brook, which was looked upon as certainly without Saybrook bounds. This was an encouragement to proceed with the plantation, which otherwise could not have gone on, there being no suitable accommodation near the place."

"In corroboration of this fact, and to show that the people of Saybrook at first acquiesced in this boundary line, the Governor related an incident which he says 'fell out the first winter of our settling there.' This must have been the winter of 1646-47, which was the first spent by him in the plantation. The main points of the story were these:

"A young couple in Saybrook were to be married:

the groom was Jonathan Rudd. The Governor does not give the name of the bride, and unfortunately the omission is not supplied by either record or tradition. The wedding-day was fixed, and a magistrate from one of the upper towns on the river was engaged to perform the rite; for there was not, it seems, any person in Saybrook duly qualified to officiate on such an occasion. But 'there falling out at that time a great snow,' the paths were obliterated, traveling obstructed, and intercourse with the interior interrupted, so that 'the magistrate intended to go down thither was hindered by the depth of the snow.' On the seaboard there is usually a less weight of snow, and the courses can be more readily ascertained. The nuptials must not be delayed without inevitable necessity. Application was therefore made to Mr. Winthrop to come to Saybrook and unite the parties. But he, deriving his authority from Massachusetts, could not legally officiate in Connecticut.

"I saw it necessary" (he observes) "to deny them in that way, but told them, for an expedient for their accommodation, if they come to the plantation it might be done. But that being too difficult for them, it was agreed that they should come to that place which is now called Bride Brook, as being a place within the bounds of that authority whereby I then acted; otherwise I had exceeded the limits of my commission."

"This proposition was accepted. On the brink of this little stream, the boundary between two colonies, the parties met,—Winthrop and his friends from Pequot, and the bridal train from Saybrook. Here the ceremony was performed, under the shelter of no roof, by no hospitable fireside, without any accommodations but those furnished by the snow-covered earth, the overarching heaven, and perchance the sheltering side of a forest of pines or cedars. Romantic lovers have sometimes pledged their faith by joining hands over a narrow streamlet; but never, perhaps, before or since was the legal rite performed in a situation so wild and solitary and under circumstances so interesting and peculiar.

"We are not told how the parties traveled, whether on horseback or on sleds or snow-shoes, nor what cheer they brought with them, whether cakes or fruit, the juice of the orchard or vineyard, or the fiery extract of the cane. We only know that at that time conveniences and comforts were few and luxuries unknown. Yet simple and homely as the accompaniments must have been, a glow of hallowed beauty will ever rest upon the scene. We fancy that we hear the foot-tramp upon the crisp snow; the ice cracks as they cross the frozen stream; the wind sighs through the leafless forest, and the clear voice of Winthrop swells upon the ear like a devout strain of music, now low and then rising high to heaven, as it passes through the varied accents of tender admonition, legal decision, and solemn prayer. The impressive group stand around, wrapped in their frosty mantles, with heads reverently bowed down, and at the given sign the two plighted hands come forth from among the furs and are clasped together in token of a life-long,



affectionate trust. The scene ends in a general burst of hearty hilarity.

"Bride Brook issues from a beautiful sheet of water, known as Bride Lake or Pond, and runs into the Sound about a mile west of Giant's Cove. In a straight line it is not more than two miles west of Niantic Bay. The Indian name of the pond or brook, or of both, was Sunk-i-paugor, Sunkipaugasuck.<sup>1</sup>

"It received the name of Bride Brook on the spot, at the time of the nuptial celebration. Winthrop, in his deposition (which is on file among the State records at Hartford), says, '*And at that time the place had [i.e., received] the denomination of Bride Brook.*' That a considerable company had assembled is evident from the narrative, which alludes to those present from Pequot, and to the gentlemen of the other party, who '*were well satisfied with what was done.*'

"Thus it appears that Bride Brook was originally the western boundary of New London. It had been fixed upon as the terminus between her and Saybrook anterior to the marriage solemnized upon its eastern brink, though it obtained its name from that occurrence.

"The annals of history can furnish but few incidents more striking than the Bride Brook marriage. All the accessories of the scene are picturesque and impressive. The little company stood in the midst of a dreary waste of snow, far from any human habitation except the huts of savages; ancient forests and immense solitudes were around them, beyond which, in shadowy magnificence, vast and indefinite, lay that unexplored world on whose brink they stood. We might, perchance, add to these features the stalwart forms of natives, a tribe of whom dwelt not far from the place, darting among the trees or looking on at a distance. What sublime scenery for a wedding! There is no marriage upon record that has such romantic associations."

"When this fair town was Nam-e-aug,—  
A bleak, rough waste of hill and bog,—  
In huts of sea-weed, thatch, and log,  
Our fathers few, but strong and cheery,  
Sate down amid these deserts dreary.

"'Twas all a wild, unchristian wood,  
A fearful, boisterous solitude,  
A harbor for the wild-fowl's brood,  
Where countless flocks of every plinon  
Held o'er the shores a bold dominion.

"The sea-hawk hung his cumbersome nest,  
Oak-propp'd, on every highland crest;  
Cranes through the seedy marshes prest;  
The curlew, by the river lying,  
Looked on God's image, him defying.

"The eagle-king soared high and free,  
His shadow on the glassy sea  
A sudden ripple seemed to be;  
The sunlight in his pinions burning,  
Shrouded him from eyes upturning.

"They came, the weary-footed band;  
The paths they cleared, the streams they spanned,  
The woodland genius grew more bland;  
In haste his tangled vices unweaving,  
Them and their hopes with joy receiving.

"Then beasts of every frightful name,  
And wild men with their hearts of flame,  
By night around them howling came;  
No arms had they but care and caution,  
And trust in God was all their portion.

"Firm as the rocky coast they stood,  
And earnest as the rushing flood,  
Disdaining fear, yet fearing God;  
Each man was both a lamb and lion,  
With heart of flesh, but nerves of iron.

"They yoked the eagle to the dove,  
They tamed the wilderness with love,  
Clear light within, clear light above;  
By faith upheld, by foes undaunted,  
Home, freedom, country here they planted.

"Great hearts were those that hither came,—  
A WINTHROP of undying fame,  
A BREWSTER of an honored name;  
Great hearts, the growth of three great nations,  
Laid deep for us these firm foundations.

"The angels as they gilded by  
Some gleams of brightness lent the sky;  
And earth's own angels, too, were nigh,—  
The choicest of fair England's daughters  
Came with them o'er the billowy waters.

"Now thanks to thee, O God of lands!  
Who settlest lonely men in bands,  
That brought these angels to our strands;  
The Rose of Eden, heavenly woman!  
To gardens changed these wilds inhuman.

"See! like the rose-tree's sudden bloom,  
Bright vernal break the wintry gloom,  
The evergreens breathe forth perfume,  
Love's purple light the scene is flushing,  
A romance into life is rushing.

"A streamlet—Nam-e-aug's western bound —  
A path by craggy hillside found,  
Meandering to the distant Sound;  
A slender stream, but clear and glowing,  
Down through umbrageous valleys flowing.

"Forth from a lovely lake it came,  
Sweet stream with an ungente name;  
But now, ice-bound, snow-wreathed, and tame,  
No longer sparkling, prattling, leaping,  
The Naiad of the brook was sleeping.

"To this fair stream two sledge trains,  
Grotesque and quaint as Lapland wains,  
Rushed swiftly o'er the dazzling plains:  
Yast earth before, behind all hoary,  
Embosomed in a shroud of glory.

"How still is all surrounding snow!  
How dead but for this diamond glow!  
The sun's exuberant overflow,  
Filling the air with quivering gladness,  
Relieves earth's spectre of its sadness.

"No sounding bells waked nature's ear,  
Yet music, flowing sweet and clear,  
Rippled the sea of silence drear.  
Cheery they come,—men, maidens singing,  
And all the echoes round them ringing.

"They meet: here noble Winthrop stands.  
Come forth, ye gladsome bridal bands,  
Ye snow-capt hills, clap all your hands!  
Ye spicy cedars, green and towering,  
Draw round them all your screens embowering

<sup>1</sup> "Sunkipaug means cold water. In Elliot's Indian Bible, Prov. xxv. 26, he has, 'As sunkipog [cold water] to a thirsty soul,' etc.; so in Matthew x. 42, 'Whosoever shall give sunkipog [a cup of cold water] to one of these little ones,' etc.—S. Judd, MS.

"The woven nets are lightly spread,  
The spruce boughs yield their fragrant aid,  
The white smoke o'er them curls a shade,  
And fruits and viands, choice and dainty,  
Flow from the ample horn of plenty.

"Her furry wrappings cast aside,  
As rosy skies when clouds divide,  
Forth steps the conscious, blushing bride,  
A trembling, serious, fadeless beauty,  
Commencing sweetness, love, and duty.

"She stood like Summer on the snow,—  
No morning dawn around could throw  
Such rosy light, so warm a glow,—  
And hovering clouds, with seraphs laden,  
Showered heavenly blessings on the maiden.

"She was a dame of fair degree;  
Her lover, fearless, bold, and free,  
Had suffered scath by land and sea;  
Their hearts long pledged by word and token,  
Now let the sacred rite be spoken.

"Then hands were clasped, and Winthrop prayed:  
The life-long covenant was made;  
High heaven a mute attention paid;  
Winds, groves, and hills, with reverence lowly,  
Trembled around a scene so holy.

"Now Sunk-i-paug is Bridal Lake:  
Flow, ever flow!"—thus Winthrop spake,—  
'Round hearts and homes thy journey take;  
Love's streamlet out of Bride Lake welling,  
GOD LEAD A BRANCH TO EVERY DWELLING.'

—*Bride Brook, a Legend, by Miss F. M. Coulkins, 1852.*

**Washington's Visit.**—Gen. Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette visited this town, and halted at the residence now owned and occupied by Daniel Calkins, M.D. In speaking of this Dr. Calkins says,—

"I remember in my boyhood hearing my grandmother speak of Gen. George Washington and M. de Lafayette calling here while passing through. The time was midday, and if my memory serves me, as told by my grandmother, they had an escort of men or guard, and those men partook of a meal, while on 'bivouac,' on the hill in front of the house, under the old willow-trees. I have now in my possession the kettle or large iron pot in which the men boiled the meat and potatoes for said meal.

"The Marquis de Lafayette, in his last visit to this country, made a point to call at all places where he and Washington had called during the Revolutionary struggle. In passing through here from Lyme, where he stayed all night, he made a call at this house sufficient length of time to rest about midday, and was introduced to quite a large concourse of people by Judge Moses Warren. Lafayette addressed the people assembled on the hill, under the willows in front of the house, alluding to his former visit with Washington and his memories of those times when they and their men stood on the hill and under the trees, many years before, charging them to look well to and guard the liberties for which their sires had fought, bled, and died.

"In repairing the house in 1872 I retained the floors where Washington and Lafayette walked, as also the doorstep where Washington and Lafayette's feet have stepped. Although I was beset by many to have the stepstone recut, it remains as it was a century ago, and shall remain so as long as I live for the memory of Washington and Lafayette."

## CHAPTER LXV.

EAST LYME—(Continued).

### ECCLIASTICAL—MILITARY AND CIVIL HISTORY.

**The Congregational Church, East Lyme,** was organized in 1719, and Rev. George Griswold was the first pastor.

Mr. Griswold was an active promoter of the great awakening. He labored not only at home, but also in other parishes. The work continued nearly two years, and one hundred white persons and thirteen Indians became members of the church. From 1761 the church was able to have but little preaching until 1793, when it had become virtually extinct. In that year it was reorganized. Henceforth it maintained public worship constantly by services of the brethren in prayers and the reading of sermons and by occasional preaching. In 1816 domestic missionaries began their labors in this place, under which the church and congregation increased until the settlement of Mr. St. John in 1823. Since that time it has been favored with constant preaching, and with occasional revivals of religion. The meeting-house erected by them stood at least a century. In its advanced age it was colloquially termed the Old Synagogue. It was a small, square building, without steeple, bell, or porch. A pulpit occupied the centre of one side; doors opening directly upon earth, air, and sky were on the other three sides. The gallery was low, projecting gloomily over the pews. The beams, pillars, and pilasters were so roughly finished as to show everywhere the marks of the hatchet. No varnish or paint in any part overshadowed the native wood, which became in age venerably silver-gray. Here as late as 1820 you might see the old woman's plain linen cap and straight border; the small, black, mode bonnet, kept on by long bonnet-pins; the short, red cloak, with the hood falling back; and men with enormous steel shoe-buckles and checkered pocket handkerchiefs. "Old Hundred," "Bray," and "Mear," sung in the pitch, tone, and time of the ancients, harmonized admirably with this interesting relic of the past.

This building was replaced by a stone church, a structure of simple elegance, neatly fitted up and furnished with a marble floor. The society is principally indebted for this church to the liberality of the Griswolds of New York, emigrants from its bosom, who in their adopted homes show this grateful remembrance of the place of their nativity.

In the burial-place near lie the remains of the first pastor of the church, Rev. George Griswold, who died in 1761, after a faithful ministry of thirty-six years. During the great awakening of 1740 and 1741 he had a large accession to his church, and it is an interesting fact that among the new members were thirteen Niantic Indians.

**First Baptist Church, East Lyme.**<sup>1</sup>—The history of this church is shaded in some obscurity. Baptist sentiments began to prevail here before the year 1730, through the labors of the venerable Valentine Wightman, who was pastor of the Baptist Church in Groton. As early as 1747, Nathaniel Jewett, of Lyme, was expelled from the Legislature for being a member of

<sup>1</sup> This church was called the Baptist Church in Lyme until 1839, when it was changed to East Lyme on account of the division of the town.

a Separate Church, and this is supposed to be the church to which he belonged.

The first records to be found commence in 1752, from which time a faithful account of their walk has been preserved. Elder Ebenezer Mack was then the pastor, and the names of sixty-eight are recorded as members. The first meeting-house was erected in 1755. Elder Mack labored faithfully for more than sixteen years, through various vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity, when, at his request, he was released on account of feeble health from the pastoral care; yet he continued in covenant relation, though soon after he ceased to walk with them in the ordinances, because he thought it inconsistent for a Baptist Church to build and commune at the Lord's Table with those who held and practiced infant sprinkling. A Council was called, which gave their decision in favor of Elder Mack, and from this Council originated the Stonington Association.

While thus without a pastor for several years, they were occasionally visited by Elder Zadoc Darrow, Elder Joshua Morse, and others, who preached and administered the ordinances. In one of his visits in 1771, Elder Morse proposed that this church and the church to which he administered should "enter into a sisterly relation." The brethren requested him to state what his articles were. He replied, "That none be admitted to membership but real believers, and nothing be practiced for baptism but immersion." His first proposition was unanimously adopted, and the second by a large majority.

Yet the church became much scattered, and the few who remained were in great discouragement. A day of fasting was appointed to pray to God, as the Lord of the harvest, for an under-shepherd, and inquire whether the man was among them. They were soon convinced that he was, and called Jason Lee to be their pastor. He was the son of Elder Joseph Lee, pastor of a church at Southhold, L. I., yet his family lived in Lyme. In 1774 a Council of sister-churches was called, and they proceeded publicly to set him apart to the work of the ministry. From this time a good degree of prosperity was enjoyed. The labors of their pastor were blessed to their edification, and sinners were seen "flying as a cloud, and as doves to their windows." Branches were formed in Marlow and Lempster, in New Hampshire, and in the North Society, in New London (since called Montville). The Separates, as they were then called, became the most numerous in the society. The Standing Order could not lay a tax on them, as formerly, for the support of their minister, for when they assembled for that purpose the Separates also met with them, and the vote was carried to have "No Tax."

About this time several of the brethren gave evidence that they were called of God to a more public work, and in 1782, Eleazer Beckwith was ordained as an evangelist, and "given up" to take the pastoral care of the branch at Marlow. Elder Beckwith after-

wards became one of the most entertaining preachers. Large crowds assembled to hear him, and some who remember him testify that, above any one else, he seemed to bring heaven near.

The same year Christopher Miner was called to ordination. He removed the following year to Chatham, where a Baptist Church was organized a few months afterwards.

The next year Richard Sill was set apart by ordination to the work of an evangelist. The church first reported their numbers to this Conference in 1788, at which time there were two hundred and nineteen. In the following year, with the assistance of Council from sister-churches, William Comstock and Nehemiah Huntley were ordained as evangelists.

Until the year 1795 occasional communion with the Pedobaptists had been allowed, although a majority had all along been opposed to it. In 1797, Elder William Hill and a large number of brethren from Saybrook united in covenant and labor with them.

The year 1798 is distinguished by the commencement of still better days. Through this and the following year the most powerful revival was enjoyed that this church had ever seen.

The church called two more of their number to the ministry,—Nathan Champlin, who was ordained in the year 1800, and William Welch, in 1801. In the years 1806 and 1807 ninety-nine were received by baptism. The cause steadily advanced until they were called to part with their beloved leader. In March, 1810, after three months of distressing illness, which was endured with exemplary patience, Elder Lee died, in full expectation of a glorious immortality, in the-seventieth year of his age, the fortieth of his ministry, and the thirty-sixth of his pastoral labors.

Elder Asa Wilcox commenced his labors by preaching a discourse at the funeral of Elder Lee, from 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8. During the eight years of his ministry some seasons of refreshing were seen, and although they encountered many trials, and dismissed twenty-five of their members to form the Waterford and Montville Church, and others were set off to the Second Church in Lyme, their number, which at the death of Elder Lee was four hundred and thirty-one, was increased to four hundred and forty-one.

In 1816, Mr. James Davis, a minister in the Congregational order, was received upon a relation of experience, and baptized by Elder Wilcox. He was ordained a few months afterwards by a Council called for the purpose.

Elder G. W. Appleton was their next pastor. He remained about four years. In 1821 the brethren in Lempster sent Ezra Miner to the church, requesting his ordination. A Council was accordingly called, and he was solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry. After the resignation of Elder Appleton they were destitute of a pastor for nearly a year.

Eighteen were set off to form the Chesterfield Church in Montville, and their numbers were reduced to less than two hundred.

About this time Nathan Wildman came among them, and his labors were richly blessed. In 1824 they called him to ordination, and prosperity again shone upon them. In the year 1831, William A. Smith was licensed to preach the gospel.

Elder Frederick Wightman succeeded to the pastorate in 1832. He was succeeded in 1838 by Elder Wm. Palmer. On account of a division of the town, the name of the church was changed. In the winter of 1841-42, after the resignation of Elder Palmer, Elder Amos D. Watrous held a series of meetings, in which large accessions were received. The spring following twenty were dismissed to form the Lyme Church, and the next winter fifty-five were set off, forming the Second Church in East Lyme.

Elder F. Wightman accepted a call again to become their pastor, and was soon permitted to see the fruits of his labors. They now (June, 1842) removed to a new house of worship. Here they had previously listened to the experience of young converts who offered themselves for baptism. Their pastor being compelled by sickness to resign, Elder Chester Tilden was called to the charge, who labored with them a little more than two years.

Rev. P. G. Wightman commenced his ministry among them in the spring of 1846.

Among the pastors since that time are mentioned Revs. — Judd, George H. Lester, Percival Matthewson, and John W. Holman, present pastor.

**Second Baptist Church.**—This church was organized Dec. 29, 1842, with fifty-eight members from the First Baptist Church in this town and the First Church in Waterford. A church edifice was erected and opened for service in September, 1843. The first pastor was Elder James Hepburn. He was succeeded by Elder Frederick Wightman, R. Hedden, George Mixture, Curtis Keeney, John J. Bronson, Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. Mr. Temple, Rev. Mr. Wilson, present pastor, Aug. 8, 1881.

**Methodist Episcopal Church, Niantic.**<sup>1</sup>—This church was organized by Rev. Isaac Sherman during the winter of 1842. There had been a class formed here in 1810, but many of the members of that class had removed to other places; in 1842 there were a few persons living in the vicinity who had formerly belonged to that class, and in the spring of 1843, Rev. Azariah B. Wheeler was appointed to this charge. The church building was commenced. In June the corner-stone was laid, and Rev. Ralph W. Allen, of New London, preached a sermon on the occasion, and October 5th the church was dedicated. Rev. Ralph W. Allen preached the dedicatory sermon. In 1844-45, Rev. Henry Torbush was preacher in charge; 1846-47, Rev. Roger Albiston; 1848-49, Rev. Marvin

Leffingwell. In 1850, Rev. Isaac Sherman was appointed, and stayed a few weeks, and the church was supplied by local preachers through the year. In 1851, Rev. John F. Blanchard was preacher in charge. In 1852, Rev. John F. Blanchard was reappointed, but died early in the year, and the church was supplied by local preachers through the remainder of the year, —Rev. John Standish, of Norwich, and Jesse B. Denison, of New London. In 1853, Rev. Peter S. Mather, preacher in charge; 1854, Rev. Henry Weston Smith; 1855-56, Josiah T. Burton; 1857, Rev. John W. Case. During this year they commenced to build a church parsonage. In 1858, Rev. George Dwight Boynton; 1859-60, Rev. Lawrence Pierce; 1861-62, Rev. Frederick C. Newell; 1863-65, Rev. Jabez Pack; 1866-67, Rev. Lewis E. Dunham.

The first half of the year 1868, Niantic was supplied by local preachers; and after September, De Witt C. House was licensed, and stationed here during 1869 and 1870.

From 1871-73, Dwight A. Jordon was preacher in charge, and during his pastorate a new church was built on the main street in the village, and was dedicated Sept. 25, 1873. Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, now of New York, preached the dedicatory sermon. In 1874, Rev. Anthony Palmer; 1875, Rev. Alfred A. Presbrey; 1876-78, Rev. J. T. Burton; 1879-81, Rev. Charles H. Ewen.

During the winter of 1880 the church parsonage was sold and a new church parsonage built; the old church was taken down, and used in building the new parsonage, located on the main street, much nearer the new church, and much larger and more convenient. The church is very largely indebted to the generosity of Capt. Edward Luce in the erection of the house, also in the gift of the land on which it stands.

**Civil History.**—The town of East Lyme was incorporated at the May session of the Legislature in 1839, and the first town-meeting was held at the "Baptist meeting-house," June 10th, same year, when the following officers were chosen:

Clerk, Z. D. Beckwith; Selectmen, Daniel Stewart, Ezra Moore, Jr., Calvin S. Manwaring, Edward Moore, Jr., and Clement Smith; Treasurer, John L. Smith; Constables, Roland Rogers, Jr., Ezra Purtilor, and Isaac Burch; Grand Jurors, Z. D. Beckwith, B. E. Champlin, and Nehemiah Caulkins; Tithingmen, Lemuel G. Crocker and Job Tubbs; Hay-warden, Elisha Smith; Sealer, Charles M. Spencer; Key-keepers, Titus Beckwith, Thomas Faber, Calvin S. Manwaring, and Mather Rogers; Town Agent, John L. Smith. Joel Loomis was moderator of the above meeting.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1839-1882.

1840, Daniel Watrous; 1841-42, no record; 1843, E. Moore, Jr.; 1844, J. Tubbs; 1845, no record; 1846, E. Moore, Jr.; 1847, F. B. Loomis; 1848, William H. H. Comstock; 1849, J. D. Otis; 1850, George M. Denison; 1851-52, Ezra Moore, Jr.; 1853, George M. Denison; 1854, F. W. Bolles; 1855, J. L. Beckwith; 1856, J. B. Manwaring; 1857, S. F. Perkins; 1858, S. L. Manwaring; 1859, William H. H. Com-

<sup>1</sup> By Philo Gates.



**AVERY SMITH.**

stock; 1860, O. C. Gorton; 1861, E. Howard; 1862, E. Moore, Jr.; 1863, J. M. Chapman; 1864, F. B. Way; 1865, E. Luce; 1866-67, E. W. Beckwith; 1868, F. B. Way; 1869, E. L. Beckwith; 1870, M. W. Comstock; 1871, George Hentley; 1872, Ezra Moore; 1873, J. W. Luce; 1874, F. B. Way; 1875, L. M. Bacon; 1876, J. A. Way; 1877, Edward Luce; 1878, C. P. Sturtevant; 1879, Charles Babcock; 1880, John Way; 1881, Asa E. S. Bush.

## CHAPTER LXVI.

## EAST LYME—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Avery Smith**<sup>1</sup> was the son of Daniel and Hannah Smith, born in the town of Waterford, June 20, A.D. 1794, and in 1824 was married to Emeline H. Morgan, of East Haddam, with whom he continued to live until the time of his death, leaving her a widow. The writer of this notice was not acquainted with him until 1829, when he was thirty-five years of age. He was then connected in business with a younger brother, Roswell; Roswell running a small farm, and himself running a vessel in the coasting trade. In 1831 he went to New Orleans, and ran a packet from there, through Lakes Pontchartrain and Bourne, to Mobile for several years. In the mean time they purchased a farm at the head of Niantic Bay, with a road running through it, and about 1838 he retired mostly from the water and went to farming, but occasionally going on the water for a short time. In the mean time they had purchased another farm adjoining, which nearly surrounded a large natural pond or lake, and about 1841 conceived the idea of putting up ice, and it succeeded so well that by 1846 they had a house of the capacity of about six thousand tons. From their lands, which extended across the head of Niantic Bay, was a beautiful view not only of the bay but across Long Island Sound. In 1841 a party appeared and wanted to erect a dwelling-house at the head of the bay, and the 5th of October of that year the house was raised. That was the commencement of the beautiful village of Niantic. Soon after another party appeared for a building-lot. The road through said lands being somewhat crooked, the deeds must be so made as to bring their fronts on one line; and soon after a party appeared for a lot perhaps fifty rods farther west. Avery Smith, seeming to foresee that the place was beginning to be of some note, decided that this also should face the same line, and in the same manner the lots on the other side of the street were also sold, all facing the same line, the result of which was a street about three-fourths of a mile long, as straight as can be found in any country village.

In 1848 his brother Roswell died, leaving a widow and nine children, mostly young, Avery Smith buying out Roswell's interest in the real estate, and as-

suming the care of the family, apparently as much as though they had been his own, the sons as they grew up working with him in harmony; but the widow of Roswell and all the children but two died before him, and his wife having no children, in his will he made them his principal legatees. In 1839 the town of East Lyme was incorporated, taking this part of Waterford into the new town. When the N. H. and N. L. R. R. was laid out he labored hard to have it laid through said lands, and the result was it ran through the same land nearly or quite a mile, a part of the way near the edge of the bank by the bay and across what is called "Rope Ferry Bar," and in front of the village, and a depot established, of which he had the charge for several years. Eventually he had lands surveyed and streets laid out, all at right angles, on which building-lots were laid out, and they are now considerably built upon; and upon what was his land now stand two church edifices, one Congregationalist and one Methodist Episcopal, and up to the time of his death he took a strong interest in the building up of the village, and no person should have a lot unless they would put up a respectable building. When I first became acquainted with him he was a member of the Congregational Church, and he made it a point to be present at their place of worship, and a liberal contributor to their funds; and near the close of his life, in speaking of death, he said to me, "One thing I know: I love the church." He died Feb. 20, 1871.

In politics he was what may be termed an Old-Line Whig and Republican.

## CHAPTER LXVII.

MONTVILLE.<sup>2</sup>

THE town of Montville is located on the west side of the river Thames, between the towns of Norwich and Waterford, and its business centre about half-way between the cities of New London and Norwich. It has a front on the river a distance of five and a half miles. Its present area is about forty square miles, and contains about twenty-five thousand acres.

It is but a little more than two centuries since the territory which now is included in the limits of this town was a savage wilderness, entirely possessed by a race which for more than a century have been steadily but surely fading from existence.

It was formerly a part of the township of New London, and early called the North Parish of New London. Its early history is indissolubly connected with that of most of the other towns in the county.

This tract of land, together with that now contained within the limits of adjoining towns, was at the earliest notice of its history in the possession of the Pequots, of which tribe the Mohegans were a fragment, and

<sup>1</sup> By F. W. Bolles.

<sup>2</sup> By Henry A. Baker.

occupied by them as their planting and hunting-grounds.

Within the boundaries of this town was the central seat of the famous tribe of Indians called the Mohegans, whose history has been closely identified with that of the whole State. Uncas, the grand sachem of the tribe, being a friend to the English, received at their hands protection from his enemies, and often, when in extreme peril from the hostile advancements made upon him by other tribes, the English rendered him timely assistance. Uncas was always generous to those who befriended him and his warriors, and easily persuaded to confer liberal gifts of his land as a remuneration for friendship.

Some of the race, though reduced to a mere fragment, still cling like ghosts around their ancient habitation,—not in their native barbarous condition, but clothed and refined by civilization; not as wards under the guardianship of the State, but as actual owners of the soil on which they live, with the privilege of citizens. Their advance in civilization and morals has been identical with that of the growth and prosperity of the town, the Indian having exchanged his rude and native custom for civilization and Christianity.

Had they remained unmolested and unvisited by Europeans till the present day, they would now have been as rude, as poor, as warlike, as disdainful of labor, and in every way as uncivilized as when the white man first explored the river Thames or sailed along its virgin shores. The country would still have been covered with forests and unimproved fields, the streams unoccupied except for fishing and game; tracks of wild beasts would be found where now extends the hard roadway trodden by thousands of human feet; the ferocious bear would be seen coming out of the hollow trees where now crowds of youth are emerging from the halls of learning.

If one was to stand upon some of the highest ridges which overlook the town and survey the rippling rivulets coursing and meandering through the valleys, made subservient to man's interests in turning the wheel, the spindle, the loom, and the various kinds of machinery of modern invention, and then glance the eye over the hills and glens which meet it on every side, where now the hum of industry is heard and the voice of the white man and the civilized Indian awake their echoes, where farms and schools, industry and thrift attest the presence of the more intelligent and elevated race, he would be amazed and wonder at the change that has come over this region of country in the last two centuries.

These hills and these valleys were then the abode of the untutored Indian, these forests filled with wild beasts and animals of various kinds, some of them beasts of prey, and others suitable for food for the hunter. A continuous forest, with but here and there an open space for planting fields, overspread the whole of this territory, adorning these hills with its

verdure, darkening these valleys with its thick foliage, and bending gracefully over the margins of the silvery stream. Paths led meandering through these forests, marked only by the footprints of the red man and the wild beasts, leading sometimes along the margin of some rippling stream, or on through some open plain and up the declivity of some woody hill, then down through the rocky glen,—not paths of iron, such as those over which the iron horse now flies, nor were they the graded highways for the swift horse and polished carriage, but paths along which the wild beasts and the wild man alike traveled in single file.

Here nature was in its rudest dress,—hill and vale, forest-tree and cragged rock, the murmuring stream and mirrored lake. Every attempt at improvement by the untutored occupants had only marred their native beauty. The homes, the rude cabin here built, the paths here opened, the soil here disturbed, all attempts at change made only begun and ended in forest homes and blinded paths. The utmost of all that Indian art and industry could do scarcely detracted any of nature's gracefulness.

Nor had the waters of the beautiful Thames yet felt the keel of civilized commerce or bore upon its rippling surface the paper shell of Harvard and Yale. The rude bark or hollow canoe had been the only means of transport over the bosom of this "great river." Nor had the sharp crack of the hunter's rifle nor the booming of modern artillery ever yet disturbed these solitudes, though instead the twang of the stringed bow and the whizzing flint-headed arrow had often brought to the ground the eagle or the fish-hawk as they stood perched upon the tall mast-like forest-tree on the "mountain," or cut short the fleet-footed deer in his race over the open field, or the prowling wolf in his search for prey.

In time our forefathers ventured to settle upon the soil, solicited and encouraged by the sachem of the Mohegans, they then owning and occupying the territory and holding complete sway over this uncultivated domain. Uncas, the chief sachem, was, from probably selfish interest, a friend to the Englishman, and had sworn to protect him if he would settle upon his grounds. Protection being offered and guaranteed the white man came and built his house, though as rude maybe as his untutored neighbors, and made it his permanent abode. He set up the altars of his faith. He learned the wilderness to become subservient to his necessities. He made of the forest-tree his comfortable home. He utilized the water in the streams by erecting saw-mills and grist-mills. The native soil he made to answer his call, and loaded his table with her fruits. It is not strange that a place possessed of such natural advantages, when once known to the Englishman, should have been highly prized by him, or that when obtained should be quickly settled, or since its settlement it should have grown and prospered so extensively. It has never known any serious decline, either in numbers



or property, and though at times laboring under disadvantages from various sources, it has generally been upon the advance. The spirit of enterprise, it is true, has shifted from one part of the town to another, and from one source of industry to another, but has never left its precincts or ceased to advance as a whole.

Many individuals whose names are inscribed upon the roll of fame and honor have emanated from this community. The records, both of church and State, contain many an honored name whose possessor had his or her origin on this soil. The names of Hillhouse, Raymond, Chester, Otis, Jewett, and many others are such as the historian has delighted to honor. In the year 1646, John Winthrop, Jr., and several others from Boston, Mass., commenced to lay out and settle a plantation in the Pequot country, which was afterwards called New London. Winthrop, before laying out the plantation, called all the neighboring Indians together in order to ascertain the legitimate bounds occupied by the Pequot tribe, that no encroachment might be made on the rights of the Mohegans. Uncas at the time made no claim to any land east of the Thames (Pequot) River, nor on the west side any farther south than Cochikuack, or Saw-mill Brook and the cove into which it flowed. This brook (now Oxoboxo) was therefore established as the northern boundary of the New London plantation by an agreement with Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans.

The first grants of land within the Mohegan reservation were made by Uncas in 1658 to Richard Haughton and James Rogers, and consisted of valuable farms on the river at places called Massapeag and Pemechany. The former place was located at the head and north side of the cove afterwards called Haughton's Cove, and the latter was situated farther up the river, at a place called the "Point," near Massapeag Station. The then existing laws of the colony prohibited any individual from contracting with the Indians for their lands; yet many, from the spirit of avarice, or from the desire to obtain desirable places for permanent settlement on partially cleared and cultivated land, sought by various means to get possession of the land. The result was that many Indian grants were made. Some were gifts of friendship, or in requital for favors bestowed. Some were obtained by fair and honest trade, while others were openly fraudulent, or from administering to the vicious thirsts of the Indians.

The early history of that portion of the town lying north of Oxoboxo Brook and west of the "famously known" line running north and south runs through a maze of perplexity and confusion. Many of the finest tracts in the section, which had been early obtained of the natives, or by grants of the town of New London for speculation or settlement, passed from one possessor to another with great rapidity. A combination of influences served to facilitate the transfer of claims.

The first actual settler on the Indian lands within the present limits of this town was Samuel Rogers, the eldest son of James Rogers, then living at New London. Samuel Rogers, as near as the records can show, settled here in 1670. He had for several years been on intimate terms with Uncas, who had anxiously solicited him to settle in his neighborhood. Uncas gave him a valuable tract of land on the north side of Saw-mill (Oxoboxo) Brook, a portion of which land is now in the possession of his descendants, promising Rogers, in case of any emergency, he would hasten with all his warriors to his assistance.

On this tract Samuel Rogers built his house of hewn logs, surrounded it with a strong wall, and mounted a big gun in front. Uncas would often visit Rogers at his retired abode in the midst of the wilderness, it being a distance of about four miles from the Indian settlement on the bank of the Thames. Here they would together smoke the pipe and "take a social glass." Here Rogers reared a family of six children,—three sons and three daughters,—being the first white children born within the present bounds of Montville.

On one occasion, when prepared for the experiment (tradition says), Rogers fired a signal of alarm,—which was two reports in succession,—which signal had been agreed upon between himself and his tawny friend in case either should be disturbed by an enemy, and in half an hour's time grim bands of warriors were seen on the hill overlooking the "block-house," who soon came rushing down, with the sachem at their head, to the rescue of their white friend. Rogers had prepared a feast for their entertainment, having killed an ox and roasted it for the occasion, which was ate and relished by all. It is probable that the Indians relished the trick nearly as much as the banquet, they seeming always delighted with contrivance and stratagem.

Samuel Rogers' house stood about three-fourths of a mile south of the present Congregational meeting-house, on a plain of land near a small pond in a natural ravine. The well which furnished the water for the Rogers family was filled up a few years since by the owner of the land, for the better cultivation of the land. Oyster-shells can at this day be seen in the soil near where the house stood. The site was on the farm now owned by Albert A. Rogers, Esq. A short distance east of where the house stood is the burying-ground of the Rogers family and near relatives. Nearly one hundred graves cover the spot.

Samuel Rogers afterwards became a large landholder in the reservation. He had grants of land not only from Uncas, but from his sons Owaneco and Josiah, in recompense for services rendered to them and their tribe. Gifts of land were also bestowed upon his son, Jonathan Rogers, and his daughter Sarah, wife of James Harris, who also settled here.

A deed of date 1698, by Owaneco, conveyed to Jonathan Rogers, a cripple, son of Samuel, a tract of

land "in consideration of his lameness and the continued kindness of his parents shown to Owaneco and his children." This land was "bounded on other lands of Samuel Rogers, and on the Hartford path, and the brook that cometh out of the pond called Obsopogsaut" (Oxoboxo).

In 1698, Samuel Rogers, Sr., gave to his "loving daughter, Mary Gilbert, wife of Samuel Gilbert, of Hartford," a tract of land consisting of "two parcels west or southwest of certain planting-fields, usually called or known by the name of 'Moheag,' in the township of New London, and northerly of my dwelling-house, containing one hundred and fifty acres, bounded on the four corners by trees marked MG, the northerly side being one hundred and seventy-two rods, the southerly side one hundred and seventy-two rods, the westerly side one hundred and fifty rods, and the easterly side one hundred and ten rods. Also one other piece containing ten acres, and lying westward of my dwelling-house, and about southwest from a certain house which Samuel Gilbert built upon the aforesaid tract of land, and is distant about sixty or eighty poles, it being meadow and swamp land."

The General Court sitting at Hartford, in October, 1698, granted to their honored Governor, Fitz John Winthrop, and Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, who had preached the election sermon, conjointly, a tract of four hundred acres of land, "to be taken up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any township or particular person." This land was surveyed and laid out by John Prentis, surveyor, 20th of February, 1698-99. It is thus bounded and described: "The north bounds is a line running from a pine-tree by the side of a pond above Samuel Rogers' farm, commonly called Twenty-mile Pond (Gardiner's Lake), standing on the east side of said pond, due east two hundred and forty rods to a great white oak marked NE, which oak is on the top of a long, fair, plain hill, and in fair sight of a hollow, where there is a small swamp on the east of it; from thence in a line which runs due south to a young chestnut-tree on the east side of the little pond (Oxoboxo), which tree stands within a rod of said pond, under a clift of rocks, and is marked for a southeast corner; and from thence in a line which runs due west two hundred and forty rods to a large, fair, spreading white oak upon the brow of a hill with a plain on the top of it, which oak (since called Governor's tree) is within ten rods of a fresh meadow with high rocks, which tree is marked for the southwest corner; and from thence in a line running north by the west side of a small island in the aforesaid Great Pond, and on north to the aforementioned pine-tree, marked for the northwest corner, containing four hundred acres, more or less."

This grant was the cause of a long and bitter controversy. The Masons, guardians of the Mohegans, raised an outcry against it, the neighboring colonies caught it up, and the reverberation was loud in England, where the throne was led to believe that great

wrong had been done the Indians by giving away their land. It was, however, after a long struggle settled, and the proprietors were permitted to quietly hold possession. After the death of Winthrop and Saltonstall, the land thus held by them was by the courts legally distributed among their respective heirs. In May, 1703, that part of New London which was afterwards called the North Parish of New London was added to the township of New London by a grant of the General Court. This tract was described in the application for the grant as "being a small tract of land lying on the west side of the Great River (Thames), in the town of New London, and lying between the north bounds of the town of Lyme, and by a straight line from the northeast corner of Lyme bounds to the southwest corner of Norwich south bounds; then as the bounds of Norwich run down to the Great River." This grant provided "that any proprietors of lands, whether of English or Indians, within the tract so added, who held legal titles to the same should have it reserved and secured to the respective possessors."

Among the earliest grantees under the Indian deeds were Charles Hill, Samuel Chester, George Tongue, and Daniel Fitch. Charles Hill's tract of several hundred acres was conveyed to him by Uncas in 1678, in exchange for "Betty," an Indian woman taken captive in Philip's war and given to Capt. James Avery, who sold her to Charles Hill.

Joshua Raymond, who married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, was an early landholder on the Indian reservation, and must have erected there a house at a very early period, as he died in 1676. His son Joshua in his will mentions among his bequests, "also my father's homestead farm in New London, in the Mohegan fields."

The Raymond farm in Mohegan was situated near the head of Haughton's Cove. The house stood on a commanding site on the west side of the road leading from New London to Norwich, and was in the possession and occupied by the family one hundred and seventy-five years. It was last sold by George Raymond, of the fifth generation, in 1841, to Capt. William Fitch, the present owner of the farm. Mr. Fitch, soon after his purchase, took down the ancient house and erected a fine mansion on the site.

Many of the descendants of Joshua Raymond have been among the most active and influential citizens in the town, holding important trusts in both church and State.

A short time previous to the death of Joshua Raymond he had bargained a tract of land to Oliver Manwaring, his brother-in-law. A deed which his widow had executed conveying the previously-bargained premises was questioned as to its validity, and in October, 1704, Manwaring petitioned the General Court to grant liberty to and empower Elizabeth Dennis (Raymond), the relict of Joshua Raymond, to execute a deed of conveyance to all the lands agreed

upon by her former husband in his lifetime. The petition was granted and deeds executed.

The land commonly known by the name of the Indian or sequestered lands, lying between the established lines of the towns of New London and Norwich, lying on the west side of the Pequot (Thames) River, and being a part of the North Parish of New London, was in the year 1710, by consent of Owaneco and his Council, divided into two parts. The eastern part, bordering on the river, was put in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, by deed of feoffment in favor of Hon. Gideon Saltonstall, Capt. John Mason, Maj. John Livingston, Capt. Daniel Fitch, and Capt. John Stanton, which tract was forever settled upon the Mohegan tribe of Indians, "so long as there shall be any Mohegan found or known of alive in the world." Excepting, however, out of the tract described some small parcels then in the possession of persons holding under former grants, which parcels were in the general deed confirmed to them.

The western part, which was divided from the eastern by a line running north and south, then "famously known," was conveyed by a general deed, signed by Owaneco, Ben Uncas, Ceser, and several counselors and chief men of the tribe, to Maj. John Livingston, Lieut. Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, Jr., and James Harris. Excepting, however, out of the tract conveyed all former grants made by the General Court and by the Indians to persons then in actual possession.

These proceedings gave great uneasiness to the inhabitants of New London, who regarded the land granted to them by the act of addition to the township in May, 1703, and expressly guaranteed by their patent. A town-meeting was held July 17, 1710, and a committee appointed to prosecute Maj. John Livingston and his associates before the General Court for a breach of law. Then began a struggle for possession which continued many years. The North Parish was in an unsettled and disorderly state, and for several years afterwards no man felt secure of his title. It was not until about the year 1721 that the land matters became tranquil in the North Parish. The General Court had refused to confirm the acts of the town of New London, and consequently all acts of the town and grants made by the same were void.

In October, 1720, the General Assembly appointed James Wadsworth, John Hooker, and John Hall a committee to settle the difficulties relating to the land titles in the North Parish, and to provide for the settlement of a gospel minister in the parish.

Two of the committee, Messrs. Wadsworth and Hall, accordingly met at the house of Mr. Joseph Bradford, who then lived on the farm now owned and occupied by J. Randolph Rogers, Feb. 22, 1720-21, and there held a commissioners' court, with power to hear and determine all disputes respecting claims to lands in the Mohegan territory.

This court proved to be one of pacification. Almost

every claimant was confirmed in his possessions. The deed of trust was also confirmed, and the reversion of the sequestered lands, when the tribe should become extinct, settled upon the town of New London. All the General Court grants were ratified,—the farms of Winthrop and Saltonstall, six hundred acres to the schools, two hundred acres to Caleb Watson, the purchase of Livingston and his associates,—excepting, however, five hundred acres to be secured to the use of the ministry in North Parish, and in general all Indian contracts made previous to 1710.

In May, 1721, the commission reported their doings to the General Assembly held at Hartford, which having heard and considered the same, it was approved and confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

The tract to be set out to the ministry was left undetermined by the commissioners. The inhabitants could not by any means hitherto used be led to an agreement as to where the meeting-house should be located, and it was desirable to lay out a farm for the minister as near to the meeting-house as practicable. This matter of locating the site for a meeting-house was therefore left unsettled, and, at the request of the inhabitants, referred to the General Assembly.

That tract of land which was purchased of Owaneco in 1710 by Maj. John Livingston, Maj. Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, Jr., and James Harris was in 1713 surveyed by John Plumbe and laid out into divisions, and subdivided into lots of from one hundred to six hundred acres each.

The first division contained about two thousand nine hundred acres, and was subdivided into five lots of five hundred to six hundred acres each. This division lay on the north side of Stony Brook, that runs into Houghton's Cove, and extended from Stony Brook to Norwich line, and from the land secured to the Indians in trust to lands of Winthrop and Saltonstall on the west.

The second division extended from Stony Brook on the north to a brook that runs into Stony Brook near Cohegan Rock, and from the land secured to the Indians on the east to lands of other persons on the west, following on the south side the small brook so far as it runs northwest, then leaving the brook and running along the north side of the hill called Raymond Hill. This division was subdivided into five lots. In the year 1710, James Harris and Sarah, his wife, conveyed by deed to John Merritt and Mercy Raymond, relict of Joshua Raymond, a tract of land lying west of the Gilbert farm, which Samuel Rogers gave to his daughter, Mary Gilbert, now owned by J. Dwight Baker, containing about two hundred acres.

The next year James Harris conveyed all his interest in the lands conveyed by Owaneco to himself and others in 1710 to Mercy Raymond and John Merritt. Mercy Raymond at this time was living on Fisher's Island. She removed a few years afterwards on to her land in North Parish, and built the house

where she afterwards lived, now occupied by S. Denison Bradford, about one-fourth of a mile west of the present Congregational church.

About this time the land was being taken up and settled upon with great rapidity. Speculation in lands had become prevalent.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE EARLY SETTLERS.

**James Rogers** the first came to America in the ship "Increase" from London, in England, in 1635, at the age of twenty years. He is first known at Stratford, Conn., where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland. In the year 1656, Mr. Rogers having dealings in New London, liked the place so much that he afterwards fixed himself there as a permanent inhabitant. Here he soon achieved property and influence. His landed possessions became very extensive, consisting of several hundred acres on the Great Neck, a large tract of land at Mohegan, at the place now called Massapeag, several house-lots in the town plot, and two thousand four hundred acres on the east side of the river which was held in partnership.

James Rogers was born about 1615, son of Rev. John Rogers, of Denham, in England, who died in 1639. The descendants of James Rogers have claimed that he was descended from Rev. John Rogers, of London, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield in 1555, during the reign of "Bloody Queen Mary." Recent genealogical researches have made it quite doubtful as to the lineal connection of this stock of Rogers with that of the martyr.

James Rogers died at New London in February, 1688. He had seven children, and all but the youngest child were born at Stratford.

Samuel Rogers, the eldest son of James the first, was born at Stratford, Dec. 12, 1640, and married, Oct. 17, 1664, Mary, daughter of Thomas Stanton. They first settled at New London, where they remained only a few years, and then removed to the outlands of the town, in the vicinity of the Mohegans, and became the first English settlers within the limits of the town of Montville. Uncas, the good friend of Samuel Rogers, had persuaded him to settle in his neighborhood, and as an inducement had given him a valuable tract of land on "Cochiknack Brook," now Oxoboxo, and had further promised, in case of inroads by prowling bands of Narragansetts, that he would rally at once with his warriors for his protection. Here Rogers built his home, in the midst of a wilderness, and reared a family of six children, the descendants of which afterwards scattered over the town and became permanent inhabitants. These descendants are quite numerous at the present time, some still occupying the same lands formerly owned by their ancestor, Samuel Rogers. He died Dec. 1, 1713, and was buried in the "old Rogers burying-ground," located on the farm late owned by Oliver Baker, deceased.

Daniel Rogers, born about 1665, eldest son of Samuel, married, in 1702, Grace Williams. He was a farmer, and inherited a large tract of land from his father in Montville, and from time to time purchased other lands in the vicinity where he lived. Several deeds of land to him are extant, dating back from 1727, and running down to 1765; also deeds from him to his sons. One of the latter is dated Jan. 24, 1753, to his son Thomas, and one dated April 16, 1771, in which, "for the consideration of love, good will, and fatherly affection I have and do bear unto my well-beloved sons, Alpheus Rogers and Thomas Rogers," he conveys to them certain tracts of land near, where he then lived. The house in which he lived at the time of his death stood on the south side of the highway leading east from the Congregational church, on the farm now owned by A. A. Parker. He died about 1771, aged one hundred and five years. Tradition says that his appearance in the last years of his life was that of a venerable old man, his long gray hair covering his shoulders, and often seen in the fields without any hat upon his head, gave him the appearance of an old prophet.

**Richard Raymond**, the ancestor of that large family of Raymonds who have been residents of Montville since its first settlement, and who have been among its most influential and prominent citizens, makes his first appearance at Salem, Mass., where he and his wife, Judith, were members of the church in 1634. He was made freeman there the same year. He with his family appear to have left Salem about 1650, and first settled at Norwalk, previous to 1654, and afterwards removed to Saybrook, where he died in 1692. His sons scattered themselves along the shore of Long Island Sound. John, his son, settled at Norwalk, where he died and left descendants. Samuel married Mary Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, and settled at New London, where he died without children in 1705. Daniel, another son of Richard Raymond, married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Gabriel Harris, of New London, and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah. After the death of his wife he married a second, Rebecca Lay, daughter of John Lay, of Lyme, by whom he had children. He settled at Lyme, where he died in 1696. His second wife survived him and married Samuel Gager, of Norwich.

Joshua Raymond, second son of Richard, born about 1639, married, Dec. 10, 1659, Elizabeth Smith, another daughter of Nehemiah Smith. He was among the first settlers in the town of Montville, though he did not make it his permanent residence. He first settled at New London, and for a short period may have resided on his farm in Mohegan. Mr. Raymond was actively engaged in the Pequot war, and was by the Council appointed commissary of the troops. A short time before his death he was directed to fit out a vessel at New London for the Barbadoes, to obtain provisions for the troops. He was also one

of the committee appointed to survey and lay out a road from New London to Norwich through the Mohegan fields. For his services in laying out this road he received a grant of land in Mohegan, on which he built a house, which after his death came into the possession of his descendants. He died at New London, April 24, 1676. His death was supposed to have been caused by a wound received in the great swamp-fight in December, 1675. After his death his widow married George Dennis, of Long Island.

Joshua Raymond (2), born Sept. 18, 1660, son of Joshua Raymond (1), married, April 29, 1683, Mercy Sands, daughter of James Sands, of Block Island. They resided at Block Island. Mr. Raymond having his business in New London, was absent from his family much of the time. The care and management of the home affairs devolved upon his wife, who was a woman of great energy and executive ability. He died at his residence on Block Island in 1704. Soon after his death she removed with her six children to the North Parish of New London, now Montville, where she with Maj. John Merritt purchased a tract of land containing about fifteen hundred acres. She built a house on a commanding site, on what has since been called "Raymond Hill." Here with her son Joshua she lived until her death. In his will he gave to his son Joshua "the homestead at Block Island, one hundred sheep, twenty cattle, a team and cart," also "his father's homestead farm in the Mohegan fields." She died at Lyme, while on a visit to her friends, May 3, 1741, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried near the stone church in that town.

Joshua Raymond (3), born about 1697, son of Joshua Raymond (2) and Mercy Sands, married, Aug. 31, 1719, Elizabeth Christopher, daughter of John Christopher. He was actively engaged in the affairs of the town and church, and held offices of trust in both; was elected representative several years, and held the office of justice of the peace for New London County from 1738 to 1743. Mr. Raymond and his wife united with the church in 1724, was chosen deacon in 1740, and held the office until his death. She died May 12, 1730, aged thirty-three years. He afterwards married, Nov. 23, 1730, Sarah Lynde, of Saybrook. He died Nov. 12, 1763.

Joshua Raymond (4), born Dec. 22, 1723, son of Joshua Raymond (3), married, Oct. 4, 1750, Lucy Jewett, eldest daughter of Capt. Nathan Jewett, of Lyme. He settled at Montville, upon a portion of the land formerly owned by his grandmother, Mercy (Sands) Raymond. He, like his father, was possessed of large business qualifications. An active member of the church and society, he was chosen deacon of the church in 1763, and held the office until his death; was elected representative to the General Assembly several years. He died Sept. 14, 1790. She died Feb. 26, 1811, aged eighty-one years.

John Raymond, born Jan. 18, 1725, son of Joshua Raymond (3), married, in 1747, Elizabeth Griswold,

daughter of Rev. George Griswold, of Lyme, by his first wife, Hannah Lynde. He owned and occupied the old Raymond farm, situated at the head of Haughton Cove, and first occupied by his great-grandfather, Joshua Raymond (1). He was a military man, and at one time was lieutenant under Col. Whitney in the French war. He was stationed at Fort Edward in November, 1756, from which place he sent home letters written on birch-bark and wrapped in brown paper. She died Jan. 16, 1779, of smallpox. He died May 7, 1789.

Sherwood Raymond, born Oct. 28, 1786, son of Christopher Raymond, and of the seventh generation from Richard Raymond, married Fanny Fitch, a descendant of Rev. James Fitch, the first minister at Norwich. He settled at Montville, and lived on his grandfather's farm. He was a farmer, owned a large tract of land, and kept a large herd of cattle. He was a man of large business qualifications, and held many important offices in the town. He was elected representative five times, and served with acceptance. He was elected senator of the Ninth District in 1846, and held the office of justice of the peace many years. In March, 1842, he united with the Congregational Church, his wife having been a member since 1824. At the time the new Congregational church was built, Mr. Raymond contributed the sum of five hundred dollars towards the erection of the edifice. He died at Montville, much respected and highly honored by the people of his native town. His wife survived him several years, and died at the residence of her brother, Col. Asa Fitch, of Bozrah, in 1879. She was a devoted Christian, and gave large sums to charitable and benevolent objects. None ever knew her but to love and respect her. She was kind and generous to the poor and afflicted.

**Alexander Baker**, the common ancestor of a numerous family, probably born in London, England, about 1607, came from London in the ship "Elizabeth and Ann" in 1635, at the age of twenty-eight years, with Elizabeth, his wife, aged twenty-three years, and two children,—Elizabeth, aged three years, and Christian, aged one year. They landed at Boston, where they settled and became permanent residents. He was a rope-maker. Previous to their departure from London he obtained a certificate from a minister of the Established Church, showing his honorable standing in the church, and before two justices of the peace took the oath of allegiance. After their arrival in Boston they had born to them nine children, who were all baptized, the parents having been admitted to the church in that place.

Joshua Baker, the fourth son, born April 30, 1642, and lineal ancestor of the Baker families in Montville, removed from Boston about 1670, and settled at New London, where he received shares in the town plot and became a large landholder. He was a carpenter and house-builder. About the year 1700 he received a deed from Owaneco, the chief of the Mohegans,

conveying to him a large tract of land in Mohegan, on which he afterwards settled. A portion of this land some of his descendants still occupy. This tract of land was situated in the vicinity of the famous "Cochegan Rock," which stood on the land.

He married, Sept. 13, 1674, Hannah Mintern, relict of Tristram Mintern, of New London. She was the daughter of George Tongue. Her sister Elizabeth was the wife of Governor Fitz John Winthrop. Another sister married John Wickwire, the ancestor of the Wickwire families who have been residents of Montville.

Joshua Baker died at North Parish (Montville), Dec. 27, 1717, and left his large estate to his four sons and five daughters. The eldest son, Josbua, Jr., probably received a double portion, and came into possession of the homestead of his father. He married Marian Hurlbut, March 27, 1705, and had eleven children. His inventory, as exhibited to the Probate Court in New London, was £1029 19s. 7d., which was given by will to his seven sons and four daughters. He died in 1740. His wife survived him, and afterwards married John Vibber. James Baker, son of Joshua, Jr., was the executor of his father's will, and inherited the homestead.

**John Dolbeare** emigrated from Wales to America with his wife, whose name is not known, and settled in Boston. His occupation was that of a brass-founder. The "coat of arms of the Dolbeare family," says tradition, "exhibits the family once to have been the fourth family in the kingdom of Great Britain." It is understood that he had twenty-four children,—twenty-two sons and two daughters. He continued his residence in Boston until his death in 1725. He purchased of James Harris, a land speculator living in the North Parish of New London, about 1700, a large tract of land lying between Oxoboxo Pond and Gardiner's Lake, and containing one thousand acres or more. This land was never occupied by him, but after his death all the land possessed by him in the North Parish was taken possession of by his twenty-fourth child, George, who moved on to the land and commenced improvements on it. A pitcher now in the possession of Mr. Samuel Allen, of New Hartford, is said to have been a gift of John Dolbeare. Upon it is the inscription, "The gift of Mr. John Dolbeare, of Boston, to the Church of Christ in New Salem, in Conn., New England, Oct. 1st, 1737." This John Dolbeare was probably the eldest son of John Dolbeare the first, and brother of George, who inherited all his father's land in North Parish of New London, a part of which was located in New Salem Society, now in the town of Salem, Conn.

George Dolbeare, born about 1715, married Mary Sherwood, and had three sons and three daughters. Hannah married Guy Richards, of New London; Mary married William Avery, of Groton; and Abigail married Elihu Hinman.

He died March 27, 1772, aged fifty-seven years.

She died Jan. 1, 1790, aged eighty years. Large portraits of Mr. George Dolbeare and his wife, Mary, are now in the possession of Mrs. Lockwood, of New London, a descendant, and were exhibited, among other valuable relics, at the late centennial at Groton, Sept. 6, 1881.

John Dolbeare, the eldest son of George Dolbeare, married, Dec. 22, 1769, Sarah Raymond, daughter of Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch. He settled at Montville, on land given him by his father, where he lived until his death, April 9, 1806. He had a family of thirteen children,—eight sons and five daughters.

Another son of George Dolbeare, whose name was George Benjamin, born Dec. 25, 1753, married Margaret Fox, daughter of Ezekiel. His eldest daughter, Lucy, was the second wife of Lorenzo Dow, the eccentric preacher.

Many of the descendants of John Dolbeare the first still reside in this town.

**Capt. Samuel Chester**, "commander, owner, and factor in the West India trade," arrived from Boston and located in New London about 1663, he about that time receiving a grant of land in New London for a warehouse, and at the same time was carrying on business at Boston.

He was a plain, practical business man. His knowledge of surveying, as well as navigation, proved of great service in laying out the lands in the new settlements. He had a large landed estate, partly on the east side of the river, now Groton, and covering the ground where Fort Griswold and the monument now stands, and partly in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, upon which his grandson, Joseph Chester, settled and gave to New London County a worthy family of sixteen children, who have been a credit not only to their native town, but to other places where they have subsequently located.

Deacon Joseph Chester, born March 17, 1731, son of Samuel Chester (2), married, first, Rachel Hillhouse, daughter of Rev. James Hillhouse. By this marriage a daughter was born, but died young. Rachel, the wife of Joseph Chester, died April 8, 1754. He afterwards married Elizabeth Otis, daughter of Deacon Joseph Otis. Trusty, faithful, loyal, and a consistent Christian, he was esteemed for his wise counsel and Christian virtues.

He was chosen deacon of the church in North Parish, and held the office until his death. He died Aug. 4, 1803; she died much beloved Nov. 2, 1798. Some of his descendants still reside in Montville.

**John Otis** was born in Barnstable, Devonshire, England, in 1581, came to New England, and drew house-lots in the first division of lands in the town of Hingham, Mass., in 1635. It is not known with certainty when he landed on the New England shores or in whose company he came; was admitted freeman March 3, 1635-36, at Hingham. His place of residence was at "Otis Hill," still so called, a beautiful

slope of land, then covered by a heavy growth of forest-trees, southwest of the harbor.

Mr. Otis was married to his first wife, Margaret, in England. She died at Hingham, July 9, 1654. He then removed to Weymouth and married a second wife, who survived him. His death is recorded at Weymouth, May 31, 1657, aged seventy-six. His will is dated at Weymouth the day previous to his death, and proved July 28th in the same year, and gives legacies to his daughters, Margaret Burton and Hannah Gill; to Mary and Thomas, children of Hannah Gill; to daughters Ann and Alice (Otis); to wife forty shillings; the balance to his son John, whom he appointed executor.

The families which have descended from John Otis have produced some eminent persons, and are now widely extended. "Though they cannot exhibit" (observes an historian) "a line of illustrious names, yet they are such as partook in the perils of founding and defending this country, in times when courage, constancy, and patience were indeed common virtues."

John Otis, Jr., born in Barnstable, England, in 1620, accompanied his parents in their emigration to New England, and settled first at Hingham, and afterwards, in 1661, removed to Scituate. The name of his first wife is not known. In 1662 he married Mary, daughter of Nicholas Jacob. In 1678 he removed to Barnstable and settled. He left there his son John, returned, and died at Scituate, Jan. 16, 1683. His will, dated Scituate, 1683, gives to his eldest daughter Mary, wife of John Gowin, and daughters Hannah and Elizabeth fifty pounds each; houses and lands at Hingham and Barnstable to John, Stephen, James, and Job; to Joseph house and lands in Scituate after his mother's death. Joseph Otis, son of John the second, was baptized at Hingham, June 3, 1666, and married, Nov. 20, 1688, Dorothy, second daughter of Nathaniel Thomas, of Marshfield, Mass. Her ancestors successively owned and resided on the estate late the home of the Hon. Daniel Webster. Joseph Otis, with his family, consisting of three sons, Nathaniel, Joseph, and James, and eight daughters, removed to New London in 1721, and bought of James Harris a tract of six hundred and fifty acres of land, "lying in the North Parish of New London, adjoining to a pond called Obplmtksok," now Gardiner's Lake. This land was purchased by Thomas Stanton, of Stonington, of Owaneco, Nov. 11, 1698, and by him sold to Lieut. James Harris. He was received to the communion of the church by the Rev. James Hillhouse, Nov. 11, 1722. He was much in public employment,—moderator of town-meetings, on parish and church committees almost yearly, was deacon in the church, and appointed agent of the parish "to manage the case pending between Rev. James Hillhouse and the parish at the Superior Court." He died June 11, 1754, aged eighty-nine. Previous to his removal to

the North Parish he held the office of judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Plymouth County, Mass., from 1703 to 1714. In 1710 he was elected under the Governor's orders representative to the General Court. Deacon Joseph Otis, youngest son of Judge Otis, born at Scituate, 1712, married Elizabeth Little, daughter of David Little, of Scituate, and sister of Rev. Mr. Little, a former minister at Colchester. Deacon Otis settled at the North Parish of New London, and was a farmer. He was admitted a member of the church Oct. 4, 1732, and chosen deacon in 1752. His eldest son, Joseph, born at North Parish, now Montville, in 1739, married, first, Lucy Haughton, daughter of Samson Haughton, of North Parish; second, Widow — Carew, of Norwich; third, Abigail Hurlbert, of Westfield. He was chosen deacon of the church in 1751, afterwards removed to Suffield, Conn., where he died. His son Joseph, born in 1768, married Nancy Huntington, of Norwich. He was the founder of the "Otis Library," at Norwich.

Nathaniel Otis, eldest son of Judge Otis, born at Scituate, Jan. 30, 1689–90, married Hannah, daughter of Col. John Thacher, of Yarmouth. He removed to the North Parish of New London, probably before his father came, and afterwards settled on land which his father had purchased of Samuel Gilbert in Colchester. On this land Nathaniel erected a house, which is still standing, and was the home of four successive generations. He held numerous town offices, and was one of the original covenanters in the organization of the church at North Parish in 1722.

Deacon Asa Otis, whose death occurred about three years ago at New London, and whose munificent bequests to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and Colleges has made his name famous around the world, was a grandson of Nathaniel Otis, who married Hannah Thacher.

A few of the descendants of the ancestor, John Otis, still reside in Montville, of which the writer is one.

**James Harris**, born about 1640, married Sarah Denison, of Boston, in 1666. His place of nativity, parentage, and time of advent into this country have never been ascertained. From the best evidence recovered it appears that James Harris, his wife, and children came from Boston and settled at New London about 1690, but what was his occupation is not known, though it is probable that he was by trade a weaver.

Lieut. James Harris, born at Boston, April 4, 1673, eldest son of James, first married, in 1696, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Rogers, and remained at New London until 1698, when he removed to Mohegan and settled upon a tract of land granted by Owaneco to his wife, Sarah, adjoining lands of her father, who had previously settled there. There had ever existed a strong and intimate personal friendship between the sachems of Mohegan and the Rogers family. James Harris himself was an especial favorite of the



whole tribe. Owaneco and his successors were lavish in their grants of land to James and Sarah, his wife, and they soon became large landholders. She died Nov. 13, 1748. He next married, in 1750, widow Sarah (Harris) Jackson, daughter of Lieut. Joseph Harris, of New London. In 1718 he removed to the south part of Colchester (now Salem), where he continued to reside until a short time before his death in 1757. He and both his wives were buried together in the ancient Rogers burying-ground, a double slate stone of the old style still marking the spot.

"The Harris family, as a whole," says their compiler, "though not an illustrious one, shows a respectable and honorable record. But few of its members have been much distinguished in literature, art, science, or commerce. They are generally agriculturists and artisans, and of that class and rank which forms the stable and solid body of yeomanry of the land, and upon which the character, strength, and perpetuity of its free institutions mainly rest.

**Rev. James Hillhouse** came to New England early in the last century. His father, John Hillhouse, of Free Hall, was the eldest son of Abraham Hillhouse, who resided at Artikelly. His uncle, James Hillhouse, was one of the commissioners appointed to treat with Lord Mountjoy in the memorable defense of Derry against the forces of James II., and was mayor of Londonderry in 1693. This Abraham Hillhouse was among the signers of an address to King William and Queen Mary on the occasion of the relief of the siege of Londonderry, dated July 29, 1669.

Rev. James Hillhouse was educated at the famous University of Glasgow in Scotland, and afterwards read divinity at the same college under the care of Rev. Mr. Simson, then Professor of Divinity there; was ordained by the Presbytery of Londonderry, in Ireland, and appears to have resided at or near the ancestral home till, by the death of his father, in 1716, the estate descended to his elder brother Abraham. His mother died a few months later, in January, 1717. Not long after that date he came to seek a home on this side the Atlantic, on the soil of New England. He is supposed to have come over with other Presbyterian emigrants from the north of Ireland, who in 1719 established themselves in New Hampshire, where the towns of Derry and Londonderry are the permanent memorials of that migration.

At the close of the year 1720 he appears at Boston, committing to the press a sermon which he had written nearly four years before, on the occasion of his mother's death. This work, though entitled "a sermon," was more properly a treatise, as it contained more than one hundred and fifty pages. Cotton Mather speaks of its author as "a valuable minister," and again as "a worthy, hopeful young minister, lately arrived in America."

In the early part of the year 1722, Mr. Hillhouse received a call to become the pastor of the newly-organized church in the North Parish of New London,

and on the 3d day of October the same year he was installed its first pastor.

He was born about 1687, and married, Jan. 18, 1726, Mary Fitch, born about 1706, daughter of Daniel Fitch, one of his parishioners, and eldest son of Rev. James Fitch, the first minister of Norwich, by his second wife, Priscilla Mason.

Rev. James Hillhouse continued as pastor of the church at North Parish (now Montville) until near the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 15, 1740. The affairs of the church were generally harmonious during the first part of his ministry. No serious difficulties arose in the parish until about the year 1732, when matters began to assume a serious aspect, which grew worse, ending in litigations and an alienation of a part of the people from their minister. In 1735 a council was called by the parish. This council, upon a careful hearing of all parties, advised a separation, and requested Mr. Hillhouse to resign his pastorate. He, however, refused to comply with their requests, and continued to preach in his own home to a small number of his parishioners who still clung to him.

The difficulty which caused the great controversy was undoubtedly that for which he afterwards brought a suit against the parish, his unpaid salary. The burden of taxation was greatly felt by the members of the parish. Mr. Hillhouse found his work seriously hindered by the many trials incident to pioneer life. The physical wants of the people were all to be supplied, their homes were to be built, their lands to be cleared, roads to be cut through the forests and glens, and all those conveniences which after-generations find prepared for them by the preceding, all these had to be attended to with unwearied industry.

Owing to the annual taxation for the minister's salary, in addition to the expense incurred in building the church edifice, together with all their necessary expenses, made the burden upon the infant church more than they could endure. Some who were able to pay their rates neglected to meet the demands, while others could not, for want of means, meet the requirements. The minister's salary was consequently in arrears from year to year, and for the paying up of the same Mr. Hillhouse made urgent appeals to his parishioners, and thereby provoked alienation between pastor and people. The care and perplexity attending his troubles and lawsuits probably hastened his death.

Judge William Hillhouse, born Aug. 17, 1728, second son of Rev. James Hillhouse, married, Nov. 1, 1750, Sarah Griswold, who was the sister of the first Governor Griswold. He lived and died on the paternal estate at Montville, greatly trusted and honored by his fellow-citizens. He was one of the most prominent men of the town, and a leading patriot in the Revolution; was a member of the Council of Safety for Connecticut, and major of the first regiment of cavalry raised in this State.

He was chosen assistant in the Council, and held

the office twenty-four years; was chief judge of the County Court for New London County, and also judge of the Probate Court.

Judge John Griswold Hillhouse, eldest son of Judge William Hillhouse, born at Montville, Aug. 5, 1751, married, in 1786, Elizabeth Mason, daughter of Jeremiah Mason. He settled at Montville, was a justice of the peace, a member of the State Legislature, and a judge of the County Court. He died at Montville, Oct. 9, 1806.

Hon. James Hillhouse, second son of Judge William Hillhouse, was adopted and educated by his uncle, James Abraham Hillhouse, who resided at New Haven. He went to live with his uncle when only seven years old. Passing from youth to manhood just when the struggle for independence was about to commence, he shared largely in the patriotic enthusiasm of the day. Before he was of age he was hindered from joining with Benedict Arnold in the memorable expedition of 1775 only by a positive prohibition from his uncle. He graduated at Yale College in 1773, and by profession a lawyer, and received the degree of Doctor of Laws there in 1823. He was trustee of the college fifty years. He married, June 1, 1779, Sarah Lloyd, daughter of John Lloyd, Esq., of Boston. She died Nov. 9, 1779. He then married, Oct. 10, 1782, Rebecca Woolsey, settled at New Haven, where he was the first commissioner of the school fund from 1789 to 1791, a member of Congress in 1791, and was afterwards sixteen years a member of the United States Senate.

**Deacon Robert Manwaring** was born at New London, Dec. 16, 1745, eldest son of Christopher Manwaring and Deborah Denison, daughter of Maj. Robert Denison, of North Parish. He married, Oct. 8, 1772, Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Capt. James Rogers, of North Parish. He was great-grandson of Oliver Manwaring, who was born in England about 1633 and came to New London about 1664, where he bought a house-lot of eleven acres, a portion of which, containing the house and garden, has never been alienated by the family.

The talented and distinguished authoress of the histories of New London and Norwich, Miss Frances Manwaring Caulkins, was a granddaughter of Deacon Robert Manwaring. Hon. Henry P. Havens, late of New London, deceased, was also a grandson of Deacon Manwaring, both being in the line of his daughter Frances, who first married Joshua Caulkins, and afterwards Philemon Havens.

Deacon Manwaring settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, after the death of his first wife, about 1800. He married Elizabeth (Baker) Raymond, widow of Josiah Raymond, and daughter of Joshua Baker, of North Parish. He afterwards removed to Norwich, where she died, Feb. 13, 1802. He then married Susannah (Hubbard) Bushuall, and died at Norwich, March 29, 1807. Some of his descendants are still residents of Montville.

**John Scholfield**, the pioneer of woolen manufacture in this country, sailed from Liverpool, England, on the 24th day of March, 1793, and arrived at Boston in May following. He was accompanied by his wife and six children, the youngest being about six months old, and his brother, Arthur Scholfield. They took up their residence in Charlestown, near Bunker's Hill. At that place they remained about four months, making some preparations and constructing machinery for the manufacture of woolen cloth. Mr. John Scholfield and his brother Arthur were introduced to Mr. Jedediah Morse, author of "Morse's Geography and Gazetteer," who resided at Charlestown, as being manufacturers and well skilled in the most approved mode of manufacturing woolen goods in England. They were by Mr. Morse introduced to some persons of wealth in Newburyport, who immediately built a factory at Byfield, in the vicinity of Newburyport, under the supervision of John and Arthur Scholfield, and here was put into operation the first carding-machine that was successful in the United States. This machine was at first operated by hand at Charlestown, before removing to Byfield. When all the machinery necessary for making woolen cloth was completed it was put to practical use, and John Scholfield was employed as agent. The business was prosperous, and the owners were well satisfied with the project.

Other persons had previous to this attempted to construct and operate woolen-machinery, but had failed through its imperfect construction.

After remaining in Byfield about five years, having made their business a success, and becoming somewhat acquainted with the country in their travels to purchase wool and to introduce and sell their cloth, John Scholfield, on one of his trips into Connecticut, became acquainted with a valuable water privilege in Montville, near the outlet of the Oxoboxo stream. He at once leased the privilege for fourteen years. On his return to Byfield he and his brother Arthur closed up their business there, and removed to Montville. They built a factory on the land leased, put in and started woolen-machinery, which was successfully operated during the time for which it was leased. This was the first woolen-factory put in operation in Connecticut.

Arthur Scholfield continued with his brother John at Montville a few years, and then removed to Pittsfield, Mass. Before the expiration of the lease, Mr. John Scholfield purchased a mill privilege at Stonington, and commenced the woolen business there, leaving the mill at Montville with his sons. In 1814, Mr. Scholfield purchased another mill-site at Montville, and removed to this place, leaving the mill at Stonington with his son Joseph. He afterwards bought a mill at Waterford, which was managed by his son Thomas, who after the death of his father came into possession of it. Mr. John Scholfield died at Montville in 1820, leaving his mills to his sons.

## CHAPTER LXVIII.

## MONTVILLE—(Continued).

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

THAT the early settlers of this town were men of religious principle, and that at the commencement of their settlement they urgently demanded a church organization, is manifest from their first acts. A church must be organized in this wilderness. The church was the sacred body they were here to preserve, and the society was only the first steps to be taken for her preservation. Whether few or many of the settlers here were members of a Christian church, all felt themselves to be the authorized defenders, and all were cheerful supporters of the church.

That there were immoral and dangerous men among the settlers is manifest from the records; that great trials came upon the church from this source is also apparent. As in most churches, so in this, an element creeps in which is not always congenial to Christian progress, and to some extent hinders the usefulness and threatens serious disaster to the existence of the church.

It would be very remarkable if among the many settlers here there should be none who were impulsive, wayward, and insubordinate. It would be strange if religion itself, which pledges eventually the peace and harmony of the world, should not prove in the community a source of alienations and of earnest conflict, and especially when, as in this case, its professors alone were to hold most of the responsible offices in the people's gift, both in church and State.

The inhabitants of that part of New London which was added to the township in 1703, and afterwards called the North Parish of New London, petitioned the General Assembly in 1714 that they be allowed to be a distinct and separate parish, and settle an orthodox minister of the gospel among them. The people not agreeing upon a site for the meeting-house, were, however, several years after this without any settled minister. In the year 1722, through the influence of Governor Saltonstall, the services of Rev. James Hillhouse, then in Boston, were secured. The same year, for the further encouragement of the society already formed, the General Assembly granted them upon their petition a freedom from county taxes for the space of four years, and five hundred acres of land for religious purposes, to be laid out from the general purchase by John Livingston and his associates in 1710, two hundred and fifty acres of which was to be settled upon the minister for his support, and the remaining two hundred and fifty acres to be used for "other pious purposes." The first parish-meeting was held Jan. 22, 1721-22. George Richards was chosen clerk, and Robert Denison, Jonathan Hill, Jonathan Copp, Joseph Bradford, and Nathaniel Otis, parish committee.

On the 5th day of February following the first

meeting, Mr. Joseph Bradford was appointed to confer with the Governor and request him to write to Rev. James Hillhouse, at Boston, inviting him to settle with them as their minister. Mr. Hillhouse accepted their invitation, and entered upon his ministry the same month.

The following is found upon the first page of the church record, in the handwriting of Rev. James Hillhouse: "I received my call at Boston, dated Feb. 5, 1721-22. I was installed by the Rev. Mr. Adams, of New London; Mr. Buckley, of Colchester; Mr. Woodbridge, of Groton, in October the 3d day, 1722. Mr. Adams preached from Acts xvi. 9."

There were only seven persons that had covenanted together and who constituted the church at the time Mr. Hillhouse was installed,—Capt. Thomas Avery, Capt. Robert Denison, W. Nathaniel Otis, Mr. Samuel Allen, Mr. John Vibber, Mr. Jonathan Copp, and Mr. Charles Campbell. Before the close of that year forty-six more persons united with the little band of seven, and thereby laid the foundation of a church which has steadily progressed and prospered until the present time. The salary allowed Rev. Mr. Hillhouse was one hundred pounds yearly so long as he should continue with them.

Rev. Mr. Hillhouse preached his first sermon in this new field of labor in the west room of Mr. Samuel Allen's tavern, which stood near or on the site of the town's present poor-house.

In April, 1722, a vote was passed at a parish-meeting to annex to the parish the south part of Colchester and the north part of Lyme, and to obtain a site convenient, and as near the centre of the parish as practicable, on which to build a meeting-house.

Jan. 31, 1722-23, Mr. Jonathan Hill, Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. George Richards, Mr. Jonathan Morgan, and Mr. Jonathan Rogers were chosen a prudential committee; Mr. Nathaniel Otis and Mr. Samuel Comstock collectors to gather the parish tax.

In February of the same year, it was arranged to have the meeting-house built, and a committee was appointed to attend to the building of the house. A site was agreed upon: it was to be built upon land given to the parish for that purpose by Maj. John Merritt and Mrs. Mercy Raymond.

The committee at once attended to their duties in the erection of the house, and before the close of the year the building was so far completed as to hold their religious services in it. The cost of building the meeting-house was £195 19s. 3d. Its size was thirty-five by forty-five feet, and twenty feet between joints.

The committee for the regulation and settlement of the affairs in the North Parish, appointed by the General Court, Jan. 11, 1721-22, consisting of James Wadsworth and John Hall, in their report, made to the court May 10, 1722, considered it necessary that highways be laid out in the parish, and that proper persons be appointed by the parish to lay out the

same. Maj. John Merritt, Capt. Robert Denison, Mr. Jonathan Hill, and others having been appointed such committee on the part of the parish, entered at once upon their duties, and laid out the following highways: "The first highway to commence where the road that comes from near the house of Nathaniel Otis intersects the county road that leads from New London to Colchester; thence to the place for building the meeting-house; thence to the east gate of John Merritt, near Daniel Rogers'; thence through the land of Daniel Rogers to a large white-oak tree; thence to a bridge; thence to a heap of stones by a ledge; thence to the road that leads from New London to Norwich; thence to the cove known as Baker's Cove" (Haughton's). "Also from said Otis' to Capt. Robert Denison's. Also another road from the place selected for the church southeasterly to Widow Comstock's; and also a road from John Merritt's east gate northward by Charles Campbell's and John Maples' house to the house of David Steel, thence westerly of Jonathan Hill's house to near the house of Adonijah Fitch, thence to Norwich line; also a road from John Merritt's dwelling-house northerly to Jonathan Copp's mill."

In 1724 a school-house was built near the meeting-house, nineteen feet long, fourteen feet wide, and seven feet high. Mr. Allen Mullen was the first teacher, and had settled upon him a yearly salary of twenty-four pounds and ten acres of land forever.

During the summer of 1723, while the meeting-house was in process of building, Rev. Mr. Hillhouse made a visit to his native country, Ireland. He was absent about six months, and on his return to his pastorate, the house of worship being completed, he entered with much zeal and faithfulness upon his prospective life-work, each year of his ministerial labors attesting to his fidelity to the church by numbers being added to it.

His salary was raised by taxation on the property within the limits of the parish. Owing to this taxation and the expense incurred in the erection of the meeting-house, the burden of paying the assessment necessary to meet the incurred debt and yearly salary was greatly felt by many of his parishioners. Some who were able to pay their rates neglected to meet the demands, while others, who were without sufficient means to meet all the requirements of their own households, from necessity failed to meet their liabilities in payment of the minister's salary. And as a consequence of not being able to collect all dues, the minister's salary was not fully paid. The affairs of the society were kept along with tolerable harmony and prosperity until about the year 1729, when the arrears relative to the minister's salary were fast accumulating, while Mr. Hillhouse was urging his people to "pay up." A disagreement and dissatisfaction between minister and people soon became manifest. Mr. Hillhouse found his work seriously hindered by the many trials incident to pioneer life. The physical wants of

the people were all to be supplied, their homes were to be built, and their lands cleared; roads must be cut through hitherto pathless woods; all these and many other conveniences were to be looked after.

About this time many withdrew their support to the ministry, leaving the burden of its support upon a few of the "faithful ones," who were strongly desirous of sustaining the gospel in the parish and of uniting the people in the work.

Taxes were continued to be laid, but the property-owners refused to pay the rates assessed; but it was with much difficulty that collectors could be obtained who would act in the collection of the rates. As matters continued to grow worse, the society in March, 1732, called a meeting of the inhabitants of the parish to consider and adjust the matters with their minister. They appointed a committee, and empowered them to adjust and settle all the claims of Mr. Hillhouse from the time of his first settling with them till that time, and take a discharge from him for what he had received in the past, and render an account to the parish.

It appears there was a misunderstanding as to the time when his salary should commence, some claiming that he should not receive any salary for the time he was absent on his visit to Ireland, and that his salary should not commence until after his return home. Mr. Hillhouse did not so understand it, but claimed full salary from the time of his installment.

In the year 1735, Mr. Hillhouse brought a petition to the General Assembly, in which he claimed that his parishioners had failed and neglected to fulfill their covenant with him as their minister and prayed for relief, whereupon the Assembly appointed auditors to adjust the accounts between Mr. Hillhouse and his parishioners relative to his salary. The auditors upon a full examination of the case found the parish in arrears to Mr. Hillhouse in the sum of £587 9s. 3d., which amount was ordered by the Assembly to be forthwith collected and paid over.

The Assembly for this act was severely censured by those in the parish who had become the opposers of Mr. Hillhouse. A memorial was at once presented to the Assembly to stay the proceedings. The controversy, becoming hotter each year, served to alienate more and more the people from their minister.

During these proceedings a committee was appointed by the society to confer with Mr. Hillhouse, and if possible effect a reconciliation of matters.

The following letter was addressed by Mr. Hillhouse to the committee:

"GENTLEMEN,—You may assure yourselves it is no delight or pleasure to me to make you trouble or give you occasion of meeting, but necessity to the supplying of which if you will assure me of £100 in a short time I will at present drop that affair.

"JAMES HILLHOUSE."

The committee were instructed by a vote of the society to communicate with Mr. Hillhouse and present him with the following reply:

"The parish comply with your request in procuring a hundred pounds in public bills of credit, provided that shall answer in full for one year's salary, and also to add the words 'in full' to your former receipts."

In answer to which Mr. Hillhouse said in another letter,—

"GENTLEMEN,—In answer to yours if so be that you will pay me the hundred pounds forthwith or give me sufficient security that I may have it in a short time, I will upon your paying the hundred pounds give a sufficient receipt, and if there be any injustice in any of the receipts that I have already given, I stand ready to right them."

"JAMES HILLHOUSE."

The above proposition was not accepted by the society, for the reason, as they say, "it being looked upon as ambiguous and precarious."

Soon after the above correspondence a Council of the ministers in the county was called by the society to hear and determine the matter between Mr. Hillhouse and the society. This Council convened at North Parish on the 1st day of July, 1835, at which time certain articles were presented by the committee on the part of the society, containing charges and complaints against Mr. Hillhouse. What those charges were cannot be known, as the records make no specific mention of them.

The Council, upon a careful hearing of both parties, advised a separation, and requested Mr. Hillhouse to resign his pastorate. Mr. Hillhouse, however, refused to comply with the request, and continued to preach in his own house to a small number of his friends who still clung to him as their pastor. Another minister was engaged for a short time, and in the year 1739, Rev. David Jewett was ordained pastor, and continued his pastoral relations with the church until his death in 1783.

Mr. Hillhouse continued to preach to those who continued faithful to him, and never gave up his relations as pastor of the church, nor relinquished his claim for his salary so long as he lived. He died Dec. 15, 1740.

The salary question was taken before the court, and at his death was not fully settled. The care and perplexity attending the lawsuit probably hastened his death.

On the 3d day of October, 1739, Rev. David Jewett was ordained pastor, and by a grant of the General Assembly in 1742, fifty acres of land was settled upon him, on which land he built a house, in which he lived until his death in 1783.

At a parish-meeting held on the 23d day of December, 1771, a committee was chosen to take into consideration the matter of building a new meeting-house on a site more convenient to the inhabitants in the easterly part of the parish.

This committee consisted of the following-named persons: William Hillhouse, John Raymond, Joseph Otis, Ezekiel Fox, Capt. Adonijah Fitch, Nathaniel Comstock, Joshua Raymond, Joseph Chester, James Fitch, Ebenezer Weeks, Peter Comstock, and Joseph Ford. This committee agreed upon a site "at the northwest corner of the meadow of Joshua Raymond,

at the place known by the name of the White Oak Stub."

This site was afterwards approved by the General Court, and a new meeting-house soon after built upon it. This house stood until the year 1847, when it was taken down and the present house of worship erected in its stead. During the forty-five years' ministry of Rev. David Jewett the admissions to the church were one hundred and thirty-six whites and twenty-one Indians. Among those of the Indians who joined in full communion were Widow Anna Uncas, wife of Ben Uncas, the sachem, Lucy Cohegan, Joshua Nonesuch, and his wife, Hannah, Andrew Tantapah, Samuel Ashpo, Widow Hannah Cooper, wife of John Cooper, and others.

In 1756, Mr. Jewett obtained leave of absence for several months to act as chaplain in the army, to which service he was afterwards often called, not only during the French war but in that of the Revolution. His animated manner and his energetic language made him very popular as an army chaplain. No minister in the country stood higher among his congregation or in the esteem of his brethren than Mr. Jewett. The old Latin Bible and the old hymn-book he used while pastor here, and also several old sermons preached while here, are now in the possession of a great-grandson, who also is a minister in the city of New York at the present time.

Rev. Rozel Cook previously settled at Watertown, in this State, succeeded Mr. Jewett, and was ordained June 30, 1784.

Mr. Cook had settled upon him the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds, and a yearly salary of sixty pounds and thirty cords of wood, "delivered at his house," so long as he should continue their gospel minister. Afterwards the sum of forty pounds was added to his settlement. With this sum of three hundred pounds he purchased a farm of Peletiah Bliss, on which he lived until his death, April 18, 1798. This farm descended to his children, and is now owned by one of his grandsons.

In 1789 a fund was raised by subscription for the support of the minister. The taxation of the pews having become odious and burdensome, was abandoned. The sum raised by this subscription and to become a permanent fund was £1067. The subscription-list contained ninety names. This fund became the nucleus to the present fund of the society. Many of those who subscribed at this time gave their notes to the treasurer of the society, and paid the interest annually, while others paid the cash. In 1800 an additional sum was subscribed, which with what was available of the first secured to the society its present fund, amounting to three thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars.

Rev. Mr. Cook died April 18, 1798, in the forty-second year of his age.

Rev. Amos Thompson succeeded Mr. Cook, and was installed Sept. 26, 1799. He had previously been

connected with the Methodist denomination, and had been ordained elder by Bishop Asbury at Leesburg, Va., in 1790. Withdrawing from that connection in 1798, he offered himself as a candidate for the Congregational ministry. He was examined and approved by the association of Windham County, his ordination accepted as valid, and was received to the fellowship and communion of the Congregational Churches. His ministry there was short. He died Oct. 23, 1801, in the thirty-eighth year of his age.

Rev. Abishai Alden was successor to Mr. Thompson, and was installed Aug. 17, 1803. Mr. Alden had supplied the pulpit for a time previous, and in May, 1803, a call was extended to him to settle among them as their pastor, with a salary of three hundred dollars annually.

On the 25th day of May, 1823, while Mr. Alden was in the act of reading a hymn, the meeting-house was much damaged by lightning. Being on the Sabbath, the people were assembled in the act of worship. Two persons were instantly killed and several injured. A general consternation seized the awe-stricken worshippers.

On the 5th day of October following this "awful event" thirty persons were admitted to the church on profession. On the 9th day of November following, thirty-six more were admitted. Within the year following the lightning-stroke ninety persons were admitted to the church on profession.

Mr. Alden was a faithful pastor for twenty-three years, retaining the love and confidence of his parishioners up to within a few years of his dismissal, when differences occurred that resulted in his removal. A few of the church-members were strongly opposed to him, but he had also many firm friends, who were true and faithful to him in his trials. A Council was called, and he was dismissed from his charge April 26, 1826. During his ministry of twenty-three years one hundred and eighty-two persons were received to the communion of the church, nearly all on profession of their faith. Mr. Alden continued to reside in the parish for several years after his dismissal. He afterwards removed to Dover, N. H., where he died greatly respected.

Shortly after Mr. Alden's dismissal, Rev. James Noyes was engaged to preach five Sabbaths, and afterwards the time was extended to three months. After the close of Mr. Noyes' term for which he was engaged, Mr. Alden was again hired to supply the pulpit for six months, at a salary of five dollars per week. Mr. Alden continued the supply until April 1, 1829.

On the 30th day of May, 1829, the church and society extended to Rev. Rodolphus Lanpher a call to settle as pastor. He was installed Aug. 26, 1829, and continued his relations as pastor of the church until he resigned on the 10th day of May, 1832. A Council was called and convened on the 30th day of May following his resignation, by which he was dismissed and his pastoral relations dissolved.

The same year Rev. Erastus Ripley was engaged to supply the pulpit, and continued as stated supply until June, 1838.

Rev. Spencer F. Beard was installed pastor of the church July 5, 1838, and was dismissed by Council June 24, 1846.

From the time of Mr. Beard's dismissal to the year 1874, a period of twenty-eight years, the church had no settled minister, the pulpit being supplied by several different ministers, at times varying from six months to eleven years. Rev. Albert C. Hurd became acting pastor Oct. 1, 1873, and was installed pastor June 17, 1874.

**Chesterfield.**—The General Assembly at its session at New Haven, Jan. 5, 1769, upon the memorial of Jonathan Latimer and others, inhabitants of New London and Lyme, constituted an ecclesiastical society within the bounds described in the memorial, to be called by the name of Chesterfield.

Mr. James Treadway was their first minister. He was hired from year to year. He commenced his labors October, 1768. In May, 1772, a call was extended to Mr. Chapman to settle among them as their pastor, which call was accepted; but in February, 1773, by his own request, he was released from his engagement.

In the year 1772 land was given by Mr. Jonathan Latimer, upon which a meeting-house was erected during the following year.

The first society meeting held in the new meeting-house was on the 17th day of August, 1773, at which meeting a call was made to Mr. Avery to preach two months on probation, and on the 22d day of March, 1775, Mr. Avery was ordained as minister of the gospel. It appears that before a year had elapsed Mr. Avery desired to be released from his engagement, but the society refused to release him. Soon after the society called a Council of ministers for advice in their church matters. The Council met at Maj. Latimer's, June 25, 1776. What the advice of the Council was does not appear, but Mr. Avery was very soon after released from all contracts relative to his settlement.

From this time the society seemed to lose all interest in church affairs, and for two years previous to 1780 the society was without officers and neglected to appoint.

In 1780 application was made to Abraham Chapman, a justice of the peace in Lyme, for authority to warn a society meeting. A meeting was called and officers chosen. Some of the old spirit for religious worship was revived, and after several unsuccessful attempts a minister was obtained. A call to settle as their pastor was extended to Mr. Barnabas Lathrop. He, however, preached for them only a few months, and was never settled. Meetings were held by a succession of ministers till about 1824. During the last years of the existence of this Congregational Church the services were principally conducted by the Baptist clergy.

In 1824 the old meeting-house was taken down and a new one erected on a site given by Nathan Latimer, about one-half of a mile north of where the old house stood. About this time another attempt was made to reorganize and revive the church and society. Rev. Nathaniel Miner received a call to settle, which was accepted. He was ordained pastor in 1826. The members of the church at this time were few and widely scattered; at the end of about five years it was completely overshadowed by a Baptist Church that rose and flourished by its side.

This Baptist Church since its organization has continued to prosper until the present time. It was organized in 1824 with thirty members, a house of worship was erected, and Elder Simeon Beckwith was their first minister. He was succeeded by Elder Oliver Wilson, who continued his labors as minister to the church about eighteen years. Many during his ministry were baptized and united with the church. During the last years of his labors difficulties arose between him and his parishioners which resulted not only in his dismissal, but also in his exclusion from the church. Elder N. E. Shailer was his successor, and was an acceptable preacher for two years, when Elder Jonathan Miner succeeded him, and continued his labors two years.

In 1847, Charles H. Gates was ordained pastor of the church, and continued his relations as such pastor till 1850, when he was dismissed. From 1850 to 1875 a succession of ministers were employed from time to time. During the year 1875 a number of its members withdrew and formed a Methodist Church, and erected a house of worship near the house in which they formerly worshipped.

Rev. George H. Lester was acting pastor from 1875 to 1881. He was an earnest and faithful minister, and was greatly respected, not only in his own church, but by neighboring churches.

A small society of Separates were gathered in the southeast part of North Parish about the year 1747. They were principally from the Chesterfield Congregational Church, but some were from Mr. Jewett's church "on the hill." These Separates were first under the leadership of one Dyer Hyde, a New Light preacher, as they were then called. Hyde succeeded in drawing away from the Congregational Churches many of their number, and formed a Separate society.

In May, 1750, Joshua Morse, a resident of North Parish, was ordained their elder. About this time they erected a meeting-house on the site where the old Palmer meeting-house afterwards stood. This society of Separates, or Baptists, kept together about thirty years. They were called Baptists, but it is understood that they held to open communion. Elder Morse removed in 1779 to Sandisfield, Mass., and the church soon became extinct.

From the remnant of the Morse Church originated the Palmer Baptist Church. A few years previous to

the organization of the Palmer Church a band had gathered, and Elder Christopher Palmer and Elder Abel Palmer, of Colchester, held occasional services in the old meeting-house.

On the 23d day of February, 1788, a church was organized by Elders Christopher and Abel Palmer, by giving to those persons whose names had been signed to a covenant the right hand of fellowship. Soon after the church was organized Elder Reuben Palmer was called to be their minister. Mr. Palmer had been ordained to the ministry in Stonington, where he resided until his removal to Montville in 1788. He was not installed pastor of the church until several years afterwards. In November, 1798, a Council was called for the purpose of installing Mr. Palmer. The Council convened December 25th, and publicly installed him as their pastor. The sermon was preached by Elder Asa Wilcox. Elder Zadoc Darrow gave the charge to the pastor, and Elder Wilcox gave the right hand of fellowship. Deacon Oliver Comstock offered the first prayer, and Deacon Jehial Rogers the concluding prayer. Elder Palmer continued their pastor until his death, April 22, 1822. His ministry was continued with great success, several hundred being baptized under his ministry. During his ministry connection with this church his son, Reuben Palmer, Jr., was converted, and after his father's death was ordained to the work of the ministry, and continued for a time to conduct the affairs of this church. After the death of Elder Palmer, Sr., the church was irregularly supplied by various ministers, and continued to decline till 1831, when the church was dropped from the Baptist Association, and the body was considered extinct. It, however, struggled on till the 6th day of January, 1842, when by a vote of the few remaining members the church organization was dissolved, and the body known as the Union Baptist Church was formed.

A new meeting-house was erected, and dedicated Oct. 4, 1842. The site for this new church was purchased of Calvin Bolles. The church was occupied by the Baptist Society in Palmertown until 1867, when it was abandoned, and a larger and more elaborate structure erected on a more eligible site.

Elder Levi Meach was instrumental in the reorganization of the old Palmer Baptist Church, and was its first pastor. A powerful revival was experienced in the winter of 1841-42, and many were converted and baptized. Forty-eight members united in forming the new church in 1842. This church is called the Union Baptist Church of Montville.

Rev. N. T. Allen was successor to Elder Meach, and was ordained pastor Aug. 12, 1846. He continued his pastoral relations with the church until 1848, when Elder Allen Darrow was engaged as their pastor. After Elder Darrow removed the church had a succession of ministers until 1876, when Rev. C. H. Hickock was engaged as acting pastor. During his ministry the society erected a parsonage, and after a



ministry of about two years Rev. J. J. Bronson was engaged, and continued his services about two years more. In the spring of 1880, Rev. Warren N. Walden became acting pastor, and under his faithful and efficient labors the church has been greatly prospered.

**Mohegan Congregational Church.**—Miss Sarah L. Huntington, residing at Norwich, became, about the year 1827, strongly interested in the moral and intellectual condition of the members of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and at once began the work of lifting them up from the depth of ignorance and degradation into which they had fallen during the quarter of a century of past neglect. The benevolent act conceived by Miss Huntington was also seconded by another female of a similar spirit, Miss Sarah Breed. These two ladies established at first a Sabbath-school for the Indian children. This school was opened at the Samson Oocom house, the former residence of that noted Indian preacher. After a few months' diligent attention and successful effort on the part of these ladies, Miss Breed resigned her post as teacher, and was succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Raymond, of Montville. A daily school was then established at the house on Fort Hill farm, occupied by Deacon William B. Dolbem. This school was taught by the two ladies by alternate weeks, both remaining at Mohegan on the Sabbath, so as to assist each other in conducting the religious exercises of the day. Eighteen or twenty children and three or four adults usually attended the day-school, and were instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

These Christian ladies were not content with simply the effort of teaching, but endeavored to obtain such assistance as should secure to the tribe steady public religious services.

Joseph Williams, Esq., of Norwich, and other benevolent individuals took hold of the matter, and a plan was set on foot to build a chapel and engage a missionary, who should settle permanently among them. Subscription lists were circulated, and several hundred dollars were collected for the purpose of building a chapel and a dwelling for the minister. Applications were made by Mr. Williams and Miss Huntington to the Secretary of War, to whose department the superintendence of the Indian affairs then belonged. These appeals were successful, and from the fund for the promotion of civilization among the Indians five hundred dollars were appropriated for the erection of buildings, and a like amount annually for the support of a teacher. The chapel was built, a dwelling-house erected, and also a school-house. The land on which the chapel was built was given by two Mohegan females, Cynthia Hoscott and Lucy Tee-Comwas. One hundred dollars were contributed by the Home Missionary Society, and this sum, with the appropriation from the general government, was sufficient to enable a minister and teacher to permanently locate among them.

In the spring or summer of 1831 the chapel was

completed, and the following year a dwelling-house was finished. The services of Rev. Anson Gleason, who had been a missionary to the Choctaws and Cherokee Indians, were obtained, and settled there as pastor of the church gathered of Indians and a few whites.

Down to the year 1845 sums of from four hundred to five hundred dollars were annually appropriated to the Mohegan Church out of the civilization fund. At this time it was concluded either that a society numbering so large a proportion of whites should do more to support itself, or that five hundred dollars was too large a sum to be appropriated for a community so small and so uninfluential as the Mohegans. The appropriation was therefore reduced to one hundred dollars. The consequence of which was that Mr. Gleason, unable to support his growing family on so small an income, the white members contributing but a small amount towards the expense, was obliged to remove to another field of labor.

During Mr. Gleason's labors among the natives a temperance society was formed, and several much given to dissipation were reclaimed, and many others were induced to sign the temperance pledge and forsake their cups, and some had become members of the church, who afterwards were pillars in the church.

Sunday-school and the ordinary services on the Sabbath were regularly kept up. The native members of the church generally sustained a Christian character, and some would have been ornaments to any church. Several of the Indian youth of both sexes exhibited good musical talents, and their fine voices gave inspiration to the services. One young man became a leader of the choir, and has continued in the position to the present time.

Miss Maria Morgan proved a very efficient teacher in the week-day school, under the superintendence of Mr. Gleason, during several years of his charge. Miss Susan Tracy was a frequent visitor in Mr. Gleason's family, and often rendered valuable assistance in the Sunday-school.

After Mr. Gleason's removal, the services of Rev. De Witt C. Sterry were obtained through the influence of Mrs. Wm. P. Green, of Norwich, and were highly appreciated by the people. His stay with them was only about one year.

In 1851, during a vacancy in the pastorate, Gen. William Williams, of Norwich, became responsible for the maintenance of the usual Sabbath services, either by his own efforts or by whatever clergyman he could secure to assist him. For seventeen years Gen. Williams continued a faithful laborer in endeavoring to promote religious interests among the tribe, and by much personal effort and generous contributions provided for all their religious services. With much veneration they now look over the past and remember his faithful devotion to their spiritual interests, and speak of him as their cherished and true friend.

Mr. Thomas Kinne, of Norwich, at different periods freely volunteered his services both in the pulpit and in the Sunday-school in conference with Gen. Williams.

Rev. William Palmer, a Baptist clergyman in Norwich, conducted the religious services on the Sabbath about two years, often administering the sacrament. He would sometimes make the pleasing remark that "he found the fellowship of the gospel too sweet, and loved all God's people too well, even to withhold an invitation from any of them when the Supper was set." Rev. Oliver Brown, a young Congregational minister, was employed by Gen. Williams for a year or more about 1854.

In 1856, Rev. Hiram Haydn, then a young minister, during his vacation in the seminary was introduced to Gen. Williams, who engaged him to supply the pulpit, which was done at intervals for a year or more. He was greatly esteemed, and was a zealous and effective preacher.

Rev. Mr. Sexton was employed some two years, and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Muzzy, who lived among them and labored with some success for several years. His labors closed in July, 1873. Soon after the close of his ministry the church building was thoroughly repaired both inside and outside, and some improvements made at a cost of about two thousand dollars. For several years past festivals have been held yearly at the church for the support of the gospel among them. This festival is patronized by people from the cities of Norwich and New London and adjacent congregations.

After the thorough repairs of the church edifice, the services of Rev. H. Forbush were engaged. Mr. Forbush was a local elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He continues to supply the regular services at this time. He resides in Norwich, and is by profession a dentist.

**The Methodist Episcopal Churches.**—The Methodist denomination have three church edifices and regularly organized societies within the limits of Montville,—one at Uncasville, one at Gardnertown, and one at Chesterfield. That at Gardnertown has not often had a local preacher to reside among them, it being supplied by ministers of the denomination residing either at Norwich or adjacent towns. Its membership being small and being located in a sparsely-settled part of the town, in a farming community, they have never been able to fully support a minister who might reside among them; and until the last two years have always been without any local fund or source of income, depending wholly upon voluntary gifts by the members of the congregation. By the last will of Daniel L. Browning, Esq., this church received a bequest of three thousand dollars, the income of which is to be annually used for the support of its preachers.

The church at Chesterfield is young and few in membership, being made up principally from seceders

from the Baptist Church in that place. Their preaching is supplied by ministers residing in other towns.

The Uncasville Methodist Church, being the oldest organization of the denomination in the town and the strongest, deserves more than a passing notice in this history.

The first fruits of Methodism in that vicinity was Miss Betsey Rogers, daughter of James Rogers. She afterwards became the wife of Rev. David N. Bently, of Norwich. She died as she lived, a consistent and devoted Christian; hopeful and happy in life, peaceful and triumphant in death. She died Feb. 25, 1874, aged eighty-four years. She was converted under the labors of Rev. Nathan Emory in 1805, at the age of fifteen years.

It was not, however, until about 1817 that regular meetings were held in the vicinity of what is now Uncasville, at that time the home of Mr. Charles McNeil was opened for occasional meetings. Mr. McNeil having been converted about that time, became a faithful and earnest Christian. He died in 1862, aged ninety-two years.

In 1819, Rev. J. N. Moffitt preached at Mohegan and Trading Cove for a season, at which time a great religious awakening was prevalent in that vicinity, and its influence extended throughout the town. John Tuttle, then residing in Mohegan, near Trading Cove, his mother, and seven brothers and sisters were among the converts of this revival. During the years 1820 and 1821, Rev. Lewis Bates baptized five or six persons in the cove near Uncasville, and several more at Massapeag. Lucy Smith and Thomas Rogers were among the number that united with the church during the two years. Mr. Bates probably formed the first class at Massapeag.

In 1823 and 1824 there was a general work of grace along the west bank of the river Thames, extending from Uncasville to Trading Cove, and many united with the infant church.

In 1825 the first class was formed at Uncasville. Elias Marble and Reuben Ransom were the preachers in the circuit during three years, and held stated meetings at Uncasville. In the year 1826, C. D. Rogers and Elias Marble were the appointed preachers.

In 1827, Amasa Taylor and N. S. Spaulding were the preachers, alternating between Uncasville, Gales' Ferry, and Gardnertown. In 1829, Mr. Amos Comstock invited Mr. Rawson, the then stated preacher, to hold his religious services in his shop. This shop had been used for spinning and weaving in by hand-power. It was located on the west side of the turnpike, near the toll-gate, and afterwards became the property of Robert Comstock, Esq., and by him converted into a dwelling-house. In the last will of Mr. Robert Comstock this house, together with the dwelling-house in which he lived, on the same premises, was bequeathed to the town of Montville. The income of its avails to be appropriated for the use and benefit of the schools in the town forever.

It was about this time that the first Sabbath-school was organized in connection with this church. During the year 1829 the class, which had become somewhat irregular in its meetings, was reorganized, and Asahel Otis was appointed its leader. Among the persons who joined the class that year was Peter S. Smith, who afterwards became a class-leader, and was an earnest, faithful, and devoted Christian until his death in 1879.

In 1833, Nathaniel Bradford, an earnest Christian and thorough Methodist, died suddenly. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Ralph Hurlbut, of Groton, who a year or two before had preached that of Mr. Bradford's wife. Mr. Bradford, it is said, "kept a free hotel for Methodist preachers."

The first watch-meeting ever held at Uncasville was in 1834. Previous to the meeting of the Conference in 1835 arrangements were made to build a meeting-house at Uncasville, and some time in the month of October of that year the house was dedicated. Rev. S. B. Hascall, of New London, preached the dedication sermon. This building cost about one thousand dollars. Three hundred dollars of this sum remained a debt upon the church for eighteen years.

During the years 1838 and 1839 many were added to the church as the fruits of a general revival.

In 1840 an ecclesiastical society was formed for the purpose of managing the financial affairs of the church. This society existed only about four years.

In 1843 there was another revival, and about thirty persons were added to the church. After this revival, and during the pastorate of several ministers, nothing of special importance occurred until about 1858, when the church edifice was repainted, carpeted, and furnished with new lamps and a new stove, at an expense of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty cents.

In 1860, W. E. Shelden was the stationed preacher, and continued only one year. He was succeeded by Rev. Theophilus B. Gurney, who remained two years. He was followed by Rev. L. W. Blood, and during his labors sixteen persons united with the church. Mr. Blood was the first preacher whose term was extended to three years. He was succeeded by Rev. H. W. Conent in 1866. The principal event under his administration was the purchase of a new parsonage, at a cost of three thousand three hundred dollars, which was paid for by subscription.

During the three years from 1868 to 1871, Rev. Elisha B. Bradford was the stated preacher, and an increase of membership of sixteen. During his administration the debt of the three hundred dollars was fully paid, and the church freed from its liabilities.

Rev. Robert Clark was the stated preacher from 1871 to 1874, and during his term the present new church edifice was erected at a cost of \$12,712.35. The money to meet the cost of the same was raised by subscription, many of the townspeople assisting.

This edifice was dedicated Feb. 7, 1872, free from debt.

The old church building was converted into horse-sheds and set in the rear of the new building. From the year 1875 to the year 1878, Rev. Frederick A. Crofts was their preacher. Very few were added to the church during the time, and those during the last month of his term, through the effectual labors of Mrs. Clark, the female evangelist.

The church became very much divided on account of the disagreement of the stewards in regard to the salary Mr. Crofts was to receive.

Rev. Warren A. Luce was the appointed preacher from 1878 to 1881. He was very well received, and proved a faithful and efficient minister of the gospel. He was much respected by the other denominations in the town, and did good service in the temperance cause.

On the 5th day of February, 1879, Daniel L. Browning, Esq., a member of the Uncasville Methodist Church of many years' standing, died, leaving by his last will a legacy of four thousand dollars, "to the trustees of the church, in trust, to be put at interest, and remain as a fund, the interest of which to be paid annually, and used for the support of the preaching of the gospel at Uncasville for all coming time."

## CHAPTER LXIX.

### MONTVILLE—(Continued).

#### MILLS AND MANUFACTORIES.

THE only mills in operation within the present limits of this town at the time of its incorporation in 1786 were four grist-mills, seven saw-mills, and one fulling-mill. The grist-mills were owned and operated by Ezekiel Fox, Jonathan Minaul, George Latimer, and Levi Lester. The saw-mills by Ezekiel Fox, Atwell Chapel, Deshon, Wheat & Hallem, Matthew Leffingwell, George and Jonathan Latimer, George B. Dolbeare, and Joshua Raymond. The fulling-mill was owned and operated by Joseph Smith.

The present number of mills and manufactories in operation within its limits are twenty, consisting of three woolen-mills, four cotton-mills, two bed-quilt-mills, two paper-mills, one dyewood-mill, two saw-mills, four grist-mills, one shoddy-mill, and one shingle-mill.

The most important stream is called Oxoboxo, and takes its rise in the northwest part of the town. On this stream are located all the large mills. It was formerly called Saw-Mill Brook, and at first only saw-mills were built upon the stream. It continued to be called Saw-Mill Brook down to about 1825, when Lorenzo Dow gave to the pond at the head of the stream the name Oxoboxo. This name is derived from the original name given by the Indians, who

called it "Opsobosket." Its general course from its source is southeasterly, and runs into a cove which makes up from the river Thames, and extends westerly about three-fourths of a mile. This cove was called by the Indians Massapeag.

Near the outlet of the Oxoboxo River is the dye-wood-mill of William G. Johnson, Esq., now leased by Johnson & Co., who carry on the business of manufacturing dye-woods.

Upon this site the first saw-mill built upon the stream stood. It was built by the direction of John Winthrop about 1653. About a century after the first saw-mill was built, iron-works were started a few rods below the saw-mill, at a place since called "The Forge." It was probably established by one Jeremiah Vallet, in 1758. These iron-works have no special history. The nature of the work done, or the length of time it was in operation, is unknown, but it was probably of short duration.

In 1788, Jeremiah Vallet sold the premises to George Williams, who, the same year, sold and conveyed to Amaziah Watson a parcel of land containing ten acres, "with two-thirds of the spot where the late iron-works were erected." Watson built a small shop on the site where the old saw-mill formerly stood. The shop was never occupied by him, as he died soon after its completion. By the last will of Watson this property was given to his wife, Mary, who afterwards married Andrew Tracy.

In 1798, John and Arthur Scholfield obtained a loan of the water-privilege, and buildings then connected with it, from Mary Tracy. This lease was to run fourteen years. John and Arthur Scholfield, at this place, set up and put in operation the first woolen machinery for the manufacture of woolen cloth by water-power started in this State. Arthur remained here with his brother John a few years, and then removed to Pittsfield, Mass., where, in 1808, he manufactured a piece of broadcloth containing thirteen yards, which was presented to James Madison, and from which his inaugural suit was made.

After the expiration of Mr. Scholfield's lease in 1812, the woolen business was carried on at this place by John R. Comstock—he having purchased the property—until his death, which occurred in 1821, at which time his father, Nathan Comstock, came into possession of the mill property.

In 1834, Nathan Comstock sold out to William G. Johnson, who soon after erected and started the present dye-works. In 1848 the business was enlarged by the erection of a large building for "extract."

Mr. Johnson being a man of remarkable business enterprise, and bending his whole energy to the business, was enabled in a few years to achieve success.

In May, 1870, Mr. Johnson leased to his two sons, Edwin C. Johnson and Charles S. Johnson, the mill premises and the business therewith connected for the term of ten years, with the privilege to re-lease the same after the expiration of term.

Messrs. Johnson & Co. import and buy yearly dye-woods, all of foreign growth, to the amount of from thirty to thirty-five thousand tons, of which amount they extract from fifteen hundred to two thousand tons, producing the extract dye, amounting to six hundred thousand pounds or thereabouts yearly. The balance of the wood is ground and sold in chips. They employ in their business from thirty-five to forty men, keeping the works in constant operation.

The second mill on the stream is a cotton-factory belonging to and operated by the Uncasville Manufacturing Company, a joint-stock corporation formed under the laws of the State in 1848, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, which was in 1852 increased to seventy-five thousand dollars. George R. Lewis was its first president and Charles A. Lewis secretary. On the site of the present mill Levi Lester, in 1794, built and started a grist-mill. In 1823, Peter Richards and his son, Henry A. Richards, purchased of Levi Lester the grist-mill and water-privilege, and also a tract of land adjoining, of George Williams, and erected the present mill building and a few dwelling-houses. Messrs. Richards failing in business, the premises came into the possession of Charles A. and George R. Lewis in 1830. Since that time the business has been successfully carried on, and many improvements made, a substantial dam built, and several new dwelling-houses erected.

In the summer of 1880 a new steam-engine, with boiler, was put up in a building erected for the purpose. The steam-power being connected with the water-power in the main mill, the company was enabled to increase the amount of their machinery and the production of their mill. In 1876 the mill contained one hundred and thirty-eight looms and about six thousand spindles; this number has since been increased. The production of the mill is upwards of two millions of yards yearly. About two hundred hands are employed by the company in their business. The company have been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Charles N. Wittie as superintendent for several years past.

The Pequot Mills are the next in order as we pass up the stream. Here are two mills; one is a wooden building and the other a stone building. Connected with the mills are several tenement-houses for the accommodation of the employés of the company owning the mills.

On the site of the wooden building there formerly stood an oil-mill, which was built by John Congdon and David Congdon about 1803. Previous to the erection of the oil-mill a saw-mill was standing here; to the operation of this saw-mill the water was first applied.

These premises were conveyed to Giles Turner by John Congdon in 1822, and by Giles Turner conveyed to his son-in-law, Albert G. Darrow, in 1837. Mr. Darrow ran the oil-mill until near the time he sold it to Messrs. Norton Brothers and Hiram Crosby, of

Norwich, in 1860. Soon after its purchase by Norton Brothers and Crosby the old oil-mill building was enlarged, the stone mill built, and both fitted up for the manufacture of woolen goods. The business was successfully carried on for several years, until the death of one of the partners, who had the management of the business. His death occurred on the 22d day of November, 1871, and was occasioned by the burning of the steamer "City of New London" on the Thames River.

In 1877 this property passed into the hands of Henry B. Norton, the oldest and only surviving partner of Norton Brothers, and Lorenzo Blackstone, of Norwich. A considerable change was made at the mills by the new company. The woolen machinery was taken out and cotton machinery was substituted.

The mills are at the present time in successful operation, under the superintendence of Mr. Daniel Alexander, in the manufacture of print cloths and lawns. They operate two hundred and eighty-eight looms and eight thousand and sixty-four spindles, and employ about one hundred and fifty workmen. The production is from sixty-two thousand to sixty-three thousand yards per week. A new steam-engine has been attached to the mills the present year, which has the capacity of one hundred and fifty horse-power.

The woolen-mill of R. G. Hooper & Co. is the fourth in order passing up the stream. This mill-privilege was first taken up by Col. Francis B. Loomis. The land was purchased by him of Gideon Palmer in 1846. Mr. Loomis the same year built the present stone mill, and immediately put into it woolen machinery. Mr. Loomis continued the manufacture of woolen goods until 1854, when he sold out to Orrin F. Smith, who carried on the woolen business until 1861, when it again came into the possession of Col. Loomis.

In 1862, Mr. Loomis sold to the Thames Woolen Company. This company was composed of Andrew M. Farnham, of East Hartford, William W. Billings and Isaac L. Hayden, of Windsor, and Richard G. Hooper, of Glastenbury.

The business was continued by the company until August, 1875, when a joint-stock corporation was formed under the old name, with a capital of sixty thousand dollars. The business not proving successful, in March, 1877, the company made an assignment of all their property for the benefit of their creditors to Freeman M. Brown, of Hartford, trustee. The bankrupt estate was settled in the Probate Court, and the property sold by order of the court. The purchaser was R. G. Hooper, a member of the company, who, in January, 1878, formed a limited partnership with Aaron Shaw, of Philadelphia, R. G. Hooper being general partner, and Mr. Shaw special partner. This firm is now successfully engaged in the manufacture of cassimeres and other woolen cloths. They have recently put into their mill several new broad-loom and other improved machinery. The

capacity of the mill consists of four sets of machinery, the product of which is about three hundred thousand yards yearly, employing about sixty workmen.

Messrs. Palmer Brothers, bed-quilt manufacturers, are the owners and operators of the mill located next above R. G. Hooper & Co.'s woolen-mill, and partly on the site of an old oil-mill built in 1798 by Elder Reuben Palmer. The first person occupying this privilege was William Hill, who here started a fulling-mill about 1768 or 1770. This water-privilege was purchased by Elder Reuben Palmer of Jeremiah Rogers in 1797. A grist-mill was also started on the premises a short time previous to 1814. This grist-mill was afterwards converted into a distillery, which was run by Elder Palmer and others until it was sold to Gideon Palmer in 1820. The distillery was, soon after its purchase by Gideon Palmer, abandoned, and only the oil business carried on. In 1850, E. H. Palmer and others purchased the oil-mill, together with the water-rights and privileges, and commenced the manufacture of cotton rope, twine, and bats. The business was continued by E. H. Palmer until it came into the possession of Palmer Brothers, the present owners. E. H. Palmer, in 1866, built the stone mill on the north side of the stream, which has since been enlarged by the present owners by an extension of seventy-five feet. The business has been increasing each year since the present firm commenced the manufacture of their bed-quilts. The firm are now turning out two thousand five hundred quilts per day, and allowing three pounds of filling for each quilt, the amount of cotton-waste used is seven thousand five hundred pounds per day, or twenty-two and a half tons per week. Estimating thirteen yards of prints to each quilt, we have thirty-two thousand five hundred yards per day, or one hundred and ninety-five thousand yards per week, used for coverings only. They have in operation about forty sewing-machines, single- and two-gong machines. In addition to the manufacture of quilts, they also make about one hundred and fifty pounds of mops and two hundred pounds of calking per day. They employ about one hundred and fifty hands.

Palmer Brothers have done very much towards building up the village where they are located. Being young men of steady habits, and combining enterprise with business talent, of which they are in a large degree possessed, they have been instrumental in giving employment to many who otherwise would be without means of subsistence.

The sixth manufacturing establishment on this stream is the paper-mill owned and operated by C. M. Robertson. This water-power was first utilized by the erection of a dam across the stream at this place by Gideon Palmer, about 1852, which pond so formed was used for some years after as a reservoir. In 1859 the entire water-privilege, together with such water-rights and flowage as were possessed by Gideon Palmer at his decease, were sold by the executor of his estate to the

Montville Paper Company, a joint-stock corporation, of which Oliver Woodworth was president. In 1865 the company sold out all their interest in the paper-mill and its business to John Robertson, Carmichael Robertson, and James Bingham. Carmichael Robertson, in 1866, purchased the interest of the other members of the firm, and successfully conducted the paper business to the present time.

Manilla paper is the principal article of manufacture. This mill operates a 56-inch cylinder machine, with three paper engines. The product of the mill is about six hundred thousand pounds of paper yearly.

Alfred Hurlbut is owner and proprietor of the cotton-twine and rope mill situated next above C. M. Robertson's paper-mill. This mill was first erected in 1866. Mr. Hurlbut did a prosperous business here until the loss of his mill by fire in 1874, with all its contents. The next year it was rebuilt by him, and the business has been continued to the present time with profit. Its production is about ninety thousand pounds of rope per year.

The Rockland Paper-mill, now owned by C. M. Robertson, was first built of wood in 1850 by John W. Smith, who at that time was running a small cotton-batting factory, on the premises and near the site of the present paper-mill. Mr. Smith leased the mill and privilege while the building was in process of erection to Enoch B. Culver for a term of five, ten, or twenty years, the term of lease to commence at the completion of the building. Mr. Smith becoming embarrassed in his financial matters, sold out the whole concern to the lessee the following year.

On the 24th day of April, 1852, Enoch B. Culver made an assignment of all his property to Benjamin Durfee, of Norwich, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. This property was in November following sold by the trustee to Babcock, Dubuissen & Holl, of New York City, by whom the paper business was carried on until 1857, when it was sold to the Rockland Company, a joint-stock corporation, of which David Smith, of Norwich, was president. In 1868 the building was totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents. Soon after the fire the stockholders sold their stock in the company to Norman B. Church, an enterprising young man of Montville, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Church afterwards sold about one-half of the stock to other parties, and was appointed president of the company. The mill was shortly afterwards rebuilt with stone and put in operation. Mr. Church continued to manage the business until his death in 1873. After his death it was found that the company had not been as successful as was supposed, and in 1874 the company made an assignment to Charles W. Butler, Esq., of New London, in trust for the benefit of all its creditors. On the 19th day of July, 1875, the trustee sold the equity of redemption in the property, the same being encumbered by mortgage to C. M. Robertson, who has continued to run this mill, in connection with his

other one below on the stream, with success. In this mill book and news paper was formerly made, but after it came into the hands of Mr. Robertson the old machine was taken out, which was a Fourdrinier machine, and a new 68-inch cylinder machine put instead; and since only manilla paper is made. The mill contains three engines of four hundred pounds each, and one Jorden engine. It has the capacity of turning out three thousand five hundred pounds of paper per day.

Near the site of the Rockland Paper-mill there is still standing an old mill building supposed to have been built by Joseph Smith about 1780, and used by him as a fulling-mill. It was afterwards converted into a cotton-batting mill, and operated by Abel Smith. After the death of Abel Smith, his son, John W. Smith, continued the same business until he sold out to E. B. Culver. Mr. Smith afterwards removed to New York, where he was engaged in the soap manufacture until his death a few years ago, May, 1879.

The Fox Mills, so called, are of ancient origin, and formerly consisted of only a grist- and saw-mill. This site is probably the second one occupied on the stream. Mr. Samuel Fox was the first who occupied this privilege. He owned about fifteen hundred acres of land in the vicinity. Here he first built a saw-mill about the year 1700. The grist-mill was probably built by Ezekiel Fox, to whom the property was devised by his grandfather, Samuel Fox. Ezekiel Fox in his last will gave the mill property to his son Ezekiel, who occupied them only a few years, and sold them to Isaac Turner in 1805. These mills remained in the Fox family over one hundred years. In the year 1811, Isaac Turner conveyed the same to Reuben Palmer, Sr., and in 1813, Reuben Palmer leased to James S. Rogers the privilege to use the water for a machine-shop, and a small strip of land on which to erect the building. Mr. Rogers was engaged in the machine building and repairing only a short time. In about one year from the time he commenced business Mr. Rogers gave up his lease, yielding possession to the lessor. The building built by Mr. Rogers was afterwards used as a cotton-factory; Reuben Palmer, Jr., having purchased the property of his father in 1817, after the cotton-factory had been consumed by fire. In 1837, Henry Wheeler came into possession of the factory-site, rebuilt the factory, and started the manufacture of cotton twine and bats. Mr. Wheeler and his sons, William and Edwin, continued the business until 1871, when the whole property was sold to the Rockland Company, and is now owned by C. M. Robertson. A grist-mill is still run at this place.

"Oak Dale Mill" was built by James Bingham in 1866, and was occupied by him in the manufacture of manilla paper until April 1, 1880. The property having been foreclosed by the mortgagee, Mr. Bingham not being able to redeem it, it was sold by the

Savings-Bank of New London to Palmer Brothers. It is now used in the manufacture of bed-quilts in connection with their other mill in Palmertown. This mill is located about two miles up the stream from their other mill. This water-privilege was first purchased by James Bingham of Charles F. Scholfield in 1866, and he at once commenced the erection of a stone building and a dam.

The next mill above Oak Dale Mill belongs to Charles F. Scholfield. This mill was built by Mr. Scholfield in 1868, and was for several years used as a cotton twine mill. In 1878, Mr. Scholfield took out the cotton machinery and filled it with woolen machinery, by which he has since continued to make flannels and kerseymere cloths and to do custom roll carding.

Scholfield's satinet-factory, owned by Benjamin F. Scholfield, is the oldest woolen establishment on the stream. A fulling-mill was started here about the year 1790, but previous to that time a saw-mill was put into operation. It appears that Joseph Otis first carried on the fulling and clothing business at this place. Afterwards, in 1808, Elijah Beemis was conducting the same business at the place. In 1814, Mr. John Scholfield bought the mill property of Daniel F. Raymond, Esq., enlarged the old building, and put in machinery for the manufacture of woolen cloths by water-power. Looms and other improved machinery were put in operation at this mill. Here was manufactured the first piece of satinet known to have been made in this State. The manufacture of satinet seems to have been first introduced into this State by Thomas Scholfield, son of John Scholfield, the pioneer woolen manufacturer in this country. This mill property has been owned in the Scholfield family since its purchase by Mr. John Scholfield in 1814. The present owner continues to manufacture "Scholfield's celebrated satinet."

The woolen-factory, formerly owned and operated by Deacon Harry Vincent, deceased, is the first mill-privilege on the Oxoboxo stream below the reservoir. A saw-mill was first built on this site by Atwell Chapel about the year 1795. This property afterwards came into the possession of Joshua Baker, son-in-law to Atwell Chapel, and in 1827, Joshua Baker, Sherwood Raymond, Caleb Baker, and Clark Bissel erected here a building and started the manufacture of linseed oil. It did not prove to be a very profitable business, and was soon after abandoned. Deacon Harry Vincent purchased the water-privilege with all the buildings thereon in 1829. Having enlarged the old building, he put in machinery for carding wool into rolls, spinning yarn, and the manufacture of flannels and cassimeres. At first Mr. Vincent occupied a part of the mill as a dwelling. He, after living in the mill a few years, built him a dwelling-house a short distance from the mill, in which he lived until his death in 1878. Deacon Vincent, by strict economy, close application to his business, and honorable dealings in

carrying on his small business, accumulated sufficient means to place him in very comfortable circumstances. So great was his trust in the Divine Providence that he was emphatically opposed to availing himself of the popular manner of escaping loss to property from fire or the elements, and was never known to have suffered by either. Since his death the factory has remained unoccupied.

The reservoir at the head of Oxoboxo stream is called Oxoboxo Pond, and covers an area of one hundred and sixty acres of land. The dam has been raised from time to time since the original was built.

In the early settlement of the town a small pond was raised at a point a few rods above the present structure and a saw-mill started. Afterward, probably about 1725, a grist-mill was put into operation here by Jonathan Maynard. This mill-site and a portion of the land in the vicinity was conveyed Dec. 11, 1698, by Owaneco, then chief of the Mohegans, to Thomas Stanton, of Stonington. Stanton afterwards conveyed it to James Harris, a land speculator, who sold it to Joseph Otis. Otis sold it to William Maynard, and Maynard left it by heirship to his son, Jonathan Maynard, who conveyed it by deed to his son, Jonathan Maynard, Jr., and he to his son, Henry Maynard, and Henry Maynard conveyed it to Lorenzo Dow in 1825. It appears to have been in the Maynard families upwards of one hundred years.

The distance from the reservoir to the outlet of the stream, at the cove and river Thames, is one thousand eight hundred and sixty rods, or five and four-fifths miles by the course of the stream. The surface of the water in the reservoir when full is about three hundred and fifty feet above tide-water in the river Thames, being about twenty-five feet fall to each mill-privilege on the stream.

During the year 1826, Lorenzo Dow raised the dam at Oxoboxo Pond about four feet, "thinking," as he said, "it would be for the interest of the mill-owners on the stream below." But Peter and Henry A. Richards, who were the owners of the cotton-mill at Uncasville, considered that the raising of the dam by Mr. Dow was an infringement upon their rights to the use of the water, claiming that the raising of the dam prevented the natural flow of the water; and that it being so raised, it was the intention of Mr. Dow to keep the water from flowing down to their mill, thereby injuring their business.

Messrs. Richards, in the year 1827, brought a suit against Lorenzo Dow, charging him with a detention of the water. The case was brought before the County Court for New London County and tried. It was decided in favor of Mr. Dow. The plaintiffs then took out an appeal to the Superior Court. The case was then brought before a jury, who rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the following words: "In this case the jury find that the defendant is guilty in manner and form as the plaintiffs in their declara-



tion have alleged, and therefore find for the plaintiffs to recover thirty dollars damages and their costs." The costs amounted to \$60.94.

Mr. Dow immediately paid the damages and costs, and then raised his gate at the pond, letting the water flow out quite freely, causing a freshet in the stream, which did considerable damage to land and other mills along the stream below the reservoir.

This mill-privilege, with the reservoir, was sold in November, 1829, by Mr. Dow to Robert Bowzer and Hezekiah Goddard, who shortly afterwards conveyed it to Charles A. and George R. Lewis. The dam was again raised by Messrs. Lewis several feet, and a cotton-mill started on the premises, and kept running for several years in connection with their mill at Uncasville. About the year 1840 this cotton-mill was abandoned, the buildings taken down and carried to Uncasville, and no manufacturing business has been carried on there since. Willet R. Wood, Esq., was the superintendent of the cotton-mill at this place until it was given up, and he then removed to Uncasville, became a stockholder in the company, and was manager of the business until his health failed him and he removed to Norwich, where he died in 1880.

Ninety-five years ago the assessed value of all the mill property located on "Saw-Mill Brook," now Oxoboxo, was only about two thousand dollars. The present assessed value is three hundred and forty-one thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars, and is fourteen times greater than the assessment of the whole town in 1820.

There are several other small streams of water located in different parts of the town on which mills have been erected. In Chesterfield there is a saw- and grist-mill owned by George Latimer. This water-privilege with its mills have been in the possession of the Latimer families more than one hundred and fifty years. A small cotton-mill is operated by David F. Thompson in Chesterfield. A saw- and grist-mill is located near the head of Haughton's Cove, at the outlet of Stony Brook, now owned by William G. Johnson, Esq. A grist- and shingle-mill has within a few years been erected, and is now owned by Mr. William H. Palmer. It is located near the source of Stony Brook, in the north part of the town.

## CHAPTER LXX.

### MONTVILLE—(Continued).

#### CIVIL HISTORY.

THE town of Montville was incorporated and constituted a distinct and separate town by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven, Oct. 12, 1786.

The first town-meeting was held in the meeting-

house of North Parish, on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1786. Joshua Raymond, Esq., was chosen moderator, and John Raymond, clerk. At the same meeting Nathaniel Comstock, Asa Worthington, Stephen Billings, Joseph Davis, and Peter Comstock were chosen selectmen, and John G. Hillhouse, treasurer.

Probably owing to some informality in the call of the first meeting, a subsequent meeting was warned, and held on the 19th day of December following. At this meeting Asa Worthington was chosen moderator, and John Raymond, Jr., clerk; James Haughton, Jason Allen, Jabez Rogers, Mathew Turner, and Joseph Bradford were chosen selectmen.

A tax of two pence on a pound was voted and laid on the grand list of the town for the year 1786, to defray the expense of the town for the ensuing year.

The collector of taxes was required to procure bonds to the acceptance of the selectmen, and to receive only two and a half pence per one hundred pounds for collecting the taxes.

The selectmen were not to receive any pay for "time or expense." It appears to have been a custom in those days for the town officers to attend to all the duties of their respective offices without compensation for their services, excepting that of collector of taxes, and that was very small.

The men of those times appear to have been trained to consider that their services belonged to their country not only in its defense, but in the administration of its government. A very great change has since their day become apparent in the matter of compensation for ministerial and judicial services.

At the present time no official act in the administration of either town or State affairs is gratuitously rendered.

The following abstract of the taxable property will show the amount of polls and ratable estate of the town as assessed in 1787:

	£	s.	d.
219 polls from 21 to 70 years of age at £18.....	3,942	0	0
63 " " 18 to 21 " " 9.....	567	0	0
292 oxen and bulls four years old and upwards.....	876	0	0
659 cows and steers.....	1,318	0	0
250 two-year old steers and heifers.....	250	0	0
253 horses three years old and upwards.....	759	0	0
30 horse kind two years old.....	60	0	0
33 " " one year old.....	33	0	0
1514½ acres of plow land.....	757	5	0
3810½ " mowing and clear pasture.....	1,524	4	0
334 " boggy meadow, mowed.....	83	10	0
31 " " not mowed.....	3	2	0
221 " low meadow-land.....	82	17	6
5892 " bush pasture.....	589	4	0
1136 " unclosed land, 1st rate.....	113	12	0
2808 " " 2d rate.....	140	8	0
5656 " " 3d rate.....	141	8	0
45 tons of vessels.....	33	15	0
2 riding-chairs.....	6	0	0
28 silver watches.....	42	0	0
4 brass-wheel clocks.....	12	0	0
4 wooden-wheel clocks.....	4	0	0
174 ounces silver plate.....	3	9	7
105 pounds money at interest at 6 per cent.....	6	6	0
4 fire-places, 1st rate.....	3	0	0
7 " 2d rate.....	3	18	9
170 " 3d rate.....	63	15	0
277 " 4th rate.....	51	18	9
Assessment on trades and business.....	141	0	0
	11,611	13	7
2604 sheep deduction at 4 per head.....	532	16	0
	11,078	17	7

The amount of assessed property in 1790 was	\$40,453.00
" " " 1800 "	45,511.81
" " " 1810 "	43,153.00
" " " 1820 "	21,596.00
" " " 1830 "	515,559.75
" " " 1840 "	564,961.00
" " " 1850 "	777.3.6.00
" " " 1860 "	1,067,824.00
" " " 1870 "	1,226,790.00
" " " 1880 "	1,068,645.00

Between the years 1820 and 1830 the manufacturing interest began to be developed, and by this new start in the manufacturing business the grand list of the town was increased several thousand dollars. A few persons began to invest their money in bank stocks, and money at interest had also increased. The first bank stock assessed to any individual in the town was to Samuel Hillhouse.

The following statement will show the several amounts of bank stock, manufactories, and money at interest assessed in the town from 1830 to 1880 in every tenth year:

	Bank Stock.	Manufac- tories.	Money at Interest.
In 1830.....	\$400	\$42,700	\$6,700
" 1840.....	7,875	80,500	30,205
" 1850.....	25,867	70,467	77,461
" 1860.....	64,728	186,525	66,330
" 1870.....	151,197	266,550	64,262
" 1880.....	103,666	297,800	18,498

The following is the summary statement of the town treasurer's account from the year 1800 to the year 1880 inclusive:

Date.	Amt. received.	Amt. paid out.
1800.....	\$605.10	\$617.75
1810.....	837.93	837.93
1820.....	1,515.82	1,429.38
1830.....	1,192.98	1,232.25
1840.....	1,620.50	1,696.90
1850.....	1,727.08	1,697.78
1860.....	3,773.43	3,801.03
1871.....	3,021.80	3,014.04
1862.....	4,837.92	4,339.50
1863.....	10,173.19	9,817.26
1864.....	10,827.69	10,670.65
1865.....	14,680.40	17,628.87
1866.....	14,765.37	15,606.50
1867.....	12,822.46	12,818.65
1868.....	12,251.23	12,782.76
1869.....	17,735.45	17,489.55
1870.....	17,007.57	17,007.78
1871.....	18,105.34	18,026.10
1872.....	19,177.97	19,181.66
1873.....	20,867.16	20,546.87
1874.....	30,669.87	30,449.29
1875.....	19,051.23	16,880.46
1876.....	20,853.69	15,531.75
1877.....	30,496.00 <sup>3</sup>	30,496.00 <sup>4</sup>
1877.....	15,708.52	18,301.25
1878.....	21,101.61	19,650.32
1879.....	19,537.11	18,664.76
1880.....	19,370.86	23,158.69

**Representatives from 1787-1882.**—The following persons have been elected representatives from this town to represent it in the Legislature of this State since its incorporation:

1787-90, John G. Hillhouse; 1790, Joshua Raymond; 1791, Joseph Chester; 1792, John G. Hillhouse; 1793, Joseph Chester; 1794, Erastus Worthington; 1795, Mathew Turner; 1796, John G. Hillhouse; 1797-1800, Joshua Raymond; 1800, Adonijah F. Bradford; 1801, John G. Hillhouse; 1802, Nathaniel Comstock; 1803, Daniel Worthington; 1804-7, John G. Hillhouse; 1807-13, Wm. W. Haughton; 1813-15, David Turner; 1815-17, Wm. W. Haughton; 1817, David Turner;

1818, Oliver Comstock; 1819, Mumford Dolbeare; 1820, Stephen G. Thacher; 1821, Nathaniel Bradford; 1822, Asahel Otis; 1823-26, Sherwood Raymond; 1826, Thomas Fitch; 1827, Sherwood Raymond; 1828, William Raymond; 1829, Sherwood Raymond; 1830, Ephraim Fellows; 1831-33, Sherwood Raymond; 1833, Azel F. Rogers; 1834, Mulford C. Raymond; 1835, Sherwood Raymond; 1836, Azel F. Rogers; 1837, Joseph L. Chapman; 1838, Nathaniel Parish; 1839, Robert Comstock; 1840, William Thacher; 1841, Edmund Smith; 1842, Thos. P. Rogers; 1843, Albert G. Darrow; 1844, Henry C. Beardslee; 1845, John B. Rogers; 1846, Robert Comstock; 1847, Nicholas Latimer; 1848, Peter Wickwire; 1849, Ethan G. Crandall; 1850, George G. Latimer; 1851, Daniel L. Browning; 1852, Nathaniel B. Bradford; 1853, Thos. P. Rogers; 1854, Elisha H. Palmer; 1855, Hiram P. Baker; 1856, Ethan G. Crandall; 1857, Thomas B. Williams; 1858, Albert G. Darrow; 1859, Norman B. Church; 1860, Calvin Allyn; 1861, Ralph P. Caulkins; 1862, Waterman R. Burnham; 1863, Thos. W. Chaplin; 1864, Elisha H. Palmer; 1865, Willet R. Wood; 1866, Raymond N. Parish; 1867, Aaron F. Rogers; 1868, William Fitch; 1869, Willet R. Wood; 1870, James Allyn; 1871, Augustus A. Parker; 1872, Elisha M. Rogers; 1873, Anson G. Baker; 1874, John L. Comstock; 1875, Alexander C. Robertson; 1876, John M. Crumb; 1877, James H. Manwaring; 1878, Eben R. Eaton; 1879, Henry W. Strickland; 1880, John A. Coggeshall; 1881, Carnichael Robertson.

#### SENATORS.

1838-46, Sherwood Raymond; 1856, William Thacher; 1866, Elisha H. Palmer; 1874, Richard G. Hooper.

#### TOWN CLERKS.

1786-1802, John Raymond; 1802-3, David H. Jewett; 1803-8, Adonijah F. Bradford; 1808-17, Azel Rogers; 1817-23, Giles Turner; 1823-26, Joshua Baker, Jr.; 1826-27, Joseph L. Chapman; 1827-34, Mulford C. Raymond; 1834-35, Azel F. Rogers; 1835-48, Mulford C. Raymond; 1848-54, Joseph Brumley; 1854-55, John A. Coggeshall; 1855-57, Elisha H. Palmer; 1857-62, Raymond N. Parish; 1862-64, Elisha H. Palmer; 1864-81, Henry A. Baker.

#### TOWN TREASURERS.

1786-90, David H. Jewett; 1790-91, Joshua Raymond; 1791-92, Isaac Turner; 1792-93, Joshua Raymond; 1793-94, Adonijah F. Bradford; 1794-96, Thomas Hillhouse; 1796-97, John Raymond; 1797-99, Joshua Raymond; 1799-1800, John G. Hillhouse; 1800-10, Atwell Chapel; 1810-15, Wm. W. Haughton; 1815-17, Azel Rogers; 1817-20, Giles Turner; 1820-21, Azel Rogers; 1821-23, Nathaniel Bradford; 1823-25, Azel Rogers; 1825-48, Nathaniel Parish; 1848-54, John Fellows; 1854-55, Daniel L. Browning; 1855-56, Nathaniel B. Bradford; 1856-62, John Fellows; 1862-69, John B. Rogers; 1869-73, Raymond N. Parish; 1873-76, Henry A. Baker; 1876-77, Carnichael Robertson; 1877-79, Lewis Browning; 1879-80, Frank A. Royce; 1880, Elias H. Browning.

**Probate Judges.**—The town of Montville was constituted a probate district by act of the General Assembly of this State at its May session in 1851.

The following persons have been elected to the office of judge of the probate district of Montville:

1851-54, Benjamin F. Bradford; 1854-55, Albert G. Darrow; 1855-59, Joseph Brumley; 1859-61, Henry A. Baker; 1861-64, Mulford C. Raymond; 1864-67, Wm. Fitch; 1867-82, Henry A. Baker.

## CHAPTER LXXI.

### MONTVILLE—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Elder Reuben Palmer**, born June 12, 1759, was the son of Gershom Palmer and Dolly Brown, of Preston. He was their only son of ten children, and

<sup>1</sup> Waterford was incorporated a town in 1801, which took off a portion of Montville.

<sup>2</sup> Salem was incorporated a town in 1819, a part of which was taken from Montville.

<sup>3</sup> Town bonds sold.

<sup>4</sup> Paid outstanding orders.

married, Nov. 16, 1780, Lucretia Tyler, daughter of Caleb Tyler and Hannah Barns, of Preston. He was ordained a Baptist elder at North Stonington, and while pastor of a church at North Stonington received a call to the old Baptist Church in Montville, and was their acting pastor from May 3, 1788, to Dec. 25, 1798, at which time a Council was called, and he was publicly installed pastor of the church. His pastorate continued until his death.

Elder Palmer's ministry in Montville was continued with great success, several hundred being baptized under his ministry. In 1797 Elder Palmer purchased a tract of land in the town of Montville containing a mill privilege (the site of Palmer Brothers' present bed-quilt manufactory). A grist-mill and oil-mill were erected upon the premises. The grist-mill was afterwards converted into a distillery, but was abandoned soon after his son Gideon came into possession of the property.

The oil business was continued several years after the death of Elder Palmer. He also bought another mill-site on the same stream, above his oil-mill, called Fox Mills, about 1812, consisting of a saw- and grist-mill. These mills were run by him until 1817, when he sold out to his son, Reuben Palmer, Jr.

Elder Palmer was the owner of a large tract of farming land, and carried on the farming business to a considerable extent. He possessed a large amount of public enterprise, and to him is due in no small degree the present moral and religious standing of the community in which he lived. To him was also due much of the progress made in the manufacturing interests of the town. The enterprising spirit possessed by him seems to have been transmitted to his descendants without any diminution.

Elder Palmer died April 22, 1822, after an illness of only five weeks. His wife survived him thirty-three years, and died Aug. 15, 1855. They lived together forty-two years, and reared a family of seventeen children. They had seventy-five grandchildren.

**Hon. Elisha H. Palmer**, the eldest son of Gideon Palmer, born at Montville, June 23, 1814, and married, Nov. 30, 1837, Ellis Loomis, daughter of Joel Loomis, of Lyme. He was early in life engaged in the manufacturing interest. Previous to the death of his father he commenced at the old stand the manufacture of cotton-bats, rope, and twine. He converted the oil-mill into a cotton-factory, and for several years carried on the business in the old green oil-mill building. In 1866 he built the stone mill on the north side of the stream and greatly enlarged the business. The old oil-mill was burned down and a small stone mill erected in its place. He continued to carry on the cotton business until his sons commenced the manufacture of bed-quilts, when he gave up the business to them, but still has an oversight of a portion of the business.

Although actively engaged in the manufacturing business, he was ever anxious to promote the public

interests of his native town, and was active in the promotion of all moral reforms. He early enlisted in the temperance cause, and has ever been one of its most radical advocates. Party ties have but little weight with him when the prohibition of the use and traffic in alcoholic drinks has been at stake. In any office or position where he could effectually serve the cause he has never faltered or failed to put forth all his powers to make prohibition a success. He was an early advocate of anti-slavery principles, and fought against the slavery of the African to the last, and saw the day and rejoiced when slavery was abolished and the soil of his native country made free.

He was elected representative in his native town in 1854, and voted in the Legislature for the "Maine Law," also elected again in 1864. He was elected senator in the Ninth District in 1866, and has held many important town offices. He held the office of town clerk four years, and was selectman several years. For several years he has been an unsuccessful candidate on the Prohibition ticket for member of Congress for the Eighth Congressional District.

At the convention which organized the late "Palmer Reunion" he was chosen its president, and in no small degree, by his energetic and persistent labors, the late reunion was made a success.

**Gideon Palmer**, the eighth child of Elein Reuben Palmer and Lucretia Tyler, was born at Montville, Oct. 23, 1793, and married, July 4, 1813, Mercy M. Turner, born at Montville, June 29, 1795, daughter of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock. He was for several years engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil at the old stand formerly occupied by his father. He was the inventor of an oil-press which has been quite extensively used in the oil business. Gideon Palmer was the first to successfully produce cotton-seed oil in this country. He was a man of enterprise, and possessing a large share of public spirit, he was a great promoter of public improvements. No project which in his judgment appeared to be for the best interest of the community or town in which he resided escaped his thorough consideration, and if to his mind practical, engaged his persistent effort to accomplish the object sought. He was the projector of the mill now owned and occupied by R. G. Hooper & Co., having purchased the land on which the mill stands, and laid out a site for a mill and buildings, upon which the mill and dwellings were afterwards erected.

He was the first to take up the water-privilege by erecting a dam where the paper-mill of C. M. Robertson now stands. He was also very enthusiastic in the laying out of new highways when the public convenience seemed to require them; the present thoroughfare through the village of Palmertown to the railroad station was begun by him, and carried through, against much opposition by his townsmen, to completion by his persistent effort.

In 1840 he purchased a small piece of land which projected into the Thames River, in the town of



*Elisha H. Palmer*



Wm. A. Robertson

*Carmichael Robertson*

Montville, and built thereon a wharf, since called "Palmer's Wharf," which became a public as well as a private convenience. He was at one time engaged in the iron foundry business at his place in Montville, and for a short period did a successful business in that line.

Mr. Palmer was an early and stanch advocate of anti-slavery principles, and earnestly defended them until his death. He was also a firm advocate and defender of the temperance cause, and early in his business life was interested in the cause for the suppression of alcoholic drinks.

He was an earnest promoter of the public good of all his countrymen, and died in the harness, in the midst of his usefulness, July, 1854, in the sixty-first year of his age.

**Carmichael Robertson** was born Aug. 17, 1823, at Pennicuck, Scotland. He was son of Duncan (born about 1775, died 1832) and Joan (Hodge) Robertson, and is the sole survivor of their family of six boys and five girls. On his father's side he is connected with the great statesman of England, Lord Gladstone.

Carmichael was early left an orphan, had public school advantages of education, and about 1834 was apprenticed to the baker's trade, and worked at it until 1838, when he left it and was apprenticed to a paper-maker, and learned that trade thoroughly also. In 1845 he with his brother John emigrated to this country, and settled in Norwich, Conn., as a baker. His entire capital at this time was fifteen dollars. He worked as a baker two years, when, wishing to see more of the country, he went through Massachusetts and Connecticut, and wrought for two years at paper-making in Chatham and Paterson, N. J. He then returned to Connecticut, and engaged as paper-maker in Greenville, where his brother had been working ever since his arrival in America. Mr. Robertson was prudent, industrious, and saving, and accumulated a small capital, and in 1851 quit working for others, and with his brother and James Bingham, under firm-name of Robertson & Bingham, established a paper manufactory in Waterford, near New London, to manufacture tissue manilla paper. None had previously been made in this country, and to them belongs the credit of being the pioneers in this branch of manufacturing. The firm of Robertson & Bingham soon became widely and favorably known, and the demand for their paper rapidly increased, so much so that a second mill had to be built to enable them to fill their orders. Mr. C. Robertson was financial manager, and conducted the affairs with ability, care, and prudence, and although they lost much by the hard times of 1857, their commercial integrity was always maintained, and they were prospered and always paid "one hundred cents on the dollar." In 1865, Robertson & Bingham purchased the mill of the Montville Paper Company, in Montville, and in 1866 dissolved partnership, John Robertson remaining in possession of the two mills in Waterford, Carmichael taking the Montville mill, Mr. Bingham selling his interest in them.

Mr. Robertson at once removed to and commenced enlarging and improving his Montville property, purchased more land (five acres) for a dwelling-lot, on which he erected a residence, and one hundred and twenty acres on Paul's Hill. Here he has been steadily at work, adding by purchase from the Rockland Paper Company in 1875 three other mills. He has employed twenty employes, running winter and summer. Is now running two mills, with a capacity of two thousand pounds per day to each mill. The mills are situated on the Oxoboxo River, with twenty feet fall at lower (Montville) mill, forty feet at the Rockland mill, and twenty feet at the "Bank" mill. This last has been converted by Mr. Robertson into a grist-mill and a shoddy-mill. In the grist-mill, which is run as a custom and feed-mill, there are two run of stones, and the shoddy-mill "two pickers." This is leased to the Palmer Brothers. Mr. Robertson has two steam-engines in operation, one of fifteen horse-power at Montville mill, and one of twenty at the Rockland one. The goods manufactured are purchased by New York jobbers. Mr. Robertson has by his skill, prudence, and close attention to business amassed a handsome competency. Is strongly Democratic in politics, and has been often chosen to places of honor and trust. He has been town treasurer, on Board of Education, has been for several years and is now selectman, and represented Montville in the State Legislature of 1881. He has been for over twenty years a member of the Congregational Church. Among the solid men of Montville none stand higher than he.

Mr. Robertson married, October, 1847, in Paterson, N. J., Mary, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Clark. She died Nov. 20, 1877. Their surviving children are Alexander Clark, Elizabeth C. (Mrs. Dr. William M. Burchard, of Lebanon, Conn.; she has two children, Agnes and Robert), May B., Tryon Edward (named from a grandson of the celebrated Jonathan Edwards), William R., Joanna W., Helen, and Anna W. All his sons are connected with the paper business. Alexander takes charge of Rockland mills, and is salesman; Tryon is book-keeper, and in charge of the financial department, and William is salesman.

**Daniel Lewis Browning**, son of Hazard and Hannah (Lewis) Browning, was born in Montville, Conn., Sept. 11, 1808, and was one of a family of four daughters and nine sons. His parents, natives of Rhode Island, settled in Waterford shortly after marriage, and after residing there ten or eleven years removed to Montville, and lived there the remainder of their days. His father was a farmer, justice for many years, held in high esteem, and died when seventy-three years old. His mother died, however, when Daniel was but two years old. Daniel was reared a farmer, received a common-school education, and after arriving at manhood began teaching winter terms of district school. In this he gave great satisfaction, and for

eleven years engaged in this avocation, and taught nine terms in three districts. He married, Jan. 17, 1833, Fanny C., daughter of Joseph and Susan Lewis, of an old and prominent family in this section. Her father was born in Westerly, R. I., in 1762, and removed to New London with his parents when but three years of age. In early life he went on the water; was taken prisoner by the British, and imprisoned on one of the notorious Jersey prison-ships, and was probably the last survivor of these cruelties. He was a plain, unassuming man; was an earnest Methodist, and kept "open house" for all its clergy. He was fortunate in the acquisition of property, and died April 14, 1852, in his ninetieth year, well and favorably known by a large circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Daniel Browning, after marriage, settled on a farm adjoining his father's homestead, and on the death of the father, some nine years thereafter, Mr. Browning took the homestead, and resided there about twenty-two years, when he moved to the place now owned and occupied by Mrs. Browning. Here he continued to reside, leading an active Christian life, and honored by his fellow-citizens with many important trusts and offices, until his death, Feb. 4, 1879. He, with his wife, belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was trustee, steward, etc., for many years, and by his cheerfulness of spirit and kindness of heart he endeared himself to all. He was not a strict sectarian, but contributed largely of his means to other denominations than his own. He was strictly temperate, very systematic, industrious, economical, and prudent, yet so honest that everywhere he was known and marked for his sterling integrity in this regard, his motto ever being "Do right, if the heavens fall." He was intrusted with the management and settlement of many estates; was justice for over twenty years, and represented Montville in the Legislature in 1851. In all these various positions he discharged his duties faithfully and to the satisfaction of all interested, and in all his candidacy for official positions never asked a vote. His wife survives him, and is steadily persevering in the same steps as he, confident in a blissful reunion in the sunlight of immortality after the "twilight" is passed.

**J. C. Bolles, M.D.**—John Calvin Bolles, son of Calvin and Esther (Darrow) Bolles, was born in Montville, Conn., near his present residence, Sept. 18, 1816. His father was a tanner, and we find him at an early age working at the same business, which he followed until he was fourteen, attending common school during the intervals of labor. From fourteen till twenty he was occupied in various labors, principally farming. When twenty he commenced to read medicine with Dr. J. R. Gay, of Montville, and after attending medical lectures at Pittsfield, Mass., and Woodstock, Vt., was graduated from the latter institution in June, 1840, and at once commenced the practice of medicine in his native town, and for over forty years has been engaged in the arduous duties of

his profession with eminent success. He has been for years a member of the "New London County Medical Society" and "Connecticut Medical Society," and was a Fellow of the State Society in 1849-55-58. The practice of his profession left him no time to devote to anything else, and has brought him a fine competency. He cared little for office-seeking, but, as a true citizen, had political sentiments and supported them by his vote. In early years he was a Whig, since 1856 a Republican. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for twenty-three years, and is everywhere esteemed as a man, a Christian, and a physician. Dr. Bolles married, Feb. 7, 1843, Eunice, daughter of Jonathan and Deborah (Jones) Budington, of Groton, Conn. Mrs. Bolles' maternal grandfather was Moses Jones, one of the victims of the massacre of Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781.

Dr. Bolles has two children,—Harriet E., who married John W. Hanna (deceased) and has two children, Grace L. and Agnes, and John C., Jr.

The name "Boels" is found in the "Roll of Battle Abbey," as given by Hollingshed, consequently of old and worthy English stock. Duchesne, from a charter in that abbey, among the conquerors under William of Normandy gives the name of "Boels." From those bearing that name the tracing is easy to Joseph Bolles, the first emigrant, who in 1640 was engaged in trade in Winter Harbor, Me., and afterwards was a prominent citizen of Wells, Me., and for years town clerk.

Thos. Bolles, second child and oldest son of Joseph, settled in the "town plot" of New London, Conn., in 1668, soon bought lands on what is even now known as "Bolles' Hill," and removed thither. He married, July 1, 1669, Zipporah Wheeler, of Groton, Conn., and had three children,—Mary, Joseph, and John. June 6, 1678, Zipporah and her two children, Mary and Joseph, were murdered by a boy, John Stoddard (*vide* Miss Caulkins' "History of New London"). From the surviving son, John, all of this name now in the United States are descended.

John Bolles, in his day and generation, was an able man of great force of character. He did what he deemed right if all the world opposed. From studying the Bible he learned to think slavery a giant evil and unchristian, and manumitted all his slaves, caring for the old, the weak, and helpless till their death. He changed from the Presbyterian belief to that of Baptist, and nearly all his descendants adhere to his last church. He died at the hale old age of nearly ninety years. The last four of his fourteen children were born after he was sixty years old. His fourteenth son, Samuel, was born after he was sixty-seven, and attained almost ninety-nine years. The four generations were aged,—Thomas, eighty-four; John, ninety; Samuel, ninety-nine; and John, ninety.

This Samuel Bolles was born at New London, May 10, 1744, and died Aug. 10, 1842. He was a farmer, and lived in a house built by himself in Waterford

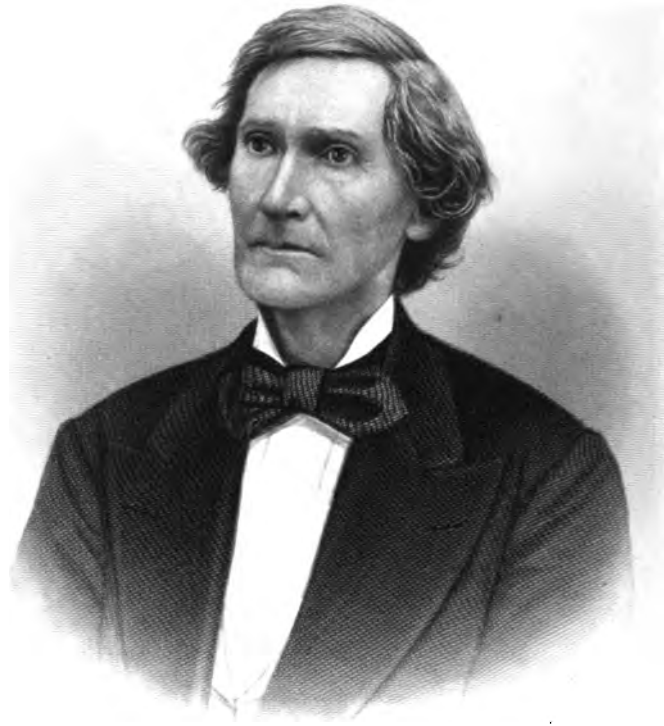




*C. L. Browning*



*John C. Bolles M.D.*



*Samuel S. Harris*

when but nineteen. He had thirteen children, of whom Calvin was seventh. Calvin was born Dec. 18, 1777. He was a farmer; lived in Montville, where he died Dec. 21, 1857. He married, first, Rebecca Darrow, Oct. 24, 1799. They had two children. She died June 11, 1811. Second, Hester Darrow, sister of Rebecca, Dec. 5, 1811. She had three children, and died Nov. 12, 1818. Third, Sarah Turner, July 1, 1819. She died, without offspring, February, 1864. The five children of Mr. Bolles were Rebecca D. (Mrs. S. R. Palmer, of Spencerport, N. Y.); Margaret H. (Mrs. D. F. Beebe); Francis W., of East Lyme; Harriet N. (Mrs. A. G. Schofield, of Norwich); and John C., subject of this sketch.

**S. S. Harris.**—The Harris family is an old English one. The first American ancestor was James Harris, of Boston, Mass., born in England about 1640, and who probably came to New London, Conn., from Boston with wife, Sarah, and several children, and died there in 1714.

James Harris, his eldest son, born April 4, 1673, in Boston, married, in 1696, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Rogers, of New London. In 1698 he removed to Mohegan, now Montville, and settled on land granted by Owaneco, the Mohegan sachem, who was a particular friend of Sarah and her father. Through this favoritism Mr. and Mrs. Harris soon received large grants of land, and he became a noted man, and held commission of lieutenant. Sarah died Nov. 13, 1748, in the seventy-second year of her age; they had nine children.

He next married, in 1750, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, daughter of Lieut. Joseph Harris, of New London. She only lived two years, and died without children. Lieut. James died Feb. 10, 1757, aged nearly eighty-four. He and his wives are buried in ancient Mohegan, in Montville. In 1718 he removed to Colchester, now Salem, and resided there many years. His numerous land patents caused him to be a litigant for many years in the courts, and none in the colony had a wider range of acquaintance. His second son, Jonathan, born at Mohegan, Jan. 15, 1705, married, July 28, 1735, Rachel, daughter of Hon. Joseph Otis. He was a distinguished man, and his daughter "was a woman of marked natural abilities, a noble mate to her husband, who was a man of commanding force and dignity of character and fine personal appearance." In 1739 he with his brother bought a large tract of land from their father, and Jonathan built a mansion on what is still called the "Old Harris Homestead," in Salem, and lived there his whole subsequent life. He was selectman of Colchester for several years. He had thirteen children, and with his good wife, Rachel, and his two youngest children, twins, died suddenly in September in 1761 of a malignant and wide-sweeping fever.

Nathaniel, son of Jonathan, born in Colchester (Salem), on the homestead above mentioned, April 2, 1743, married Mary Tozer, Feb. 1, 1764, and

settled on the old homestead, where they lived and died, and where their thirteen children were born. All these children lived past middle age, all reared large families, and never a shadow of evil habit, vice, crime, or stain of reputation rested on one of them. He served in the Revolution, and was captain of militia. "He was a proud and high-toned man, proud of his lineage and blood, proud of his little wife and daughters, proud of his farm-stock, of his full crops, and of his abundance and rich variety of choice fruits. Of stalwart frame and stately bearing, he was ever tender and gentle as a belted knight to all womankind and to children, but among men he was dignified, austere, and even imperious and lordly. His little wife, Mary, mated him most fitly in her sphere, ruling well her household, and inspiring all by the gentleness and potency of her influence and example." He died March 12, 1812, aged seventy-nine. His wife survived him, dying, aged ninety, in 1834.

Samuel Harris, son of Capt. Nathaniel, was born in Salem, Conn., Dec. 10, 1780; married, Sept. 29, 1805, Anna, daughter of Nathaniel Otis, of Colchester. He was a farmer, and settled first in Salem, and afterwards in East Haddam, Conn., where he died April 5, 1857, aged seventy-six. His widow died there Aug. 28, 1862, aged seventy-three. Samuel was a man of solid worth and earnestness of purpose, and much esteemed by his associates. His children were Rachel Ann (Mrs. Aaron T. Niles), Samuel Selden, Harriet Salome, Lydia Maria (Mrs. James E. Swan), Nathaniel Otis (a physician of East Haddam, Conn.), Elizabeth Cone (Mrs. Ephraim Martin).

Samuel Selden Harris was born in Salem, Conn., March 8, 1809, and passed his early life as a farmer's boy, moving with his people to East Haddam when about nineteen. He was educated at public and private schools, and taught public school one year. He lived in East Haddam until he was twenty-six, excepting a few years in which he was engaged in peddling in the South. (The money gained in those years was deposited in a savings-bank, and has never been drawn out, and by accumulated interest and compound interest has greatly increased.) Mr. Harris married in Montville, Dec. 27, 1836, Mercy A., daughter of Joshua and Eliza (Chapell) Baker, and soon after settled in Montville as a farmer, on the place now occupied by him. This was the old Baker homestead and the birthplace of his wife.

Mr. Harris has always been a farmer, taking pride in his avocation, and has given particular attention to stock-raising. He has had marked success, and has been called the best farmer in the town. His first Presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, but of later years he has been a Republican. He has held various local offices, justice in particular. In 1831 he enlisted in the First Regiment Horse Artillery as a private, was rapidly promoted, showing great capacity and love for military affairs; he was prompt and ac-

curate, and became lieutenant-colonel. He has discharged his various duties to the great satisfaction of his superiors and constituents. About 1860 he united with the First Congregational Church of Montville, and has been a valued member of the same from that time, ever cherished in its counsels and ever liberal in its support. He has been honored with the office of deacon, and has conscientiously discharged its duties for the past ten years. He takes great interest in Sabbath-schools, and has been teacher of an adult class for many years and with marked good results. All in all, Deacon Harris is a representative farmer, an honest man, a kind neighbor, a warm friend, an earnest Christian, and enjoys in a very high degree the esteem and confidence of the whole community.

**George Drisdale Jerome** was born on Plum Island, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1816. He was named by a British officer who was engaged in the war of 1812 and was at his birth staying on the island. The emigrant, Benjamin Jerome, great-grandfather of George, came from England in early colonial days and settled in New London, near the present site of the "Pequot House." He was probably a farmer, had three sons, Richard, Benjamin (2), and William, and died at an old age. Benjamin (2) was a farmer, married a Brown, and settled in New London. He purchased, in advanced life, Plum Island, and improved it from a wilderness state and farmed there. He was always a farmer, always resided in New London, was a Universalist in religious creed, of a social, genial nature, with many friends. He dropped dead on the seashore at a very advanced age. He had children,—William, Benjamin, Richard, Jesse, John, Hannah, Fanny, and Abby. Nearly all his sons became seafaring men, and William and Benjamin died in the West Indies. Jesse was born in 1771, in Groton, Conn., was reared a farmer with common-school education, married Desire, daughter of Deacon Jehiel Rogers, of Montville, and with his older brother, Richard, settled on Plum Island. After a few years he returned to the mainland, purchased three hundred and seven acres of land lying on the line of Waterford and Montville, and ever after resided there. His second wife was Harriet Loomis. He had sixteen children, of whom Emily (deceased), Benjamin (deceased), Jesse, William, John, Susan (deceased), George D., Richard (deceased), and Julia were the children of Desire who attained maturity, and Harriet, Augustus, Elias, Frank, Lucretia, and Hannah were children of Harriet. Elias and Frank were killed while serving as soldiers in the late civil war.

Like his father, Mr. Jerome was a Universalist. In politics was Whig and Republican. He was honored with many public trusts, was selectman for many years, was member of school visiting committee; of strong, positive nature, quick decision, and good judgment, he was quite a leader in town matters and universally esteemed. He died Dec. 5, 1867, aged eighty-seven years.

George D. Jerome was reared a farmer, had a common-school education, when fourteen went to work for a brother-in-law in Waterford, remained six months, returned home, and when eighteen went to Plum Island and remained two years. He then took a farm in Salem, Conn., and married, Nov. 14, 1836, Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Chappell) Darrow, of Montville. She was born in New London. For forty-five years this worthy couple have walked hand in hand, leading a life of usefulness, and extending a kindly hand to the unfortunate and sorrowing, and in an unostentatious manner endeavoring to do their duty and serve their day and generation well, taking for their motto the teachings of the Golden Rule. For many years they have been earnest and consistent members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Jerome was one of the constituent members of the Second Baptist Church of Waterford, and her family furnished six of the original sixteen members. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome both held membership there for over forty-three years, or since 1838. Mr. Jerome has held the office of deacon, discharging its duties with great acceptability to the other members, since Sept. 20, 1843. In 1837, Mr. Jerome purchased the place where he now resides, and which is prized by his children and grandchildren as the "old homestead." Here he has ever since resided in the quiet enjoyments of a farmer's life, taking pride in the improvement and cultivation of his farm and the education and development of his children. He has always been found in accord with progress. In politics has been a Whig and Republican. He has had four children,—Henry G. (married Eliza Starr, and has four children,—Idella, Albert, Frank, and Louis); Amelia J. (married Dr. W. S. C. Perkins, and resides in Norwich, and has two children,—Florence A. and Charles H.); Julia W. (married David A. Starr, and has one child, Ada); Albert E. (who died at ten years).

**Nathaniel Burr Bradford** was born Dec. 9, 1795, in Montville, Conn., the eldest son of Nathaniel and Lucy (Raymond) Bradford. He was a direct descendant (sixth generation) of Governor William Bradford, who came over in the "Mayflower." In early life he attended the district school, and afterwards Bacon Academy, Colchester, Conn. His business was farming, which he carried on extensively and successfully. He held several offices of trust and responsibility, and represented the town in the Legislature.

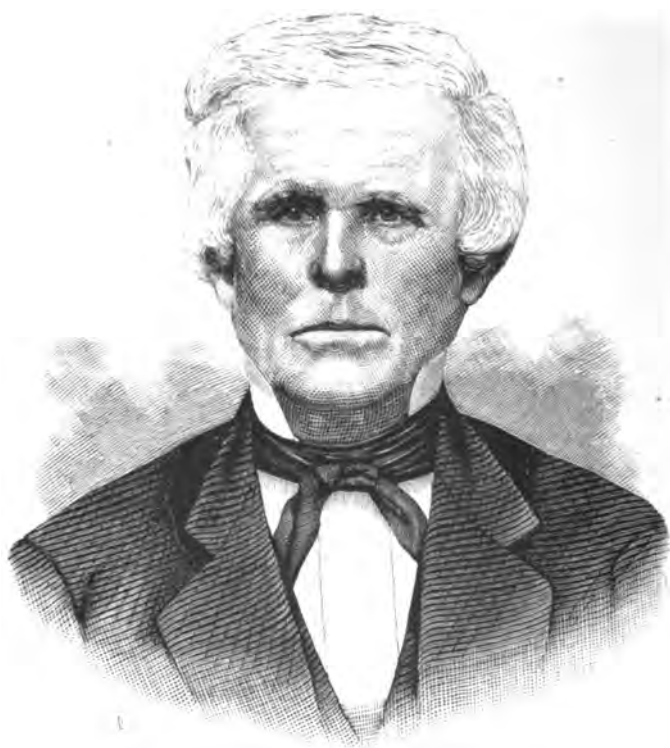
He was a true patriot, deeply interested in the late war, and an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He was not a member of any particular religious denomination, but a firm believer in the truths of the gospel, and a liberal supporter of all its interests, especially of foreign missions.

He was married, April 30, 1835, to Rachel Fitch, of Montville, daughter of James and Abigail (Fox) Fitch. He died Oct. 11, 1870, leaving no children.

**Capt. William Fitch** was born Aug. 14, 1815, youngest son of James and Abigail (Fox) Fitch. In



*George D Jerome*



*W. T. Bradford*





*William Fitch*



*David R. Golbeare*

early life attended the district school, and when old enough worked on the farm in summer and went to the school in winter. Part of the year 1833-34 attended Bacon Academy, Colchester, Conn.

In 1834 commenced going to sea, and so continued until 1853, during which time he made three voyages as captain of a whaling-ship.

On leaving the sea he resumed his former occupation of farming, which has been his business to the present time.

At the age of sixteen he united with the Congregational Church in Montville, and in 1859 changed his church relations to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Uncasville, that being nearer his residence. Most of the time since he has held the offices of trustee and steward therein.

He is a Republican in politics, held several town offices,—been justice of the peace, judge of probate,—and represented the town in the Legislature. He was married April 7, 1845, to Lucy A. Fitch, daughter of Adonijah and Anne (Fox) Fitch. Had three children,—James William, the oldest, is now living, and at the present time editor of the *Jefferson Gazette*, Ashtabula County, Ohio; Frank, died at the age of three years and four months; Lucy Anna, died at the age of seventeen months.

**David Raymond Dolbeare**, son of Elisha and Mary (Fox) Dolbeare, was born in Montville, Conn., not one mile from his present residence, Jan. 10, 1808.

The first American ancestor of the name was John Dolbeare, who first settled in Boston and was a tinker. He afterwards became a purchaser of a large tract of land in that part of New London County now Montville, where he settled. It is said that he purchased as much land from the Indians as a cow-skin would cover, and that, cutting the skin into one long strip, he "surrounded" a large tract. Rumor aside, however, he was a large land-owner, and from him David is a direct descendant in the fifth generation. He had several children, and died "full of years."

John Dolbeare, grandfather of David, born in Montville, married a Raymond, and had several children. He was quite a man of note in his generation, being called by the people to important trusts, and filling acceptably the responsible position of justice of the peace for years. In religion he was a strict Congregationalist. He died aged sixty-two years. Elisha, his son, was born in Montville, married Mary Fox. He was a very ingenious man, was a farmer and tanner, and could "turn his hand to anything." Six of his children arrived at maturity,—Griswold H. (deceased), Mary Ann (deceased), David R., Martha F., Nancy F. (deceased), Fanny (deceased). He was a good member of society, unostentatious, and a lover of home, and was for years a member of the Congregational Church. He died at the age of sixty-four, and his wife at that of eighty.

Both were highly esteemed in church and social circles.

David was brought up a farmer, received the educational advantages of the common schools, and has never departed from the labor of his youth. He has always been an agriculturist, and a hard-working, economical, and prudent man, and by industry and frugality and a judicious judgment has acquired a competency, although by the dishonesty of others he has suffered losses. His first wife was Elizabeth G. Raymond, who lived but a few years. He married, Sept. 11, 1838, Ellen Fitch, daughter of George Dolbeare and his wife, Mary Bradford. They were residents of Montville, where she was born, June 29, 1813.

Mr. Dolbeare in early life was in accord with the political principles of the Whig party, and from 1856 has been identified with the Republicans. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dolbeare have been for years consistent and valued members of the Congregational Church, and have been supporters of all good works in the church and community. Their children are James S. (deceased); Thomas W.; Henry C.; Horatio B.; twins, Mary Elizabeth (who died June 25, 1880, aged thirty-two) and Sarah Ellen (died at two years); and John. Thomas married Eliza J. Champlin, and has three children,—Minnie, Willie, and Walter. Henry married Alice E. Whaley, and resides with his father. Horatio married Jane Ashcraft, and lives in New London.

## CHAPTER LXXII.

### PRESTON.

Geographical—Topographical—The Indians—Early Grantees—Sketches of the Early Settlers—The War of the Revolution—Civil and Military Incorporation of the Town—Interesting Documents—Ecclesiastical History, etc.

THE town of Preston lies northeast of the centre of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Lisbon and Griswold, on the east by Griswold and North Stonington, on the south by North Stonington and Ledyard, and on the west by Montville and Norwich.

The surface of the town is uneven, consisting of hills and valleys. The soil is a gravelly loam, generally productive, better adapted to grazing than the raising of grain.

**The Indians.**—The lands embodied within the present bounds of Preston were owned by the Mohegans, and a deed of the town was given by Owaneco, March 17, 1687, and comprised a tract five miles in length, from Stonington to Norwich. This deed was from

"Owaneco to Capt. James Fitch, Capt. Josiah Standish, Thomas Parke, Sr., Jonathan Tracy, Thomas Tracy, Joseph Morgan, and all the rest of the inhabitants living in New Preston.

"Signed

The mark



of OANECO.

"Witnesses:

"JOHN MORGAN,

"JOHN STANTON,

"The mark  of JOHN UNCAS."

The following is from the records of the General Court, dated May 10, 1679:

"Whereas, Uncas his son hath damnified Thomas Tracy, Jun., in his swine, and Uncas is willing to make him satisfaction for the same in land, this Court grants him liberty to receive of Uncas to the value of 100 acres of land for the said damage, if he see cause to grant it to him, provided it be not prejudicial to any plantation or former grant made by the Court. Lt. Thomas Tracy and Lt. Thomas Leffingwell are appointed to lay out this grant to the said Thomas Tracy, Jun., according to this grant."

"Thomas Tracy's farm east of the Shetucket was not far from Owaneco's claim, and it is not unlikely that the swine were lawfully slain in defense of his corn-fields. But this was an easy way of settling disputes; the Indians set but little value upon their lands, and the settlers were willing to be slightly 'damnified' for the sake of the indemnity."

Among the earliest grantees in this town were Samuel Andrews, John Reynolds, Josiah Rockwell, and Robert Roath. Although there were a few persons here in 1676, it is not likely that any permanent settlement was made until the close of King Philip's war. Reynolds and Rockwell, the last two of the above grantees, were attacked by Indians in 1676 while working on their land. The Reynolds farm for a long period remained in the possession of the family, and a portion of it was sold to the Water-Power Company in 1826.

Miss Caulkins says, "In all probability Greenfield Larabee was the first settler in this region, and the first actual inhabitant of the town of Preston. Next to him were Thomas Tracy, Jr., Jonathan Tracy, Samuel Fitch, and Nathaniel Leffingwell, who were cultivating farms here in 1680."

**Early Settlers.**—"Hugh Amos probably came from Boston, where a person of his name was living in 1666. He was propounded for freemanship at Norwich in May, 1671, but an earlier notice of him is the following:

"Sept. 26, 1670. A committee of three persons, John Bradford, Hugh Calkins, and Thomas Leffingwell, are to agree with Hugh Amos to keep the ferry over Shetucket River.

"This was after the privilege of keeping the ferry had been granted to Samuel Starr and forfeited by him. 'Hugh Amos and his neighbor Rockwell' are mentioned in 1678 as living near the ferry.

<sup>1</sup> From Miss Caulkins' History of Norwich.

"Amos died in 1707, leaving an estate valued at £410, consisting principally of housing and 570 acres of land. His children then living were John, Mary, wife of Benjamin Howard, Samuel (of Stonington), and Ann.

"Samuel Amos, in 1685, obtained a deed of land lying 'between Shunkhungannuck Hill and Conay-tuck Brook' of the sachem Owaneco. A handsome sheet of water called Lake Amos, in the southeast part of Preston, near the line of North Stonington, probably obtained its name from him.

"John and Joseph Ayer, or Ayers, emigrants probably from Ipswich, Mass., settled at Preston and North Stonington as farmers.

"Joseph Ayer's farm was within the bounds of Norwich East Society, and he was admitted an inhabitant in 1704. His will, dated at Norwich, Sept. 6, 1736, but not proved till 1747, mentions four children: Joseph, Timothy, Sarah Hazen, and Abigail, wife of Dennis Manough.

"Joseph Benjamin settled in about 1690. The inventory of his estate was taken April 27, 1704. He left a widow, Sarah, and children, according to the inventory,—Joseph, aged thirty; John, twenty-two; Abigail, Jemima, Sarah, Mary, and Marcy, all about twenty. The appraisers of his estate were Thomas Stanton, Jonathan Tracy, and Samuel Lennerson, who were doubtless his neighbors.

"John Benjamin died Aug. 2, 1716.

"William Belcher, of Preston, died Feb. 7, 1732. His will, dated Sept. 6, 1731, provides for wife Mehitabel, son William, and brother Elijah, also his mother and sister. His estate was valued at £2298. Among his bequests was a wood-lot to his pastor, Mr. Hezekiah Lord.

"Moses Belcher was also an early settler in this town. He was the ancestor in this country of Hon. Nathan Belcher, of New London. (See biography of Nathan Belcher.)

"William Billings is supposed to have been the oldest son of William Billings, of Stonington, and born in that plantation about 1665. In 1709 he is styled 'Capt. William Billings, of Preston.' He had rights in the volunteer lands, probably derived from his father, who had fought against the Indians in Philip's war. He died in June, 1738.<sup>2</sup> He was the father of Rev. William Billings, who graduated at Yale in 1720, settled in the ministry at Windham, and died May 20, 1733, leaving an only son, William, afterwards known by the same style and title as his grandfather, viz., Capt. William Billings, of Preston. This last-named Capt. William died Nov. 28, 1813, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and was buried at Poquetannock.

"Peter Branch, probably son of John of Scituate,

<sup>2</sup> Joshua Hempstead, of New London, in his private diary says that Capt. Billings, of Preston, and Capt. William Hyde, of Norwich, were buried the same day, June 9, 1738. These were men of note in their respective towns.—Caulkins.

had his cattle-mark registered at Norwich about 1680. He died in 1713, leaving nine children of ages from twenty-eight years down to seven. In settling the estate it was decided that a division could not be made without prejudice to the children, and testimony to that effect was presented to the court signed by the following persons, who were doubtless freeholders in the district at that time: John Ames, Daniel Brewster, Caleb Forbes, John Freeman, Joseph Freeman, James Morgan, Isaac Morgan, Ezekiel Parke, David Roode, Nathaniel Tracy, Thomas Tracy.

"Tristram, adm. June 21, 1716; the birth of Samuel, son of Tristram and Mary, recorded the same year.

"*Trufram* Brown and Abigail Parke were married 28 Aug. 1722. This was probably a second marriage of the above.

"Nicholas Cady owned a mill in Preston, and there died in 1725; supposed to have come from Killingly.

"Isaac Cady died in 1730.

"Joseph Cary had land granted to him in 1687, 'near Capt. Standish's farm.'

"John Clark, carpenter, adm. 1702; died 1709, leaving a wife, Mary, and children,—John, Thomas, Mary, Phebe, Isaac, and James,—all, or most of them, of mature age.

"Isaac, adm. 1714; selectman 1723.

"James Clark, of Norwich, died in 1719.

"Richard Cook. A deed of gift, dated July 21, 1680, is recorded, from Greenfield Larrabee to Richard Cooke, of Stonington, of thirty acres of land 'over Showtuckett, where my now dwelling is, provided he removes and dwells upon it.' Richard Cooke accepted the conditions, was afterwards admitted as an inhabitant, and had other lands granted by the town. He died in 1695. His son Obed, born Feb. 1, 1681, was the father of Capt. James Cook, of Preston, who died June 9, 1778, in the sixty-second year of his age.

"Eliphal, one of the daughters of Capt. Cook, married Oliver Woodworth, and died Jan. 25, 1842, aged ninety-two, making but four generations from the settlement.

"The name of Corning is found early in the East Society. Josiah and Nehemiah Corning were born, the former in 1703, and the latter in 1716. Both are interred in the Long Society burial-ground.

"Thomas Danforth, a land-owner in 1730, perhaps earlier.

"Peter and Thomas Davison were early inhabitants of the East Society, or Preston. They probably came from Stonington. Peter died in 1706, Thomas in 1724, and a second Thomas in 1741.

"Jonathan Dower, adm. 1716.

"Samuel, adm. 1721.

"Andrew, a resident in 1723. Dr. Joshua Dower, of Preston, born Aug. 6, 1735, was a son of Andrew.

"John Downs and Hannah Rockwell were married March 1, 1693-94. They had five children baptized by Mr. Woodward in 1707.

"Joshua Downs, of Norwich, and Mercy Raymond, of New London, were married Feb. 12, 1729-30.

"Mr. Samuel Fitch, son of the Rev. James, was one of the earliest inhabitants east of this town. He died in 1725. His sons were Hezekiah, Jabez, and Benjamin. The following inscription is from one of the oldest gravestones in Long Society: 'Here lies the body of Deacon Benjamin Fitch, died Oct. 19, 1727, in ye 37th year of his age.'

"Caleb Forbes had a land-grant in 1672, and was constable in 1685. His marriage with Sarah, daughter of John Gager, took place June 30, 1681. A deed from Owaneco in his favor of one hundred and ten acres of upland and meadow 'south of Connoughtug brook' bears the date of Dec. 10, 1683.

"Deacon Caleb Forbes, of Preston, died Aug. 25, 1710. His estate was estimated at six hundred and twenty-five pounds. He left a relict, Mary, and five children,—Sarah, Caleb, Mary, John, and Elizabeth.

"David Francis, adm. 1697. He was on the roll of inhabitants in 1702, and again in 1718, with the title of sergeant.

"Joseph Freeman, of Preston, 1698.

"Sert. Joseph Freeman's inventory was presented at the County Court in 1706, and distribution of his estate ordered to his three sons, John, Ebenezer, and James.

"Stephen Gates, an inhabitant in 1720.

"Thomas Gates died Oct. 24, 1726.

"The farm of George Geer was near the dividing line between New London and Norwich, east of the river, and was afterwards included in Groton. He married, in 1659, Sarah, daughter of John Allyn. His sons, Joseph and Jonathan, were reckoned as inhabitants of Preston in 1687.

"Nathaniel Giddings, son of Nathaniel, born 1705; daughter Elizabeth baptized Sept. 19, 1715.

"John Glover, a grantee of 1680, is on the roll of inhabitants in 1702 and 1718. He married May 29, 1682, Hannah ———, the family name not given.

"March, 1684. Granted to Mr. Brewster and John Glover two bits of land near their own land, on the east side of Showtucket River.

"Dyer Haskell, adm. Dec. 1, 1713.

"Roger, adm. 1716; Daniel, 1723.

"Roger and Daniel Haskell were brothers. The former died in 1727. The decease of Daniel and two sisters, Judith and Sarah, took place during the year 1730. Daniel left an estate of eight hundred and fifty pounds. In the last will and testament of Judith several of the bequests are suggestive of the fashions of the day,—'I give to brother Roger's daughter Ziporah my Bible, my silk apron and pinner, and two ribbons. I give to brother Fitch's daughter Abigail my chince frock and stays with green covering,' etc.

"A second Roger Haskell, who died in 1759, aged sixty-seven, and a third of the same name in 1791, have stones to their memory in the Long Society burial-ground.

"John Hewit, member of Norwich Church in 1726, had a son Solomon baptized March 30, 1729.

"Joseph Hillard, 1738.

"Greenfield Larrabee, from Saybrook, son of an original emigrant of the same name, married Alice, daughter of Thomas Parke, in March, 1673, and settled upon a farm east of the river, near his father-in-law. In this new location he prospered, acquired large lands, brought up a family of eight sons and daughters, and lived to be upwards of ninety years of age. He was born April 20, 1648, and died Feb. 3, 1739.

"Zachariah Mainer, 1722.

"Mix, or Meeks. Thomas Meeks, son of Thomas, of New Haven, and there born in 1635, married, June 30, 1677, Hannah, daughter of Rev. James Fitch. He settled upon a farm belonging to Mr. Fitch, east of the Shetucket. A tract of twenty acres, 'where his house stands,' was confirmed to him July 16, 1680, as a free gift from Mr. Fitch to his daughter. They had nine children.

"Mr. Mix died July 30, 1706. His son Daniel was a selectman in 1725 and 1726.

"Joseph Morgan, of Preston, son of James, of New London and Groton, married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Parke, 'some time in April, 1670,' says the record. He died April 5, 1704. He had one son, Joseph, and six daughters who lived to maturity. Estate, five hundred and twenty-two pounds.

"Samuel Parish, adm. 1716; Benjamin, a little later; probably sons of John, of Stonington, who died in 1715.

"Parke, or Parks. The farm of Thomas Parke was so ambiguously situated that it took a course of years to get it settled into an abiding position. In 1681 he was a collector of taxes for New London, and his son, Thomas Parke, Jr., a constable of the same town. In 1686 the latter, without any removal of residence, was chosen constable for Norwich. A year later they were both included in the new town of Preston. Deacon Thomas Parke died July 30, 1709; his son, Thomas, Jr., had previously deceased.

"Robert Parke, second son of Deacon Thomas, married Rachel Leffingwell, Nov. 24, 1681. He also died before his father (1707), leaving a second wife, Mary, and ten children between the ages of nine months and twenty-three years. Robert Parke's homestead farm was within the bounds of Groton; he had also a farm at Pachaug.

"Capt. John Parke, of Preston, another son of Deacon Thomas, and probably the oldest, died in 1716. The widow, Mary, received that part of the farm 'on which old Deacon Thomas dwelt by the Great Pond.' She afterwards married Salmon Treat.

"Nathaniel Parks in 1683 was a neighbor of Josiah Rockwell.

"In 1713, Deacon John Richards, of Preston, asked for a confirmation of his land. William Richards, probably a brother of John, was also an early inhabitant of Preston. No connection between them

and the Richards family of New London has been traced. William died in 1724; John in 1756. Both left descendants.

"Robert Roath married in October, 1668, Sarah Saxton, and in 1672 was living at Norwich, near the Shetucket ferry. In 1680 the road to Poquetannock was laid out, beginning at the house of Robert Roath, and running south through land of Owen Williams. Robert Roath had three sons, John, Daniel, and Peter, who all became heads of families.

"Peter Robinson came from Martha's Vineyard about 1708; adm. 1712; had three children baptized by Mr. Woodward (1711, 1713, 1714), all daughters; removed to Windham, probably about 1720, and was one who assisted in forming the church in Scotland Parish, 1735.

"Israel Robinson was a resident of Norwich in 1720.

"Josiah Rockwell settled at Norwich about 1670, and was slain by the Indians in January, 1676. His farm was on the eastern side of the Shetucket, near the road to Poquetannock.

"The parentage of Josiah Rockwell has not been determined by actual records, but presumptive evidence connects him with the family of William Rockwell, who died at Windsor in 1640. Though only three sons of William are found on record at Windsor, viz., John, Samuel, and Joseph, it is not improbable that Josiah was an older son by a previous marriage. He was at New London in 1658, and remained there ten or twelve years. He then removed to Norwich, where one of William Rockwell's family—Ruth, wife of Christopher Huntington—had settled. Among his children we find the names of the three brothers of Windsor, Joseph, John, and Samuel, perpetuated; and in the family of Samuel, at Windsor, we find a Josiah. These are hints suggestive of a relationship.

"Josiah Rockwell had seven children, the births ranging from 1658 to 1676, inclusive. The oldest died in infancy. His marriage is not recorded, and the name of his wife has not been traced.

"John, son of Thomas and Sarah Rood, of Norwich, had a home-lot granted him in 1679, 'on the other side of Showtucket River, near to his Uncle Leffingwell's.' He died in September, 1706, leaving a wife, Mary, and six children, the oldest, John, aged sixteen, and the second, Zachariah, aged fourteen. The last mentioned was probably the venerable centenarian whose gravestone in the Preston burial-ground has the following interesting record:

"In Memory of  
Mr. Zachariah Rude  
who died Feb. 10th  
1796.  
In the 103d year  
of his age.

"Here in the history of my age,  
Men who review my days,  
May read God's love in every page,  
In every line his praise."

"Thomas Rose was an early settler in the southern part of Preston. His name acquired notoriety from the situation of his dwelling-house. A large oak-tree near the house was a noted boundary-mark between Norwich and New London, standing as a stately warder precisely at the southeast corner of Norwich. It was directly upon the line running east from the head of Poquetannock Cove to the bounds of Stonington, and is referred to in several surveys, acts, and patents.

"Thomas Rose married Hannah, daughter of Robert Allyn. Under the shadow of the great boundary-tree they both lived to a good old age. He died in 1743, leaving an estate valued at £2498. His wife survived him, and he left also a son, Joseph, and six daughters. Another son, Thomas, died before his father, in 1733, leaving a family.

"Jonathan and Mercy Rudd were married Dec. 19, 1678, and probably settled in Norwich about that time. His land east of the Shetucket was held by a deed of purchase from Owaneco, dated Dec. 10, 1683, and consisted of one hundred acres on Connoughtug Brook, and one hundred and eight acres betwixt Shunkhungannock Hill and Norwich bounds. He appears also to have had other lands.

"He died in 1689. In the distribution of his estate his wife received £60; the oldest son, Jonathan, £117; Nathaniel and Abigail, each £58 10s. 'At the desire of the widow, Joseph and Richard Bushnell, Nathaniel Rudd, Thomas Tracy, and Caleb Forbes were appointed overseers of the widow, children, and estate.'

"The first Peter Spicer was of New London in 1666, and died in 1695. The second Peter was of Norwich in 1702 and 1716. Samuel, adm. Dec. 20, 1715.

"Josiah (or Josias) Standish was a son of the renowned Miles Standish, of Duxbury. His first wife, Mary, 'dyed and was buried at Duxborough, July 1, 1665.' His second wife is supposed to have been Sarah, daughter of Samuel Allen, of Braintree. The earliest notice we obtain of him in this neighborhood is from a deed of sale dated Feb. 5, 1686, from 'John Parks, of the new plantation east of Norwich' (Preston), to 'Capt. Josiah Standish, now in Norwich,' of one hundred and fifty acres of land 'over Showtucket River upon the hill between Mr. Fitch's farm and Pocketannuck,'—consideration, £22. Witnesses, Thomas Bradford and Simon Huntington, Jr. The same year he purchased a thousand-acre right in Windham, near where Willimantic now stands.

"Capt. Standish died in 1690. The widow and son Miles were appointed administrators on his estate. We may assume that Samuel Standish, licensed to tan leather in Preston, 1706, Israel Standish, of Preston, 1709, Josiah, who went from Preston, and was one of the first settlers of Stafford, 1719, and Lois, who married Hugh Calkins in 1706, were children of Capt. Josiah.

"Miles Standish, of Preston, died in 1728; left relict Elizabeth; estate appraised at £919 11s. 3d.

"In his inventory are articles that harmonize well with his name, viz.: gun, sword, belt, pouch, and bullets, a Bible and confession of faith.

"John Starkweather was an early inhabitant. He died Aug. 21, 1703, leaving a widow and seven children between the ages of twelve and twenty-six years.

"Hopeskill Tyler, 'an aged man,' died in 1733. He left a wife, Mary, and four children, viz.: Hannah Buswell, Daniel, James, and Hopeskill. Estate, £813. In the inventory of his wardrobe is 'a close bodied coat,' valued at £4 5s., a beaver hat, an orange-colored cloak, and a muff.

"Thomas Wedge. Deborah, relict of Thomas Wedge, died in 1703, leaving seven children, viz.: John, Mary, Joshua, Isaac, Deborah, David, and Deliverance. John Richards and John Tracy witnessed her will.

"Joshua was on the roll of Norwich inhabitants in 1716.

"Paul Wentworth, a son of Elder William Wentworth, of Dover, N. H., obtained from Owaneco, the Indian sachem, a lease of certain lands in Mohegan, to which he removed with his family. He was dismissed, with his wife Katherine, from the church at Rowley, where he had lived, to the church at New London, June 29, 1707. But his name does not appear on the list of church-members at New London. His farm, though within the limits of the ecclesiastical parish, was at least ten miles from the church, and the intervening country was almost a wilderness. He afterwards purchased lands of David Francis in East Society, Norwich; removed thither, and was accepted as an inhabitant of the town Dec. 20, 1715. He had thirteen children, all born before he came to this colony, the dates ranging from 1680 to 1700. He died in 1750.

"Benjamin, his seventh son, married, in 1726, Mehitable Carrier. Jared Wentworth, son of Benjamin and Mehitable, born in 1728, married Abigail Wilson, of Ashford. The residence of this couple was in the western part of Norwich, near Bean Hill. One of their daughters, Zerviah, born April 12, 1767, was united, Nov. 28, 1790, to Ezekiel Huntley. The only child of this union, Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, acquired a literary fame second to that of no female in the country. Her numerous writings, in prose and verse, are all of a pure and elevated tone, calculated to charm, console, and entertain all willing readers, and particularly to mould and invigorate the character of the young.

"Williams. Several of this name settled here at an early date.

"Owen Williams is mentioned in 1669. He obtained a grant of land in 1670, 'near Brewster's in the path that goes from Showtuck to Pocketannuck.' He died in 1680, leaving a family.

"Joseph Williams, adm. 1702, and a vote passed that he be 'entered as a whole share man respecting lands.'



"John Williams, apparently an original emigrant, not connected with others of the name in this neighborhood, appears early in the next century among the inhabitants. According to family traditions, he came from Wales, and was born in 1680. His first wife was Hannah Knowlton. His residence was at Poquetanock village, but within the bounds of Norwich, as is evident from his serving repeatedly as one of the selectmen of the town, in 1721, 1728, and afterwards. He died early in the year 1742, leaving a widow, Mary. His will provides for his only son, Joseph, and sons-in-law, Nathaniel Giddings and James Geer. His estate comprised the homestead farm, a grist-mill, fulling-mill, a wharf, and two warehouses at the Landing. Among his personal effects were five negroes, valued at £600. Total estate, £21,727.

"The following is a contemporary notice of his death, Jan. 12, 1741-42:

"Capt. John Williams died at Pockattonock of plearisy after 7 days' illness. He was a good commonwealth's man, traded much by sea and land with good success for many years, and acquired wholly by his own industry a great estate. He was a very just dealer aged about 60 years."

"Brig.-Gen. Joseph Williams, of Norwich, one of the purchasers of the Connecticut Reserve, was a grandson of Capt. John. He died Oct. 3, 1800, aged forty-seven.

"Ebenezer Witter, of Preston, died Jan. 31, 1711-12. He left a wife, Dorothy, and seven children,—Joseph, Ebenezer, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Dorothy, Hannah. Estate, £729.

"Daniel Woodward, of Preston, died in 1713; left wife, Elizabeth, and twelve children from eleven to thirty-three years of age. Daniel Woodward, Jr., administered on the estate.

"In 1718 the proprietors of Norwich east of the Shetucket were enumerated. The list includes only property-holders who were voters and paid rates to the ministry: Benjamin Brewster, Jonathan Brewster, John Clark, Obed Cook, John Downs, Mr. Samuel Fitch, David Francis, John Glover, Matthew Huntington, Andrew Huntington, Greenfield Larrabee, Nathaniel Larrabee, John Larrabee, Daniel Leffingwell, Nathaniel Leffingwell, Daniel Mix, James Mix, Daniel Roath, John Rockwell, Joseph Rockwell, Josiah Rockwell, Samuel Rockwell, John Williams, Joseph Williams.

"To these were added Mr. Worthington, if he settle there; Isaac Huntington, in right of Matthew Coy; and three half-share men,—Hezekiah, Benjamin, and Jabez Fitch."

**War of the Revolution.**—The records of Preston show that its inhabitants were early and determined in opposing the measures of the British government which led to the Revolution. As far back as 1770 they voted in town-meeting to use no goods imported from Great Britain, and prohibited the sale of such in town, and at the same time appointed a committee to enforce the observance of their vote. In July, 1774, they passed resolutions of sympathy with Boston,

and protested against the acts of Parliament passed in hostility to that town and to the colony of Massachusetts. Later in the same year they appointed a Committee of Observation and Correspondence, whose duty was to see that the inhabitants of Preston and all persons within the limits of the same complied strictly with the several acts of the Provincial Congress. They were also to communicate with the towns of this and the neighboring colonies on matters of public interest and safety.

The Massachusetts Historical Collections, fourth series, volume four, contain a letter from this committee, dated Aug. 20, 1774, addressed to the Committee of Correspondence for the town of Boston, in which, after referring to the condition of public affairs, they say,—

"Capt. Belcher, who is one of our committee, and a zealous friend to the liberties of this country, waits on you with this, and will acquaint you with the spirit of our people, and give you a copy of the doings of our town on the 11th of July last. He will also bring you a small sum of money towards the relief of your poor. For these our subscriptions are still out, and we expect to make up in all about fifty pounds lawful money.

[Signed] "SAMUEL MOTT, per order of Committee."

To this communication a reply was made Aug. 24, 1774, saying,—

"We have received by Capt. Belcher your letter of the 20th, and the sum of money you were kind enough to send for the support of our poor, and it gives us pleasure amidst our sufferings to find our brethren determined to aid and support us while we are struggling for American freedom.

[Signed] "JOSEPH WARREN, per order of Committee."

From the military rolls in the Connecticut State Library it appears that in April, 1775, on hearing of the skirmishers at Concord and Lexington, three companies of militia were enrolled in Preston, commanded respectively by Capt. Ebenezer Witter, William Belcher, and Roger Billings, and held in readiness to march for the relief of Boston should their services there be found necessary. But it appearing by the intelligence next received that no further hostilities were occurring, they were after a few days' waiting dismissed. Immediately after the battle of Bunker Hill, however, in June of the succeeding year, two of the companies at least, those of Capt. Witter and Belcher, and probably also that of Capt. Billings, were again enrolled and at once placed in active service, and from thence forward until the close of the war the town of Preston continued to furnish its full proportion of men for the field, and to provide for them when necessary during their term of service. In 1781 a committee was appointed by the town to enlist from it fifteen soldiers for three years' service, being authorized to offer them £6 bounty in silver, or such other articles as they might be willing to receive as an equivalent for it, together with forty shillings per month wages, made equal to them in Indian corn at three shillings per bushel, and good pork at three pence per pound, they to receive in addition all bounties, clothing, and refreshments given by the State or Continental authorities. Later in the year a further

committee was appointed to divide the town into twenty classes, each class to furnish one soldier, and thus fill up the town's quota in the Continental army.

The Connecticut State records show by quartermasters' receipts there on file that in 1777 the selectmen of Preston sent to that part of the army stationed on the Hudson River four bales of clothing for the use of the soldiers from that town, and again the same year, and for the like purpose, arms, blankets, and accoutrements of the value of £67 1s. 6d. At the commencement of the war, however, with their incomplete organization and restricted means, it was not always practicable for either the town or State to promptly meet all the necessities of their condition, and instances are not wanting where the requisite provision was made by individual sacrifice. One such deserves to be commemorated. At the session of the General Assembly, May, 1777, Ebenezer Witter, of Preston (as appears by the legislative record), presented a memorial, stating that on the 20th of June, 1776, he had been by the General Assembly appointed a captain in Col. Selden's regiment, to serve to Dec. 25, 1776, that he did serve and until the regiment was discharged, but that no means had been furnished him with which to pay his company, and that, fearing lest the failure of payment might be a detriment to the service, he had hired four hundred pounds lawful money, and with the same had paid off all his soldiers to save the credit of the State, and for the sum so expended he asked to be reimbursed.

**Civil and Military.**—The petition of the inhabitants of the town for incorporation was presented to the Legislature in 1686, and signed by the following persons: Thomas Parke, Sr., Thomas Parke, Jr., Thomas and Jonathan Tracy, Hugh Amos, Jonathan Rudd, Caleb Forbes, John Amos, John Rude, Peter Branch, Joseph Morgan, Thomas Rose, Daniel Brewster, Nathaniel and John Parke, Charles Williams, Jonathan Geer, Edward Litell, and James Smith. The petition was granted in January, 1687.

The plantation act is dated Jan. 15, 1686, in which fifteen persons are named, viz.: Hugh Amos, John Avery, Thomas Avery, Benjamin Brewster, Caleb Forbes, Capt. Samuel Mason, Ephraim Miner, John Parke, Thomas Parke, John Plumbe, Thomas Rose, Jonathan Rudd, John Stanton, Jonathan Tracy, and Thomas Tracy.

#### INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

"To Samuel A. Colt, Esq., of Preston, in New London County, one of his majesties Justices of Peace for said county, comes Joshua Downer, of said Preston, and complains and prosecutes in behalf of our sovereign Lord and King against Consider Tiffany, of said Preston, and says that the said Tiffany with sundry other persons who were good and faithful subjects of our Lord and King, being at the dwelling house of the Rev. Mr. Asher Rosier, of said Preston, sometime in the month of March last past, the said Tiffany, not having the fear of God before his eyes, and being moved and instigated by the Devil to move and stir up strife, envy and discord among neighbors, and to give the said Mr. Rosier and others an ill opinion of said complainant and to lessen his, the said complainant's character, he, the said Tiffany, did wittingly, willingly and

wickedly contrive, make and publish the following false sentences and reports (viz.) Dr. Downer, meaning complainant, says that Mr. Rosier cannot pray and is a man of no religion and that Paul Parks was not such a fellow as Mr. Rosier was to go to the tavern a Sabbath day night and buy tickets, which false reports spoken as aforesaid has a direct and natural tendency to disturb, disquiet and destroy the peace, order, friendship and unanimity among neighbors and is against the peace of our sovereign Lord and King, his crown and dignity, and contrary to the laws of this colony in the colony law book, page 143, entitled an act for the punishment of lying, and page 186, entitled an act against breaking the peace, the complainant having given bond for prosecution as the said law directs and prays for process against said Tiffany that he may be had on examination on the premises and dealt with as the law directs. Dated at Preston the 22d day of April, A.D. 1780.

"JOSHUA DOWNER."

**Long Society.**—"This ecclesiastical society comprised a long and comparatively narrow strip, lying east of the rivers Shetucket and Thames. Well might it be called *Long*,<sup>1</sup> for it originally extended over the whole eastern border of the Nine-miles-square, from Plainfield to Poquetannock, and this line of the original purchase, in its liberal measurement, was probably ten or twelve miles.

"The farmers on this side of the rivers petitioned the town as early as 1699 to be released from paying ecclesiastical rates in Norwich, on account of the great inconvenience they found in attending divine worship, by reason of the ferry and their distance from the town plot. After crossing the river at the old fording-place it was necessary to traverse a tedious winding path around the Chelsea hills to get into the town street and pass on to the meeting-house. The desired permission was not then granted, but twenty-one years later they were freely allowed to become a distinct parish, and sixty acres of land set apart for their first minister.

"The church was constituted in 1726, under the Rev. Jabez Wight, the first and only pastor ever settled among them. Mr. Wight was a native of Dedham, Mass., and a graduate of Harvard College. His wife was Ruth Swan; they had four sons, who became worthy members of society. He died in 1782, and the church seems to have died with him. No regular public worship was held, and the meeting-house was allowed to decay and fall to pieces.

"In 1786, Long Society was annexed to Preston, and instead of the designation of '5th of Norwich,' took that of '2d of Preston.'

"In the year 1817 a fresh attempt was made to establish a worshiping assembly in this old society. A new meeting-house was built upon the ancient site, which was open to all denominations of Christians. The services were kept up for a time on the system of voluntary contributions, but could not be permanently maintained, and soon ceased altogether.

"In August, 1837, still another effort was made, and at this time a small Congregational Church was gathered with the assistance of Rev. Anson Gleason, who had been officiating as a missionary at Mohegan. The communion-plate belonging to the old church of

<sup>1</sup> Sometimes called "Fifth Society," and also "East Norwich."

Mr. Wight, which had not been used for forty years, was brought out on this occasion. The attempt to resuscitate the church, however, was not successful. The members soon disbanded, and in 1857 the edifice was sold to the town of Preston for municipal use.

"The ancient burial-ground of Long Society lies around this building. Here we find the names of many of the early inhabitants,—Corning, Fitch, Giddings, Haskell, Harvey, Hilliard, Pride, Roath, Truman, Wight, Williams, etc.

"One of the oldest inscribed stones perpetuates the memory of the first deacon of Mr. Wight's church :

"Here lies the body of DEACON BENJAMIN FITCH, died Octr 19, 1727, in y<sup>e</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> year of his age."

"Inscription on the Gravestone of Rev. Mr. Wight.

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. Jabes Wight, late Pastor of the Church of Christ in the d Society in Preston, who in the 56<sup>th</sup> year of his ministry and 82<sup>d</sup>. of his age, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1782, Entered into the joy of his Lord.

"Zion may in his fall bemoan,  
A Beauty and a pillar gone."

"An obituary notice of Mr. Wight says of him,—

"Fond of retirement from the bustling world, he was apparently never so happy as when travelling the road of an unnoticed humility."

Mr. Wight was succeeded by Roswell Whitmore and Jacob Allen. Dr. Benjamin Lord, of Norwich Town, preached Mr. Wight's ordination sermon in 1726, which was published. The records speak in 1758 of a meeting-house and a minister then settled in the "East Society of Norwich." None has been settled since his death. After that the meeting-house was opened to all denominations who chose to occupy it. The second house was built in 1817, and subsequently sold to the town for a town-house. At one time it was voted that any one in the society might invite a minister of any denomination to preach, and a collection would be taken up to pay him. The records often speak of unsuccessful efforts to raise money to support preaching for six months at a time. An attempt was made to resuscitate this waning church in October, 1837, but paucity of members and inefficiency finally prevailed, and it was disbanded in 1857.

**Congregational Church in Preston.**—This church was organized Nov. 16, 1698, and Rev. Salmon Treat was the first pastor. His successors have been as follows: Asher Rosseter, Jonathan Fuller, Lemuel Tyler, John Hyde, Augustus B. Collins, Nathan S. Hunt, Elijah W. Tucker.

The church was very small for forty or fifty years, having become reduced during the ministry of Mr. Rosseter to seventeen, and numbering only twenty-eight at the death of Mr. Tyler. In the next fifty years it increased to more than one hundred, being nearly as large as at any time in its history. A large fund renders the support of the gospel very easy. The house of worship was repaired and remodeled in 1849.

**Hall's Mills**, situated at Hallville, in the town of Preston, are owned by Joseph, Benjamin, and George

Hall; constituting the firm of Hall Brothers. These mills came into their possession in 1862. Previous to this it was known as the Old Kimball Factory, where custom and roll-carding was done for many years. In 1866 its building and water-power was enlarged to a three-set mill, which was run in the manufacturing of woolen yarn until June 3, 1873, at which time it was burned, and rebuilt as a wool-scouring mill. Started in 1874 cleaning and scouring California wool. During the past year (1880) they have added a new five-set woolen-mill, which is now running in the manufacture of colored flannels.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1693 TO 1881.

- 1693.—Capt. Benj. Brewster, Lieut. John Morgan, Ensign John Parke.  
1694.—Tho. Tracey, Lieut. John Morgan, John Parke.  
1695.—Lieut. John Tracey, Jos. Freeman, Tho. Rose.  
1696.—Tho. Tracey.  
1697.—Ensign John Parke, Joseph Freeman.  
1698.—Caleb Fobes.  
1699.—Lieut. Jonathan Tracie, Ensign John Park, John Parker.  
1700.—Jonathan Tracie, Thomas Tracie.  
1701.—John Parke, Thomas Tracie.  
1702.—Ensign John Parke, John Starkweather, John Richards.  
1703.—Caleb Fobes, William Billings, John Richards.  
1704.—Capt. John Parke, Caleb Fobes, Daniel Brewster.  
1705.—Thomas Tracy, Caleb Fobes, Daniel Brewster.  
1706.—Capt. John Park, Lieut. Daniel Brewster.<sup>1</sup>  
1707.—Capt. John Parke, Ensign Wm. Billings, Lieut. Daniel Brewster.  
1708.—Lieut. Daniel Brewster, Caleb Fobes, Daniel Brewster.  
1709.—Capt. John Parke, Thomas Tracy, Daniel Brewster.  
1710.—Daniel Brewster, Thomas Tracy, Capt. John Park, Jonathan Tracey.  
1711.—Capt. John Parke, Daniel Woodward.  
1712.—Capt. John Park, Lieut. Daniel Brewster.  
1713.—Capt. John Parke, Lieut. Daniel Brewster, John Richards, Ensign Wm. Billings.  
1714.—Capt. John Park, Lieut. Daniel Brewster, Ensign Wm. Billings.  
1715.—Capt. John Park, Lieut. Daniel Brewster.  
1716.—John Park, John Brown, Capt. Daniel Brewster.  
1717.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, Wm. Billings, John Freeman, John Brown.  
1718.—John Freeman, John Amos, Capt. Daniel Brewster, Joseph Kenny.  
1719.—John Brown, John Freeman, Capt. Daniel Brewster.  
1720.—Caleb Fobes, Thomas Rose.  
1721.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, Moses Belcher, John Brown.  
1722.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, Thomas Rose, Caleb Fobes, John Keeny.  
1723.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, Thomas Rose, Joseph Gates, John Cook.  
1724.—Joseph Gates, Thomas Rose.  
1725.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, John Brown.  
1726.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, John Brown, John Ames, Caleb Fobes.  
1727-28.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, John Brown.  
1729.—Joseph Winter, Thomas Rose, Joseph Billings.  
1730.—Joseph Witter, Joseph Billings, John Cook.  
1731.—Capt. Daniel Brewster, John Cook, Joseph Witter.  
1732.—Hezekiah Packer, John Cook, Joseph Witter.  
1733.—John Brown, Hezekiah Packer, Jedediah Tracey, Mark Williams.  
1734.—John Brown, Hezekiah Packer, Jedediah Tracey.  
1735.—Jedediah Tracey, John Cook, Joseph Gates, John Brown.  
1736.—Hezekiah Park, John Cook, Mark Williams.  
1737.—Jedediah Tracey, John Cook, Hezekiah Park.  
1738.—Jedediah Tracey, John Cook.  
1739.—Jedediah Tracey, Nathaniel Brown, Hezekiah Park.  
1740.—Wm. Witter, Joseph Billings.  
1741.—Hezekiah Parkes, Joseph Billings, Nathaniel Brown, Samuel Morgan.  
1742.—Hezekiah Parkes, Joseph Billings, Capt. John Avery, Capt. Samuel Coit.  
1743.—Samuel Morgan, Capt. Samuel Coit, Capt. John Avery, Nathaniel Brown.

<sup>1</sup> The names of deputies without towns appear in the record for 1706.

- 1744.—Samuel Morgan, Capt. Ebenezer Leonard, Wm. Wittar, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1745.—Wm. Wittar, Capt. Ebenezer Leonard, Samuel Morgan, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1746.—Wm. Wittar, Capt. Samuel Coit.  
 1747.—Humphrey Avery, Roger Billings, Samuel Morgan, Capt. Ebenezer Leonard.  
 1748.—Joseph Wittar, Nathaniel Brown, Sam'l Morgan, Elijah Belcher.  
 1749.—Wm. Wittar, Maj. Samuel Coit, Samuel Morgan, Roger Billings.  
 1750.—Samuel Morgan, Samuel Coit, Capt. Wm. Wittar, Capt. Ebenezer Leonard.  
 1751.—Cyprian Strong, Maj. Samuel Coit, Samuel Morgan, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1752.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, Capt. Roger Billings, Capt. Samuel Morgan.  
 1753.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, Maj. Samuel Coit, Capt. Samuel Morgan, Capt. Nathaniel Brown.  
 1754.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, Maj. Samuel Coit, Capt. Samuel Morgan, Capt. Daniel Gates.  
 1755.—Wm. Wittar, Samuel Brown, Capt. Samuel Morgan, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1756.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, John Tyler, Capt. Samuel Morgan, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1757.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, Nathaniel Brown, Capt. Samuel Morgan, Maj. Samuel Coit.  
 1758.—Capt. Wm. Wittar, Nathaniel Brown, John Tyler.  
 1759.—Samuel Morgan, Capt. Nathaniel Leonard, Capt. Wm. Wittar, Nathaniel Brown.  
 1760.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, William Blodget, Capt. Moses Tyler.  
 1761.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Capt. Joseph Tyler.  
 1762.—Col. Samuel Coit, Capt. William Wittar, Capt. Samuel Morgan.  
 1763.—Joseph Kinnee, John Tyler, Simon Brewster, Timothy Lester.  
 1764.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Robert Creary.  
 1765.—Capt. William Winter. Names of deputies not recorded.  
 1766.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Simon Brewster, John Tyler.  
 1767.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Robert Creary.  
 1768.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Simon Brewster, Capt. Joseph Tyler.  
 1769.—Capt. Samuel Morgan, Col. Samuel Coit, Capt. Roger Sterry, Capt. Moses Tyler.  
 1770.—Robert Creary, Capt. John Tyler, Capt. Roger Sterry.  
 1771.—Capt. William Wittar, Col. Samuel Coit, John Avery, Timothy Lester.  
 1772.—Samuel Mott, Col. Samuel Coit, Jonathan Brewster, Benjamin Coit.  
 1773.—Samuel Mott, Col. Samuel Coit, Capt. Roger Sterry, Capt. John Tyler.  
 1774.—Edward Mott, Capt. John Tyler, Robert Crary, Capt. James Morgan.  
 1775.—Capt. Roger Sterry, Col. John Tyler, Capt. Roger Sterry.  
 1776.—J. Halsey, S. Tyler, William Wittar, Asa Kinne.  
 1777.—J. Halsey, S. Tyler, D. Adams, S. Mott.  
 1778.—J. Halsey, Benj. Coit, James Morgan.  
 1779.—J. Halsey, Asa Kinne.  
 1780.—J. Avery, A. Huntington, J. Downer, N. Lord.  
 1781.—S. Mott, E. Tucker, E. Brown.  
 1782.—J. Halsey, Samuel Mott, E. Brown, Benj. Coit.  
 1783.—N. Peters, Robert Cray, E. Brown, John Tyler.  
 1784.—Samuel Mott, Alex. Stewart, John Avery, Benj. Coit.  
 1785.—Samuel Mott, Nathan Peters, Nathaniel Lord, Benj. Coit.  
 1786.—Jeremiah Halsey, Samuel Mott, Benj. Coit.  
 1787.—Amos Avery, Oliver Crary, John Tyler, Benj. Coit.  
 1788.—Simon Brewster, Nathaniel Lord, Jeremiah Halsey.  
 1789.—Isaac Avery, Alex. Stewart, Samuel Mott, Wm. Belcher.  
 1790.—Samuel Mott, Daniel Morgan, Isaac Avery, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1791.—Samuel Mott, James Morgan, Jonathan Brewster, Alex. Stewart.  
 1792.—Jeremiah Halsey, Charles Fanning, John Crary, Moses Lester.  
 1793.—Samuel Mott, Nathaniel Lord, Isaac Avery, Wheeler Coit.  
 1794.—John Crary, Charles Fanning, Jonathan Brewster, John Wilson.  
 1795.—Isaac Avery, Elisha Brown, Samuel Mott, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1796.—Jeremiah Halsey, Charles Fanning, Samuel Mott, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1797.—Isaac Avery, Daniel Morgan, Jr., Amos Avery, Moses Tyler.  
 1798.—Isaac Avery, Alex. Stewart, Elias Brown, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1799.—Elias Brown, Alex. Stewart, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1800.—Elias Brown, Alex. Stewart, Amos Avery, Nathaniel Lord.  
 1801.—Elias Brown, Alex. Stewart, Amos Avery.  
 1802.—John Crary, Alex. Stewart, John Wittar, John Wilson.  
 1803.—Amos Avery, Alex. Stewart, Elias Brown, Charles Fanning.  
 1804.—Alex. Stewart, Elias Brown, Charles Fanning.  
 1805.—Avery Downer, Alex. Stewart, Joshua Downer, Fred. Fanning.  
 1806.—Avery Downer, Alex. Stewart, Isaac Avery, Charles Fanning.  
 1807.—John Wilson, Dennison Palmer, Isaac Avery, Charles Fanning.  
 1808.—James Treat, Benj. Coit, Isaac Avery, Elijah Lester.  
 1809.—Alex. Stewart, Isaac Hewitt, Isaac Avery, Hezekiah Boardman.  
 1810.—James Cook, Jedediah Barstow, Stephen Meech, Wm. Cogswell.  
 1811.—Nathaniel Kimball, Alex. Stewart, Avery Downer, Charles Fanning.  
 1812.—Robert S. Avery, Alex. Stewart, Jr., John Morgan, Jr.  
 1813.—John Morgan, Jr., Charles Fanning, Stephen Meech, Nathan Geer.  
 1814.—Isaac Avery, Charles Fanning, Joseph W. Brewster, Samuel Leonard.  
 1815.—Elisha Crary, Alex. Stewart, Jr., Alex. Stewart, Erastus T. Smith.  
 1816.—Avery Downer, Nathaniel Kimball, Ebenezer Avery, Henry F. Lamb.  
 1817.—John T. Mott, John Brewster, Ebenezer Avery, Henry F. Lamb.  
 1818.—John T. Mott, John Brewster, James Cook, Jonathan Brewster.  
 1819.—James Cook, Jonathan Brewster.  
 1820.—Henry Palmer, Elisha Brewster.  
 1821.—Henry Brown, Joseph Brewster.  
 1822.—Amos Avery (2), Jonathan Brewster.  
 1823.—Stephen Meech, William Kimball.  
 1824.—Dennison Palmer, William Kimball.  
 1825.—James Cook, Allyn Chapman.  
 1826.—Elisha Crary, Billings Brown.  
 1827.—Amos Avery, Jonathan Brewster.  
 1828.—Asa A. Gore, Charles Hewitt.  
 1829.—Amos Avery, Jonathan Brewster.  
 1830.—Avery Downer, Joseph Harvey.  
 1831.—Jonas Ayer, Walter Palmer.  
 1832.—Jonas Ayer.  
 1833.—Asher P. Brown, William Kimball, Jr.  
 1834.—David Baldwin, Tracy Gates.  
 1835.—Isaac Avery, Joseph Harvey.  
 1836.—John T. Mott, Erastus O'Brien.  
 1837.—David Baldwin, Frank Kimball.  
 1838.—Elisha Crary, J. S. Halsey.  
 1839.—Asher P. Brown, Isaac Williams (2).  
 1840.—Tracy Gates, Erastus Morgan, Jr.  
 1841.—George Loving, Asa L. Latham.  
 1842.—Joseph Harvey, Charles Hewitt, Jr.  
 1843.—Oliver Hewitt.  
 1844.—John P. Gates, Albert G. Ayers.  
 1845.—Avery Browning, Stanton Hewitt.  
 1846.—Erastus O'Brien, Asa A. Gore.  
 1847.—Edwin Palmer, Charles Hewitt.  
 1848.—Elijah B. Dewey, Nathan Rude.  
 1849.—William Pendleton, Amos A. Gore.  
 1850.—Asa L. Latham, E. B. Downing.  
 1851.—John W. Gallup, E. F. Hewitt.  
 1852.—Nathan Stanton, Charles B. Ayer.  
 1853.—William P. Wittar, Warren Andrews.  
 1854.—Henry P. Marton, Stanton Hewitt.  
 1855.—Oliver P. Avery, J. W. Gallup.  
 1856.—Alba Rude, George G. Benjamin.  
 1857.—Dixon S. Hall, John S. Lester.  
 1858.—Henry Harvey, E. F. Hewitt.  
 1859.—Sol. S. Pendleton, Luth. F. Carter.  
 1860.—Nich. B. Bates, A. B. Latham.  
 1861.—Oliver Hewitt, William Briggs.  
 1862.—Amos Tanner, Joseph T. Button.  
 1863.—Sol. Lucas, Charles Hewitt.  
 1864.—Alexander Yerrington, Charles D. Hedge.  
 1865.—Amos Stanton, E. O'Brien.  
 1866.—W. D. Hoxie, William Routh.  
 1867.—Charles Hewitt, E. B. Dewey.  
 1868.—Horace A. Fitch, William P. Wittar, Jr.  
 1869.—Daniel S. Guile, Prentice Avery.  
 1870.—Henry J. Gallup, N. D. Bates.  
 1871.—Seth Maine, Charles W. Carter.  
 1872.—Harvey D. Corning, Alfred C. Guile.  
 1873.—Nich. B. Bates, H. H. Routh.  
 1874.—Austin A. Chapman, George Ayer.

1875.—E. F. Hewitt, Ed. Benjamin.

1876.—James F. Forsyth, Alfred C. Guile.

1877.—Charles Hewitt, W. K. Chapman.

1878.—George A. Sydleman, Jr., James H. Fitch.

1879.—Edwin Benjamin, Benjamin Lucas.

1880.—Charles A. Burdick, William Burton.

1881.—James R. Peckham, W. H. Bennett.

## CHAPTER LXXIII.

PRESTON—(Continued).

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Capt. George G. Benjamin**, eldest child of Capt. Ephraim Benjamin, was born in Preston, Conn., Feb. 11, 1814. His grandfather was Maj. Asa Benjamin, a native of Connecticut. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and a harness-maker and saddler by trade. He left one son, Ephraim, who married Sarah Green, daughter of Peter and Sarah Green, of East Greenwich, R. I., and had eight children, viz.: George G., Harriet, Charles (deceased), William (deceased), Sarah, Asa (deceased), Mary, and Edwin, all born in Preston, Conn., and all the sons engaged in the whaling business.

Capt. Ephraim Benjamin was a captain of the State militia, and politically was a Democrat. He held the various offices of his town, and was a man much respected. He was a farmer by occupation. He died about 1859 or '60, aged seventy-three years, and his wife died in 1876, aged eighty-two years, and both were buried in the cemetery at Long Society.

Capt. George G. Benjamin, the immediate subject of this sketch, remained at home on his father's farm till he was seventeen years of age, when, being desirous of going to sea, he presented himself to Maj. Thomas W. Williams, of New London, who immediately employed him, and sent him out as a common sailor before the mast in his ship "Connecticut," Capt. Robert Tate in command. They went on a whaling voyage to the South Seas, and were gone ten months.

He made six different voyages to the South Seas and elsewhere before he was made captain of a vessel named "Clematis," owned by Williams & Barnes, in which he made two voyages, both of which were successful, but the first voyage merits a special mention.

The single voyage that perhaps before any other merits special notice is that of the "Clematis" (Capt. Benjamin), fitted out by Williams & Barnes, and arriving July 4, 1841. She was out ten months and twenty-nine days, went round the world, and brought home two thousand five hundred and forty-eight barrels of oil. This voyage, when the time, the distance sailed, and the quantity of oil brought home are considered in connection, merits to be ranked among remarkable achievements.

There is no associated line of business in which the profits are more equitably divided among those en-

gaged in it than in the whale-fishery. The owners, agents, officers, and crew are all partners in the voyage, and each has his proportionate share of the results. Its operation, therefore, is to enlarge the means and multiply the comforts of the many, as well as to add to the wealth of the wealthy. The old West India trade, which preceded it, was destructive in a remarkable degree to human life and health, and engendered habits of dissipation, turbulence, and reckless extravagance. The whaling business is a great advance upon this, not only as it regards life, but also in its relation to order, happiness, and morality. The mass of the people, the *public*, have gained by the exchange. The improvements in the aspect of the city of New London, Conn., during the last twenty years may be traced to the successful prosecution of the whale-fishery.

He made two voyages in the ship "Lowell" as captain, owned by Messrs. Williams & Barnes. His third vessel was the "Montezuma." Besides visiting the South Seas many, many times, he has circumnavigated the globe seven times, and visited nearly all the important islands of the seas.

He was a captain sixteen years, till 1854, working more than twenty-three years as a whaler. In 1854 he settled in Preston, in that part of the town known as Poquetannock, on a farm of some one hundred and sixty acres.

March 29, 1843, he married Elizabeth M., daughter of Henry C. and Sarah (Chatman) Avery. Mrs. Benjamin was born June 22, 1817. Their children are Henrietta A. (died in 1864, aged fifteen years) and Amanda W. (born June 28, 1855).

Capt. Benjamin is a Democrat, as all his fathers were. About 1855 he was elected to the Legislature by both parties, only one vote being cast against him. He has also held the other principal offices of his town. Mrs. Benjamin is a member of the Baptist Church, and the captain is a liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church, of which his daughter is a member.

## CHAPTER LXXIV.

### SALEM.<sup>1</sup>

THE precise time of the first settlement made within the present limits of Salem remains in doubt, but from what we have been able to gather from the first histories of the colonies we think it can be safely asserted that the first settlements were made in the southern portion thereof, near the last residence of Deacon Josiah Raymond, as we will subsequently show. On the 24th day of May, 1685, the General Court granted to Lyme a tract lying north of that township, nine miles in length by two in breadth.

<sup>1</sup> By Hon. A. O. Gallup.



*George & Benjamin*

This had hitherto been claimed by the Mohegans, and long afterwards they asserted, in their petitions to the crown, that for this large tract they had never received any remuneration whatever.

In 1699, Colchester was bought by one Nathaniel Foote, who acted as agent in behalf of a company of purchasers. If we may believe the subsequent petitions of the Mohegans, this purchase was effected in a manner by no means honest, Owaneco being under the influence of liquor at the time, and the only consideration given by the said Foote being some five or six shillings. The settlers, however, may have acted on the ground that the Mohegan country was already justly the property of the colony. This purchase took in nearly all of what were called the "Mohegan Hunting-Grounds," and the town grant was enlarged soon after, so as to comprehend them entirely; but this last act, it is probable, was not intended to extinguish the Indian right.

A quarrel arose, doubtless on account of these transactions, between the Mohegans and the settlers of Colchester, and each inflicted petty insults and injuries upon the other. Daniel Mason took the part of the Indians, and so excited the wrath of the townsmen that as he was riding through Colchester one day some of them threatened to shoot his horse under him.

But the dissatisfaction of the Mohegans still continued respecting the territory which they had lost in Colchester. They acknowledged, indeed, that this land had been purchased, but they asserted that the manner of the purchase was illegal and its terms unfair,—illegal, because made without the consent of Mason, their overseer; unfair, because Owaneco was intoxicated at the time, and because the price bore no proportion to the value of the property. History informs us that Nicholas Hallam, a strong friend of the Mohegans, drew up a petition enumerating all their wrongs and presented it to Queen Anne. A commission was issued July 29, 1704, for the trial of the case, and twelve commissioners were appointed, at the head of whom was Joseph Dudley, Governor of Massachusetts. Dudley was in private life an estimable man, a lawyer, a scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian. He was, however, stigmatized as the tool of Sir Edmund Andros, and was long regarded as the bitter enemy of the colony of Connecticut.

The commissioners were empowered to restore the Mohegans their lands if it appeared they had been unjustly taken away; yet their decision was not irrevocable, an appeal might be had to the crown.

The court was appointed at Stonington. The commissioners met, and the Governor and company of Connecticut, with all persons holding lands claimed by the Mohegans, were summoned to appear.

In reply the government of the colony appointed a committee with the following instructions: If the court was simply to act as a court of inquiry, they were to defend the cause of the colony, and show the unreasonableness of the Mohegan claims; if the de-

sign of the court appeared to be to decide definitely upon the case, they were to enter a protest and withdraw. They, of course, protested, and their protest was founded on the assertion that the crown had no right to issue such a commission, it being contrary to a statute of Charles I. and to the charter of Connecticut.

All subjects of the colony were likewise forbidden to present themselves before the court, or in any other manner to acknowledge its authority.

Thus no defendants appeared to support their case. It was not claimed, however, that the Mohegans ought to possess all this territory, but only that portion which they had remaining to them when the last treaty was made in 1680 between Uncas and the colony. The commissioners went over the circumstances by which, in a space of twenty-two years, the Mohegans had been deprived of land measuring, as they said, more than forty square miles, almost without receiving any compensation at all. This land referred to covers the whole of Colchester, a portion of Salem, Lyme, and Montville.

They referred also to an enactment of the colony by which Daniel Mason was acknowledged as trustee of the Indian lands, and pointed out the number of grants which had been made of those lands, some by Owaneco, some by the colony, without the concurrence of Mason.

The decision was then pronounced that the Governor and company of Connecticut should replace the Mohegans in possession of all the lands which they held at the death of Uncas.

These consisted of three tracts, two of which embraced nearly all of the town of Salem, one of them eighteen square on the northern bounds of Lyme, since incorporated a portion thereof of this town, and the other comprising the whole township of Colchester. A bill of costs was filed against the colony of £573 12s. 8d. Owaneco and Ben Uncas thanked the commissioners for their decision, expressed their complete satisfaction with it, and begged that their acknowledgments might be sent to the queen for her kind care of the Mohegans.

Owaneco next requested that, as Samuel Mason, who had acted as their guardian, was lately deceased, his nephew, John Mason, of Stonington, might be appointed in his place. John Mason was accordingly appointed guardian to Owaneco and his people, with authority to manage all their affairs.

Connecticut appealed against the decision, and on the 15th day of February, 1706, the queen granted a commission of review. John Mason, now the guardian of the Mohegans, fell in a low state of health so as for several years to be confined to his house. The government of Connecticut had little interest in prosecuting the affairs, and thus the commission was never used.

Up to this period in the history of the country the sound of the woodman's axe was not heard, and the



wild animals of the forest roamed undisturbed by the white man. The feathered flocks filled the air, and the aquatic bird swam on the bosom of her many lakes in undisturbed quietude; but gradually her hills and her valleys were occupied by the hardy pioneer from the Old World, where they one and all could enjoy the freedom of religious liberty, and be the humble possessors in fee simple of an heritage not immediately under the mandate of kings and potentates, but breathe the air of liberty and freedom, and feel that they were lords of their own manors. Society began to shape itself by the stern reason of necessity. Laws were enacted and scrupulously kept, both religious and secular, and the preacher was regarded as a man of such superior mind and intelligence that his word was regarded as the highest authority. The presumption is strong in support of the theory that there were few or no settlers in this town prior to the year 1700, yet tradition says there was in that portion of Lyme now Salem, originally embraced on the two-mile-wide section formerly known as the Lyme Indian hunting-ground.

Among the early settlers, James Harris, son of James Harris, came to this town from Massapeag, near Uncasville, in 1718, and erected his rude dwelling near where Gilbert Murray now resides, and continued his residence there until 1738, when he removed farther north on his extensive tract, and erected a house only a few rods east of the old Harris homestead.

James Harris had two sons, Jonathan and Lebbeus. Jonathan built the old family bee-hive in about the year 1740, and it is now owned by Justin Harris, a lineal descendant of James.

Lebbeus moved to the farm now owned by Alvah Morgan, known to this day as the old Sterling place.

The said James Harris was admitted an inhabitant of Colchester by vote in town-meeting, Dec. 22, 1718. In 1720-21-22, and perhaps later, he was licensed by the General Court at Hartford as "taverner," and probably kept the first "hotel" within the present limits of Salem, on the ground where Gilbert Murray now owns and resides. In October, 1725, he and his son James and sixteen others petitioned the General Court for a new military company in the parish of New Salem, and presented a roll of sixty-four men ready to enlist. Of this number he was chosen and commissioned captain.

The parish of New Salem was constituted from the south part of Colchester, the north part of Lyme, and a part of Montville by the General Court, April 27, 1725, on the petition of Lieut. James Harris and others, with power to settle and support a minister; and in 1819 the same territory was constituted the present town of Salem, the old boundary line between Colchester and Lyme being what was called the Old Lyme road, or more generally "the Governor's road," leading from Salem Centre, near Music Vale Seminary, eastward towards Montville and Norwich.

Nov. 10, 1726, he gave a deed for the benefit of the new parish of a meeting-house lot, burying-ground, and training-field, and upon this lot was erected the first meeting-house and school-house. The original lot embraced two acres. By a recent act of the General Assembly liberty was granted to dispose of one-half of said lot, and Nathan Minard was empowered to make the conveyance, and Gilbert Murray was the purchaser.

The original trustees were John Holmes, Thomas Jones, and Peletiah Bliss.

The next church edifice was erected in the north part of the parish, in front of the residence of Henry Smith, two churches in succession occupying this site, and in 1838 the present church edifice was erected, and in the year 1875 underwent thorough repairs at a cost of over one thousand dollars, which presents as fine an interior as any country church in the county. The church membership numbers ninety-seven, under the pastorate of Rev. Jairus Ordway, who was settled in 1874.

Tradition says that one "Lord Gardner" opened the first land-office in Salem for a Boston and Salem Company which was located where Alvah Morgan now resides. This company owned large tracts of land, and the purchasers, many of them paying one dollar per acre in wheat, which had to be conveyed by team to Boston, over one hundred miles. The following names appear on the old records as early settlers, viz.: Harris, Daniels, Treadway, Rathbone, Gates, Dodge, Bliss, Jones, Morgan, Rogers, Carr, Wells, Watrous, Ransom, Mumford, Miller, Otis, Perkins, Woodbridge, Killburn, Gustin, Prince, and Dolbeare.

During the war between England and France, in 1758 to 1760, a number of families emigrated to Horton, Kings Co., Nova Scotia, on the Bay of Fundy, known as the land of neutral French, from whom have sprung numerous families of wealth and influence, occupying prominent positions in the councils of the Dominion.

During the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812 Salem furnished a large quota of soldiers for the defense of the Union.

Tradition says that "Cuckold Hill" furnished for the Revolutionary war fourteen soldiers, where now only one solitary family resides. In the late war of the Rebellion thirty-two men were credited to her quota, several of whom surrendered their life in defense of the Union, of whom particular mention should be made of Lieut. John T. Maginnis, of the Eighteenth Regiment; John Niles, John O. Chapel, and Albert Smith, of the Twenty-sixth Regiment.

Salem is situated on the western border of New London County, the larger portion properly lying in the Connecticut Valley. Its waters, however, are drained into the Thames on the east, and the Niantic on the south, and the Connecticut River on the west, the culminating point being on Gates Hill, near the residence of B. F. Chapman, from which

point, looking eastward, can be discovered the blue distant hills of Rhode Island, and on the north are distinctly visible the high points of Massachusetts; thence, looking southward, Long Island Sound is seen stretching along the southern horizon until lost in the hazy mist so peculiar to distant views.

Music Vale Seminary was founded by the late Hon. Orramel Whittlesey in the year 1835, and the first public examination in the year 1840, being the oldest school of the kind in the country. Many hundred young ladies have been educated in music there.

The original Normal Academy of Music was destroyed by fire on the 22d of January, 1868, and a new and commodious seminary erected the same year at a cost of \$25,000.

The proprietor, Hon. O. Whittlesey, died Sept. 9, 1876, at the advanced age of seventy-five years, having been prominent in public life, representing the town in the House of Representatives, and senator of the old Ninth Senatorial District, and often held other and important offices at the hands of the people. His remains are deposited in his family cemetery, beside his wife and other members of the family, on a beautiful spot of ground at the western portion of his former possessions, and a splendid granite monument marks his last resting-place. Only one member of the family, Mrs. Eliza T. Maginnis, still remains in Salem, and occupies the old Hannah Miller cottage, only a few rods north of the seminary.

During the year 1814 the first parsonage was built by the New Salem Ecclesiastical Society and occupied by the Rev. Amasa Loomis, Jr., now owned and occupied by the Hon. A. O. Gallup.

Since 1813 the following-named clergymen have had the pastoral charge over the society: Rev. Amasa Loomis, Jr., Rev. Royal Tyler, Rev. Eli Hyde, Rev. Charles Thompson, Rev. B. B. Hopkinson, Rev. Nathaniel Miner, Rev. Warren Jones, Rev. John Elderkin, and the Rev. Jairus Ordway, the present settled pastor.

The first post-office established in 1816, in the store now owned and occupied by Thomas Strickland. The first postmaster was Sherburn Williams, while the present incumbent is N. N. Williams, son of the late Hon. Henry Williams.

Episcopal church organized in 1829, and church edifice sold for a town-house in about 1848.

First church organized, called Christ's Church, in 1719. Edifice erected in 1726, in the old cemetery near Gilbert Murray's.

Second and third church edifices erected on the grounds of the cemetery, under the control of the New Salem Ecclesiastical Society.

Fourth, erected in 1838, near the centre of the village. The old Methodist church which formerly stood near Music Vale Seminary was demolished in 1878.

Second Methodist organization in Capt. David H. Seaman's chapel, July 17, 1881, with ten members, under the charge of the Rev. Henry N. Brown.

The organization of the Baptist society on Gale's Hill is lost, the old building having been demolished many years since, and a new house of worship built one-third of a mile to the southward on the old New London and Colchester road.

The church has recently bought the Firman place for a parsonage, and intends putting it into repair for the use of a minister.

Salem was organized into a probate district by the name of the district of Salem by an act of the General Assembly in the year 1841, and the following have been judges of the district in the order of their several elections: First, Nathan Minard; second, John C. Daniels; third, Nathan Minard; fourth, Orramel Whittlesey; fifth, John C. Daniels; sixth, Orramel Whittlesey; seventh, Austin O. Gallup; eighth, Hill Rising; ninth, Austin O. Gallup; tenth, Robert A. Williams; eleventh, Austin O. Gallup; twelfth, Frederick E. Chadwick; thirteenth, A. O. Gallup.

Many of the sons and daughters of Salem have emigrated to various sections of the country who were renowned in Christian virtues and political distinction, some settling in New Hampshire, others in Vermont and New York, and, in fact, peopling nearly every Northern State in the Union.

We copy from the "Harris Genealogy" the following incident: Bertha Harris, daughter of Jonathan Harris, born in Salem, Sept. 14, 1752, married Col. John Jenkins, of Wyoming, Pa. They were married in Jenkins' Fort, Wyoming, by Rev. James Benedict, ten days before the memorable Indian massacre at Wyoming, and twenty days after Col. Jenkins, in the colonial service of the Revolutionary war, had returned from a long, bitter, and perilous captivity of six months among the Indians, from whom he had effected his escape.

His father came to Colchester, Conn., in 1750, and married Lydia, daughter of Stephen Gardner, a hotel-keeper on the east side of Gardner's Lake.

Among the many sad stories of the trials and perils of the pioneer settlers of our American colonies, the story of the early settlement of this lovely valley of Wyoming is the most mournful and memorable of all, and has a peculiar interest to the Harris family, as well as others who emigrated there. In the events and perils John Jenkins, Sr., was the recognized champion and head, the founder, leader, and defender of the settlement. He was appointed by Connecticut its first general agent for the settlement of Wyoming. He was a surveyor, drafted most or all of its first public documents; was first magistrate and justice of the peace, and its first presiding or chief judge of court; was five times sent as its representative to the Colonial Assembly of Connecticut from Wyoming, then called Westmoreland, and made part of Litchfield County, Conn., a circumstance which may seem a little strange to this generation.

John Jenkins, Jr., served as lieutenant in the army of the Revolution until the close of the war, and was

afterwards a major and colonel of militia, sheriff of Luzerne County, county commissioner, member of Assembly, held many local offices for many years, town clerk, supervisor, etc., was surveyor-general of the Connecticut Susquehanna Company, and for some time the general agent. He settled in Exeter township, on the site of the battle-ground where stood old Wintermoot fort, where he died March 19, 1827, aged seventy-five. His widow Berthia, a woman of rare mental and moral worth, endowments, and culture, who had shared conspicuously in all the perils and hardships of the valley, and whose sufferings amid those wild scenes of blood and carnage were the nursery tales in years gone by in the old hive of the Harris family in New London County, she died Aug. 12, 1842, aged ninety years.

Others left their homes and went to the celebrated Wyoming Valley, where their numerous descendants yet remain, and the records of Pennsylvania show that good old New England blood courses in the veins of many of her prominent citizens, and that this was a good country to form the habits of a life of future usefulness to emigrate from. Among the many who have distinguished themselves we notice Donald G. Mitchell, who for a long time resided in Salem, on the farm now owned and occupied by Charles Henry Bailey. Here he wrote his celebrated novel, "The Reveries of a Bachelor," under the *nom de plume* of "Ik Marvel." He has since gained a world-wide reputation as an author, and now resides at his country residence near New Haven, Conn.

If space would permit in this volume, we could give many more striking illustrations of the adventurous men and women who have gone forth to settle and populate other lands, whose high standard of moral worth and Christian virtues gives an exalted, high-toned sentiment which yet lives in their numerous descendants.

**Incorporation of Salem.**—At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, A.D. 1819,—

"Upon the petition of Joseph Morgan and others, inhabitants of the Towns of Colchester, Lyme, and Montville, in the county of New London, lying within the limits hereinafter mentioned, stating the population, extent, situation, and amount of Lists included in said limits, and praying, for reasons set forth at large in said petition, to be incorporated into a distinct Town, as per petition on file, dated April 22, 1819.

"Said petition having been duly served upon said towns of Colchester, Lyme, and Montville, the parties appeared and were fully heard upon the merits of said petition; the facts therein alleged were found to be true, and the prayer thereof granted.

"Resolved by this assembly, that all those parts of the towns of Colchester, Lyme, and Montville lying within the following limits, viz.: Beginning at the southeast corner of East Haddam, thence running easterly by the southerly line of the late forfeited lands of William Brown to the line that formerly divided the towns of New London and Lyme; thence northerly by said line and the former east line of Colchester to Gardner's Lake, and still northerly through said lake to the west line of the town of Bozrah; thence still northerly by the west line of Bozrah to Lebanon corner; thence westerly by the south line of the First Society of Colchester to the East line of East Haddam; thence southerly by said East Haddam line to the place of beginning, with all the inhabitants residing in said limits, be and the same are hereby in-

corporated into a distinct town by the name of Salem, and the inhabitants aforesaid and their successors forever residing within said limits shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, and immunities which are enjoyed by other towns within this State, with the right of sending one Representative to the General Assembly of the State, and said town of Salem shall pay its proportion of all debts, charges, expenses, suits, petitions, and claims already due and accrued, commenced and existing against said towns of Colchester, Lyme, and Montville respectively, or for which the said towns may respectively be made liable hereafter, by force of any claims now existing, and the poor now supported by said respective towns, who belong to such parts of said towns respectively as is hereby incorporated into the town of Salem, shall be deemed inhabitants of said town of Salem, and be maintained accordingly, and said town of Salem shall take of the poor persons now maintained by the said towns of Colchester, Lyme, and Montville respectively such proportion as, counting in the Grand List of the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the list of such part of said respective towns hereby embraced in the town of Salem shall bear to the whole List of said towns respectively and no more, except as provided in case of absentees; and the selectmen of the respective towns, with the selectmen of Salem, associating with them Sylvester Gilbert, Esq., in case of disagreement of the town of Hebron, are hereby empowered to apportion the poor according to the rule aforesaid, and the said town of Salem shall be liable to maintain all such poor of said respective towns as are or may be absent therefrom, provided such poor person or persons at the time of departure belonged in such part of said respective Towns as is by this resolve hereby incorporated into the town of Salem. The collectors of the State taxes for the year 1819, already appointed in said respective towns, are hereby authorized and empowered to collect of the inhabitants of said town of Salem their proportion of said tax according to the lists on which the same was laid, in the same manner as though this resolve had not passed.

"The first town-meeting in said town of Salem shall be holden at the Presbyterian Meeting-House of New Salem Society on the third Tuesday of June next. Mumford Dolbeare, Esq., shall be the moderator of said meeting, and shall call said meeting by setting up a notification thereof on the public sign-post in said New Salem Society at least eight days before said first meeting, and in case of the death, incapacity, or absence of said Dolbeare, the duties assigned to him shall be performed by Joseph Morgan, Esq., aforesaid, and said town of Salem at said first meeting, and at all other successive meetings, shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities incident to other towns in Connecticut. The officers elected at said first meeting shall hold their offices respectively until the next meeting of said town provided by law for the choice of its annual officers, and the town-meeting and the meeting of the electors shall be holden at the meeting-house in the said society of New Salem.

"A true copy of Record examined by

"THOMAS DAY, Secretary.

"Received for record Dec. 3, 1819. Recorded by

"ELIJAH TREADWAY, Register."

At a town-meeting held at the Presbyterian meeting-house in Salem on the 15th day of June, 1819, Mumford Dolbeare, Esq., moderator, appointed by the General Assembly: at said meeting Elijah Treadway was chosen clerk; Henry Perkins, Esq., Joseph Morgan, Esq., George Minard, Seth Lathrop, Esq., and Daniel Jones, selectmen.

*Voted*, John Billings be treasurer; Mark Dodge be head constable; Amasa Rathbun, Charles Tiffany, and Avery Morgan, constables.

Oct. 2, 1819. George Minard, David Patten, Asa Randall, assessors.

Oct. 2, 1819. Henry Perkins, Mumford Dolbeare, and Seth Lathrop, Esq., board of relief.

The above names comprise the first town officers of Salem, as appears of record.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1819-82.

1820, Henry Perkins; 1821, M. Dolbeare; 1822, Jos. Morgan; 1823, E. Treadway; 1824-34, E. A. Packer; 1825, John Billings; 1826, David Patten; 1827, J. S. Ransom; 1828, Nathan Minard; 1829, Asa Wil-



*Henry Williams*



*Rowell Morgan*

cox; 1830, John Whittlesey; 1831, Jos. Morgan; 1832, Chas. Hewitt; 1833, John Whittlesey; 1835-39, Richard Tiffany; 1836, no record; 1837-54, Sidney Morgan; 1838, Warren Williams; 1839-52, Richard Tiffany; 1840, Josiah Raymond; 1841, Oramel Whittlesey; 1841-50, Abel Rathbone; 1843, M. W. Baker; 1844, no choice; 1845-52, D. G. Patten; 1846-65, J. C. Daniels; 1847, Mark Dodge; 1848, Sidney Morgan; 1849, Alfred Gallup; 1851, Wm. Tew; 1853, M. W. Newton; 1855-56-63, J. M. Fitch; 1857, H. P. Whittlesey; 1858-61, D. A. Patten; 1859, D. P. Otis; 1860, Geo. Pratt; 1864-68-70, J. C. Maynard; 1866, C. W. Scott; 1867, Frank Burdick; 1869-79, G. F. Allen; 1871-73, Gilbert Murray; 1872, C. B. Harvey; 1874, J. C. Bushnell; 1875, W. S. Gott; 1876, F. E. Chadwick; 1877, Austin O. Gallup; 1878, Samuel N. Morgan; 1880, F. N. Harris; 1881, Charles T. Williams.

## CHAPTER LXXV.

SALEM—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Henry Williams.**—The subject of this sketch is a lineal descendant of the first Williams, who came from Wales and settled in Stonington, Conn., at an early day. For a complete history of the ancestry of Henry Williams, see "History of the Williams Family in Stonington, New London Co., Conn."

Henry Williams was born in the town of Stonington, Conn., Oct. 13, 1796, and died at his residence in Salem, New London Co., Conn., Aug. 16, 1871. His father, Joshua Williams, was born in Stonington, Conn. He was three times married. By his first wife he had two sons, Joshua and Nathan; by his second wife he had one son, Jabez; and by his third wife, Hannah Hurlburt, he had two sons and four daughters, viz.: (1) Avery, who lost his life by drowning; (2) Henry, the immediate subject of this sketch; (3) Hannah, married Robert Fellows, of Stonington, Conn.; (4) Sally, married Elisha Daboll, of Groton; (5) Harriet, married Henry Finch; (6) Freelove H., married William H. Starr, of Groton.

Mr. Williams was a mechanic and ship-builder by trade. He died at the age of eighty years. Henry Williams received a common-school education, and at an early age began as an apprentice to learn to manufacture woolen goods, which he followed for many years. After he had become sufficiently versed in the manufacturing business he commenced in Groton manufacturing for himself, in company with one Gilbert Williams as a partner. After a few years they dissolved partnership, and Henry Williams continued in the business till about 1832 or 1833, when he settled in the present town of Salem, about one-half mile from where his family now reside, on a farm known as Theophilus Morgan farm.

In 1839 he settled on the farm, where he continued to reside till his death. His farm, of some three hundred acres, was in a good state of cultivation, and was purchased of Deacon Warren Williams. Mr. Williams was considered one of the best farmers in town. In all his business relations he was successful, and he carried into his public life the same tact and energy

that he displayed in his private affairs. He was twice married,—first to Patty A., daughter of Amos A. Niles and Anna Allyn, Dec. 26, 1824. She was born in Groton, Nov. 2, 1800. Their children were (1) Henry E.; (2) Patty A., deceased, wife of James Allyn, of Montville; (3) Nelson N.; (4) Julia, widow of Colby Morgan. Mrs. Williams died Jan. 9, 1831. Nov. 26, 1835, he married Julia A. Niles, sister of his first wife. She was born Sept. 9, 1810, in Groton. Their children are Hannah H., Eleanor C., William F., Daniel W., Leonora, died at sixteen, and Charles T., all born in Salem, Conn.

Mr. Williams was a Republican in politics, and as such was one of the leading men of the town. He held various town offices, and was elected to the State Senate, where he was made chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations. He was a man of great force of character; tender-hearted, a good husband and father, and his domestic relations were very pleasant. He was a strong temperance man. He was universally respected, and was an upright, honest citizen.

**Roswell Morgan**, a son of Samuel Morgan, was born in Salem, Sept. 22, 1797. His grandfather, Timothy Morgan, was a native of Groton, Conn.<sup>1</sup> Timothy had eleven children, one of whom was Samuel, born May 12, 1763, in Groton. Timothy was a farmer. He died Oct. 13, 1795.

Samuel Morgan was a farmer by occupation; married Mary Holmes, Oct. 14, 1786, and had nine children, viz.: Mary, Samuel, Zerbiah, Aaron, Hannah, Mary (2), Roswell, Timothy, and Elmira L. Samuel Morgan settled in Salem as early as 1793 or 1794, where he died Dec. 5, 1819. His wife died Aug. 10, 1841.

Roswell Morgan received a common-school education, and taught school several terms in Pennsylvania. He succeeded his father on the home-farm in Salem, where he lived all his life, except a few years spent on a farm in another part of the same town. His farm of two hundred and seventy acres was always in a good state of cultivation, and he was justly considered one of the best farmers in town. On the 28th of February, 1830, he married Abby, daughter of Capt. Thomas Barber and Mary Palmer, daughter of David Palmer, who was killed at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781. Mrs. Roswell Morgan was born in Groton, Sept. 8, 1804.

Their children are Elizabeth, Emeline (Mrs. Simeon A. Chatman, of Groton), Jane, Samuel N., and Albert, all born in Salem.

In politics Mr. Morgan was a Democrat till the Republican party was organized, when he joined it. He held some of the town offices, but as a rule preferred the quiet of domestic life to official positions. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Colchester, Conn., and was known for his charity towards all hu-

<sup>1</sup> See history of the family in Groton.

mane interests. He was a bright Mason. He died Oct. 6, 1865, and was buried at Salem, the last honors being paid him by his brother Masons.

SAMUEL NOYES MORGAN was born in Salem, Sept. 22, 1842, and after going through the common school completed his studies at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. He has held many offices of trust in his native town. He was sent to the Legislature for the first time in 1878. He has followed successfully the business of a farmer, and is a Republican.

He married Louisa S. Davis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1879.

## CHAPTER LXXVI.

### SPRAGUE.

Geographical—Topographical—Manufactures—Organization of Town—First Town-Meeting—Ecclesiastical History—Congregational Church, Hanover—Representatives from 1861 to 1882.

THIS town lies on the north border of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Windham County, on the east by Lisbon, on the south by Norwich, and on the west by Franklin. Sprague is principally a manufacturing town, although there are many excellent farms within its borders.

This town in the rapidity of its growth resembles the changes that often take place in Western clearings. Lord's bridge, where the Shetucket was spanned to unite Lisbon and Franklin, and near which the Lord family had dwelt in quiet agricultural pursuits for more than a century,—father, son, and grandson living and dying on the spot,—was a secluded nook, without any foreshadowing of progress or visible germ of enterprise. A grist-mill, a saw-mill, coevals of the first planters, a respectable farm-house, with its sign-post promising entertainment, and two or three smaller tenements constituted the hamlet. Only the casual floods and the romantic wildness of the river-banks interfered with the changeless repose of the scene.

Suddenly the blasting of rocks and the roar of machinery commenced; hills were upset, channels were dug, the river tortured out of its willfulness, and amid mountainous heaps of cotton-bags the rural scene disappeared, and Baltic village leaped into existence. In the course of five years more than a hundred buildings, comprising neat and comfortable houses, several shops, a church, and a school-house, grouped around the largest mill on the Western Continent, had taken possession of the scene, the whole spreading like wings each side of the river, and linking together two distinct towns.

These changes commenced in July, 1856, when the elder Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, purchased three hundred acres of land on the Shetucket and laid the foundation of the great cotton-mill. In October of that year the projector and proprietor of this

grand enterprise was removed from his work by sudden death, and it was feared that his magnificent schemes would never be realized. But his son and nephews continued the work without intermission, filling out his plans, and even enlarging the sphere of operation, till Lord's bridge became the site of a mammoth factory and the centre of a new town.

The great mill is nine hundred and fifty-four feet long, sixty-eight feet wide, and five stories high. The motive-power is furnished by six water-wheels, each over thirty feet in diameter. In 1864 more than eighteen hundred looms had been put in operation, and fourteen hundred persons were employed by the company.

In 1861 the new town was incorporated by the name of Sprague. It comprises about twelve square miles of territory, taken from Lisbon and Franklin, the Shetucket running through it from north to south. It is intersected also by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad, which gives it the advantage of direct and easy transportation. Within its bounds, besides the villages built up by the Spragues, it includes the greater part of Hanover Society and the Eagleville manufacturing village on the east side of Lovett's bridge. Sprague is pre-eminently a collection of mill villages.

The first town-meeting in Sprague was held June 10, 1861, and this was celebrated as the birthday of the town. Col. Ethan Allen, of Hanover, moderator of the meeting, was chosen the first selectman. The mileage, as fixed by the Legislature, is sixty-two miles to New Haven, and thirty-eight to Hartford.

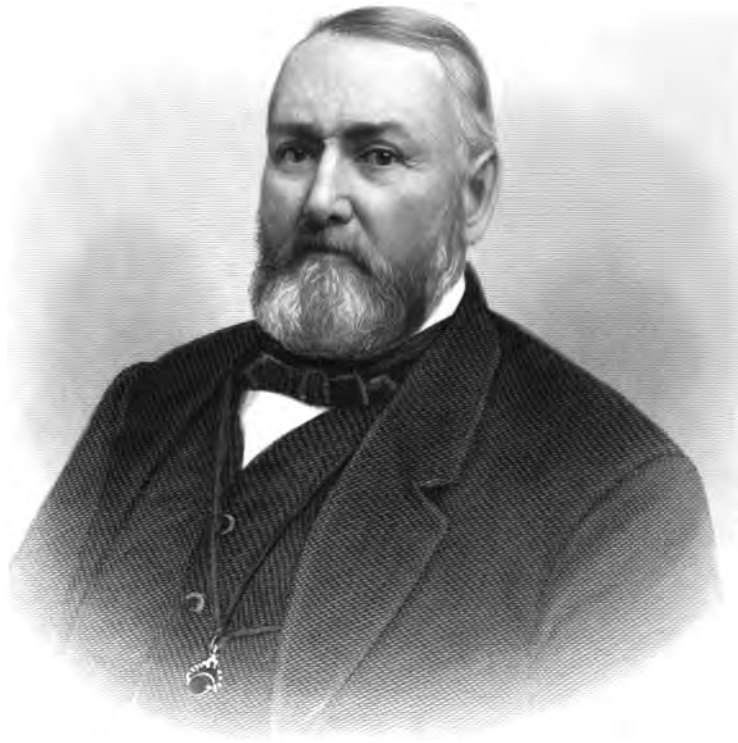
Lovett's bridge and Lovett's grist-mills are old familiar names originally belonging to Norwich. After the name of Lovett passed away, the fine mill situation in this neighborhood became the seat of the Tarbox cotton-factory. In 1852 the place was purchased by Mr. John Batchelder and his associates, and the old mill being soon afterwards destroyed by fire, a large brick building was erected on the site and devoted to the manufacture of seamless cotton bagging. Before the war this mill gave employment to seventy or eighty persons, men, women, and children. It has since been enlarged and transformed into a woolen-mill.

This place is now within the limits of Sprague, and is the seat of the Lisbon post-office, but is currently known as Eagleville.<sup>1</sup> The Providence division of the New York and New England Railroad extends through the town, with a station at Baltic.

**Congregational Church, Hanover.**—Hanover Ecclesiastical Society was incorporated in 1761, and included a small portion of Canterbury and Windham. A fund of £1400 was raised by subscription for the support of the ministry, and a church of fourteen

<sup>1</sup> This name is said to have been suggested by the lighting of an eagle upon the cupola or summit of the belfry just before the mill was completed, which the workmen hailed as a favorable omen, and named the place in honor of the royal bird.





*Ethan Allen*

members gathered May 13, 1766, under the temporary ministry of Rev. Timothy Stone. A house for worship was erected about the same time. Rev. Andrew Lee, the first pastor, was ordained Oct. 26, 1768, and continued in office, fulfilling its duties without special assistance, for sixty-two years. In 1830 the Rev. Barnabas Phinney became his colleague. Dr. Lee died Aug. 25, 1832, aged eighty-seven. Mr. Phinney was dismissed the November following.

Dr. Lee was a man of generous impulses, candid and liberal in sentiment. He was a son of John Lee, of Lyme, and born in 1745. His mother was Abigail Tully. Though a graduate of Yale College, he received the degree of S.T.D. from Harvard.

Since the dismissal of Mr. Phinney the church has had the following pastors: Rev. Philo Judson, installed June 6, 1833, dismissed in December, 1834; Daniel Waldo, Edward Cleaveland, Joseph Ayer, Ebenezer W. Robinson, James A. Hazen.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1862 TO 1881.

1862, H. T. Potter; 1863, J. B. Bachelder; 1864-66, C. W. Scott; 1867-68, Frank Bendick; 1869, G. D. Loveland; 1870, John Nolan; 1871, N. Smith; 1872-73, C. W. Scott; 1874, E. R. Rowell; 1875, G. W. Loveland; 1876, P. Burns; 1877, L. Brewster; 1878, C. H. Ladd; 1879, C. Falvey; 1880, C. D. Weaver; 1881, P. S. Cote.

## CHAPTER LXXVII.

### SPRAGUE—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Ethan Allen**, of Sprague, Conn., is a lineal descendant of one Samuel Allen, who settled at an early day at Hanover, Conn., where he built a saw-mill and made other improvements, then removed to Windham County, Conn., and was there engaged in farming. Samuel Allen died in Windham County. One of his descendants was Asa Allen, who had several children, one of whom was Pratt Allen, born in Scotland, Conn., married Rhoda Witter and had fourteen children, of whom Ebenezer was one. Pratt Allen was a farmer in Canterbury, Conn., and a manufacturer of woolen goods at Hanover, Conn., with his son Ebenezer. He was a Revolutionary soldier a short time during the years 1780-81, being only about sixteen years of age. He died about 1851, aged eighty-six years. His son Ebenezer was born at Canterbury, Conn., Nov. 28, 1792. He worked on the farm and taught school till he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1813, he settled at Hanover, in the town of Sprague, Conn., and commenced the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods with his father. The original woolen-mill was built by his father, Pratt Allen. It was destroyed by fire in 1834, and was rebuilt by him (Ebenezer). This mill was destroyed by fire in 1862, and rebuilt by his son,

Ethan Allen. Ebenezer Allen was three times married,—first to Eliza Bingham, and had one son, Ebenezer B. He became a physician, married, and had two children.

Mr. Allen's second wife was Elizabeth Bass. To them were born two children, one of whom was Elizabeth, who married for her second husband Myron Downs, of Chicago, and has nine children, all living in Chicago.

His third wife was Harriet Morgan, daughter of Elisha Morgan and Olive Coit, by whom he had six children, viz.: Ethan, Elisha M., Samuel C. M., died at forty-nine years, leaving five children; Lucretia M., married, first, Eugene Hyde (deceased), of Norwich, and has two sons; second, to Dr. Elisha Morgan, of Wisconsin; Barnabas Huntington, and Harriet M., who married Giles B. Williams, of Passaic, N. J.

He was a Whig and Republican in politics, and as such held the various town offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were members of the Congregational Church, and he was a deacon of the same from 1817 until his death, Oct. 14, 1844. Mrs. Allen died March 16, 1880, aged eighty-three years, and at the same place and day Mrs. Hubbard Adams (mother of Mrs. Ethan Allen) died, aged eighty-one years.

Ethan Allen, son of Ebenezer, was born in Lisbon (now Sprague), Conn., Sept. 9, 1822. He received a common-school and academic education, and at seventeen began teaching, and taught four terms. Ever since he was eight years of age he has been engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, first with his father till his death in 1844, then till 1860 with his brother, Elisha M., under the firm-name of E. & E. M. Allen, then till 1877 with his brother, Samuel C. M., firm-name being Allen & Bro. Upon the death of Samuel C. M., in 1877, Mr. Allen took in his original partner and brother, Elisha M., under the same firm-name, Allen & Bro. He is also interested in the manufacturing business at Pittsfield, Mass., with his brother. While the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods is his principal business, yet he has dealt more or less extensively in wool.

He is a Republican in politics. He has been first selectman two years, and in 1857 was a member of the State Senate, serving as chairman of the Military Committee.

In his early life he took a deep interest in military affairs, and gradually rose from sergeant of a company to that of colonel of the Third Connecticut National Guards.

Dec. 9, 1855, he married Mary E., daughter of Hubbard and Sabrina Adams, and to them have been born (1) Ebenezer, a graduate of Highland Military Academy, Worcester, Mass., and now in business with his father; (2) Mary M.; (3) Sarah A., died at fourteen; (4) Thomas H., a graduate of Highland Military Academy at Worcester, Mass.; (5) Morgan, died at four years; (6) Harriet B.; (7) Olive C.; and (8) Maud E.

**Charles T. Hazen**, son of Simeon Hazen and Temperance Sabin, was born in the town of Franklin (now Sprague), July 13, 1818. His great-grandfather was Thomas Hazen, a native of England, and settled in the town of Franklin at an early day. He was accompanied by one or two brothers, who settled in other parts of New England. Thomas was a farmer. He had several children, one of whom was Moses, born in Franklin, and always remained there, in that portion which comprises the western part of Sprague. His children were Andrew, Levi, William, Simeon, and Sarah. He died at eighty-four years of age, on the farm now owned by his grandson, Charles T. Simeon Hazen was twice married,—first to a Miss Sampson, and had five children, viz.: John, Polly (Mrs. Darius Armstrong), Lara (Mrs. Jeremiah K. Dow), Prosper, and Lois (Mrs. Calvin Ladd).

Mr. Hazen married for his second wife Temperance Sabin, and had five children,—Caroline, married William H. Hazen; William, Eli H., Charles T., and Abby E.

Simeon Hazen held the various town offices; was a man esteemed for his many noble qualities. He died at the advanced age of ninety-five years, in July, 1864.

Charles Thomas Hazen received his education at the common schools. Mr. Hazen taught school some six terms during the winters, working on the farm summers. He has always been a farmer on the "Old Hazen" homestead in Sprague, except some seven years (from 1842 to 1849), when he lived on the Old Hartshorn place, near the centre of the town of Franklin. He married Mary, daughter of Ambrose and Elizabeth Armstrong, and granddaughter of Amos and Mary (Tinney) Armstrong, Jan. 9, 1842, and to them have been born Mary E. (Mrs. Daniel F. Tucker, of Columbia County); (2) Phebe E., married Adelbert R. Young, and have one daughter, Mabel Adell; and (3) James H., married Emma Jane Barlow, and have two children, viz.: Mary W. and Florence E.

In politics Mr. Hazen has always been a Democrat, as his fathers had been for generations before. He has held all the more important town offices for many years, not only in Sprague but in Franklin, such as assessor, first selectman, justice of the peace for more than twenty years, which he still retains, member of the board of relief, and member of the Legislature in 1860, serving on the Committee of Agriculture.

Mr. Hazen is an attendant and supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltic. He is generous towards all public enterprises.

His father-in-law, Ambrose Armstrong, was a farmer and cabinet-maker, a Democrat in politics; held the various town offices; died June, 1863, aged eighty-two; wife died the same month, aged seventy-seven years. They left eight out of eleven children who grew to maturity, of which Mary, wife of Charles T. Hazen, was the fifth.

## CHAPTER LXXVIII.

### STONINGTON.<sup>1</sup>

#### PIONEER AND INDIAN HISTORY.

THE claim of the Anglo race to the territory now embraced in Connecticut originated in the discoveries of Sebastian Cabot in 1497, while he was in the employment of King Henry VII. of England.

No apparent effort was made on the part of that government to profit by Cabot's discoveries for more than a century, nor until 1606, when King James I. granted a charter to Thomas Hanham and others, which included our State in the boundaries.

But no permanent settlement took place under that charter in Connecticut. Soon after the Pilgrims left England for America, and before their arrival at Plymouth, to wit: on the 3d day of November, 1620, King James I. by letters patent under the Great Seal of England, incorporated forty noblemen, knights, and gentlemen, by the name of the Council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, and governing New England in America.

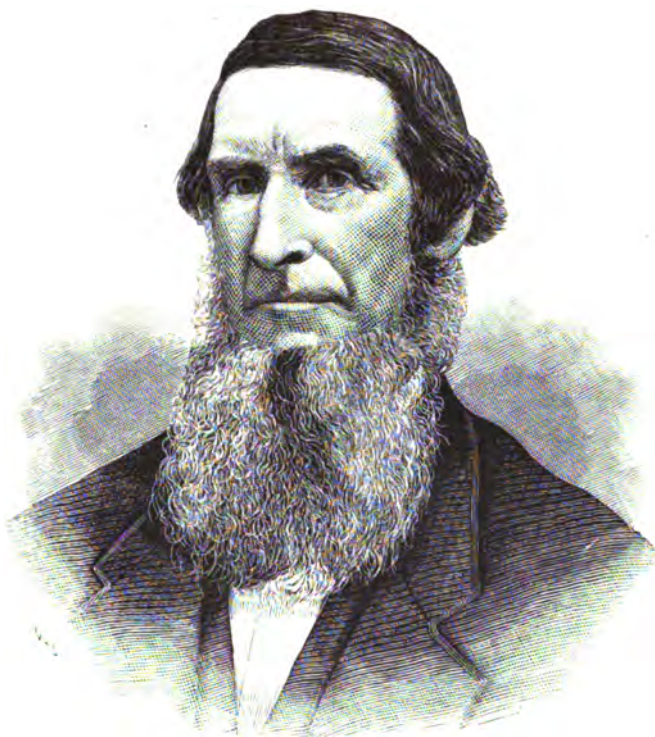
The territory included in that patent extended from the fortieth to the forty-eighth degree of north latitude, and east and west from sea to sea. It was ordained by this patent that the country embraced in its boundaries should be called New England in America, and by that name have continuance forever.

In 1629 the Council of Plymouth granted to its president, Robert, Earl of Warwick, the territory granted by him in March, 1631, to William Viscount Say and Seal and others, as and for Connecticut; which grant the noble earl had confirmed to him by King Charles I. The territory now embraced in the town of Stonington was included in all of the foregoing discoveries, grants, patents, and charters.

The colony of Massachusetts having provided men and munitions of war for the conquest of the Pequot Indians in 1637,<sup>2</sup> claimed an interest by right of con-

<sup>1</sup> By Hon. Richard A. Wheeler.

<sup>2</sup> "At a Generall Corte, at Boston, the 6th 3<sup>rd</sup> mo, 1646, Whereas John Winthrop, Junior, & oth<sup>rs</sup> have by allowance of this Corte, begun a plantation in y<sup>e</sup> Pequod country, w<sup>ch</sup> appertaines to this Iurisdiction, as pt of or pportion of y<sup>e</sup> conquered country, & whereas this Corte is informed y<sup>t</sup> some Indians, who are now planted upon y<sup>e</sup> place where this said plantation is begun, are willing to remove from their planting ground for y<sup>e</sup> more quiet & convenient settling of y<sup>e</sup> English there, so that they may have anoth<sup>r</sup> convenient place appointed—It is therefore ord<sup>ed</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Mr. Winthrop may appoint unto such Indians as are willing to remove oth<sup>r</sup> lands on y<sup>e</sup> oth<sup>r</sup> side, y<sup>t</sup> is, on y<sup>e</sup> east side of y<sup>e</sup> great ryver of the Pequod country, or some other place for their convenient planting & subsistence, w<sup>ch</sup> may be to y<sup>e</sup> good liking and due satisfaction of y<sup>e</sup> said Indians, & likewise to such of y<sup>e</sup> Pequod Indians as shall desire to live there, submitting themselves to y<sup>e</sup> English govern<sup>t</sup>, (reserving to y<sup>e</sup> commission<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> United Colonies what pply belongs to their disposing concerning y<sup>e</sup> said Pequods), & also to set out y<sup>e</sup> place for y<sup>e</sup> said plantation, & to set out lots for such of y<sup>e</sup> English as are there already planted, or shall come to them, and to governe y<sup>e</sup> people according to lawe, as occasion shall require, untill this Corte shall take further ord<sup>r</sup> therein; & whereas Mr. Thom: Pet<sup>r</sup> is intended to inhabite in y<sup>e</sup> said plantation, this Corte doth thinke fit to joyne him to assist y<sup>e</sup> said Mr. Winthrop, for y<sup>e</sup> better carling on y<sup>e</sup> work<sup>e</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> said plantation according to this ord<sup>r</sup>."—*Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay*, vol. 1. 160, 161.



*Charles J. Hazen*

quest in all the lands held by the Pequots before their overthrow, and determined to occupy it in advance of any settlement on the part of the Connecticut authorities, though they had asserted jurisdiction as early as 1640-41-42 by granting lands thereof to Capt. John Mason and others. But, notwithstanding all this, Mr. John Winthrop, Jr., located himself at Pequot as early as 1645. The next year the Massachusetts General Court gave Mr. Winthrop a commission to begin a plantation there in behalf of that colony. Connecticut resisted the claims of Massachusetts, and in order to reach a peaceable settlement of all questions in dispute relative to jurisdiction, both colonies united in referring the whole matter to the commissioners of the United Colonies, who, after an exhaustive hearing in the premises, decided in favor of Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts, dissatisfied with the result, brought the matter up again the next year before the commissioners, who refused to change their findings.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Winthrop's planting at Pequot, or Nameaug, now New London, was the first settlement in Eastern Connecticut, and after the last decision of the commissioners he recognized the jurisdiction of this colony, who in 1649 established the boundaries of his new township at four miles wide on each side of the river Thames, and six miles from the sea northwardly.

During the time that Mr. Winthrop was engaged in the early settlement of New London he became acquainted with William Chesebrough, then a resident of Rehobeth, in the Plymouth Colony, and in-

vited him to join in the settlement of his new plantation. Mr. Chesebrough visited the place during the year 1645, but finding it unsuitable to his expectations, did not conclude to settle there. On his way home he examined our town and selected a place for his future residence, and on which he erected a dwelling-house, and removed his family there during the year 1649, supposing that his new home was within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. Connecticut having assumed jurisdiction and asserted her authority over all the territory embraced within her chartered limits, summoned Mr. Chesebrough to appear before Capt. Mason at Saybrook, or some other magistrate upon Connecticut River, to give an account to him or them of what he was doing alone in the wilderness outside the limits of any recognized township.

Mr. Chesebrough at first disregarded this order, claiming that his new home was within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, but subsequently, acting under the advice and assurance of Mr. Winthrop and other friends at Pequot, he so far yielded to the authority of the colony of Connecticut as to appear at the General Court at Hartford in March, 1651, and in answer to their summons said that he was not engaged in any unlawful trade with the Indians, and also assured them that his religious sentiments were in accordance with those of the General Court; that it was not his intention to remain alone and lead a solitary life in the wilderness, but that he should endeavor to induce a suitable number of his friends to join him and establish a new township.

On hearing his statement, the court so far changed its determination as to permit him to remain, on condition that he would give bonds not to engage in any unlawful trade with the Indians, and furnish to the court before the next winter the names of such persons as he might induce to settle with and around him at Wequetequock. The planters at New London were friendly with Mr. Chesebrough, and did not want him to remove unless he went there to live, nor did they like the idea of a new township in this region. After repeated conferences with him, they engaged that if he would put himself on the footing of an inhabitant of that town, they would confirm to him the title to his lands at Wequetequock. To this proposition he acceded, but the townsmen of New London soon discovered that they were making pledges that they had not the power to fulfill, for the eastern boundary of their then township did not extend but four miles east of the river Thames.

However, on request the General Court extended the eastern boundary of New London to Pawcatuck River, and then New London gave to Mr. Chesebrough a home-lot over there, which he never occupied.

In January, 1652, the town of New London redeemed its promise to him, and gave a grant of confirmation to Mr. Chesebrough and his sons of all the land they claimed in Stonington. Previous to the

<sup>1</sup> "At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England at New Haven, September 9, 1646.

"An English plantation being lately begun by Mr. John Winthrop junior at Pequot, a question grew to which Colony the jurisdiction should belong. The Commissioners for the Massachusetts propounded an interest by conquest, the Commissioners for Connecticut by patent, purchase and conquest. It was remembered that in a treaty betwixt them at Cambridge 1638, not perfected, a proposition was made that Pequot River in reference to the conquest should be the bounds between them, but Mr. Fenwick was not then there to plead the patent, nor had Connecticut then any title to those lands by purchase or deed of gift from Uncas. But the plantation is on the west side of Pequot, and so within the bounds at first propounded for Connecticut. The Commissioners jointly agreed that an English plantation there being well ordered may in sundry respects be of good use to all the Colonies, and thought fit it should have all due encouragements, only they conceived unless hereafter the Massachusetts shew better title the jurisdiction should belong to Connecticut."—*C. J. Hoadley*.

<sup>2</sup> "At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England, held at Boston the 26th of July, 1647.

"The question concerning the jurisdiction of the English plantation lately settled on the west side of Pequot River was again taken into consideration by the Commissioners.

"Mr. John Winthrop now present expressed himself as more indifferent but affirmed that some of the planters sat down there in reference to the government and in expectation of large privileges from the Massachusetts, and should be much disappointed if that plantation fall and be settled under any other jurisdiction.

"The Commissioners considering what passed at New Haven last year, and that in all the Colonies though the title to land may be several ways acquired, yet jurisdiction goeth constantly with the patent, they told Mr. John Winthrop that they doubted not but Connecticut would tenderly consider and afford such privileges as may suit a plantation so remote, but concluded that the jurisdiction of that plantation doth and ought to belong to Connecticut."—*C. J. Hoadley*.

agreement of the General Court with Mr. Chesebrough, and the confirmation of his land to him and his sons by the town, Thomas Stanton, in 1650, procured of the General Court a license to erect a trading-house at Pawcatuck, with the exclusive right of trade in that region for three years. He immediately built and occupied the trading-house, but did not bring his family to Stonington until 1658. Thomas Miner, a former resident of Charlestown, Mass., and then of Hingham, came to New London in 1645, received a home-lot there, and built a house on it the same year. He continued to reside there until 1652, when he came to this place, and took up a tract of land east of and adjoining Wequetequock Cove, and during that year and the next erected a house thereon.

On the 30th day of June, 1652, the town of New London granted a tract of three hundred acres of land to Governor Haynes for a farm lying together on the east side of Wequetequock Cove. When Walter Palmer (yielding to the request of his old friend Chesebrough to join him in settling the new township) came here and purchased this tract of land of Governor Haynes, but before he took his deed he found it covered and embraced the house and lands of Thomas Miner. So he and the Governor entered into a written agreement that Palmer should give a hundred pounds for the place, and such cattle as Mr. Haynes should select out of Palmer's stock. If any disagreement should arise as to the price of the stock, it should be decided by indifferent persons. This contract recognized the title to the house and lands occupied by Mr. Miner, and was dated July 15, 1653. Mr. Miner was selected to put Mr. Palmer in possession of the land purchased of Governor Haynes, and did so by a written instrument, embodying therein a conveyance of his own land and dwelling-house (included in the boundaries of the Haynes land) to Mr. Palmer, reserving the right, however, to occupy his said house until he could build another at Mistuxet, now Quiambug. The western boundary of Governor Haynes' land sold to Walter Palmer, including the house and lot of Thomas Miner, rested on the cove and the rivulet that enters the cove.

The other grants and purchases of land to and by Walter Palmer lay south of this purchase, and on the eastern slope of Togwonk, crossing Anguilla Brook, and embracing the large farms of the late Col. William and Dudley Randall, in all some twelve hundred acres.

Mr. Thomas Miner built his new house at Mistuxet in 1652-53. Capt. George Denison and family joined the new settlement in 1654, erecting his house near Pequotsepos Brook. Capt. John Gallup and Robert Park, with their families, came the same year, and settled near Mystic River. The new settlement being composed of men of note, progressed as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. Chesebrough was now surrounded by a sufficient number of inhabitants to claim corporate powers

from the General Court. The first local name that the settlement received was Mystic and Pawcatuck, Mystic embracing the territory between Mystic River on the west and Stony Brook on the east, Pawcatuck embracing the territory between Pawcatuck River on the east and Stony Brook on the west. It being understood by the planters here, as a condition precedent to the new settlement, that as soon as a suitable number had joined them they should be incorporated as a new town. So in 1654 they applied to the General Court for corporate powers. But no sooner made than it was opposed by New London, embracing Groton, and defeated.

The planters did not rest satisfied with their defeat, and resolved to agitate the matter until they succeeded sooner or later. They were of the independent Puritan stamp, and ready to make any sacrifice in defense of the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. But to be taxed for a minister at New London, some twelve miles away, with two rivers to cross to get there, and no ferry-boats, was a little too much for their Puritanism, so they were determined to have a town and a church of their own, and they continued to ask for them of the General Court, but were denied as often as they applied. In the early part of 1657 the Rev. William Thompson came here to reside, and preached to the planters a part of the time, and the rest of the time to the Pequot Indians. He was employed by the commissioners of the United Colonies, who were acting as the agents of the London Missionary Society.

The first religious services were held at the dwelling-house of Walter Palmer, March 22, 1657. Services were subsequently held at the dwelling-houses of the planters, whose efforts were continued with unremitting determination to break loose from New London and organize for themselves a new town and church. They remembered that Massachusetts had previously claimed a part or all of the Pequot territory, embracing Groton, Stonington, and Westerly, so they sought the friendship of Massachusetts in their contest, and in October the planters, joined by the Rev. Mr. Thompson, prepared a memorial to the Massachusetts General Court,<sup>1</sup> complaining of the course

<sup>1</sup> "To the Honoured Governour, Deputy Governour & Magistrates, together with the Deputies now assembled in the Generall Court, the petition of the Inhabitants of Mistick & Pawquatuck, humbly sheweth that whereas we have taken severall grants of lands that we are now possessed of from the Gouvernment of Conneticut, lying upon the east side of Pequid River, being conquered land from the Pequids: & since understanding, that the Jurisdiction therof belongs not unto but is claimed by your selves & that as we conceive, justly, as appears by the acts of the Commissioners in forty six, & forty seven, we therefore humbly request the confirmation of those grants from this Honoured Court unto the present inhabitants: & that you would please to accept us under your Gouvernment: & grant unto us the Liberties & priviledges of a Towneshipp their being already settled in this place about twenty families: And this conquered land being accepted of & owned by you, we hope may not be unprofitable to this common-wealth, it being sufficient to afford accommodations for another towne-shipp, which may (if it should seeme) good to this Honoured Court so to dispose of it) be sufficient to gratify

pursued against them by the General Court of Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts notified Connecticut, who appointed a committee to confer with the planters here and bring the contest to an issue if possible. What was done in the premises cannot now be ascertained, for no records of their proceedings have been preserved. In May, 1658, William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, and Walter Palmer, in behalf of the planters, petitioned the Massachusetts General Court again, stating that some of them were settled here by Governor Winthrop in 1649, by virtue of a commission from that court, notwithstanding which they had been called to account for their doings under their authority, and asking for relief from such interferences from the Connecticut authorities, and also for confirmation of their lands.<sup>2</sup> But this was denied

such persons as have been deserv[ing] in the conquest of that land; besides the commodity of one of the most convenient harbours in the land And will we hope be a means conducing much to our settlement & comfort, which we humbly expecting under your Government wher of we have had former experience shall heartily pray: etc.

"Octob: 15 (57)

"GEORGE DENISON  
"WM: THOMPSON  
"WALTER PALMER  
"THO: STANTON  
"JOHN GALLUP

"In the name of the rest of the Inhabitants & with their consents."

"The deputies desire of honor'd magists, would be pleased to give answer to this petn in the first place.

"WILLIAM TORREY *Cleric.*"

"20, 8 mo. 57, In Ans<sup>r</sup> to this peticon y<sup>e</sup> magis<sup>t</sup> Judge meet y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> letter here to Anex<sup>t</sup> should be sent from y<sup>e</sup> Court to y<sup>e</sup> Genl<sup>l</sup> Court of Connecticut if their brethren the dep<sup>y</sup> Consent thereto.

"EDWARD RAWSON, *Secy.*"

"Consented to by the deputies

"WILLIAM TORREY, *Cleric.*"

#### 1<sup>st</sup> ANSWER TO CAPTAIN DENISON'S PETITION.

"Court Records, vol. vi., page 266.

"In ans<sup>r</sup> to the petition of Georg Dennison, Wm Thompson, Walter Palter, Tho Stanton, and Jno Gallup, the Court judgeth it mete to order, that the letter here under writt be sent to the Generall Court of Connecticut by y<sup>e</sup> secretary.

"Gent<sup>l</sup>—Wee cannot but take notice of your claime unto and disposing of the lands in the Pequot country wherein wee have alwaies challenged an interest, and yet see not reason to lay downe the same wee have perused the Judgment of the Comis<sup>s</sup> in 46 and 47 that the Jurisdiction on the west side of Pequot river ought to belong to Connecticut till the Massachusetts shew reason to the contrary, against w<sup>ch</sup> we shal not at pres<sup>t</sup> object conceiving there by our title to the lands on the east side the river to be (at least tacitely) yielded to us, notwithstanding w<sup>ch</sup> you have proceeded to dispose of these lands to diverse persons and to exercise Jurisdiction over them, w<sup>ch</sup> desire and expect you doe friendly yield up these afores<sup>d</sup> lands on the east side of Pequot river unto us, and that you doe not further proceede to exercise authority over the Inhabitants there, or to be grievous to them, w<sup>th</sup>out their owne consent till the matter be determined according to the articles of confederation if (at least) your owne justice shall not prevaille with you to yield it to us w<sup>th</sup>out that trouble, wee are moved at present to make knowne our claime to you, by a petition presented to us from the Inhabitants thereof, supposing it will not be unacceptable to you that this business be issued peaceably & friendly, according to the relation wherein wee mutually stand engaged, we shall not ad further at present but Comitt you to god & rest.

"Oct. 21st, 1657."

—*Massachusetts Archives*, vol. xxx., pages 66 and 67, by William B. Trask.

<sup>2</sup> "To the Honorable General Court Assembled at Boston, the Humble petition of the Inhabitants of Mystic and Pawcatuck: May it please you,

them, accompanied, however, by a suggestion that the whole matter in dispute be referred to the commissioners of the United Colonies, and meantime to order their own affairs by common agreement until provision be made in their behalf.<sup>3</sup>

—Whereas your pore Petitioners by the providec of God are settled in theas pt<sup>e</sup> of the Pequett Country Soomn of Vs being settled hear in the years 1649 by the Honnered John Winthrop Esquire now Governor of the Collony at Conectycot by Vertu of a Comition from this honerable Court but in short tyme we weare Caled to the Court at Conctycot to give account by what athority we heare settled we answered as aforesaid but the Court answered that theas parts did belong to them by Patent & Purchas & the agrement of the Comiconers & did require our subjection but now all of v<sup>s</sup> understanding that it doth of right belong to this Jurisdiction & that you have bene pleased graciously to accept a petition From vs alredy we are bould still to petition that you will please to Confirme our lands and Possessions & to grant vs the liberty of a Township & the privyldges thearof & likewise Charitably to Consider our remonstres as also being surrounded with many Indiyans & many malignant persons often passing this way as quakers and others that you will be pleased thearfore to establish soomn such athority among vs as that we may be perserved in righteounes & peac we have with this our peticon sent our Honnered Friend Cap. George denuyssoun home we Judge Faithfull he knos well in what stait we are to lose Care and Faithfulness we Comitt the transaction of all our matters with the Honorable Court thus Crausing Pardon For the rudenes of our lynes with desire you may Find more vertu in our actions we rest & wait your Charatable answer. Your peretitioners

"WILLM CHESEBROUGH  
"WALTER PALMER  
"THO: STANTON

"In the p<sup>r</sup>esence of the Rest.

"May 10<sup>th</sup> 1658."

"In Answer to y<sup>e</sup> Petition of the Inhabitants of misticke, The Court Considering there hath bene no Answer Returned from the Generall Court of Connecticut to our letter directed to them which Glues vs Cawse to Imagine they are not Resolved to give up theire Claime to those lands so that the matter is likely to Come to be Judged by the Comissioners, The Court thinks meete to forbear further Acting therein till the meeting of the Comissioners and doe expect & Require the Inhabitants to Carry themselves & order theire Comissioners and doe expect & Require the Inhabitants to Carry themselves & order theire affaires peaceably & by Comon Agreement in the meane while and till other provision be made in their behalfe: And further doe desire our Comissioners to be mindfull of this busines & endeavor Issue thearof at the next meeting. The magists have past this w<sup>th</sup> Referenc to y<sup>e</sup> Consent of theire brethren the deputies thereto

"Consented to by the deputies

"EDWARD RAWSON *Secy.*

"25<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1658"

"WILLIAM TORREY, *Cleric.*

—*Mass. Archives*, vol. 112, pp. 106, 106, by William B. Trask.

<sup>3</sup> "The Asotiation of Poquatuck Peple, June 30th 1658: Whereas thear is a difference betwene the 2 Cullonyes of the Matachussetts and Conecticoate about the government of this plac, whearby we are deprived of Expectation of protection from either, but in way of Curtecy, & whear as we had a command from the generall Court of the Matachussetts to order our own busines in peac with common consent till further provision be maid for us, in obedyence to which command we have adressed our selves thearunto, but cannot attain it in regard of soomn distractions among ourselves, and thear hath bene Injurious Inolencies done unto soomn persons,—the cattell of others threatened to be taken away,—and the chattell of soom others already taken away by violence.

"We haveing taken into consideration that in tymes so full of danger as theas are, nyon of our harts and persons is most conducing to the publick good & safety of the place,—thearfore in pursuance of the same, the better to confirm a mutual confydence in one another & that we may be perserved in righteounes and peac with such as do commerc with us, & that misdemeanors may be corrected and Incurryable persons punished:—we hose names are hereunto subscribed do heaby promise, testify & declare to maintain and defend with our persons and estait the peac of the plac and to aid and assist one another according to law & rules of righteounes according to the true Intent & meaning of our association till such other provision be made for us as may attain our



Following out these suggestions, George Denison and his associate planters assembled on the 30th day of June, 1658, and formed a compact called by them "The Association of Pawcatuck People," which was organized for municipal purposes only, and not in defiance of the laws of either colony, but was established by them with a firm purpose to maintain it until some provision adequate to their wants should be made for them. The question in dispute between the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies as to jurisdiction was referred to the commissioners of the United Colonies, who in 1658 rendered a decision<sup>1</sup>

end above written, whereunto we willingly give our assent, & nether for fear hoape or other respects shall ever relinguish this promise till other provision be made for us. And we do not this out of any disrespect unto ether of the aforesaid governments which we are bound ever to honor, but in the vacancy of any other aforesaid.

"GEORGE DENISON

"THOMAS SHAW

"NATHANIEL CHESBROUGH

"ELIHU PALMER

"THOMAS STANTON

"ELISHA CHESBROUGH

"MOSES PALMER

"WALTER PALMER

"THE STANTON

"WILLIAM CHESBROUGH

"SAMUEL CHESBROUGH

"Upon the request of severall among us to enter into this association with us they are admitted and have accordingly subscribed their names

"June 30th 1658

"By virtue of this Association, that justice may not be obstructed, & the peac preserved,—we maid choise of Captain Georg Dennyson & Willm Chesbrough to be comytioners to issue out warrants & to cause to be brought before them any suspicious persons, or for anny misde-menor, & and to hear & determine the causes, and to pronounce sentence upon then & to see the judgment executed, provided it extend not to the los of life or limb or banishment or stigmatizing; in such causes as their power will not reach due punishment for the Crime, then to talk order their persons may be secured, and sent whear justice may procede against them.

"And further they are to issue all other differences, whether of debts or cases, and to kepe a register of their actions provided allwales the action excede not forty pound.

"This choise is the act of the houle body of the Associates.

"WALTER PALMER

"THO. STANTON"

—*Stonington Records.*

<sup>1</sup> "September 1658—The Issue of the difference betwixt the two Colonies of the Massachusetts and Connecticut about the Pequot Country being jointly referred to the Commissioners of the other two Colonies.

"Whereas there is a controversy again revived betwixt the two Colonies of Massachusetts and Connecticut concerning their interest in the Pequott country, and many pleas have been made on both sides for their greater interest; we having seriously weighed what hath been by each of them alledged, conceive the determination doth arise only from their several rights by conquest, the which for ought we can understand is not greatly different: yet being tender of any inconveniency or disturbance that may accrue to those that are already possessed either by commission from the Massachusetts or Connecticut in any part thereof (should they now be put off their improvements) and also upon inquiry finding that the Pequot country which extendeth from Nianticke to a place called Wecopaug about ten miles eastward from Mistick river may conveniently accomodate two plantations or townships we therefore (respecting things as they now stand) do conclude that Mistick River be the bounds between them as to propriety and to jurisdiction so far as conquest may give title thereunto; always provided that such as are already accommodated by commission from either of the governments, or have grants of any tracts of land on any side of the said Mistick river be not molested in their possessions or rights by any after grants, and that all due care be had that Christian society and ordinances may be provided for and upholden according to God, in each plantation.

"THOMAS PRENCE

"JOSIAS WINSLOW

"FRANCIS NEWMAN

"WILLIAM LEETE

"Boston, 16th of Septem. 1658.

that all of the Pequot territory west of Mystic River belonged to Connecticut, and all the territory east of it, including Stonington, North Stonington, and part of the town of Westerly, belonged to Massachusetts.<sup>2</sup> At the next session of the Massachusetts General Court, after this decision was rendered, they passed an act that the English plantation between Mystic and Pawcatuck Rivers should be named Southerntown, and belong to the county of Suffolk, Mass., and appointed Capt. George Denison and others to manage the prudential affairs thereof until the court take further orders.

Walter Palmer was appointed constable, and the bounds of the plantation were extended into the country northward eight miles, from the mouth of Mystic River.<sup>3</sup> Thus, after a severe and protracted struggle, they succeeded in obtaining a local government.

It should be borne in mind that the Massachusetts General Court did not create or even organize a new township, but simply declared that the English plantation between Mystic and Pawcatuck Rivers should

"By bounding it by Misticke River we intend that river shall be the bounds so far as the pond by Lanthorn Hill, and thence from the middle of the said pond to run away upon a north line."—*Records of the United Colonies—Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. x., p. 209.

<sup>2</sup> "At the second session of the General Court held at Boston the 19th of October 1658. In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of Mystic and Pawcatuck the Court judgeth it meet to grant that the English plantation between Mystic and Pawcatuck be named Southerntown and to belong to the Conaty of Suffolk and order that all the prudential affairs thereof be managed by Capt. George Denison, Robert Purk, William Chesbrough, Thomas Stanton, Walter Palmer and John Meinot sen., til the court take further order and that Capt. George Denison, William Chesebrooke, and John Minot (Thomas Minor meant) be commissioners to end small causes there and to deal in criminal matters as one magistrate may do, and that Walter Palmer be Constable, Capt. Denison Clerk of the writs, and he also is hereby empowered and authorized to solemnize marriages between such as are published according to law: that the said Capt. Denison taking his oath be empowered to the oath to the other two, provided always the bounds of the town is not hereby determined. (at the same court.) In answer to petition of Inhabitants of Southerntown, humbly desiring for several reasons, that the bounds of their plantation may extend into the country north ward between Weacapaug and Mystic river eight miles from the mouth of Mystic River.

"The Court judgeth it meet to grant their request."—*Mass. Archives, Wm. B. Trask.*

<sup>3</sup> "We whose names are vender written being chosen by the Towne of Southerntowne to lay out the bounds according to the Courts grant, the which we did as followeth first we began at Misticke Rivers mouth, and from thence we run six miles to the north, northeast to the pond lying by Lanthorne hill, where we marked a chestnut tree with six noches right against the middle of the pond, which pond we found to be seven chains and one pole wide, and from thence we run two miles due north to an ash tree which we marked fioner ways and set eight noches for the eight miles: lying by a little still brooke, and we run from thence due east tenu miles and one quarter and twelve chains to white oake tree marked with au X and SV. and from thence we run due south six miles and three quarters there we crossed Poquatuck River and from thence vpon the same line to a place called Quanaquatag which line poynted vpon Block Island which Quanaquatag lies east of Weecapoug two miles and quarter, which two miles a quarter we took possession for the countrie to dispose of either for us or as the contrie shall cause.

"GEORGE DENISON

"THOMAS MINER

"THOMAS PARKE

"THOMAS STANTON

"SAMUEL CHESBROUGH

"Dated the 2nd of March 1659."

—*Stonington Town Records.*

be called Southerntown. They recognized in part the local association of the people, and extended and confirmed their bounds.

During the years 1659, 1660, and 1661 several town-meetings were held for the purpose of building and locating a meeting-house, which was raised May 13, 1661, and was so far completed as to be ready for use in September of that year, when the commissioners of the United Colonies being in town attended worship there, and were addressed by that stern old warrior statesman, Capt. John Mason.

This, the first meeting-house of Stonington, stood a short distance northwest of the residence of Henry M. Palmer. It is not known how large it was, or what its shape or style, but from some facts that may be gleaned from the old town records, it is probable that it was a small building and but partially finished, for as early as 1667, six years after it was raised, a vote was passed in town-meeting to repair it and make it more comfortable; and even after it was repaired the people did not use it in cold weather, but held their meetings at the house of Amos Richardson, which was situated a little way east of the meeting-house.

Rev. Mr. Thompson remained here until 1659, when he removed to New London. September 30th of that year the Rev. Zachariah Bridgen, of Boston, Mass., preached here by invitation of the town, which subsequently held a meeting for the purpose of securing his services. Mr. Bridgen labored here until his death, which took place April 24, 1662.

After his death Mr. Chauncy and Fletcher preached for the town until the spring of 1664, when the town appointed a committee to go to the Bay (Massachusetts) and procure a minister for the town, who invited Mr. James Noyes, of Newbury, to become their gospel-preaching minister. He accepted the invitation, and came here in the latter part of June, 1664, and continued his labors in July following, and preached as a licentiate until 1674, when he was ordained.

In 1660-61 an old Pequot captain, known as Socho, laid claim to that part of Southerntown called Mismamicut, and lying east of Pawcatuck River, and sold it to a number of planters from Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth, R. I., who took possession and held it as a part of Rhode Island colony. The planters here were greatly vexed by the conflict of jurisdiction, and serious trouble grew out of it. In some instances the same territory was granted by each of the then colonies to different persons, and long years of litigation was the result.

Sorely pressed by these difficulties, and annoyed by the apprehension that the Connecticut colony meditated their subjection, the selectmen, or townsmen, as they were then called, in behalf of the town, under Jan. 19, 1662, again petitioned the Massachusetts General Court for redress of grievances,<sup>1</sup> to which no

response seems to be made. On the 22d of April, 1662, Governor Winthrop succeeded in obtaining a new charter of Connecticut from King Charles II. The eastern boundary of the colony was therein fixed at Pawcatuck River, thus placing a large part of the town of Southerntown under the jurisdiction of Connecticut, leaving that part east of Pawcatuck River under the control of Rhode Island. Massa-

whereas by the Good providence of God we have bin orderly put vnder your Government by the cometoners of the vnighted Collonies, according vnto articles of confederation: by which means through your Faviour we have for this severall years Injoyed our peace, with many other liberties and privillidges both sivell and spirituall, which we could not formerly Injoy, or bee made pertakers of, notwithstanding all our indevers and adreeses made vnto those, who claimed a proprietye In these parts, the which peace of ours, together with your authoritie amongst vs hath bin much interrupted, and your authoritie together with all our priviledges much Impugned by the authoritie of Conetlicots sending downe amongst vs there warrants, and prohibiting vs the exercise of any authoritie amongst vs but such as shall be deriued from them; ludevering to make a faction, or to Incourage the same amongst vs, that so thay might attaine there owne eandes, which how regular It is we leaue vnto your wisdoms to judge,—these things haue ocationed vs to make seuerall adreeses vnto your honored selues and we have had your favourable acceptance therein, as manifestly appears by your letters vnto Conetlicot, and orders vnto our selues, for the preservation of our peace and the retaining vs vnder your Government (which favliour we cannot but thankfully take notis of, and doth further oblidg vs vnto your service and our owne fidelittie and dutye): yet not withstanding all your indevers and letters vnto Conetlicot, for the preservation of our peace etc. It doth two manifestly appear that they doe slight both your letters, and power, for thay still continue trouble vs with there warrants, requirreing our obedlenc, and seeke to tirlive vs with there threats If we shall not attend there orders, which may appear In part vnto your selues, by sum letters or orders which of leate came vnto sum of our factious persons, the which we thought meete to cease, and send downe with these, for your better Information; what their Intentions are we know not, for It is given out and we have cause to feare, that they will put at least willingly be tryed by the cometoners, but that they will force vs by power, It haueing bin Given out that thay will haue Capt. denison alife or dead, and that there will bee many widowes and fatherless Children amongst vs are long, together with there Countinancing and complaync with those vnreasonable men of rood Iland now at paquatuck one of these cheefe saying openly that thay had rather the rood Ilands should haue that land than the bay, with many high and slighting wordes respecting the bay and the Interest, threatening the nullifying of what ever the bay hath done here, respecting privillidges or proprietyes; things being thus, or thus appearing vnto vs, we being weeke and vnexperienced In the managing of cases of this natures, causeth vs with all humillitie to sped these things before your worships and this Honorable assembly, humbly begging your firther favliour and countinanc In these respects, for our Incouragement In the manifestation of our fidelittie, vnto which we haue loyntly bound our selves: wherefore we doe earnestly Intreat that since we haue bin and are orderly vnder your care and Government, that you would be pleased to doe your vtermost for vs to contenev us So, and that we may not bee left vnto the mercyes of those of conetlicote, whose wordes and actions speakes (unto vs) nothing but our ruin, who haue aproued our selues faithfull, yee and the ouerturning of the authoritie of the bay to there vtmost power: and because we doe not know how soone they may macke sum further attemtes against vs, we doe earnestly craue sum further orders and Instructions may be sent unto vs, by this messenger If possibly, that so we may not be In the darke what to doe, If such attemtes should be made against vs, which the lord In meroy prevent, by your wisdoms, and If to that purpose you would send any letters, vnto conetlicot our messenger can speedily convey them vnto there debuty Governor, which possibly may abate there furey, and may be a means to prevent our further truble and of the continuance of our peace, together with your authoritie and Interest: pardon we beseech you our boldness, and let our preeing necessity, together with our earnest desire after peace, and order, and the attending your orders and Instructions to that eand speake for vs; and If the lord shall macke your worships instrumentall for the preservation of our peace and comfort, by the Incouragement and vpholding your authoritie amongst vs, we and ours shall

<sup>1</sup> "To the Honored Governor deputye Governor and magistrates together with the Counsell of Generall Court of the mattachusetts the petition of the Inhabitants of southerntowne humbly sheweth that

chusetta gracefully yielded obedience to the new charter.

At the October session of the General Assembly for that year the charter was publicly read to the assembled freemen of Connecticut, and from that time forward became the recognized law of the land. At the same session it was ordered that "ye inhabitants of Mystic and Pawcatuck, not Southertown, shall from henceforth forbear to exercise authority by virtue of Commissioners from any other Colonies, and in case any differences that may arise, they repair to our Dept. Governor for help, and that they choose a Constable for the year ensuing, and ye said constable to repair to the Dept. Governor for his oath. And they are required to pay unto Mr. James Noyes, Lt. Samuel Smith, and Ensign Avery, for and in behalf of the charge of the Charter, the sum of twenty pounds as this Towns proportion, two thirds in wheat at four shillings and one third in peas at three shillings 8 pence, by the last of November next." It does not appear that the town of Southertown was represented in the General Court of Massachusetts while it was under the jurisdiction of that colony; nor were the planters represented in the General Assembly of Connecticut until the October session for 1664, when William Chesebrough was elected, and at the commencement of the session presented a petition<sup>1</sup> in behalf of the planters, asking their pardon for past offenses, and their favor for the future, which was granted to all except Capt. Denison.<sup>2</sup>

have caus as to owne his Goodnes so to acknowledg youre favours, and shall continue to pray.

"Yours in all Loyalty, though vnworthy to be owned,

"GEORGE DENISON

"WILLIAM CHESBROUGH

"THE STANTON

"SAMUEL CHESBROUGH

"ELIHU PALMER

"Townsmen

"From Southertowne; this: 19 of January 1662

"In the name and with the consent of the towne."

—*Mass. Archives*, vol. II., page 34, by William B. Trask.

<sup>1</sup>"To the Honorable Genrall Court now Assembled at Hartford in the Collony of Connectycot, Honourable may it please you—We your poore petitioners being summoned by the Honoured Counsel of this jurisdiction to yield our obedience & subjection to this jurisdiction according to his maiesties letters patent gratically granted to this Colonie & to make choise of a percon to be a Comishonor & to atend the servis of this present Court in obedience to this summons we have yielded our selves & sent vp one to be a Comishonor to atend the servis of the Court. We humbly besech you thesfore that you will pardon all such mistaks or miscariges wch through humain frailty hath bene offensive or greivous unto you & receave vs with a loving aspect & renew your former favor vnto vs that we may be remembrd with equall privileges of other Townes according to our Capacite that we maie be preserved in truth & peace & that scandals may be removed for the forme we may not be so bould as to prescrib knowing the wisdom & prudenc of the Honoured Court hose wisdom & favor we do commit ourselves vnto.

"We humbly do besech also that the bounds of our plantation may be confirmed wch was granted vnto vs by the Bay, thus being loath to trespas upon your patenc we humbly talk our leave & rest your pore petitioners.

"WILLIAM CHESBROUGH in the name of the rest

"October 14: 64"

—*Conn. Archives*.

<sup>2</sup>"Mistick & Pawcatuck haveing by Mr Chesebrook petitioned this Court for their fauoure to pass by their offences the Court haueing con-

In 1665 the name of Southertown was by the General Court changed to that of Mystic, in memory of that victory God was pleased to give this people of Connecticut over the Pequot Indians. In May, 1666, an act was passed as follows: "The town of Mystic is by this Court named Stonington, the Court doth grant to the plantation to extend the bounds thereof ten miles from the sea up into the country northward, and eastward to the river called Pawcatuck. This Court doth pass an act of indemnity to Capt. George Denison upon the same grounds as was formerly granted to other inhabitants of Stonington." Mr. Noyes did not at first make arrangements to remain for any given length of time, but subsequently, in 1668, the town passed a vote that they would freely contribute, or give towards his building a dwelling-house among them in order to his settling in the town, and carrying on the work of the ministry among them. They also voted to give him a salary of fifty pounds currency annually for seven years, and in 1671 the town added the use of the ministry land to Mr. Noyes' salary, and subsequently raised it to one hundred pounds, with several grants of land and other donations.

About this time a movement was set on foot to build a new and better meeting-house, to lay out public lands for the support of the gospel ministry, and to form a church in accordance with the established religion of the colony. In 1667 the planters convened in town-meeting and decided to set apart and lay out five hundred acres of land, to be styled the ministry land, the avails of which were to be applied to the support of the gospel ministry. In July of the same year the town established what they called a town plot, and appointed a committee to lay out as many lots as there were inhabitants then living in the town. Their home-lots contained twelve acres each, and were so arranged that each lot had a street front. Two hundred acres of this ministry land was laid out around the place where the Road Meeting-house now stands, the eastern line of which extended along a few feet east of said meeting-house, running nearly north and south. The western boundary was Mistuxet Brook. The northern and southern lines cannot now be traced, but the form of the plot can nearly be seen when we look at the distance between the east and west lines and the number of acres that were laid out. The home-lots were laid out around and upon each side of the ministry land. They extended as far east as Stony Brook, and south as far as Smith's Mill; one tier was located north, and the remainder west and south of said land.

sidered the same doe hereby declare that what irregularities or abusive practices haue proceeded from them, whereby they haue seemed to offer contempt to the authority here established it shall be forgiven and buried in perpetuall oblivion and forgetfulness, and this to extend it selfe to all ye members of the afoarsayd plantation, Captayn Denison onely excepted whose hath neglected or refused to submitt himselfe peaceably to the order of the Councill of this Colony."—*Trumbull's Colonial Records*, vol. I., p. 499.

In 1668 a census of the inhabitants of the town was ordered to be taken, embracing those only who were inhabitants or heads of families. February 2d there were found to be forty-three inhabitants, viz.: Thomas Stanton, George Denison, Thomas Miner, John Gallup, Amos Richardson, Samuel Chesebrough, James Noyes, Elisha Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Jr., Ephraim Miner, Moses Palmer, James York, John Stanton, Thomas Wheeler, Samuel Mason, Joseph Miner, John Bennett, Isaac Wheeler, John Denison, Josiah Witter, Benjamin Palmer, Gershom Palmer, Thomas Bell, Joseph Stanton, John Fish, Thomas Shaw, John Gallup, Jr., John Frink, Edmund Fanning, James York, Jr., Nathaniel Beebe, John Reynolds, Robert Sterry, John Shaw, John Searls, Robert Fleming, Robert Holmes, Nathaniel Chesebrough for Mrs. Anna Chesebrough, his mother, Gershom Palmer for Mrs. Rebecca Palmer, his mother, Henry Stevens, and Ezekiel Main. A home-lot was laid out for each inhabitant, and the title was obtained by lottery on the following conditions, namely: if built upon within six months and inhabited the title would be complete, except that each proprietor must reside on his lot two years before he could sell it, and then he must first offer it to the town and be refused before he could sell the same to any person and give good title. How many of these home-lots were built upon by the then inhabitants cannot now be ascertained.

Up to this time all religious services had been provided for and conducted by the authorities of the town. Ministers were employed by the selectmen, and paid from the town treasury. The town also appointed committees to examine candidates for the ministry, to see if they were sound in the fundamentals. "They did not by their acts recognize Councils, Assemblies, or ecclesiastical machinery in any way until 1669, when they preferred a petition to the General Court of the colony asking liberty to settle themselves in church order, which was granted at once;" but the church was not formed until 1674. During the time that these preliminary steps were moving for church organization the inhabitants were worshiping at Pequod, in their dwelling-houses and the old meeting-house. They had repaired it several times, in pursuance of town votes. It was also occupied by the town for holding town-meetings. At a meeting held therein in June, 1670, it was voted, with a joint consent, "that a bigger and better meeting-house shall be built." Nothing appears to have been done about building a new house, for the reason that they could not agree upon a location. In April, 1671, another meeting was held, which voted, "That the meeting-house agreed upon shall stand upon the most convenient place of the ministry land," and the selectmen were directed "to view said land and approve the place where they find it most convenient, according to the order of the town, to set the meeting-house."

The selectmen could not agree upon a location, and called another town-meeting, which was held

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1671. At this meeting, after spending most of the day in fruitless motions and discussions, it was voted, That the meeting should continue till Friday night, and that all the inhabitants meet Friday morning by nine of the clock at the meeting-house, and to go from thence to view a place to set the new meeting-house on.

They met the next day, and looked over the ministry land, and unanimously agreed upon a location for their new house, and then went back to the old meeting-house and passed the following votes, viz.: "That the New Meeting House shall for time to come be set up and stand without removing upon the hill called Agreement Hill, so named by the town at the same place." The dimensions of this house were agreed upon at this meeting, and were as follows: "Forty feet long, twenty-two feet wide, and fourteen feet posts from joint to joint." It was also voted at this meeting "That the present minister, Mr. James Noyes, for the time that he continues to be the minister of this place, shall have the use of all the ministry land to himself, besides his fifty pounds currency per annum, and at his death or departure to leave it wholly to the town." A committee of five were appointed to superintend the erection of the new meeting-house. It was built by subscriptions of timber, planking, shingles, ceiling, nails, and labor of men and teams, etc. At the time the meeting-house was located upon Agreement Hill by the town the hill was covered with heavy timber, which was removed by the inhabitants by voluntary labor, who then laid the foundation for the new house, and raised it Jan. 15, 1673. This house stood a few rods west of the present meeting-house at the road. It was not finished for several years. At first there were no slips or pews, except for the deacons, magistrates, and minister's family; benches were used by all people, and a committee was appointed to seat them according to their notions of propriety. This state of things did not last long, for the town voted the next year to have the floor of the house and of the gallery assigned to the inhabitants for pews. A committee was appointed to make the assignment, who encountered much opposition, but finally agreed upon a plan, which was submitted to the town and accepted. Those who were dissatisfied with the section assigned them did not make their pews, and occupied the old benches. Some of them after a while reconsidered their determination and built them. The inside of the house was never lathed and plastered. After the pews were built the space between them and the gallery was ceiled, and this was done by sections, which had been assumed by some of the wealthier inhabitants. When this house was dedicated is not known. Religious meetings were held there in the summer of 1673, and ever after that until it was taken down to make way for a larger one, which was erected in 1729.

Soon after this town was incorporated by the General Court of Massachusetts the planters became apprehensive of trouble with the Narragansett and

Wampannoag Indians, whose western limits bordered along on the eastern boundary of Southerntown. The danger of the planters here had been increased by a union with the Massachusetts Colony, for the reason that it was with that and the Plymouth Colony that the trouble originated that finally culminated in King Philip's war. Becoming a part of the Massachusetts Colony, they were regarded by the Indians as their enemies. Their isolated condition and the neutral position of Rhode Island marked them as an easy prey for savage vengeance.

Nor did the new charter in 1662 and their annexation to the colony of Connecticut better their condition, for as the difficulties with the Indians increased the whole of New England became involved in the conflict.

King Philip's emissaries visited the remnant of the Pequot Indians, and besought them to join in the grand plan of exterminating the English. They were partially successful at first in their endeavors, but the influence of Chesebrough, Stanton, Denison, Gallup, and others prevailed with the Pequots, and they remained friendly with the English, and rendered them most important services when the war actually commenced. They participated in the great swamp-fight in Kingston, R. I., which took place Dec. 19, 1675. Capt. John Gallup, of Stonington, commanded the Pequots and Mohegans, who, urged on by Oneko, fought with unyielding determination. Capt. Gallup was among the slain, but how many of lesser grade, and of the rank and file of our town, were killed and wounded cannot now be ascertained.

Almost all of the able-bodied men of Stonington were engaged in the Indian wars of their time. Capt. George Denison raised and mustered into the service of the colony a large force of English and Indians. He was provost-marshal for New London County and Rhode Island. He had a stockade fort just west of his dwelling-house in Stonington, where his soldiers encamped previous to their forays into the Indian territory. During the year 1676, Capt. Denison organized three expeditions, who pursued with unrelenting vengeance the shattered remnants of King Philip's forces. It was during the third of these expeditions—which began March 28, 1676, and ended April 10, 1676—that the brave Narragansett chieftain, Canonchet, was taken prisoner. He was brought to Stonington, where a council of war was held at Auguilla, near the present residence of Gideon P. Chesebrough. He refused to negotiate for peace, or for the cessation of hostilities on any terms, so the council decided that he must die, and when told of his fate, replied "that he liked it well, and should die before his heart had grown soft, or he had said anything unworthy of himself." He was executed after the Indian mode, being shot by Oneko and two Pequot sachems, the nearest to his own rank among his conquerors. This was done by his captors without consulting or advice from any one superior to them in authority.

No list or roll of the Stonington men who participated in the early Indian wars has been preserved. The nearest approach to which may be found in "a list of the English volunteers in the late Narragansett war," as prepared by a committee for that purpose in order to secure a grant of land for their services, as follows: Capt. George Denison, Sergt. John Frink, Capt. John Stanton, Capt. Samuel Mason, Rev. James Noyes, Lieut. Thomas Miner, Samuel Youmans, John Fish, George Denison, Jr., William Denison, Nathaniel Beebe, Henry Stevens, Edmund Fauning, Thomas Fanning, John Bennet, William Bennett, Ezekiel Main, William Wheeler, Gershom Palmer, Samuel Stanton, Daniel Stanton, Manasseth Miner, Joseph Stanton, James York, Henry Bennett, Capt. James Pendleton, Robert Holmes, Thomas Bell, Henry Elliott, Isaac Wheeler, John Gallup, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Ephraim Miner, Joseph Miner, Samuel Miner, John Ashcroft, Edmund Fanning, Jr., John Denison, William Billings, and Samuel Fish.

After the close of King Philip's war nothing occurred to interrupt the progress of the settlement. Some matters, however, connected with the contests between the colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, relative to the boundary line between them, lingered to make trouble for the adjoining towns of Stonington and Westerly.

The boundaries between Connecticut and Rhode Island as fixed by the new charter were not satisfactory to the Connecticut people, nor entirely so to the Rhode Island people. But after years of contention and litigation measures in the interest of peace prevailed, and the present boundary line was established. The attempted overthrow of the charter of the colony by Sir Edmund Andros, acting in pursuance of the policy of King James II., did not particularly affect the interest of the planters here, though they were bitterly opposed to the measures adopted by the king for the purpose of consolidating all of the New England colonies into one, shorn of the liberties granted them by the charter of 1662. The sudden collapse of King James, his abdication of the government of England in 1688, the arrest of Andros in Massachusetts, and his forced return to England gave great satisfaction to the inhabitants of this town, as well as to all of New England; and when William and Mary ascended the throne in 1689 they were hailed with universal respect and esteem. Their beneficent policy was felt on this side of the Atlantic, and with the restoration of the charter and the assurance of the protection of the mother-country, the planters here went on from year to year electing their town and colonial officers, levying and collecting taxes for church, town, and state, and furnishing without dissent their quota of men to resist the invasion of the French and Indians from the north.

During the latter part of the Rev. Mr. James Noyes' pastorate his health began to fail him, and the people

of his charge were anxious to afford him all the assistance in their power.

By this time the northern part of Stonington, now North Stonington, had become settled, and the old place of worship at Agreement Hill was felt to be too remote for them to attend.

So they began to take measures to divide the town into two societies for religious purposes, pending which the town held a meeting in 1715, and voted and agreed to call the Rev. Joseph Noyes<sup>1</sup> to assist his father in the work of the ministry, one of whom was to preach to the people remote from the old meeting-house. Mr. Joseph Noyes did not accept of this call, anticipating one from New Haven, which he subsequently received and accepted. Another town-meeting was held in 1717, and adopted measures for the division of the town, which was consummated by the General Court in 1720.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "At an adjourned Town Meeting held April the 14th, 1715, It was voted and agreed to call Mr. Joseph Noyes to be helpfull to the Rev. Mr James Noyes in carrying on ye work of ye Ministry amongst us in this town, and that one of ye two Ministers shall preach to the People living remoot from the Meeting House, at sum convenient place where they ye People agreed shall unanimously agree upon, and that after the death, removal or inability of either of ye two Ministers to carry on ye work of ye Ministry, or so soon after as the uper people shall so cause the Town to be divided into two Societies for carryng on ye work of ye Ministry: And ye Town to be divided so as may be constant with ye rule of Justice & rightness and the Northern Society when set out as above shall have an equal part of the Ministry Land in this Town and for incurment of ye upper society the lower society shall when divided as aforesaid, pay unto them the sum of One hundred pounds towards ye settling of a minister amongst them. It was also Voted that if Mr James Noyes shall except of a call of this town to be minister with his father the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. James Noyes that then ye Town will give him ye <sup>sd</sup> Mr Joseph Noyes for his incurment ye sum of one hundred pounds towards settling him amongst us, and to pay him annuallly ye sum of seventy punds as money so long as they ye <sup>sd</sup> Mr James and Mr Joseph Noyes shall carry on ye work of ye ministry amongst us in this town, and if it please God that Mr Joseph Noyes shall succeed ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. James Noyes, and doe continuue to carry on ye work of ye Ministry amongst us that then he shall have his salary raised to make it a comfortable and credable maintenance from this Town."—*Stonington Town Records*.

<sup>2</sup> "General Assembly May Session A.D. 1720 Holden at Hartford—Upon consideration of the petition of the inhabitants dwelling in the northward part of Stonington, praying that a committee may be appointed to settle and establish a line that shall divide Stonington into two societies: Ordered, by this Assembly, that Mr John Plumb of New London, Lt. John Sprague of Lebanon, Lt. Joseph Bacchus of Norwich, and Lt. Timothy Peirce of Plainfield, or any three of them, be a committee to settle the line desired, and make return of their doings therein to the Assembly in October next, and that the town of Stonington be at the charge of it."—*Hoadley's Colonial Records*, vol. v., page 180.

"Whereas the Generall Assembly held in May 12th 1720: Did appint us ye subscriber to fix and settle a line in Stonington to divide it into two societies, and we having heard ye Parties what they had to offer in ye premises and viewed ye list of Estates as also taken a view of severall Quarters in ye <sup>sd</sup> town and seriously considered ye same, do fix and settle ye afores<sup>d</sup> line which divides ye <sup>sd</sup> town into two societies as follows, Beginning at ye house and farme of Mr William Wheeler, from thence west north west line to Mistic River brook about one mile, and from ye <sup>sd</sup> house and farme of Mr. William Wheeler a line easterly to ye house and farme of Mr Josiah Grant and from thence a line eastwardly to ye house and farme of Mr John Brown and from thence a line easterly to ye house and farme of Mr. Thomas Brown, and from thence a line easterly to ye house and farm of Mr John Randall, and from ye <sup>sd</sup> Mr Randall's house, an east line to Shoonuck River and so by Shoonuck River to Pawcatuck River, the aforesaid line taking in ye <sup>sd</sup> Mr William Wheeler, Mr Josiah Grant, Mr John Brown, Mr Thomas Brown, and

The legal effect of these proceedings thus far was to divide the town into two societies, and leave them without authority to assemble and elect their officers, there being no general statute at the time providing for calling the first society meeting for that purpose. Whereupon a petition was preferred to the Governor and Council in December, 1720, asking that a time might be fixed for a meeting of the inhabitants of said parish qualified to vote in the affairs thereof. The petition was granted, and the 28th day of December, 1721, at the old meeting-house, at twelve o'clock noon, was designated as the time and place for said meeting, and three men were selected to warn it, by giving five days' notice thereof; and when assembled either of said persons was to preside and lead the parishioners to a choice of society officers.<sup>3</sup>

The meeting assembled in response to the notice and elected Samuel Stanton, Jr., clerk; Samuel Stanton, Sr., Daniel Palmer, James Miner, Joseph Denison, and Samuel Chesebrough, Sr., committee; and Nehemiah Williams, collector. These proceedings completed the organization of the First Ecclesiastical Congregational Society of Stonington.

Ministers' rates were no longer laid and collected by the town, that duty devolved upon the society; also the settling of ministers in connection with the church, building of meeting-houses, and all the temporal matters of the church.

Pending the proceedings that were instituted in England for the subversion of the charter of 1662, and the overthrow of the colonial government estab-

Mr John Randall with their present improvements into ye North Society and to be a part of it as witness our hands,

"JOHN SPRAGUE,  
"JOHN PLUMB,  
"JOSEPH BACCHUS,  
"TIMOTHY PEIRCE,  
"Committee.

"STONINGTON, June 25th 1720."—*Society Records*.

<sup>3</sup> "At a meeting of the Governor and Council in New London, December 20th, 1720. Present, The Honorable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., Governor, Richard Christophers, Esq., Assistant; Jonathan Prentis, Esq., John Pickett, Christopher Christophers, Jonathan Star. Upon application made by several inhabitants of the southernmost of the societies or parishes in Stonington, lately established by the General Court, desiring that a time may be appointed for the meeting of the inhabitants of said parish, qualified to vote in the affairs thereof, and an order given for notifying them of the time for their convening for that end.

"Ordered, That Wednesday the 28th of this instant December at 12 of the clock at noon, and at the old meeting house in said parish, be the place and time for the meeting of the said inhabitants parishioners.

"Ordered, That Capt. Manasseh Miner, Mr Adam Gallup, and Mr Sylvester Baldwin, all of the said parish, or either of them, do give at least five days notice to the inhabitants within the precinct of said parish, who are qualified voters in the said society, that on the said Wednesday the 28th instant at twelve of the clock at noon, at the old meeting-house in said parish, a meeting of the said society is appointed and ordered by this board for choosing a clerk and committee, and for managing other affairs of the said society or parish. And the said Capt. Minor, Mr Gallup and Mr Baldwin, or either of them, are appointed to lead the said parishioners at the said meeting to the said choice.

"Ordered, That the clerk of the council enclose in a letter to the said Messrs. Minor, Gallup & Baldwin or either of them, a copie of this order, attested by him, which shall be a sufficient warrant for their attending to the service which they are herein directed to."—*Hoadley's Colonial Records*, vol. v., pages 228, 229.

lished by virtue thereof, the General Court in May, 1685, enacted that "This court, for the prevention of future trouble, and that every township's grants of land, as it hath been obtained by gift, purchase, or otherways of the natives and grants of this court, may be settled upon them, their heirs, successors, and assigns forever, according to our charter granted by his late majesty of happy memory, this court doth order that every township in this colony shall take out patents for their said grants of the Governor and company, which this court doth hereby order shall be granted unto them for the holding of such tracts of land as have been formerly or shall be hereafter granted to them by this court, and to their heirs and successors and assigns firm and sure, according to the tenure of our charter in free and common vocage, and not in capite nor by knight service, which patent shall be sealed with the seal of the colony, and signed by the Governor and by the secretary in the name of this court and entered upon record, which patent or record of the patent shall be sufficient evidence for all and every township that hath the same to all intents and purposes, for the holding of the said lands firm to them, their heirs, successors, and assigns forever."

The town of Stonington, for reasons not now understood, did not take out a patent under the act aforesaid until 1716, which is as follows, viz.:

"To all persons to whom these presents shall come. The Governor and company of his majesties colony of Connecticut, in general Court, assembled send Greeting. Whereas we ye said Governor and company, by virtue of Letters Patents to us, granted by his Royal Majesties Charles ye Second of England & King, bearing date ye (2d) twenty-third day of April in ye fourteenth year of his Reign, Annoque Domini 1683, Have firmly by certain acts and grants passed in General Assembly, given and granted to Thomas Stanton Esq., Ephraim Miner Esq., Nehemiah Palmer Esq., Nathaniel Chesebrough Esq., the Revend Mr. James Noyes, Mr. Daniel Mason, Mr. John Gallup, Mr. Daniel Denison, Mr. Isaac Wheeler, Mr. Stephen Richardson, Mr. John Frink, Mr. William Bennet, Mr. Robert Stanton, Mr. Samuel Stanton, Mr. Joseph Stanton, Mr. Gershom Palmer, Mr. Moses Palmer, Daniel Palmer Esq., Lieut. Ichabod Palmer, Joseph Palmer, William Palmer, George Palmer, Walter Palmer, Samuel Stanton Secundus, Samuel Stanton Jr., Daniel Stanton, Capt. Manasseh Miner, Capt. Ephraim Miner, Mr. Joseph Miner, Ensign Elnathan Miner, Ensign Samuel Miner, James Miner, John Miner, Thomas Miner, Mr. Samuel Chesebrough, Mr. William Chesebrough, Mr. Elihu Chesebrough, Elisha Chesebrough, Samuel Chesebrough Secundus, Ebenezer Searl, Thomas Noyes, John Noyes, Mr. Benadam Gallup, Lieut. William Gallup, William Denison, William Denison Secundus, William Wheeler, Capt. John Mason, Samuel Mason, Mr. Benjamin Hewit, Mr. Henry Stephens, John Frink, Junr., Mr. Ebenezer Billing, Jeremish Main, Daniel Shaw, Thomas York, Mr. George Denison and to their heirs and assigns or such as shall legally succeed or represent them or either of them a just and legal propriety in a certain tract of land, now commonly called and known by the name of Stoningtoun, lying and being within ye Colony aforesaid (to us by ye said Letters Patents granted to be disposed of, and bounded as hereinafter followeth. And ye said Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Mr. James Noyes, and ye rest of ye above named persons, with such other persons, as are at this present time by virtue of ye aforesaid grants and acts, proprietors of the said tract of land having made application to us, for a more ample confirmation of their propriety in ye said tract of land (which they are now in possession of,) by a good and sufficient instrument, signed and sealed with ye seal of this corporation, Therefore, know ye that we ye said Governor, and company in general Court assembled by virtue of ye aforesaid Letters Patents, and for divers good causes and considerations pursuant to ye end of said Letters Patent, us hereunto moving, have Given, Granted, Rattified, and confirmed, and by these presents do fur-

ther, fully, clearly, and amply, Give, Grant, Rattiffe, and confirm unto ye aforesaid Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Mr. James Noyes, with ye rest of ye above-named persons aforesaid, and to all other persons at this present time proprietors with them of this said tract of land, now being in their full and peaceable possession and seisin, and to their heirs and assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them or either of them, forever ye aforesaid tract of land commonly known by ye name of Stoningtoun, lying in ye colony aforesaid, and bounded as followeth—beginning at ye mouth of Mistick River, and northerly up said River and brook, falling in ye said river to ye pond by Lanstrom Hill to ye north end of ye pond, where ye pond is seven chales and one pole wide, thence north to an ash tree formerly marked with eight notches, standing by a still brook, thence north to a white oak tree, formerly marked with ten notches, known by ye name of Stoningtoun, northwest corner tree, from thence extended a line due east by heaps of stones, marked trees, and monuments in ye line nine miles to a rock, about four fothigh, of ye form of an ovell, marked with a letter S on ye south side, and a white oak standing by it marked with ye letter R, which rock is about one hundred rods to ye southeast of a cedar swamp, and from said rock south somewhat westerly to ye mouth of Ashwanze River, where said river falls into Pawcatuck River, and by ye middle stream of said Pawcatuck River unto ye sea, taking in ye small adjacent islands to ye mouth of Mistick River aforesaid, together with all and singular ye messuages, tennaments, meadows, pastures, commons, woods, underwoods, waters, fishings, small islands, islets, and heriddittaments, whatever being belonging or anywise appertaining to ye said tract of land aforesaid, and do hereby grant and confirm to ye said proprietors, their heirs and assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them, his or their several particular respective proprietors in ye premises, according to such allotments, or divisions as ye ancestors of ye said present proprietors or said proprietors themselves have already made by virtue of any gifts or grants of said town or townsmen of Pequot, now called New London, or shall hereafter make of ye same. To Have and to hold the said tract of land with ye premises aforesaid to them ye said Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, James Noyes, and all others ye present proprietors of ye said tract and premises their Heirs and Assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them forever, as a good, sure, rightful, perfect, absolute, and lawful estate, in fee simple, according to ye aforesaid Letters Patents after ye most free tenure of his majesties mannor of East Greenwich in the county of Kent. To ye sole only proper use and behoof of them, ye said Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, James Noyes, with all other ye present proprietors of ye said tract and premises, their heirs and assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them forever, as a good, sure, rightful estate in manner as aforesaid, reserving only to his majesty our sovereign Lord George of England, King, and his successors forever one fifth part of all gold or silver mines or oar that have been or shall be found within ye premises, so granted and confirmed and further we ye said Governor and company, the aforesaid tract of land, and premises, and every part and parcell thereof, hereby granted and confirmed to ye said Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, James Noyes, Daniel Mason, John Gallup, Daniel Denison, Isaac Wheeler, Stephen Richardson, John Frink, William Bennet, Robert Stanton, Samuel Stanton, Joseph Stanton, Gershom Palmer, Moses Palmer, Daniel Palmer, Ichabod Palmer, Joseph Palmer, William Palmer, George Palmer, Walter Palmer, Samuel Stanton Secundus, Samuel Stanton, Junr., Daniel Stanton, Manasseh Miner, Ephraim Miner, Joseph Miner, Elnathan Miner, Samuel Miner, James Miner, John Miner, Thomas Miner, Samuel Chesebrough, William Chesebrough, Elihu Chesebrough, Elisha Chesebrough, Samuel Chesebrough Secundus, Ebenezer Searl, Thomas Noyes, John Noyes, Benadam Gallup, William Gallup, William Denison, William Denison Secundus, William Wheeler, John Mason, Samuel Mason, Benjamin Hewit, Henry Stephens, John Frink Junr, Ebenezer Billing, Jeremish Main, Daniel Shaw, Thomas York, George Denison, and to ye rest of ye present proprietors thereof, their Heirs and assigns, or such as shall legally succeed or represent them to their own proper use in ye manner and under ye limitations above expressed Against us, and all, and every other person or persons, lawfully claiming by from or under us. Shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

"In Witness whereof we have agreed and concluded that this present instrument be signed in our name by ye Governor and Secretary of this corporation, as also that our common seal be affixed hereunto.

"Dated in New Haven ye 24 day of October Anno Domini 1716. Annoque Regni Regie, Georgi, Magnae Britanice, Tertie.

"By order of ye Governor.

G. SALTONSTALL Gov."



In 1726 the First and South Society in Stonington decided to build a new meeting-house, and to locate it at the Centre, at a place now known as Putnam Corners, about half a mile east of the old meeting-house. The action of this meeting gave dissatisfaction to a large number of the members of the society, who preferred the old site at Agreement Hill. Other town-meetings followed relative to the location of the proposed new house, the result of which was that no definite action was reached for several years.

Petition after petition was addressed to the General Assembly until 1731, when an agreement was reached to divide the society north and south. Previous to this two meeting-houses had been raised, one on Agreement Hill, and the other at Putnam Corners, neither of which were completed for a number of years. After this the east and west societies acted wholly independent of each other.

The meeting-house at the Putnam Corners was the largest, with two tiers of galleries one above the other, with an immense sounding-board. After the division of the old society, Mr. Rossiter, who was the second settled pastor here, continued his labors until his death, which took place in 1762. Previous to his death and during his pastorate the town sold the old ministry land, and divided the avails of the sale equally among the then three societies of the town. After the death of Mr. Rossiter some of the more prominent men in the two south societies favored a reunion, which was seconded by the pastors of the neighboring churches.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TERMS OF THE UNION.—"1st. That ye two meeting houses now standin in said society shall be common property and joint interest of ye two parishes to be united. When they are united and as ye peues in each meeting house are a personal property we ye s<sup>d</sup> committees agree to give up our right and title to said peues that they may become a common stock with said houses and also to recommend it to ye other proprietors of ye peues to do ye same that they may become ye legal property of all in common and improved as such with the said two meeting houses.

"2d. We agree that after ye s<sup>d</sup> societys are united as aforesaid and by their legal vote think it convenient & best to build another meeting-house for publick worship in ye room & stead of ye s<sup>d</sup> two meeting-houses now standing in said societys for ye better accomodation of s<sup>d</sup> society that ye s<sup>d</sup> meeting house shall be built on that acor of land that Natban Chesebrough Esq. has generously given by promise for to erect a meetinghouse on near ye dwelling house of Mr Nath<sup>l</sup> Hewitts s<sup>d</sup> Nathan Chesebrough Esq. having first given a deed of s<sup>d</sup> land for ye purpose aforesaid.

"3d. It is also agreed that the ministry and school money of both ministry land money in each society be made equal by each society if either be wanting, and that ye school money in ye said east society be improved in ye s<sup>d</sup> east society on the east side of Stoney brook, and that ye school money in ye said west society be improved in said society on ye west side of Stoney brook, & this to be a standing rule for said societys when made one but to be so understood as not to hinder any that desire to take benefit of ye whole.

"4th. That ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Eells shall have ye Pastoral charge and care of said societys when united and ye church of Christ therein with ye same jurisdiction and authority over ye whole as he is now vested with over ye said east society and that his anowell salary shall be raised and paid him att ye joint charge of ye s<sup>d</sup> united society.

"5th. It is agreed ye two societys shall assemble at ye east meeting house to worship six months each year, and in ye west meeting-house the other six months and when a meeting-house is erected on ye place

In 1763 the matter was brought before both societies, and finally a plan of union was prepared and agreed upon, and subsequently adopted by both parishes, and accepted by the churches.

The Assembly established the same,<sup>2</sup> with such provisions as were necessary to enable the old societies to merge and hold their property, and then directed the mode of organizing the new society. After the reunion they called the Rev. Nathaniel Eells (the pastor of the East Society) to become the pastor of the reunited societies, which he accepted, and for several

agreed on, then said societys so united as aforesaid shall meet and worship in said house as aforesaid.

"6th. It is also agreed in order to confirm each and every artical of ye fourgoing terms of agreement ofred to ye consideration of s<sup>d</sup> societys that they may bee made certain and unchangeable that ye said societys by their agents address ye Honourable and General Assembly in May next by a proper memorial to ratify and confirm their afores<sup>d</sup> proposals of agreement that we may by their authority established our own acts herein be again one united ecclesiastical society which is ye sincere and harty wishes and desire of &c.

"Dated Stonington Jan. ye 17th A.D. 1765 all ye above and fourgoing articals was agreed on and voted by ye afores<sup>d</sup> Comtee in ye affirmative

"JOHN HALLAM	"SIMON RHODES
"ELIHU CHESBROUGH	"PHINEAS STANTON
"NEHEMIAH WILLIAMS	"JOHN DENISON YE 3 <sup>rd</sup>
"AMOS CHESBROUGH	"JOSEPH PAGE
"NATHAN PALMER	"JOSEPH MINER
"JOSEPH DENISON	"DANIEL DENISON
"JOHN WILLIAMS	"NATH <sup>l</sup> GALLUP

"Voted, That said report with ye additions to & alterations of ye 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph in said Report following, be inserted in said report, viz, That all ye school moneys belonging to s<sup>d</sup> east society at this time, shall when s<sup>d</sup> societys are united and became one intire ecclesiastical society, be improved within ye limmits theirolf or ye side of Stoney brook, and that ye school moneys now belonging to said west society be improved within ye limmits thereof on ye west side of Stoney brook, and that be a sure and unalterable rule.

"Dated March 25<sup>th</sup> 1726."—*Society Records*.

"At a General assembly of the Governor and company of the Colony of Connecticut holden at Hartford May Second Thursday, A.D. 1765. Upon the memorial of the East and West Society's in Stonington, shewing to this Assembly that on the Death of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Ebenezer Rosseter Pastor of the Church in said West Society being advised by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Lord, Asher Rosseter, and Jonathan Barker Associations Committee again to unite into one Ecclesiastical Society, and the said East and West Society's having accordingly agreed thereupon, and made application to this Assembly for that purpose as p<sup>r</sup> Memorial on file, &c.

"Resolved by this assembly that the said East and West Society's in said Stonington, be again united and become one entire Ecclesiastical Society, to be for the future called and known by the name of the first Society, in said Stonington, and they are hereby united, created, and made one entire Ecclesiastical Society with all the Priviledges and Immunities by Law allowed to other Ecclesiastical Society's in this Colony, vested with and enjoyed the same Priviledges and Advantages which the said East and West Society's have heretofore severally had and enjoyed, —and that they the said East and West Society's be and they are hereby enabled and empowered as separate and distinct Society's to act and transact any society or Parish affairs to compleat the settlements referred to in said memorial until the first day of December next, and Joseph Denison Esq<sup>r</sup> of said Stonington shall be, and he is hereby fully empowered, authorized by himself or other Person by him for that purpose appointed and directed after said first day of December next, and during said month of December to give legal warning to all the inhabitants of said first Society that are qualified by Law to vote in Society affairs to meet at such time and place as he the said Joseph shall for that purpose in said first Society appoint, and being so met, that he preside as Moderator of such meeting, in the forming of said Society, and choice of all officers, and other Prudentials of said Society as Occasion may require. A true copy of Record Examined by George Wyllys Secretary, Conn."—*Colonial Records*.

years preached alternately for six months in the east house and six months in the west house. A majority were looking forward to the erection of a new meeting-house at the place designated by the terms of the union. But they were doomed to disappointment. Long Point, now Stonington borough, was not settled until 1752, but the settlement increased so rapidly that they demanded and secured the afternoon service of Mr. Eells. This produced great dissatisfaction in the east and northern part of the society, and various society meetings were held, and petitions to the General Assembly were preferred without satisfactory results. Finally eighty-three of the inhabitants of the village,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May instant. The memorial of William Morgan, Benjamin Park, John Denison 4<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Denison 2<sup>d</sup>, Oliver Hillard, Edward Hancox, Oliver Smith, & the rest of the subscribers hereto in behalf of themselves & the professors of the established Religion of the Colony, living at a place called Long Point in Stonington in the County of New London humbly sheweth, that they are situate near four miles from any meeting house & that the inhabitants living at <sup>s</sup>d Long Point are generally poor they living principally by the whale & cod-fishery, there carried on, to the public advantage, by which means within a few years said place has increas'd to upwards of eighty families among which are twenty widows, seventeen of which have children as families there that the whole number of inhabitants are nigh to five hundred, that there is not among them more than one horse to ten families, so that but very few are able to attend meeting at the meeting-house except those that are robust hardy & us'd to travel on foot, which are very few, the greater number of said inhabitants consisting of women & children, that thereupon the society have for several years consented to have one sermon preached at <sup>s</sup>d point every sabbath by their Rev'd Pastor, which he has performed & is still willing to continue, but their number has so increas'd that it is very inconvenient for those that do attend public worship (as they have no where to convene but in a small school house or private houses) & many more than at present do attend would if there was room to accommodate them; that for the want of a proper place to meet in for the celebrating divine service, many who means the sabbaths are mispent & may be more & more mispent & prophaned, that those who would be glad to build a house & maintain preaching & good order among them have been & continue unable of themselves to bear the expense, by which the cause of religion much suffers there, & the good people among them greatly fear the increase of vice & irreligion. That the town of which y<sup>r</sup> memorialists are a part, have lately paid & are liable to pay upwards of one thousand pounds for the deficiency of several collectors that have lately fail'd that your memorialists from great necessity, by their being very remote from any consant grist mill, have lately contributed about £70 as an encouragement to an undertaker to build a wind mill at <sup>s</sup>d point, which with about the same sum lately subscribed by <sup>s</sup>d inhabitants for a school house, with the great labour & expence they have been at to make roads & causeways to <sup>s</sup>d point, all which with the poor success that attended the last years fishery, & the lowness of markets & the various & different sentiments in the religious denomination of christians among them, viz.: First day Baptists, Seven day Baptists & the Quakers or those call'd Friends, are such real grief & great discouragements to your memorialists, who are of the establish'd Religion of this Colony, that they can no longer think of obtaining a meeting-house by subscription or any other ways among themselves.

"Where fore they humbly pray that liberty may be granted to build a meeting house for public worship at said Long Point, & that your Honours would in your great goodness grant them a Lottery for raising a sum sufficient for the purpose aforesaid or so much as your Honours shall think proper under such restrictions & regulations as your Honours shall think fit, & your memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

"Dated at Stonington May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1774

"William Morgan, Benjamin Park, John Denison 4<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Denison 2<sup>d</sup>, Edward Hancox, John Rathbun, Edward Eells, John Brown, junr., Acors Sheffield, James Tripp, John Brown, John Brown jun., Andrew Brown, Paul Champlin, John Lamb, Thomas Burch, Andrew Stanton, Nath<sup>l</sup> Crandal, Nath<sup>l</sup> Hancox, Joseph Hillard, Jer-

in 1774, addressed the Assembly for liberty to build a meeting-house by lottery, which was granted at the October session of 1774, limiting the amount to be raised thereby to four hundred pounds.<sup>2</sup> The managers of the lottery did not at once inaugurate their scheme, nor did they accomplish it until 1777, which was successfully drawn and the necessary funds secured.

But the Revolutionary war so absorbed the means of the people that a large part of this sum was used for the defense of the place, and the balance invested in Continental bills, which after the close of the war became worthless. Whereupon, in 1785,<sup>3</sup> another

miah Tenny, Nathan Palmer junr., Benjamin C. Grofton, Eliphalet Buddington Jr., Samuel Bebe, Thos. Littlefield, Sam<sup>l</sup> Niles, Nathaniel Hall, Nathaniel Minor, Oliver Hillard, David Palmer, Wait Rathbun, Elcanah Cobb, Ebenezer Cobb, Stanton York, Mary Elliot, John Rathbun junr., Ab<sup>m</sup> Borden, Sands Niles, Peter Crary, Nathaniel Babcock, W<sup>m</sup> Avery, James Beebe, Stephen Minor, Oliver Smith, John Denison 5<sup>th</sup>, Jared Crandal, John Minor, David Seabury, Ellaha Satterlee, Peleg Brown, Abigail Cheesbrough, Asa Palmer, Robert Robison, Simeon Ashcroft, Job Irish, William Chester, Erastus Rooster, Thankful Gallaway, Boradel Sparhawk, Patience Avery, Nathaniel Dyer, David Hillard, Elizabeth Stanton, Sam<sup>l</sup> Satterlee, Billings Burch, Nath<sup>l</sup> Tripp, W<sup>m</sup> Fellows, Michael Ash, Edward S. Coleman, Prudence Cobb, Culbert Fanning, Jerusha Griffing, Rebecca Cheesbrough, Paul Crandal, Persilla Randall, Anna Cooper, Lucy Beebe, Moses Palmer, Sam<sup>l</sup> Babcock, Martha Burch, Israel Lewis, Simeon Aams, Jeremiah Wilbur."—*Conn. Archives*, by C. J. Hoadley, No. 83.

<sup>2</sup> "Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii 14 to.—At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America holden at New Haven in said Colony on the second Thursday of October being the 18<sup>th</sup> day of said month, and continued by several adjournments of the fourth day of November next following, anno: Dom<sup>ni</sup>, 1774. Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Minor Esq<sup>r</sup>, William Morgan and others, inhabitants of the first society in Stonington, shewing that they live at Long Point in said society & are far remote from the place of public worship there, that said place has greatly increased in numbers within a few years past, that the inhabitants of said point & thereabout are generally poor & unable to build a house to meet for public worship, that if they had a house to meet in for that purpose they apprehend the growth of irreligion & impiety would be prevented, &c, praying for a lottery to build a meeting house &c—on which a committee have been appointed who have reported in favour of said memorials & affixed a place for building &c, which report is accepted & there upon Resolved by this assembly that the memorialists have liberty & they are hereby authorized to raise by way of lottery the sum of £400.0.0 lawful money to be applied for the purpose mentioned in said memorial & also the further sum of £30.0.0 lawful money, to defray the expense of such lottery, & Nathaniel Minor Esq<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Denison 2<sup>d</sup>, John Denison 4<sup>th</sup>, Peleg Cheesbrough, & John Brown junr, all of said Stonington, or any three of them accepting said trust, are hereby appointed managers & directors of said lotteries who shall be jointly holden to make good all benefit tickets drawn in such lotteries & shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their said trust & the adventures in said lotteries, shall have their remedy against said managers for the benefit tickets by them drawn in manner aforesaid & the monies so raised by said lotteries shall be laid out & applied to the purposes aforesaid & an account thereof be rendered to the General Assembly when demanded."—*Conn. Archives*, by C. J. Hoadley.

<sup>3</sup> "At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May, being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of said month, and continued by adjournments until the ninth day of June next following Anno Dom<sup>ni</sup> 1785. Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Minor John Denison 3<sup>d</sup> & Joseph Denison 2<sup>d</sup> all of Long Point in Stonington, setting forth that they with others of the first Society in said Stonington were on the second Thursday of October 1774, appointed Managers of a Lottery granted by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> General Assembly to your Memorialists William Morgan and others of the established Religion of the then Colony of Connecticut for the purpose of raising the sum of £400, to build a Meeting House at said Point. That said Managers proceeded by

petition was preferred to the Assembly, for liberty and authority to raise by lottery money enough to make up the four hundred pounds, which was granted, and the money raised. Instead of building a new house at the Point, they took down the old meeting-house at the Putnam Corners and moved it down there, and with their scheme fund, old house, and subscription erected a meeting-house in 1785-86.

## CHAPTER LXXIX.

### STONINGTON—(Continued).

#### WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

PENDING the agitation that preceded the Revolutionary war in all of the colonies, that subsequently united in the Declaration of Independence, the town of Stonington was not indifferent to the momentous struggle, and in order to give force and effect to their political sentiments assembled in town-meeting, passed patriotic resolutions,<sup>1</sup> and elected a Committee

way of Lottery to raise said sum in Continental Bills toward the Close of the Summer of 1777, when your Memorialists for whom the Grant was made, not being apprehensive of the depreciation that would attend said Bills and considering the great scarcity and dearthness of materials for building said House and the danger they were then exposed to from the enemy who were then at New York, Newport and Long Island, thought best for the Grantees not then to proceed in building said House, since which the Bills in the Hands of your Memorialists have depreciated to almost nothing except a part which has been turned into Public Securities, Praying that a Judicious Committee may be appointed to examine into the matters of said Memorial and the true State and Circumstances of the money which they hold in trust, put a just value thereon, and that said Committee be enabled to direct said Managers, to raise on said Grant such Sums with what they already have as to make up the £400. Granted by your Honors as pr memorial &c.

"Resolved, by this Assembly that said Nathaniel Minor John Denison 3d, & Joseph Denison 2d be continued as Managers of said Lottery with the addition of James Rhodes and Elijah Palmer of said Stonington, and that the Honorable William Hillhouse and Benjamin Huntington Esqrs, and Elisha Lathrop Esq. be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into the state and circumstances of said Lottery and liquidate and settle the Accounts thereof, and ascertain the value of the avails thereof in the Hands of said Managers, and in case said Committee shall judge it to be reasonable, they may and they are hereby Authorized and empowered to direct that said Managers proceed to Issue and draw such further numbers of tickets in said Lottery as to raise such sum of money for the purpose of building a meeting House at said Point as shall be thought by said Committee to be proper, not exceeding £400, including what is already on hand as aforesaid and exclusive of the cost of said Lottery, said managers to be accountable to the General Assembly when requested for their Doings in the premises."—*Conn. Archives, by D. W. Edgecomb.*

<sup>1</sup> At a legal town-meeting held in Stonington the 11th day of July, 1774, the following resolution was passed:

"Deeply impressed with the alarming and critical situation of our Publick affairs, by the many repeated attacks upon the liberties of the English American Colonies, by sundry acts of parliament, both for the purpose of raising a revenue in America, as well as the late most extraordinary act for blocking up the port of Boston. Think it our indispensable duty to manifest our sentiments upon the important occasion. And are most clearly of the opinion that they are repugnant to the spirit, freedom and fundamentals of the British Constitution, and in direct violation of *Magna Charter*. Their surprising exertions of power which so remarkably distinguish the inauspicious times and necessarily alienate the affections of the Americans from their Mother Country, and the British Merchants and manufacturers will of course be extreme in loos-

ing the most beneficial commerce that they derive from any part of the Globe. We recommend as our best advice to the publick, that a general convention of delegates from all the colonies, be convened, with all possible dispatch and what they in their wisdom, upon the most mature deliberation shall agree upon as most expedient for the interest of this growing, fertile and extensive continent; shall be adopted by us, and that in the interim as a necessary step to open the eyes of the present Administration, and to obtain that justice that is due to the worthy descendants of *Great Britain*, which has of late through an extreme misguided policy been denied, we Wherefore recommend a suspension of all commerce with Great Britain immediately take place.

The people of this town not only sympathized with the people of Boston in their resistance to British aggression, but furnished men and means to enable them

ing the most beneficial commerce that they derive from any part of the Globe. We recommend as our best advice to the publick, that a general convention of delegates from all the colonies, be convened, with all possible dispatch and what they in their wisdom, upon the most mature deliberation shall agree upon as most expedient for the interest of this growing, fertile and extensive continent; shall be adopted by us, and that in the interim as a necessary step to open the eyes of the present Administration, and to obtain that justice that is due to the worthy descendants of *Great Britain*, which has of late through an extreme misguided policy been denied, we Wherefore recommend a suspension of all commerce with Great Britain immediately take place.

"We are bound in justice to ourselves, to declare, that we have ever manifested (and are still ready on all occasion) the most affectionate loyalty to the illustrious House of Hanover; which we are truly sensible consolate in nothing more evidently, than in a well regulated zeal for liberty and the Constitution;

"A sense of real honor grounded upon principles of religion, and experience, will warrant us to affirm that their endowments of loyalty public spirit of honor, and religion are no where found in higher perfection than in the British Colonies. Notwithstanding what is passed, we are still desirous to remain upon our former good understanding, with the mother country, and continue to them their gainfull commerce, provided a repeal of those grievous acts take place.

"We heartily sympathize with our distressed brethren, the Bostonians, whom we view as victims sacrificed to the shrine of arbitrary power, and more immediately suffering in the general cause. We rejoice to see so many of the neighboring colonies and even towns vying with each other in their liberal benefactions, to the distressed and injured town of Boston. Wherefore we have opened a subscription for the relief of the inhabitants of the town of Boston, which the Committee of Correspondence, viz. Charles Phelps Esq., Doctor Dudley Woodbridge, Col. Henry Babcock, Joseph Denison Esq., Mr. John Dean, Paul Wheeler Esq., Nathaniel Miner Esq., Cap. Daniel Fish, Joseph Palmer Esq., Mr. Benjamin Clark and Mr Samuel Prentice, are appointed to receive and forward to the selectmen of the town of Boston, and said committee are instructed to correspond with the committees of the different colonies and transmit a copy of this vote to the corresponding committee of Boston whose well timed zeal, vigilance, and watchful fidelity, in the great and most interesting cause of liberty we cannot sufficiently thank."

Passed in a very full meeting without a single dissenting voice.

<sup>2</sup> "BOSTON, August 24th 1774

"GENTLEMEN,—Your elegant and benevolent favor of the 1st instant yielded us that support and consolation amid our distresses which the generous sympathy of assured friends can never fail to inspire. 'Tis the part of this people to frown on danger face to face, to stand the focus of rage and malevolence of the inexorable enemies of American freedom.

"Permit us to glory in the dangerous distinction and be assured that, while actuated by the spirit and confident of the aid of such noble auxiliaries, we are compelled to support the conflict.

"When liberty is the prize, who would shun the warfare? Who would stoop to waste a coward thought on life? We esteem no sacrifice too great, no conflict too severe, to redeem our inestimable rights and privileges. 'Tis for you, brethren, for ourselves, for our united posterity, we hazard all; and permit us humbly to hope, that such a measure of vigilance, fortitude, and perseverance will still be afforded us, that by patiently suffering and noble daring, we may eventually secure that more precious than Hesperian fruit, the golden apples of freedom.

"We eye the land of Heaven in the rapid and wonderful union of the colonies; and that generous and universal emulation to prevent the sufferings of the people of this place, gives a prelibation of the cup of deliverance. May unerring wisdom dictate the measures to be recommended by, the Congress. May a smiling God conduct this people through the thorny paths of difficulty and finally gladden our hearts with success.

"We are, gentlemen,

"Your friends in the cause of Liberty,

"JOSEPH WARREN, Chairman.

"To the Committee of correspondence of Stonington."

to maintain their liberties. They were represented at the battle of "Bunker Hill" by true and determined men, as they were in almost every battle-field of the Revolution. After the battle of Bunker Hill, when the American army pressed close around Boston, they cut off the supplies of the British army to such an extent that they were compelled to forage for supplies all along the coast of New England. In doing so they made an attack on Long Point, which is so well told by Dr. David Sherman Hart that his communication is inserted entire.

"After the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, thousands of Minute-men, led by Cols. Thomas, Heath, Stark, Putnam, and others, marched from various points, and established posts at Cambridge, Roxbury, and other commanding positions in the vicinity of Boston, with the object of besieging the British forces in Boston under the command of Gen. Thomas Gage. Col. Artemas Ward, who led a regiment from Shrewsbury, was appointed by the Committee of Safety of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress to be commander-in-chief of the colonial troops. The first enterprise of Gen. Ward, after fortifying his positions, was to cut off supplies of cattle, sheep, and provisions of every kind from the enemy in Boston. This was done in order to force Gen. Gage to surrender or to evacuate Boston. Detachments were sent to strip the islands in Boston Harbor of the live-stock and all property which could in any way benefit the enemy. This was done in gallant style, in spite of the most strenuous efforts in opposition. When Gen. Washington, on July 3d, assumed the command of all the colonial forces, with his headquarters at Cambridge, he carried out the plan of Gen. Ward to a still greater extent, so as to distress not only the British land and naval forces, but also the people of Boston. In this emergency, Admiral Graves equipped three small frigates and several tenders, and placed them in command of Commodore Sir James Wallace, with orders to land his crews at all accessible points and seize and carry off live-stock and produce to supply the necessities of the fleet and garrison. These orders Capt. Wallace carried into effect as well as he was able. He met with resistance at some places on the coast of Massachusetts, for which he retaliated by burning their houses and other acts of violence. The farmers near the coast anticipating his approach, had for the most part driven their stock into the interior, in accordance with orders from Gen. Washington. The principal field of Capt. Wallace's depredations was Narragansett Bay and the adjacent shores of Massachusetts and Connecticut. He landed on the island of Conanicut, and burned twenty houses and barns and carried off the live-stock. He appeared before Bristol with his three frigates, and sent word to the magistrates to come on board his ship (the 'Rose') and hear his demands. As they were not in a hurry to pay him a visit, he opened his broadsides upon the place, and did a great amount of damage, although

no lives were lost. His demands were for cattle and provisions, and were promptly complied with. Capt. Wallace sailed along the coast of Connecticut as far as New London, where he landed and spiked the guns of a small battery, threatening to return and do more damage. It may be mentioned here that, previous to the battle of Lexington, none of the exposed towns on the coast of New England were fortified. After that battle, and especially after the burning of Falmouth (now Portland), Me., measures were taken to remedy this defect. Gen. Sullivan was dispatched from the camp at Cambridge to complete the fortification of Portsmouth, N. H., which had already been commenced. Gen. Lee was sent to Newport, R. I., to erect a fort and regulate the Tories, who had for a long time secretly communicated with Capt. Wallace and supplied him with what he wanted. He exacted a stringent oath of these Tories that they would hold no further communication with the enemy. Jonathan Trumbull, the war governor of Connecticut (familiarily styled by Washington 'Brother Jonathan'), caused Forts Trumbull and Griswold to be erected at New London, and Fort Hale at New Haven.

"The inhabitants of Block Island, apprehensive of a raid upon them by Capt. Wallace, placed their live-stock on board of vessels and transported them to Long Point, a village containing about seventy-five houses and five hundred inhabitants. They were landed at Pine Point, the junction of Hallam's and Lambert's Coves, and distributed over the plain of Quonaduck and its neighborhood. Capt. Wallace being informed of this transaction, sailed forthwith in the frigate 'Rose,' and appeared off Long Point Aug. 30, 1775. He sent a boat with a peremptory demand for the delivery of the cattle to him, threatening terrible vengeance in case of non-compliance. Refusal having been returned as peremptory as the demand, Capt. Wallace sent his tenders up the harbor to seize and bring off the cattle. By this time a large number of men from the country had arrived at the Point to co-operate with the inhabitants in its defense. A company of men at the time rendezvoused at the road under the command of Capt. William Stanton.

"They assembled and marched directly to the Point, and joined the company there under the command of Capt. Oliver Smith. Sergt. Amos Gallup, George and William Denison, and others to the number of twenty, composed the company of Capt. Stanton. They were armed with Queen Anne muskets, which were very effective at long range. The troops were at first stationed in the Robinson pasture, just north of the Hotel Wadawanuck.

"When the tender of the 'Rose' came up the harbor the troops were marched down to Brown's wharf, where they opened a very effective fire upon the enemy, which compelled them to get out of the harbor as fast as they could, with a severe loss. They reported their ill success to their commander. Capt.

Wallace had for his pilot a Tory, Stephen Peckham by name, and the 'Rose' was moored in a favorable position, with springs on her cables. A severe cannonade was opened upon the village and kept up for several hours. Some of the inhabitants for protection went down into the cellars of their houses, others placed themselves behind some large rocks. One of these rocks, situated at the junction of Water and High Streets, was struck by a shot, but no one behind it was injured by the splinters that flew from it. Others again fled into the country. The greater part of the houses were more or less injured by the cannonade, but no lives were lost, and only one wounded. Capt. Wallace did not venture to land and burn the village as he had designed, being deterred by the formidable appearance of matters on shore, as well as by the drubbing his tenders had received. He hovered on the coast for about a week and then disappeared. Long Point was the only place that resisted successfully this prince of marauders, whose operations partook of the nature of both land and sea piracy. This place has had the honor of resisting two attacks by two commodores, one as just related, the other on Aug. 10, 1814, by Commodore Thomas M. Hardy. Long Point had no cannon, but only small-arms to resist a landing, and solid shot were the only offensive weapons employed by the enemy. Stonington borough, as the place was called in 1814, had two eighteen-pounders and a six-pounder, while Commodore Hardy had one seventy-four, one frigate, one brig, one bomb-ship, and several rocket-boats.

"It may be interesting to relate several incidents that occurred during and after the attack on the village of Long Point. There was residing here at that time a Quaker, James Tripp, who, though a man of peace, felt his soul stir within him when the cannon-shot struck the houses in quick succession. Seizing a musket, he said to one of his neighbors, 'Canst thou bear this? I cannot.' He then ran down to the shore and fired off his musket in the direction of the frigate 'Rose,' in token of defiance. There was a windmill at the extremity of the village, where the corn of the villagers was ground. It was built by a member of the branch of the Rathbone family called 'Windmill Rathbones,' because they made it their business to erect windmills. Just before the attack on the village, Joseph Elliot, a young man of weak intellect, was sent to the mill with some corn. The proprietor, alarmed by the movements of Capt. Wallace, hastily left the building, locking the door. During the whole of that terrible cannonade young Elliot was shut up in the mill, which was struck by several shot. When at length he was released he was found to have lost the greater part of what little intellect he possessed."

"Some time after this, Stephen Peckham, the Tory pilot of the 'Rose,' was caught, and brought to Long Point that he might receive such punishment as the

aggrieved inhabitants saw proper to inflict. There was a large sycamore- (buttonwood-) tree standing a little southwest of the mansion of Nathaniel Minor, Esq. (now occupied by the widow of Capt. Jonas Horn). Mr. Minor was one of the leading patriots of Stonington at that time. That tree was called 'Liberty tree' because the association of young men styled 'Sons of Liberty' and other patriots were accustomed to meet under it and transact business relating to the public welfare. A platform was erected under it, and Stephen Peckham was ordered to stand upon the platform and hear his confession read, to which he had previously assented. This was done by Esquire Minor in the presence of a great concourse. The purport of this confession was: 'I, Stephen Peckham, do hereby acknowledge that, being instigated by the devil, I did great injury to the inhabitants of this place, for which I profess my hearty sorrow, and do humbly ask their forgiveness.' Esquire Minor would now and then interrupt the reading by saying, 'Not I, but that fellow on the platform.' All will admit that this Tory deserved much greater punishment than having his confession read, but the people of Long Point were disposed to show lenity, and let him off with a very light punishment.

"Evidences of this attack yet remain in some of the oldest houses. In one house are vestiges of the passage of two cannon-shots through it.

"A fort or water-battery was erected soon after this on a hill at the southern part of the village, a short distance from the site of the lowerschool-house, with an armament of several long six- and nine-pounders and one twelve-pound carronade. A barrack was also erected for the accommodation of soldiers, which stood between the houses of Rev. A. G. Palmer and the late Mrs. Fanny Kean. No attack was made on the village during the remainder of the Revolutionary war, after which the battery was allowed to fall to ruin, and the guns to be dismounted and gradually to lie half buried in the earth; and the barrack was altered to a dwelling-house, which was burned a few years since through the carelessness of the tenant.

"When Gen. Howe by the force of circumstances was compelled to evacuate Boston, March 16, 1776, Capt. Wallace was by the same force obliged to evacuate the coast of New England. Gen. Washington, fearing from certain indications that New York would be the next object of attack, sent Gen. Lee to fortify that city at every exposed point. After Lee had been sent to South Carolina to protect Charleston, Gen. Putnam was ordered to New York to complete the fortifications which had been begun by Gen. Lee. Powerful batteries were erected at the Battery (the southwest point of the city), and at Paulus Hook, in New Jersey, immediately opposite. Strong forts were also erected at Washington Heights, at the upper end of Manhattan Island, and on the Jersey shore nearly opposite, viz., Fort Washington and Fort Lee. The object of these fortifications was to prevent ships-of-

war from passing up the Hudson River. Detachments of these ships and transports filled with troops had entered the lower bay in the course of the month of June, but on July 12th another detachment entered the bay, among which were the frigates 'Phoenix' and 'Rose,' commanded by the notorious Capt. Sir James Wallace. These ships, with three tenders, steered up the Narrows, and, notwithstanding a heavy fire, passed between the batteries with little damage or loss of men, as sand-bags had been piled up alongside of the bulwarks to shelter the men. As the upper forts had not been completed, they found no difficulty in passing up the Hudson River as far as the Highlands. The country on both sides of the river was in a state of great alarm. All vessels and boats of every description were placed in security; cannon were sent to points favorable to annoy the ships and tenders and prevent a landing. But Capt. Wallace, by the aid of the Tories of that region, as well as by predatory incursions, easily procured provisions. If any resistance was made houses and barns were burned, as was the case on the coast of New England. Now and then a tender would come within gunshot of the shore batteries, or within range of riflemen stationed along the shore, and would receive serious injury. In August, Commodore Tupper with six row-galleys made an attack on the 'Phoenix' and 'Rose' frigates. The galleys, each armed with a heavy cannon, repeatedly hulled the ships, and for two hours bravely sustained the fight till they withdrew, having themselves received much damage. This was one of the best-fought actions of the kind during the war.

"By this time Gen. Putnam had finished Forts Washington and Lee, and had placed obstructions in the river, with the purpose of destroying the ships on their return. Two fire-ships were sent against them; one grappled the 'Phoenix,' and would have burned her but the fastenings gave way, and the fire-ship drifted away. The other, making for the 'Rose,' fell foul of one of the tenders, and burned her. Capt. Wallace finding his situation critical stood down the river, and succeeded, after receiving much damage, in passing the forts. This was the last of his exploits on the American coast."

The attack on Long Point aroused the people of Connecticut to a sense of their danger, especially those residing near the sea. At the special session of the General Assembly held in April, 1775, a Council of Safety was appointed, consisting of the Hon. Mathew Griswold, Hon. Eliphalet Dyer, J. Huntington, William Williams, N. Wales, Jr., J. Elderkin, Joshua West, and Benjamin Huntington, Esq., to assist the Governor when the Assembly was not in session, with power and authority to direct the marshals and stations of the troops, then to be raised for the defense of the colony, as they should judge best, and to see they were furnished in every respect and for every purpose. At a session of the Governor and Council at Lebanon, Mr. Huntington reported that he had

found one small vessel, and that could be purchased at two hundred pounds of Edward Hancox, of Stonington. Ordered by the Governor and Council that said schooner, called the "Britannia," should be purchased for the colony, and B. Huntington, Esq., Capt. Deshon, and Capt. Niles were appointed to purchase her at said price, and have her rigged and fitted as splendidly as possible; they also appointed Robert Niles, of Norwich, to be her commander.

In session, Sept. 4, 1775, Col. Saltonstall and Capt. Deshon were present as a committee from New London, and Maj. Smith, Oliver Smith, and Capt. Palmer from Stonington. The latter stated that Stonington had been lately attacked and fired upon, and asked the Governor and Council for some military companies to be stationed at Stonington, and both committees prayed for aid to erect works for defense.

In session, Sept. 14, 1775, it was ordered to enlist fifty men, under Maj. Oliver Smith, for the defense of Stonington, and for carrying on the works began there until the 20th of October, 1775. Widow Smith, of New London, stated the prisoners who had lately been driven back to New London by stress of weather, in a vessel piratically taken from Stonington by Capt. Wallace, of the "Rose" man-of-war, were confined at Windham, and prayed that said prisoners might be exchanged for her son, Amos Smith, B. Green, and N. Comstock, who had been taken by said Wallace in New London, which was agreed to, so ordered, and done.

The General Assembly in session at New Haven, Oct. 2, 1775, granted a bounty as follows: Jonathan Weaver, Jr., of Stonington, who was a musician in the company of Capt. Oliver Smith, and was dangerously wounded at Stonington, Long Point, was allowed £12 4s. 4d. by the Assembly; also Capt. Oliver Smith, of Stonington, was promoted to the office of major.

At a session of the General Assembly at New Haven, Dec. 14, 1775, it was ordered "that the battery at Stonington should be supplied with six cannon, two eighteen- and four twelve-pounders." At a session of the Governor and Council, Feb. 2, 1776, the Governor and Council had been authorized by the Assembly to supply the batteries at Groton, Stonington, New Haven, etc.; to effect this was extremely difficult, except that they should be cast in the furnace of Mr. Smith, in Salisbury, Conn. Col. Elderkin was appointed to go immediately to Salisbury and give the proper orders and direction.

In session, Feb. 23, 1775, Maj. Smith, of Stonington, urged an addition to be made to his men in Stonington for the defense of the town and harbor. The Governor and Council ordered said company of forty men to be augmented to ninety men by voluntary enlistment, and to be continued in service until the 1st day of December (next), unless sooner discharged, and to be stationed at or near the fortification in Stonington. Nathan Palmer, Jr., was ap-

pointed first lieutenant, John Belcher second lieutenant, and Clement Miner ensign of the company above mentioned, under Maj. Oliver Smith, who was authorized to enlist said men with all speed. Nathaniel Miner, Esq., was appointed commissary to provide supplies for the company at said fort.

In session, March 23, 1776, Capt. Theophilus Stanton, of Stonington, was appointed captain of the row-galley (then) building at Norwich, Conn.

In session, April 10, 1776, an order was given Nathaniel Miner, Esq., for one hundred and fifty pounds as commissary to the troops at the fort at Long Point, in Stonington; the order was delivered to Nathaniel Gallup.

In session, April 29, 1776, Mr. Miner, the commissary for the company at Stonington, asked for a further sum of money; and the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds was allowed him to provide for said company. Zadoch Brewster was appointed lieutenant of the row-galley under the command of Capt. Theophilus Stanton, of Stonington.

At a session of the General Assembly held in May, 1776, Rev. Nathaniel Eells, of Stonington, was appointed chaplain of the regiment to be stationed at or near New London.

At a session of the Governor and Council held July 2, 1776, Oliver Smith, of Stonington, was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the regiment at New London in place of Col. Mott, promoted. Nathan Palmer was appointed captain of the company stationed at Stonington in the place of Col. Oliver Smith, promoted. John Belcher first lieutenant, Clement Miner second lieutenant, Moses Palmer second ensign in said company.

N. Shaw was ordered to deliver to the commanding officer at New London, or to Col. Smith, for the use of the fort at Stonington, five hundred pounds of cannon-powder.

The delay in procuring the necessary means of defense, and the detention of some of the heavier guns designed for the place, caused great dissatisfaction among the people of Stonington, who memorialized the General Assembly as follows, viz.:

*"To the Honorable the General Assembly, now sitting at New Haven.*

*"The memorial of the committee of correspondence and inspection of the town of Stonington, and sundry of the inhabitants of said town, most humbly sheweth—That whereas your Honors thought fit in your last session, in May, to grant for the defence and protection of their place, a captain and ninety men; since which one-half have been ordered to New London. Your Honors may remember, that this town, is the only one in this State, that has received any damage from those sons of tyranny and despotism, sent by that more than savage tyrant, George the Third, to deprive us of those unalienable rights that the Supreme Governor of Heaven and Earth has invested us with.*

*"Your memorialists therefore pray that the number of men ordered and destined as above, may still be continued; and that the two eighteen pounders and four twelve pounders, and shot, &c., that were ordered in your former session for this place, may be delivered as soon as possible; as the harbor is perhaps more used by coasters, and vessels bound to sea, than any harbor in this State; and is a place of great consequence, not only to this, but other States. We therefore beg leave to inform your Honors, that several vessels have lately been chased into this harbor by the King's ships, and have here been protected.*

*"Your memorialists further pray, that the three large cannon (now at New London) belonging to this town, be likewise ordered to this place; and the two field pieces that were lent by this town to the town of New London, be ordered back to the town of Stonington. We therefore flatter ourselves that this our most reasonable request will be granted.*

*"And your memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray.*

*(Signed)*

*"Nathaniel Minor, Paul Wheeler, John Brow Jr., John Denison, Henry Balcock, Simon Rhodes, Committee; Joseph Denison, Alexander Bradford, Robert Stanton, Nathan Palmer, Nathaniel Palmer, Nathan Palmer Jr., John Davies, Andrew Palmer, Michael Ash, Lemuel Dewey, John Rathbun, John Rathbun Jr., Peleg Brown, Elisha Denison, Asa Palmer, Edward Hancox Jr., Oliver Hilliard, John Dodge, Peter Crary, Clement Minor, Naboth Chesebrough, John Minor (2), John Newmon, Andrew Brown, Elkanah Cobb, Samuel Salterlee, Sands Niles, Thomas Robinson, John Denison (5), Elijah Utley, James Tripp, Edward Ella, Zebulon Chesebrough, John Hancox, Samuel Chesebrough, Moses Brunley, Jonathan Gray, William Stak, Henry Burtich, William Chesebrough, James Palmer, Nathaniel Crandall, Jared Crandall, Rufus Palmer, Elijah Palmer, Thomas Stanton (4), Asa Lewis, Nathan Hinckley, Elijah Hinckley, John Rock, James Noyes Jr., Edward Crooley, Wiatt Hinckley, Elihu Balcock, George Batolph, Abel Hinckley, James Noyes, Peleg Noyes, John Raudall, Eliphalet Budington, James Cornish, John Breed Jr., Isaac Brown, Fish Brown, Hempton Minor, Thomas Randall, John Denison, Joseph Champlin, Walter Palmer, Jedediah Thompson, Thomas Palmer, David Thompson, Charles Thompson, William Thompson, Joseph Vincent, Nathaniel Fanning, Thomas Leeds, Phineas Stanton Jr., Stephen Balcock, Joseph Page, Gilbert Fanning, Daniel Habart, John Cotton Roessler, Eliphalet Hobart, James Hancox, John Halley, Peleg Chesebrough, Nathaniel Fellows, Nathaniel Fellows Jr., Simeon Hiscox, Thomas Hiscox, Israel Lewis, Sylvester Pendleton, Akors Shiffeld, William Palmer, Eliphalet Budington Jr., Charles Welch, Job Taylor, William Scovill.*

*"October 14, 1776."*

At a session of the Governor and Council, Feb. 15, 1777, Capt. William Ledyard, of Groton, and Capt. Nathan Palmer, of Stonington, were sent for to consult about raising artillery companies.

Gen. Parsons was desired to draw on Cols. Huntington's and Durkee's regiments at the posts and forts at New London, Groton, and Stonington for defense at those places. Capt. Nathan Palmer, at Stonington, was directed to dismiss his company as soon as Gen. Parsons should send to that place a sufficiency of Continental troops for the defense of that post. The Governor and Council also voted to raise a company of artillery to be stationed at Groton and Stonington until Feb. 1, 1778. Capt. William Ledyard was appointed captain of said company.

In session, March 20, 1777, an order was given to Nathaniel Miner to purchase or seize ten thousand pounds of cheese in Stonington for the State. Capt. Nathan Palmer, of Stonington, was directed to purchase twenty thousand-weight of cheese to supply the State troops at the price fixed by law; provided he should be unable to purchase the same, and found in the hands of any person more than was sufficient for their family use, he was authorized to seize and take the same for the purpose aforesaid, and pay them the price fixed by law, and make report of his doings.

In session, March 26, 1777, Capt. Nathan Palmer seized eleven thousand six hundred and eighteen pounds of cheese per order of the Governor and Council, the property of Church & Hakes, at sixpence per pound, with one and a half per cent. for commissions, being £299 16s. 6d.; cheese sent to Nor-



wich; also, for services about the fort at Stonington, £15 7s. 6d.

In session, May 12, 1777, Capt. Palmer was directed to remove the public stores at Stonington back into the country to a place of safety. Orders were also given to the commanding officers of the forts of New London and Groton to order the troops drafted from northern companies in Stonington to march directly to the forts at Stonington to man that place for defense, and those drafted from northern companies in Stonington to return home and hold themselves in readiness to move on the shortest notice for the defense of those posts.

In session, May 31, 1777, it was ordered that one-half of the militia at the forts of New London and Groton were ordered to be drawn off by lot and dismissed, and all the militia companies at Stonington dismissed, and the officers at those posts were directed to execute the same. Their orders were not executed fully, and before the troops were dismissed at Stonington they were ordered to remain by Governor Trumbull.

In session, Sept. 27, 1777, it was ordered that a lieutenant and thirty men were to continue at Stonington.

Sept. 26, 1777, a ship of two hundred tons, prize to Capt. Conklin, of the privateer "Revenge," arrived at Stonington, laden with seventy-five thousand feet of mahogany and thirty tons of logwood. About an hour after his prize came to anchor Capt. Conklin was chased by a man-of-war and schooner of twelve guns belonging to the English fleet, and the English vessels, in attempting to head Capt. Conklin and cut him off from land, ran on Watch Hill reef, about one mile from Capt. Conklin, who came to anchor within Watch Point, now Sanday Point. A brisk fire was kept up between them for several hours, and the man-of-war came to anchor just without the schooner, to protect her against Capt. Conklin. The schooner remained on the reef until the next morning, when the British set her on fire in the hold, and then went on board the man-of-war's boat and left her, and she was blown up by her magazine. The guns, some small-arms, and anchors were saved, and a man found dead by the side of her. Capt. Conklin escaped unhurt.

At a session of the Governor and Council, Nov. 18, 1777, orders were sent to Gen. Tyler to send from his brigade (by draft) twenty men, to be stationed at Stonington, to serve for two months from the time of their arrival there.

In session, Feb. 6, 1778, Capt. William Ledyard, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, on the second Thursday of January, A.D. 1778, was appointed captain of a company of fifty men, including one captain, one lieutenant, one second lieutenant, fireworkers, two sergeants, and two corporals, to be stationed at Groton and Stonington, and to be continued in service until Jan. 1, 1779, unless sooner discharged.

In session, March 25, 1778, William Ledyard, Esq., was appointed to command the forts at New London, Groton, and Stonington, with the rank and pay of major. Achors Sheffield was appointed first lieutenant of the company of twenty men at Stonington.

In session, April 21, 1778, Henry Denison, of Stonington, was appointed second lieutenant of the artillery company under Col. Latham, at Groton, and commissioned. It was resolved that four men should be allowed, in addition to the number of artillerymen under Lieut. Achors Sheffield at Stonington, and said Sheffield was ordered to enlist them. Twelve hundred pounds of cannon-powder for William Ledyard, to be used at Groton, New London, and Stonington.

Capt. Nathan Palmer was directed to deliver to Lieut. Sheffield as many guns, over and above the eight guns he had, to arm his whole party of twenty-four men. Owing to the scarcity of the munitions of war, it was with the greatest difficulty that the troops could be properly armed and equipped. The fort or battery at Stonington never received the cannon designed for it; they were used at New London and Groton. Some of the British ships lay off in sight of the town during a greater part of the war, but made no further attempt to take or destroy the place. Towards its close the danger of invasion was not considered so imminent, and the detail of the men at the fort was discontinued.

Unfortunately, no rolls of the soldiers that served at Stonington during the Revolution has been preserved. Nor have we any means of knowing the names of all the men of our town who served elsewhere during the Revolutionary war, or during the French and Indian wars that preceded it. We know, however, that Stonington has in every case, when called upon, filled up her quota of men and munitions of war. Five men from this town were in the battle and massacre at Fort Griswold; Thomas Williams,<sup>1</sup> Lieut. Enoch Stanton,<sup>2</sup> and Sergt. Daniel Stanton

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Williams, of Stonington, who was killed at the battle and massacre of Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781, was the son of Col. John and Desire (Denison) Williams, born Sept. 20, 1721, consequently he lacked a few days of being sixty years old when he was killed. He married, Oct. 11, 1742, Miss Mary Raymond, and they became the parents of four children. Mr. Williams was a farmer by occupation, and engaged with his brothers in the West India trade before the Revolution, and in privateering during the war. Hearing the alarm-guns in the morning, he hastened on horseback to the fort, and though in infirm health volunteered to defend it, and fell bravely fighting for his country. Mr. Williams descended maternally from the famous Indian warrior, Capt. George Denison, from Thomas Stanton, the interpreter-general, and from John Howland, of the "Mayflower." Paternally, he descended from the same source that Maj.-Gen. Joseph Warren, of Bunker Hill fame, did maternally.

<sup>2</sup> Lieut. Enoch Stanton and his brother, Sergt. Daniel Stanton, of Stonington, fell at the battle and massacre of Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781.

They were the sons of Capt. Phineas and Elizabeth Stanton. Enoch was thirty-five and Daniel twenty-five years of age. Enoch left a widow and seven children; Daniel was unmarried, but affianced to a young lady, to whom, but a few days before, he had presented a pattern of splendid brocaded silk for her wedding dress, which he had taken from the prize ship "Hannah" as a part of his share of her cargo. The next day after the massacre their mangled bodies were taken to their old

were killed, and Edward<sup>1</sup> and Daniel Stanton were dangerously wounded. After the close of the war the surviving soldiers returned to their homes, finding their families in a destitute condition, and themselves in possession of worthless Continental bills, received of the government for their services. But all of their privations were cheerfully borne, for they had reached and gained the measure of their ambition. They had brought the British lion to his knees, and wrested

from his grasp thirteen of his best colonies. They had laid the foundations of liberty in blood, which has culminated in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## CHAPTER LXXX.

STONINGTON--(Continued).

WAR OF 1812.

NOTHING of interest beyond the ordinary transactions of business occurred here until the war-clouds again appeared between the United States and Great Britain. The embargo acts of Congress, which were so severely denounced and resisted in almost all of New England, found active and influential defenders here. In order to give force and expression to their views on that subject, a town-meeting was called and held as follows: "At a town-meeting legally warned and held at Stonington, on the 27th day of March, A.D. 1809, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by a major vote:

"At a time like the present, when almost the whole civilized world exhibits a singular state of political and warlike agitation, when a combination of events, both foreign and domestic, unprecedented in the annals of Nations, threatening our Country from without with the Evils of war, and from within with evils still more to be dreaded of Insurrection, Anarchy and dismemberment of the Union. It behoves the people, who are the only safe repositories of their rights and liberties, to take cognizance of these events, and consider their relative effects upon their rights, and those of posterity. It becomes every friend of these United States to rally around the Constitution and government, and in a firm and decided manner to express his sentiments of, and give his aid to the measures which have been adopted to avert these impending evils, and without hesitation to pledge himself to his country for the support of its Laws, . . . Liberties, and Independence; and considering that the enjoyment of Liberty and even its preservation and support consists in every Person being free to lay upon his own opinion and express his own sentiment; and whereas by the constitution of the United States, the people have a right in an orderly and peaceable manner to assemble and consult for the general good, and considering the legitimacy of Government the sovereignty of the People; and viewing it a right we possess, coequal with the Constitution, that whenever the Public exigencies shall require the expression of the individual opinion, it should be fully and freely declared; and whereas the constitution of the United States and Laws made in pursuance thereof are expressly declared to be the supreme laws of the land, and all combinations to abstract the same under whatever plausible pretences they may be disguised are destructive of social order, and tend indirectly to the dissolution of the Union; and whereas the Legislature of the State of Connecticut were especially convened at Hartford on the 23<sup>d</sup> of February last, and did during their extraordinary session pass certain resolutions and issued a certain address to the people of this State, which in the opinion of this meeting is derogatory to the sentiments of the friends of the Union and peace of the Citizens of the United States, inasmuch as said legislature have declared that in their opinion the Congress of the United States have established a system of measures in regard to foreign commerce which contains provisions oppressive and unconstitutional, and likewise have discovered a spirit as unwise as extraordinary to oppose the general government, by declaring that persons holding executive offices under this State are restrained by the duties they owe the State from affording any official aid or co-operation in the execution of the acts aforesaid (meaning certain laws of the general government), it is the opinion of the freemen of this town that such language and proceedings disclose a plan or determination to foster the favorite principles of the enemies of the Union of the United States, and such sentiments are incongruous with the ideas of every true friend of this Country; we the inhabitants of the town of Stonington in legal town-meeting assembled conceive and be-

home in Stonington and laid out in the room where they were born, when their aged father, who had been one of the firmest patriots of the Revolution, came in, trembling with the infirmities of years, and laid his hands upon their foreheads, and with uplifted eyes said, "Oh, Father, this is a costly sacrifice for liberty and my country, but it is cheerfully given." Their funeral was attended the next day by an immense concourse of people, who tenderly conveyed their remains to the old Stanton burial-place, where they were both buried in one grave. An appropriate headstone marks their last resting-place, which was erected by their father, and bears the following inscription, written by his own hand:

"Lieut. Enoch Stanton, died  
in ye 36th year of  
his age.

Sergt. Daniel Stanton, died  
in ye 26th year of  
his age.

"Here interred are the bodies of two brothers, sons of Capt. Phineas Stanton and Elizabeth, his wife, who fell with many of their friends Sept. 6, 1781, while manfully fighting for the liberty of their country and in defense of Fort Griswold. The assailants were troops commanded by that most despicable parricide, Benedict Arnold.

"Paternally these brothers descended from Thomas Stanton, the famous 'Interpreter-general of New England,' who was one of the most distinguished men of our colonial days, and also from Capt. George Denison, who, next to Capt. John Mason, was the most brilliant soldier of Connecticut.

"Maternally they descended from the same sources and John Howland of the 'Mayflower.'"

"I read in the *New London Telegram* of the 22d ult. what purported to be a correct list of the brave men who were killed and wounded at the battle and massacre at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781. The list was evidently prepared with great care, and yet it does not contain the names of all who were wounded on that memorable day. Sergt. Daniel Stanton, of Stonington, received twenty-six wounds. A musket-shell broke his leg at the ankle, which brought him to the ground, when he received twenty-five bayonet-stabs. A British officer seeing his condition drove off the drunken harpies and saved his life. His brother, Edward Stanton (whose name is omitted in your list), received a gunshot wound in his left side, leaving his heart in plain view. The same officer who rescued his brother saw him vainly endeavoring to stop his ebbing tide of life, approached him, and kindly taking a linen night-cap from his pocket, rolled it into a duct, and then pressed it into the orifice of his wound, and refreshed him from his flask. He was at first considered mortally wounded, but a powerful constitution, aided by the best of surgeons and loving care, saved his life. He lived to a good old age, and lies buried on the western slope of Togwong, in Stonington, in the old Stanton burial-place, and whoever visits that old receptacle of the historic dead will see a marble slab on which is written:

'In  
Memory of  
Edward Stanton  
A  
Revolutionary Hero  
And a  
True patriot,

Who died July 27, 1832, aged 71 years.

"He was dangerously wounded near the heart at the massacre at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781.

"As a patriot he was justly ranked in the highest order, volunteering to defend his country in her darkest hour and amid the most fearful perils.

"Honor to the Brave."

lieve it to be our duty as well as the duty of every American peaceably to assemble and protest against, and disavow any belief in principles which can only have a tendency to distract and drench our happy country in blood if persevered in. Therefore, Resolved that we are firmly attached to the constitution of the United States considering it as the Palladium of our liberties, the ark of our political safety, believing it is admirably calculated to secure our liberties and promote the prosperity and happiness of the community, that in the language of the illustrious Washington, it keeps steady in view what appears to us the best interest of every true American, the consolidation of our union in which is involved our prosperity, felicity, safety, and perhaps our national existence—and knowing that it was adopted by the sages and heroes who achieved our glorious revolution, we do hereby solemnly and in the face of the world pledge ourselves to maintain it at the risk of our lives and property.

"Resolved, That we view with deep regret and fearful apprehensions the late extraordinary proceedings of our State legislature as tending to subvert the constitution of the United States, and produce national anarchy; that we contemplate with horror the idea of the interminable consequences that a division of the Union will produce, and in the language of our departed patriot we will frown indignantly upon those who shall attempt to alienate one portion of our Union from the other or even to enfeeble the sacred ties which link together its various parts.

"Resolved, That the administration of the general government since the 4th March, 1801, hath been wise, dignified, and patriotic, and merits the approbation of the United States, and that the measures and expedients adopted to avoid war were highly judicious and honorable, while their direct tendency, besides annoying those who had rendered a resort to them necessary, hath preserved our seamen and property from the piratical grasp of the belligerent powers.

"Resolved, That in the late acts of Congress and the measures pursued for enforcing them, we recognize no unconstitutional or unjust restrictions, neither do we discern any new principles to alarm us, or any unnecessary severity.

"Resolved, That the attempt to form a combination of the legislatures of several of the States for the purpose of controlling or counteracting the measures of the general government are unjustifiable and foreign to the duties of State legislatures, hostile to the existence of our Union, and if persisted in will produce evils dreadful and fatal in their consequences.

"Resolved, That we consider our allegiance and duty to the government of the United States as paramount to all others, and will in times of danger and alarm at the call of its laws, rally around the standard of our country to protect and defend its constitution, laws, rights and liberties against foreign and domestic foes, and that we will cordially unite with our fellow-citizens in affording effectual support to such constitutional measures as our general government may adopt in the present crisis of our affairs.

"Resolved, That the minority in the late extra session of the legislature of this State deserve the encomiums and unfeigned thanks of their fellow-citizens, in firmly protesting against the proceedings of the majority.

"Resolved, That George Hubbard, Esq., and Mr. Peleg Donison be a committee to draft and forward to the President of the United States, in behalf of this town, a respectful address together with a copy of the doings of this meeting, assuring him of the willingness of at least a small part of the citizens of Connecticut to support the general government and its laws."

The determination of the British government to impress American seamen into their service, and other belligerent acts on her part, led to several armed collisions, and finally culminated in a declaration of war by the United States government against Great Britain, June 18, 1812. Very little had ever been done by the general government for the defense of our sea-coast. Long Point, since the close of the Revolution, had materially increased in population and wealth. The General Assembly had incorporated the place into a borough in 1801. Mystic was but a small village at the time, composed largely of enterprising seafaring men. Before the embargo the

foreign trade of the town of Stonington was almost entirely with the West Indies, and generally productive of large gains. During the war, and especially after the spring of 1813, our sea-coast was blockaded by a British squadron, which at first wellnigh annihilated all our commerce, but a few brave, resolute, enterprising men ran the blockade and carried on business with New York. Privateers were fitted out, and were successful in most cases in capturing English vessels. We lost the sloop "Fox" in 1813, which was retaken by the privateer "Hero," fitted out at Mystic and manned by Stonington and Groton men. Other feats of heroism and successful daring, by Groton and Stonington men combined, took place on the ocean before the close of the war. During its first year England had her hands full with European conflicts, but in the spring of 1813 she managed to send a formidable fleet to our shores and blockaded Long Island Sound. Stonington borough had received two eighteen-pounders from the general government for the defense of the place. A battery had been erected there during the Revolution which had almost disappeared. But the inhabitants, with the guards stationed there, drafted from the militia of the State, had erected another battery, the north end of which terminated at the southeast corner of the Messrs. Atwood's silk-machinery establishment. So apprehensive were the people of Stonington borough that their village would be attacked and burned by the British fleet that they sought the aid of the State, the Governor of which ordered detachments from the militia to be drafted and stationed there. There were six of these military drafts and detachments,—three in 1813, and three in 1814-15,—four of which were commanded by Lieut. Horatio G. Lewis, one by Lieut. Samuel Hough, and one by Sergt. Peleg Hancox.

The first detachment, under the command of Lieut. Lewis, served at Stonington from June 13 to June 29, 1813, consisting of twenty-three men, as follows, viz.: Horatio G. Lewis, lieutenant commanding; Allen Palmer, sergeant; Hosea Grant, corporal; Joshua Brown, corporal; Augustus L. Babcock, drummer; George Hemstead, fifer; James Crandall, Thomas Geer, Harris Geer, Jesse Chapman, Elias Chapman, Thomas H. Edwards, John Coats, Richard W. Berry, Ezekiel Bailey, Eldridge Whipple, Amos Baldwin, Caleb Woodward, Daniel Dewey, Samuel A. Burdick, Amos Chesebrough, Russel Bentley, and Nathan Lewis, privates. Another detachment had been ordered to succeed this, which served from June 29 to Aug. 11, 1813, consisting of twenty-two men, as follows, viz.: Horatio G. Lewis, lieutenant commanding; Gurdon Trumbull, sergeant; David A. Starr, corporal; Alexander G. Smith, corporal; Samuel Bottum, Jr., Elihu Chesebrough, Jr., David T. Chesebrough, Joseph Cutler, Joseph Frink, Amos Hancox, Isaac Leaper, Benjamin Merritt, Otis Pendleton, Zeba D. Palmer, James Stanton, Joshua

Swan, Jr., John Territt, Aaron Taylor, Hamilton White, Nathan Wilcox, and Samuel Burch, privates.

While this detachment was stationed at Stonington, on the 19th day of June, 1813, a portion of the British fleet, under the command of Capt. T. M. Hardy, approached New London, creating fearful apprehension on the part of the people of that place and Groton Bank. Memories of the battle and massacre at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781, intensified the excitement and alarm. Brig.-Gen. Jirah Isham, then in command, immediately summoned his brigade by orders borne by post-riders, directed to the lieutenant-colonels commanding each regiment.

The following is a copy of the order directed to Lieut.-Col. Randall, then in command of the Thirtieth Regiment, composed of eight companies of infantry, four from Stonington and four from North Stonington:

"To Lieut.-Col. WILLIAM RANDALL, commanding the 30th Regiment, in the 3d Brigade Conn. Militia:

"SIR,—You will immediately on the receipt of this order the regiment under your command to march to the defence of New London and Groton and vicinity, giving them notice to be armed and equipped according to law. Lose no time, as those places are in such imminent danger of invasion as will admit of no delay.

"Headquarters at New London, June 19, 1813.

"JIRAH ISHAM,  
Brig.-Genl. 3d Brigade, Commanding.

"By order: GEO. L. PERKINS, Maj. 3d Brigade."

Immediately on receipt of this order, Col. Randall, though living in the country, and widely separated from his staff and from most of the officers of his regiment, acted with such energy and dispatch that his whole regiment paraded on Groton Bank the next morning, after marching nearly all night in a raging tempest to assemble and reach the place, some fifteen miles away. The roll-call showed the presence of Lieut.-Col. Wm. Randall, First Maj. Nathan Wheeler, Second Maj. Nathan Pendleton, Adj. Cyrus Williams, Paymaster Samuel Chapman, Quartermaster Latham Hull, Surgeon's Mate John Billings, Sergt.-Maj. Nathan Smith, Quartermaster's-Sergt. John P. Williams, Drum-Maj. Augustus A. Babcock, Fife-Maj. Christopher Dewey, six captains (one absent, and one vacancy), seven lieutenants, eight ensigns, twenty-six sergeants, twenty-one corporals, two hundred and nine privates; total, three hundred and one men. This muster of a regiment that made up a roll at its review and dress-parade in October following of only two hundred and forty-two men shows something of the spirit of our citizens and soldiers in the face of the threatened invasion, and of the confidence reposed in their commander. Col. Randall was a brave, efficient, and energetic officer, and during the whole war commanded the Thirtieth Regiment, who were proud of him, and most cheerfully obeyed his orders under all circumstances.

The British fleet, after making a showy demonstration at the mouth of the Thames, went back to their anchorage-ground in Gardner's Bay, relieving the inhabitants of Groton Bank and New London of

their impending danger. Gen. Isham's brigade remained in camp at New London and Groton Bank for several days, awaiting another demonstration from Capt. Hardy, who wisely kept his fleet at their old anchorage. On the morning of June 25th, Gen. Isham ordered the lieutenant-colonels commanding each regiment of his brigade to detach about one-half of the officers and men of their respective regiments to remain in service, the remainder thereof to be discharged and to return to their homes. In pursuance thereof, Col. Randall issued the following order:

"REGIMENTAL ORDERS, 30TH REGIMENT, 3D BRIGADE CONN. MILITIA.

"I am directed by Brig.-Gen. Jirah Isham to detach from the regiment under my command, now in service at Groton Bank (omitting in said detachment the Eighth Company, who were from Stonington Borough, and were then needed for the defense of that place), thus, 1 major, 1 adjutant, 1 quartermaster, 1 chaplain, 1 surgeon's mate, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 8 sergeants, 8 corporals, 120 privates, who are to remain in service until further orders. Pursuant to which I do hereby detach Maj. Nathan Pendleton, Adj. Cyrus Williams, Quartermaster Latham Hull, Chaplain Rev. Ira Hart, Surgeon's Mate John Billings, Capt. Asa A. Swan of the Second Company, and Lewis Kenyon of the Sixth Company, Lieut. Thomas Lewis of the First Company, Lieut. John Hyde of the Fifth Company, Ensign George W. Baldwin of the Second Company, Ensign Phineas Wheeler of the Seventh Company, Sergt. George Sheffield of the First Company, Thomas Browning of the Second Company, Roswell R. Avery of the Third Company, Cyrus Swan of the Fourth Company, Daniel Hobart of the Fifth Company, Nathan Chapman, Jr., of the Sixth Company, Chandler Main and Jesse Main of the Seventh Company, Corporals Sanford Billings of the Second Company, Isaac Burdick of the Third Company, David Coats and Henry Grant of the Fourth Company, William Bailey and Richard Hempstead of the Fifth Company, Allen Breed of the Sixth Company, John H. Reynolds of the Seventh Company, Fifers Elias Wheeler of the Second Company, Daniel Hempstead of the Fifth Company, David Crumb of the Seventh Company, Drummers Henry Davis of the Third Company, Augustus L. Babcock and Stephen Wilcox, or his substitute, of the Fourth Company. Lieut. Thomas Lewis of the First Company will forthwith detach from the company under his command fifteen privates; Capt. Asa A. Swan of the Second Company will detach eighteen privates; Capt. Jesse Breed of the Third Company, fourteen privates; Capt. Lathrop Williams of the Fourth Company, twelve privates; Lieut. John Hyde of the Fifth Company, thirty privates; Capt. Lewis Kenyon of the Sixth Company, twenty-one privates; Capt. Daniel Miner of the Seventh Company will detach ten privates. Immediately thereon they will make a return to the adjutant of the men detached, including the officers above named, which belong to their respective companies. The residue of officers and privates will be discharged for the present from further service at three o'clock this afternoon, after delivering the arms, ammunitions, and camp utensils, for the purpose of delivering which they will parade at two o'clock in front of headquarters.

"In behalf of the brigadier-general, I have to express his warmest thanks to the officers and soldiers of this regiment for the alacrity and unusual promptitude manifested by them, while, disregarding the tempestuous state of the weather, they appeared in defense of the rights and sovereignty of their country when threatened with immediate danger. Dated at headquarters, June 25, 1813.

"WILLIAM RANDALL, Lieut.-Col. Commanding.

"By order: CYRUS WILLIAMS, Adjutant."

The immediate return required by the foregoing order, showing the officers and men detached in pursuance thereof, is as follows, viz.:

Cyrus Williams, adjutant; Latham Hull, quartermaster; Rev. Ira Hart, chaplain; John Billings, surgeon's mate; Asa A. Swan, Lewis Kenyon, captains; Thomas Lewis, John Hyde, lieutenants; Phineas Wheeler, George W. Baldwin, ensigns.

From First Company.—George Sheffield, sergeant; Privates, Charles Palmer, John Noyes, Ezra Chesebro, Samuel Helme, Henry Palmer, Constant Taylor, Peleg West, Nathaniel M. Noyes, William Crandall, Thomas B. Stanton, Ephraim Williams, Elias Stanton, Enoch Willcox, Oliver Dodge, Daniel L. Sisson.

*From Second Company.*—Thomas Browning, sergeant; Sanford Billings, corporal; Elias Wheeler, sfer; Privates, Samuel H. Prentiss, Thomas Hall, Jonathan Wilkinson, Ezra B. Smith, Alvin Green, George Wilkinson (2), Elias Hewitt (2), James Wheeler, John Smith, Russel Lewis, Charles Church, Jonas Hewitt (3), Joseph Ayre (2), John Yeomans, Amos Gerret.

*From the Third Company.*—Roswell R. Avery, sergeant; Isaac Burdick, corporal; Privates, Simon Baldwin, Esquire P. Bromley, Isaac Miner, Oliver Miner, Roswell Breed, Samuel Frink, Samuel Breed, Jr., Gurdon Ingraham, Asa Baldwin, Jr., William P. Frink, David Bromley, Lodowick Babcock, Christopher Burdick (3), Roswell Brown, Levi Amshury, Avery Prentiss, Isaac Miner.

*From the Fourth Company.*—Cyrus Swan, sergeant; David Coats, Jr., Harry Grant, corporals; Privates, Dudley Denison, Jabez Edgcomb, Joshua H. Thompson, Ansel Coats, Harry Chase, James Holmes, Jr., John Dean, Simeon Avery, Rufus Wheeler, Sanford Brown, Nathan Stanton; Augustus L. Babcock, drummer; Nathan Champlin, drummer.

*From the Fifth Company.*—Daniel Hobart, sergeant; Richard Hempstead, William Bailey, corporals; Daniel Hempstead, sfer; Privates, David Leeds, John Bennett, Edward Lewis, Joshua Wheeler, Jr., Daniel Wheeler, Amos Gallup, David Wheeler, John P. Breed, Oliver Bennett, Joshua Brown (2), Gilbert Williams, Joseph Hobart, Henry Lewis, Jared Starr, Eleazer Williams, Jr., Amos Denison (3), Edward C. Williams, Andrew Denison, John Leroy, Amos Miner, Henry Brightman, Elijah Brown, Saml. M. Wilcox, Charles P. Noyes, Jonathan M. Williams, Frederick Denison, John S. Berry, Jesse Miner, Sylvester Coon, Robert Fellows.

*From the Sixth Company.*—Nathan Chapman, sergeant; Allen Breed, corporal; Privates, Elisha Coon, Resolved Willcox, Luther Palmer, Stephen Tift, Aaron Thompson, Luke C. Reynolds, John Burdick, Sanford Chapman, Ezra Geer, Zebulon York, Lyman Willcox, Elijah Crary, Benjamin Peabody, Daniel Green, Robert Palmer, Jeffry Champlin, Amos Chapman, Amos Miner (2), Noah Willcox, Lewis Chapman, Nathan Tucker.

*From the Seventh Company.*—Chandler Main, sergeant; Jesse Main, sergeant; John H. Reynolds, corporal; Privates, Avery Brown, Cyrus L. Park, John Brown, James Brown, Ethan Allen, John Miner, Jonas Partelo, Nathan York, Latham Brown, Jon<sup>s</sup> Allen, Jr.

Wm. Randall, Lieutenant-colonel Comd<sup>t</sup>, 30th Regiment, 3rd Brigade.

The foregoing detachments were organized into two companies, and served under the field, staff, and company officers specially detached to command them.

The company organized under the command of Capt. Lewis Kenyon consisted of the following number of officers and men :

Lewis Kenyon, captain; John Hyde, Lieutenant; Phineas Wheeler, ensign; Daniel Hobart, sergeant; Nathan Chapman, sergeant; Chandler Main, sergeant; Jesse Main, sergeant; Richard Hempstead, corporal; William Bailey, corporal; John H. Reynolds, corporal; Allen Breed, corporal; Nathan Champlin, drummer; David Crumb, sfer; Daniel Hempstead, sfer; Privates, David Leeds, John Bennett, Edwin Lewis, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., David Wheeler, Amos Gallup, Jr., Daniel Wheeler, John P. Breed, Oliver Bennett, Joshua Brown (2), Gilbert Williams, Joseph Hobart, Henry Lewis, Jared Starr, Eleazer Williams, Amos Denison (2), Edward C. Williams, Andrew Denison, John Leroy, Amos Miner, Henry Brightman, Elijah Brown, Samuel M. Brown, Jonathan M. Williams, Charles P. Noyes, Frederick Denison, John S. Berry, Jesse Miner, Sylvester Coon, Robert Fellows, Elisha Coon, Resolved Willcox, Luther Palmer, Stephen Tift, Aaron Thompson, Luke C. Reynolds, John Burdick, Sanford Chapman, Ezra Geer, Zebulon York, Lyman Willcox, Elijah Crary, Benjamin Peabody, Robert Palmer, Jeffry Champlin, Amos Chapman, Amos Main (2), Noah Willcox, Lewis Chapman, Nathan Tucker, Avery Brown, Cyrus L. Park, John Brown, James Brown, Ethan Allen, John Main, Jonas Partelo, Nathan York, Latham Brown, Jonathan Allen, Jr.

The company under command of Capt. Asa A. Swan was as follows, viz. :

Asa A. Swan, captain; Thos. Lewis, Lieutenant; Geo. W. Baldwin, ensign; Geo. Sheffield, sergeant; Roswell R. Avery, sergeant; Thos. Browning,

sergeant; Cyrus Swan, sergeant; David Coats, Jr., corporal; Harry Grant, corporal; Sanford Billings, corporal; Asa Burdick, corporal; Elias Wheeler, sfer; Augustus L. Babcock, drummer; Privates, Chas. Palmer, John Noyes, Ezra Chesebro, Samuel Helms, Henry Palmer, Constant Taylor, Peleg West, Nathaniel M. Noyes, Wm. Crandall, Thomas B. Stanton, Ephraim Williams, Elias Stanton, Enoch Wilcox, Oliver Dodge, Daniel L. Limon, Samuel H. Prentice, Thomas Hall, Jonathan Wilkinson, Ezra B. Smith, Alvin Green, George Wilkinson (2), Elias Hewitt (2), James Wheeler (2), John Smith, Russel Lewis, Charles Church, Jonas Hewitt (3), Joseph Ayer (2), John Yeomans, Amos Grant, Levi Amshury, Avery Pendleton, Israel Main, Simeon Baldwin, Esquire P. Bromley, Isaac Miner, Oliver Miner, Roswell Breed, Samuel Frink, Samuel Breed, Jr., Gurdon Ingraham, Wm. P. Frink, Lodowick Babcock, Christopher Burdick (3), Roswell Brown, Dudley Denison, Jabez Edgcomb, Joshua Thompson, Ansel Coats, Harry Chase, James Holmes, Jr., John Dean, Simeon Avery, Rufus Wheeler, Sanford Brown, Nathan Stanton.

Towards the end of June of that year Maj.-Gen. Henry Burbeck arrived in New London and assumed the military command of the district, which had been assumed by the general government. The troops then on duty probably did not exceed eight hundred men, and belonged to the militia of the State, and were under no orders but of the Governor. The refusal of Connecticut to place her militia under the orders of the United States to be marched away from her protection to Canada and elsewhere had greatly vexed the general government, who had determined on a change. So Gen. Burbeck, on the 12th day of July, 1813, in pursuance of an order from the Secretary of War, dismissed the whole force, and our Stonington men then on duty returned to their homes. But Gen. Burbeck did not dismiss the guard in Stonington, then under the command of Lieut. Horatio G. Lewis. But the evacuation of Forts Griswold and Trumbull, without a man on duty to protect the property even, and at a time too when the British fleet in the Sound was being largely augmented, created a panic not only among the inhabitants over there, but at Stonington, who felt the protection of a large force at New London and Groton Bank. By some underground communication the officers of the British squadron had learned of the discharge of our military force, and the next day the "Ramillies" and her consorts came up to the mouth of the harbor and saluted the panic-stricken inhabitants with a tremendous cannonade. Gen. Burbeck realizing the danger of the situation, on his own responsibility applied to the Governor for a temporary force, who authorized Brig.-Gen. Williams to call out as large a body of militia as emergencies should demand. But no additional requisition was made on Col. Randall for any more troops from Stonington.

During the latter part of July, August, and September the British squadron were so much engaged in blockading the river Thames and the eastern approach of Long Island Sound through the Race, and in pursuing the Yankee privateers that vexed their commerce, that they did not molest the village of Stonington; but during October their threatening attitude alarmed the inhabitants, who petitioned the Governor, under the approval of Brig.-Gen. Burbeck,

commanding the United States troops at New London, who in reply issued the following order:

"NEW HAVEN, 29 Oct., 1813.

"COL. WILLIAM RANDALL, 30th Regiment of Militia:

"Sir,—Pursuant to a request of certain inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, and of Brigadier Gen. Burbeck, commanding the United States troops at New London, I do hereby, in conformity to advice of the Council, direct you to detach from your Regiment one subaltern, two sergeants, two corporals, and twenty-six privates, for a guard at Stonington Point, to serve from the first day of November next to the 30th of the same month, inclusive, unless sooner discharged. Application must be immediately made to Brigadier-General Burbeck, at New London, for provisions, to whom also the subaltern commanding the detachment will apply for orders, and to whom he must make a report from time to time as he shall be directed.

"I am, Sir, your Obedt. servant,  
"JOHN COTTON SMITH, Capt. General."

"REGIMENTAL ORDERS, 30TH REGIMENT CONN. MILITIA:

"Pursuant to orders from the Capt. Genl directing a detachment from the 30th Regt., consisting of 1 Subaltern, 2 Sergeants, 2 Corporals, and twenty-six privates, to serve as a guard at Stonington Point, from the 1st of Nov., 1813, to the 30th of the same month, inclusive, unless sooner discharged, I do therefore direct that the officers commanding companies to detach in the following manner:

"From the First Company, 3 privates; Second Company, 3 privates; Third Company, 3 privates; Fourth Company, 1 corpl., 3 privates; Fifth Company, 1 corpl., 4 privates; Sixth Company, 4 privates; Seventh Company, 3 privates; Eighth Company, 1 sergt., 3 privates: all able bodied, effective men, and as far as practicable well equipped and in uniform, and forward this forthwith, together with a muster-roll, to the care of Lieut. H. G. Lewis, of the 8th Connt., who is detached to take command of said Guards. Officers commanding companies will return a list of the men's names to the adjt. of the 30th Regiment.

"Given under my hand at Stonington this 4th day of November, 1813.

"WILLIAM RANDALL, Lieut.-Col. Conn. 30th Regt."

#### Roll of the aforesaid guard:

Horatio G. Lewis, Lieutenant; Charles H. Smith, sergeant; Ralph Miner, sergeant; William Wheeler, sergeant; Privates, Asher Baldwin, James Bliven, Joshua Brown, Cyrus W. Brown, Simeon Carew, Lewis Chapman, David T. Chesebrough, Jarius Frink, Jr., Joseph Holmes, Isaac Morgan, William Niles, Henry Palmer, Isaac Partelo, Thomas Spencer, Denison Swan, Joseph Tift, Gilbert Williams, Enoch Wilcox, Phineas Wilcox.

"LIEUT. HORATIO G. LEWIS, of the 8 Comp., 30th Regt., Connecticut Militia:

"Sir,—Pursuant to an order received from his Excellency the Capt. General, Dated Oct. 29th, 1813, Directing me to detach from said Regt. one Subaltern, two Sergeants, two Corps., and 26 privates for a guard at Stonington to serve from the first of November, 1813, until the 30th of the same, inclusive, unless sooner Discharged, you are therefore Detached to take command of said guard, and will Receive them under your care as they arrive, you will make immediate application to Brigadier General Burbeck at New London for provisions, to whom also you will apply for orders, and to whom you will make report from time to time as he shall direct.

"Given under my hand at Stonington this 4th day of November, 1813.

"WILLIAM RANDALL,  
"Lieut. Col. Comd. 30th Regt."

During the winter months of 1813 and 1814 no alarming demonstrations were made by the enemy, but as soon as the spring opened unusual activity was observable on their part, which was so formidable that another draft upon the militia was made for a detachment to be stationed at Stonington under the command of Lieut. Horatio G. Lewis. They numbered forty-one men, as follows:

Horatio G. Lewis, Lieutenant; Peleg Hancox, Russel Wheeler, sergeants; John Yeomans, Elias Miner, corporals; John Hewitt, drummer; John Davis, fifer; Privates, Paul P. Babcock, John H. Miner, Gurdon

Ingraham, James Brown, Moses Palmer, Elijah Kenyon, Ansel Coats, John Noyes, Elihu Robinson, Uriah Main, Allen Wheeler, John Dodge, Palmer Chapman, Elisha Coon, Benjamin F. Stanton, Paul Mason, Jesse Chapman, Israel Palmer, David Wheeler, Nathan York, Frederick Denison, Jr., Andrew Breed, Henry Brown, William Crandall, Benjamin H. Frink, Stephen Babcock, Jr., Ethan Allen, Luke C. Reynolds, John Deane Gallup, Avery Prentice, Geo. Stewart, Paul Prentice, Elder Levi Meech, Silas E. Burrows.

This detachment served from May 31 to June 30, 1814, when they were dismissed, and another detachment drafted from the militia in the northern part of the State took their places, and served from June 29 to Aug. 29, 1814, when they were dismissed. This detachment was under the command of Lieut. Samuel Hough. Being present at Stonington on the 10th of August, they participated in the battle and defense of the place. They numbered forty men, as follows:

Samuel Hough, Lieutenant; Job Pitts, Benjamin Taylor, sergeants; Caleb Whitford, John Trowbridge, corporals; John Potter, drummer; Henry Bush, fifer; Privates, Allen Anderson, James D. Ainny, Mazaldas Brown, Daniel Buffington, Cyrus Babcock, Augustus Birge, Palmer Carpenter, Christopher Cond, Saul Curtis, Rufus Crain, Simeon Dalbie, Alexander Horne, Jehiel Horne, Amos Hayward, Robert Hall, Elisha Ingraham, Reuben Johnson, Sylvester Kenyon, Clark Payne, Jerrie Root, Marshall Robbins, Stephen Skinner, Wm. T. Sloan, Daniel E. Sweet, Seth Spaulding, James Tillinghaast, Charles B. Titus, Jonathan Watrous, Jr., Morgan Watrous, John Wheaton (Charles P. Wheeler substitute), Marham B. Walker, Flani Whiton, Joshua Yeomans, Northrop W. Young, Benjamin T. Cutter.

The war thus far had progressed with varying success. The navy of the United States had immortalized itself upon the ocean, while on the land our armies, though small in numbers, had performed prodigies of valor. The early part of this year was marked by some of the most momentous events of the world's history. Napoleon was overthrown after a fearful struggle, and the treaty of peace at Fontainebleau, which was concluded April 4, 1814, between France and the allied powers of Europe, released the larger part of the British army from active service there; and as soon as the exigencies of the case would admit, were transported to this country and employed against the United States.

So all-pervading was the apprehension of an attack from the enemy on our sea-coast that the captain-general of our State, in the early spring of 1814, issued orders to the militia, through their superior officers, as follows, viz.:

#### BRIGADE ORDERS.

"3d BRIGADE, CONN. MILITIA.

"Pursuant to orders and instructions from his Excellency the Commander in chief. The Brigadier General directs that an inspection be made without delay of the troops under your command, and you will see that they are in every respect prepared, as the law directs, for immediate service. If orders cannot be furnished to the respective Captains in season to have the inspection made on the first Monday in May next, it is the pleasure of the Captain General that the inspection may be performed by the Commissioned officers at the dwellings of the men to prevent burdensome meetings of the militia. The Captain General relies with confidence on the zeal and fidelity on the several officers in the performance of the duty so essential at the present juncture. From the recent movements of the Hostile Squadron in our waters, There is reason to apprehend that further attempts will be made to invade the territory of the State, as well as to destroy the vessels in our harbor. For these reasons the Brigadier General is directed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief to call upon all the officers and soldiers of the 3rd

Brigade to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, completely equipped and furnished for immediate and actual service. The respective Lieut. Col<sup>d</sup> Commandant of Regiments will immediately on the receipt of this establish some suitable place on the most elevated ground and as near the center of their Regiment, as possible, which they will provide at the expense of the state for a signal to give notice to their men, in case of an alarm) several Tar Barrels to be raised one at a time, on the end of a pole to be erected for that purpose, and burnt in succession as circumstances will require, the Barrels to be furnished with such a quantity of tar and other articles as to burn the longest time practicable and emit the largest quantity of fire and smoke, particularly the latter, if fired in the day time, and have them so arranged that fire may be put to them in a moment, and some proper officer must be entrusted with this duty residing near the spot. Let this be done without delay in each Regiment, and notice given as soon as possible to the brigadier of the place where these signals are erected, and also the names of the officers who are appointed to take charge of them. Should an alarm first come to the knowledge of the Brigadier, he will send expresses to the officer who has charge of the signal in those Regiments whose services may be required, and the Commandant will do the like, in their respective Regiments, should the alarm first reach them, and should the signals be made at any time of day or night, the troops in the Regiment will forth with and with out further order, assemble at some alarm post, (as near the southern limits of their Regiment as can be with convenience,) to be previously designated by the respective commandants and notified in their orders, from which alarm posts (to be also communicated to the Brigadiers) the men will march as soon as a company or part of a company has assembled, to such point as the Commandant of Regiments shall direct, if they first notify the alarm, or as shall be directed by the brigadier, in case he gives notice, and in that case he will by express, at the same time he notifies the officer in charge of the signals, also give notice to the colonel where to march his men. In addition to these signals a Capt. commanding artillery companies will, when the signals are made, immediately fire three alarm guns in quick succession.

"Given under my hand at New London this 28th day of April one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

"JIRAH ISHAM, Brigadier General.

"By order: GEORGE L. PERKINS, Brig. Maj.

"To WILLIAM RANDALL, Esq., Lieut. Col. Command. 30 Regt. Conn. Militia, Stonington."

"GENERAL JIRAH ISHAM:

"Sir,—Your order of the 28th of April, 1814, came to hand the 9th of May, and I have given the necessary orders as therein directed. I have established the place for the signals near the dwelling-house of Mr. Nathan Wheeler, on what is called Grant's Hill, and have directed Mr. Wheeler to erect a pole and procure tar barrels to burn in case of an alarm; who will also take charge of the signals and give notice to the Brigadier should an alarm take place in this regiment, and the quartermaster and quartermaster-sergeant of the regiment will also attend to his orders and assist in giving the signals, and such other duties as circumstances may require.

"WILLIAM RANDALL,

"Lieut.-Col. Commandant 30 Regt. Connecticut Militia.

"Dated at Stonington, May 15, 1814."

"REGIMENTAL HEAD QUARTERS, May 9th, 1814.

"Sir,—My Regimental Order was issued in conformity to orders and instructions from the Brigadier, and that order being general, I have thought proper to give some instructions to the officers commanding the company adjoining the Sound, where an attack would be most likely to be made by the enemy. Should an attack therefore be made by the enemy, or an alarm be given in or near the limits of your company, you will collect all the force under your command and defend the lives and property of the citizens, and you will at the same time and without delay give notice of the same to the commanding officer of the Regiment, and to Major Nathan Wheeler, who has charge of the signals, that notice may be given to the Brigadier, and the signal be made to the other parts of this Regiment; should an alarm be given from some other quarter, and the signal made in this Regiment, you will, together with your company, immediately assemble at the alarm-post as directed in the former order.

"WILLIAM RANDALL, Lieut.-Col. Com. 30th Regt. Militia.

"To WILLIAM POTTER, Capt. 8th Comp. 30th Conn. Militia.

"Dated at Stonington this 15th day of May, 1814."

By the 1st of July, 1814, the British squadron in Long Island Sound was largely augmented, and so

imposing was their armament and so imminent was the danger of invasion, and so divided were the American people relative to the origin and mode of prosecuting the war, that President Madison, on the 8th of August, 1814, issued a proclamation calling an extra session of Congress. The language of the proclamation indicates the danger apprehended by the President, for he said, "Whereas great and weighty matters claiming the consideration of the Congress of the United States form an extraordinary occasion for convening them," etc. The blockade of the harbors on the Connecticut coast was so close and effectual that it was almost impossible for an American vessel to leave or enter our ports, but now and then a privateer would slip by or through the British fleet.

On the 30th of July, 1814, a privateer disguised as a merchant vessel, with a crew of fifty men, made her appearance in Long Island Sound, running in for the north shore. She was discovered, and a British barge, under the command of Midshipman Thomas Barret Powers, was dispatched in pursuit. Not knowing her true character, and seeing but a few men on deck, not more than were necessary for the navigation of the vessel, Powers pressed on for a prize. The wind being light he soon overhauled her, and when within short musket-range the men rushed upon deck, and Powers immediately took off his hat in token of surrender. A Dutchman among the crew without orders leveled his musket and shot Powers through the head, killing him instantly. The barge surrendered and was brought into Stonington borough. The remains of the young midshipman were buried with military honors in the burial-place now embraced in the Stonington Cemetery. The Rev. Ira Hart, then chaplain of the Thirtieth Regiment, delivered an appropriate address on the occasion, which was listened to with deep feeling, drawing tears from many an eye unused to weep.

This unfortunate young officer was but eighteen years of age, and great sympathy was manifested for his untimely end.

After peace took place with England, late in the summer of 1815, a grave and elderly gentleman came to Stonington and quietly took lodgings at the hotel kept by Capt. Thomas Swan. Soon after he arrived he inquired for the clergyman of the place, who was sent for and introduced. He then revealed to him his name and his mission, telling him that he had come all the way from England to visit the grave of his only son, and to thank him and other kind friends for the Christian burial extended to his dear boy. Mr. Hart, who was a man of strong sympathies, was deeply moved for his stranger friend, and procuring a carriage took him to the burial-place of his son.

Before the British fleet left our waters, the Hon. Capt. Piget and his brother officers "of the ship 'Superb' erected a monument to the memory of the fallen midshipman." When the monument that marked



the last resting-place of his son came in view, he requested Mr. Hart to remain, as he wished to be alone by the grave. Slowly and with reverent steps he approached it, when, overpowered with the agony of his own sorrows, he fell upon the grave and wept with unrestrained emotion until the fountains of nature were exhausted. Composing himself at length, he rejoined Mr. Hart, who had witnessed his grief, when together they returned to the hotel. Before leaving Mr. Powers expressed himself in grateful terms for the kindness and consideration to his feelings which Mr. Hart had manifested, and warmly shook his hand at parting.

On the 9th day of August, 1814, a portion of the British fleet were seen to be in motion. At first they were supposed to be moving towards New London, but it was soon discovered that the ships were coming past the mouth of the river Thames, probably intending an attack upon Newport, or some other place at the east. No one here could at first believe that so formidable a fleet designed an attack upon so small a village as Stonington, consisting of about one hundred dwellings. But as soon as the ships were seen coming in between Fisher's Island and the mainland the people in Stonington borough began to realize that their village was the object in view. At about five o'clock in the afternoon the fleet came to anchor off the harbor, and sent a flag on shore; and for what happened afterwards the reader is referred to the *Connecticut Gazette* of Aug. 17th, 24th, 31st, and Sept. 7, 1814; also to *Niles' Weekly Register*, Oct. 21, 1815, thus:

"RECORD OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ATTACK ON STONINGTON."

"New London, Aug. 17, 1814.

"On Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 5 P.M., the 'Ramillies,' 24, 'Pactolus,' 38, a bomb-ship, and the 'Dispatch,' 22-gun brig, arrived off Stonington, and a flag was sent on shore with the following note:

"His BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIP 'Pactolus,' 9th August, 1814,

" $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock P.M.

"Not wishing to destroy the unoffending Inhabitants residing in the Town of Stonington, one hour is granted them from the receipt of this to remove out of the town.

"T. M. HARDY, Captain of H. M. Ship 'Ramillies.'

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington."

"This notification was received by two magistrates and Lieut. Hough of the drafted militia, who went off to meet the flag. The officer was asked whether a flag would not be received on board. He said no arrangements could be made. They inquired whether Com. Hardy had determined to destroy the town. He replied that such were his orders from the admiral, and that it would be done most effectually. When the gentlemen reached the shore a crowd waited with great anxiety for the news, which, being stated, consternation flew through the town. An express was dispatched to Gen. Cushing at New London. A number of volunteers hastened to collect ammunition, others ran to the battery, which consisted of two eighteen-pounders and a four-pounder on field-carriages, with a slight breastwork four feet high. The sick and the aged were removed with haste, the women and children, with loud cries, were seen running in every direction. Some of the most valuable articles were hastily got off by hand, others placed in the gardens and lots, or thrown into wells to save them from the impending conflagration. The sixty minutes expired, but the dreaded moment did not bring the attack. Nelson's favorite hero and friend was seized with the convulsions of magnanimity; he remembered what ancient Britons were; he remembered that something was due to the character of Sir Thomas M. Hardy. Three

hours, in fact, elapsed, when, at eight in the evening, the attack was commenced by a discharge of shells from the bomb-ship. Several barges and launches had taken their stations in different points, from whence they threw Congreve rockets and carcasses. This mode of attack was continued incessantly until midnight, and the fire was returned occasionally from the battery as the light of the rockets gave opportunity with any chance of success. The few drafted militia which had been some time stationed there, under command of Lieut. Hough, were placed in the best directions to give an alarm in case a landing should be attempted.

"During the night the volunteers and militia had assembled in considerable numbers, and the non-combatant inhabitants had generally removed to the neighboring farm-houses in the momentary expectation of seeing their abandoned dwellings in flames. It was a night of inexpressible anguish to many a widow or orphan, to many aged and infirm, whose little pittance they were now apparently to lose forever. But Providence directed otherwise. This compact little village of one hundred dwellings had been for hours covered with flames of fire and bomb-shells, and not a single building was consumed, nor a person injured.

"At the dawn of day on the 10th the approach of the enemy was announced by a discharge of Congreve rockets from several barges and a launch which had taken their station on the east side of the town, and out of reach of the battery. Several volunteers with small-arms and the four-pounder hastened across the Point, supposing the enemy were attempting a landing. Col. Randall, of the Thirtieth Regiment, who at the time was moving towards the battery with a detachment of militia, ordered them to assist the volunteers in drawing over one of the eighteen-pounders to the extreme end of the Point, the fire of which in a few moments compelled the barges to seek safety in flight. During this time the brig was working up towards the Point, and soon after sunrise came to anchor short of a mile from the battery (or, more correctly, the breastwork). Our ammunition being soon exhausted, the guns were spiked, and the men who fought them—being only about fifteen or twenty—retired, leaving them behind for want of strength to drag them off. The brig now continued deliberately to pour her thirty-two-pound shot and grape into the village, without our having the power of returning a shot, for an hour, and the bomb-ketch occasionally threw the shells. A fresh supply of ammunition being obtained, the eighteen-pounder was withdrawn from the breastwork, the vent drilled, and the piece taken back again, when such an animated and well-directed fire was kept up that at three o'clock the brig slipped her cable and hauled off, with her pumps going, having received several shots below her water-line, and considerable damage in her spars, etc. During this action between the eighteen-pounder and the brig, Mr. Frederick Denison was slightly wounded in the knee by a fragment of a rock, and Mr. John Miner badly burnt his face by the premature discharge of the gun. The flag, which was nailed to the mast, was pierced with seven shot-holes, the breastworks somewhat injured, and six or eight of the dwelling-houses in the vicinity effectually injured. At this time a considerable body of militia had arrived, and Brig-Gen. Isham had taken the command. The inhabitants had recovered from the consternation of the first moments, and were deliberately moving off their furniture and goods. At one o'clock the 'Ramillies' and 'Pactolus' had taken stations about two and a half miles from the town, when resistance appearing hopeless, the magistrates as a last resort applied to the general for permission to send a flag off, being impressed with the opinion that there must exist some latent cause of a peculiar nature to induce a commander who had heretofore distinguished himself for a scrupulous regard to the claims of honorable warfare to induce him to commit an act so repugnant to sound policy, so abhorrent to his nature, so flagrant an outrage on humanity. The general, we understand, would not sanction, nor did he absolutely prohibit, a flag being sent. They therefore, on their own responsibility, sent on board the 'Ramillies' Isaac Williams and Wm. Lord, Esquires, with a letter to which the following reply was subsequently received:

"'RAMILLIES,' OFF STONINGTON,

"10th August, 1814.

"GENT<sup>ls</sup>—I have received your letter and representation of the State of your Town, and as you have declared that Torpedoes never have been harbored by the Inhabitants, or ever will be as far as lies in their power to prevent, and as you have engaged that Mrs. Stewart, the wife of the British vice consul, late resident at New London, with her family, shall be permitted to embark on board this ship to-morrow morning, I am induced to waive the attempt of the total destruction of your Town, which I feel confident can be effected by the squadron under my Orders.

"I am, Gent<sup>ls</sup>, Your most obedient servant,

"T. M. HARDY, Captain.

"To Doctor LORD and Colonel WILLIAMS, Stonington."

<sup>1</sup> From the *Connecticut Gazette*, Aug. 17, 1814.

"This letter was received indignantly. No answer was given. It was a fact well known that no torpedoes have been fitted out at Stonington, and that the inhabitants are unfriendly to the system; but neither individuals nor the town have power to prevent their resorting to that place. The condition *sine qua non* is truly tragical. Neither the town of Stonington or the State of Connecticut had any legal power to comply with it, which Capt. Hardy well knew. And if Stony Point, with its rocky foundations, had been in danger of being blown up, scarcely a voice would have been raised to have saved it on such disgraceful terms. The first duty of a citizen, we are taught in Connecticut, is to obey the laws. Mrs. Stewart is under the protection of the government of the United States, and the petition of her husband for a permission for a departure is in the hands of a proper authority, who will undoubtedly decide correctly in the case.

"Our countrymen at a distance, from the importance Capt. Hardy has attached to the circumstance of Mrs. Stewart's being sent off to the British squadron, may possibly apprehend that she has received insult, or signified some fears for the personal safety of herself and children. So far from this being the fact, no lady ever experienced greater civilities from the citizens—as no one has better deserved them. And her feelings during the proceedings at Stonington demanded the sympathy of her friends.

"By the terms offered by Capt. Hardy, it was impossible to discover whether he was most doubtful of his ability to accomplish the destruction of the town or desirous of a pretext to save it. He assured the gentlemen who accompanied the flag that this was the most unpleasant expedition he had undertaken. The truce on the part of the enemy having expired at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning, a flag was soon after observed at the battery to be coming on shore, and there not being sufficient time to give information of the fact at headquarters and receive instructions, it was determined by the officer then commanding to send a boat off to receive the communication. Mr. Faxon, of Stonington, took charge of the boat, met the flag, and offered to convey the dispatch agreeable to its directions. The British officer, Lieut. Claxton, questioned his authority to receive it; inquired whether Mrs. Stewart would be sent off, and said he would go on shore. Mr. Faxon replied that he knew nothing of Mrs. Stewart, and that if he attempted to proceed for the shore he would undoubtedly be fired on. He continued his course, when a sentinel was directed to fire forward of the boat, but the ball passed through the after-sail. They immediately put about and steered for the ship, the lieutenant swearing revenge for what he termed an insult to his flag. An explanation of the circumstances was immediately transmitted by Gen. Isham to Capt. Hardy, which he received as satisfactory.

"At the moment a flag had started for the 'Ramillies' from the civil authority of the town, which was received on board, by which was sent the following letter:

"STONINGTON BORO', Aug. 14th, 1814.

"TO THOMAS M. HARDY, Commander of H. B. M. Ship 'Ramillies'."

"SIR,—Since the flag went into New London for Mrs. Stewart and family, Gen. Cushing, who commands at New London, has written, we are informed, to the Secretary of War on the subject, and it is our opinion that the request will be complied with. But whatever may be the result of the communication from Gen. Cushing, you will be satisfied it is not in our power to enter into any arrangement with you respecting her.

"From yours, &c.,

"ISAAC WILLIAMS,

"WILLIAM LORD,

"ALEXANDER G. SMITH,

"Magistrates.

"JOSEPH SMITH, Warden.

"GEO. HUBBARD,

"AMOS DENISON,

"Burgesses."

"To this letter Capt. Hardy replied, verbally, that he should allow till 12 o'clock for Mrs. Stewart to be brought on board. At this time the principal part of three regiments of militia had arrived, and the town was perfectly secure against a landing.

"At 3 o'clock the bomb-ship commenced throwing shells into the town, and being out of reach of our cannon, the General withdrew the militia, excepting a guard of 50 men, who were ordered to patrol the streets for the extinguishment of fire should any happen. The bombardment continued till evening.

"On Tuesday morning the bomb-ship renewed her operations a little before sunrise, while the 'Ramillies' and 'Pactolus' were warping in. At eight o'clock the frigate opened her fire, and was soon followed by

the 'Ramillies.' At this time the cannons were ordered to be moved to the north end of the town, where they would have been serviceable if any attempt had been made to land under cover of the ships. This was a very hazardous service, as the party would be entirely exposed to the fire of the enemy. Volunteers in sufficient numbers instantly offered their services, among whom were upwards of twenty of the Norwich artillery.

"The command of the party was intrusted to Lieut. Lathrop, of that corps. They marched to the battery and brought off the piece without the smallest accident, exhibiting all the steadiness which characterizes veteran soldiers. This tremendous cannonade and bombardment continued till nearly noon, when it ceased, and about four o'clock the ships hauled off to their former anchorage. During the succeeding night a large force was kept on guard, in the expectation and hope that a landing would be attempted. The militia during this affecting scene discovered the very best disposition, and were eager to take revenge of the enemy or sacrifice their lives in the contest.

"It may be considered miraculous that during the several attacks, while so many were exposed to this terrible and protracted bombardment and cannonade, not a person was killed, and but five or six wounded, and those but slightly. Among the wounded is Lieut. Hough of the drafted militia.

"On Saturday morning the enemy relinquished the hope of burning the town, weighed anchor and proceeded up Fisher's Island sound.

"The volunteers who so gloriously fought in the battery deserve the thanks of their country. No men could have done better. Their example will have the happiest influence.

"About forty buildings are more or less injured, eight or ten essentially so, and two or three may be considered as ruined. The damage was principally done by the brig. Many shells did not explode. The Congreve rockets, which were frightful at first, lost their terrors and effected little.

"The inhabitants, fearing another attack, have not returned to their dwellings, and their desolate situation calls loudly upon the philanthropy of their fellow-citizens. If a brief should be granted for collections in the churches of the State, we trust very essential aid will be furnished. Nineteen-twentieths of the inhabitants, it is said, have no other property than their dwellings.

"A Nantucket man has been on board the British fleet to redeem his boat, and learned that the 'Dispatch' had two men killed and twelve wounded; her loss was undoubtedly much greater."

#### NAMES OF VOLUNTEERS.<sup>1</sup>

"The following is handed us as a list of the volunteers (though presumed not entirely perfect) of those who so bravely stood the brunt of the attack of Stonington Point:

"Of Stonington.—Capt. George Fellows, Capt. Wm. Potter, Dr. Wm. Lord, Lieut. H. G. Lewis, Ensign D. Frink, Gurdon Trumbull, Alex. G. Smith, Amos Denison, Jr., Stanton Gallup, Ebenezer Morgan, John Miner.

"Of Mystic.—Jesse Deane, Deane Gallup, Fred. Haley, Jeremiah Holmes, N. Clift, Jedediah Reed.

"Of Groton.—Alfred White, Ebenezer Morgan, Frank Daniels, Giles Moran.

"Of New London.—Maj. Simeon Smith, Capt. Noah Lester (formerly of the army), Maj. N. Frink, Lambert Williams.

"From Massachusetts.—Capt. Leonard and Mr. Dunham."

From the *Connecticut Gazette*, August 31st:

"By an error of the compositor the following names were omitted in the list published in our last paper of volunteers who so greatly contributed to the glorious defence and preservation of Stonington, viz.: Simeon Haley, Jeremiah Haley, Frederick Denison, John Miner, Asa Lee, Thomas Wilcox, Luke Palmer, George Palmer, Wm. G. Bush.

"There were probably others whom we have not learnt."

Account of the attack furnished for publication by the magistrates, warden, and burgesses. From the *Connecticut Gazette*, September 7th:

"STONINGTON BOROUGH, Aug. 29th, 1814.

"MR. GREEN,—In relation to the extraordinary attack of the enemy of the 9th inst. on this village, the public have been furnished with various accounts; and though the circumstantial and generally correct

<sup>1</sup> From the *Connecticut Gazette*, August 24th.

account given in your paper (of the 7th of August) precludes the necessity of a recapitulation of the whole transaction, yet this village having been the object of the attack and resentment of Sir Thomas, the Magistrates, Warden, and Burgesses residing therein feeling deeply interested that some official document comprehending a supply of some facts not given, an alteration of others, and a general statement relative to the whole should be published, offer the public the following statement.

"On Tuesday afternoon of the 9th inst. anchored off our harbor the frigate 'Pactolus,' the 'Terror,' a bomb-ship, and the brig 'Despatch,' of 20 guns. From the difficulty of the navigation in Fisher's Island Sound we have been generally impressed that such ships-of-war dare not approach us, but the presumption of the enemy has created new fears, and we think it our duty to say that further means of defence and protection ought to be afforded us; this we have often requested. Various were the opinions respecting the object of the enemy, but soon all was settled. A flag was discovered to leave the frigate and row towards the town. The impropriety of suffering them to come on shore was suggested, and a boat was immediately obtained, Capt. Amos Palmer, William Lord, Esq., and Lieut. Hough, of the detachment here, selected, and the flag of the enemy met by ours, when we received the following unexpected and short notice: (This not having been furnished the public correctly we give it at length.)

"His MAJESTY'S SHIP 'PACTOLUS,'"

"9th of Aug., 1814, half-past 5 o'clock P.M."

"Not wishing to destroy the unoffending inhabitants residing in the town of Stonington, one hour is given them from the receipt of this to remove out of the town."

"T. M. HARDY, Capt. H. B. M. Ship 'Ramillies.'"

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington."

"From the date of this communication it will appear that Commander Hardy was himself on board the 'Pactolus' to direct the attack, the 'Ramillies' then laying at anchor at the west of Fisher's Island. The people assembled in great numbers to hear what was the word from the enemy, when the above was read aloud. The enemy in the barge lay upon their oars a few moments, probably to see the crowd and if some consternation might not prevail.

"Whatever effect was produced this we know, that Sir Thomas's 'unoffending inhabitants' did not agree to give up the ship, though threatened by a force competent, in a human view, to destroy them when compared with the present means of defence in their power. It was exclaimed from old and young, 'We will defend.' The male citizens, though duly appreciating the humanity of Sir Thomas in not wishing to destroy them, thought proper to defend their wives and their children, and, in many instances, all their property, and we feel a pleasure in saying that a united spirit of defence prevailed, and, during the short hour granted us, expresses were sent to Gen. Cushing at New London, and to Col. Randall, whose regiment resided nearest to the scene of danger. The detachment stationed here under Lieut. Hough was embodied; Capt. Potter, residing within the borough, gave orders to assemble all the officers and men under his command that could be immediately collected. They cheerfully and quickly assembled, animated with the true spirit of patriotism. The ammunition for our two 18-pounders and 4-pounder was collected at the little breastwork erected by ourselves. The citizens of the Borough, assisted by two strangers from Massachusetts, manned the 18-pounders at the breastwork, and also the 4-pounder. One cause of discouragement only seemed to prevail, which was the deficiency of ammunition for the cannon. This circumstance, however, together with the superior force arrayed against us, did not abate the zeal for resistance. Such guards of musketry as were in our power to place were stationed at different points on the shores. In this state of preparation we waited the attack of the enemy. About 8 o'clock in the evening they commenced by the fire of a shell from the bomb-ship, which was immediately returned by a shot from our 18-pounder. This attack of the enemy was immediately succeeded by one from three launches and four barges, surrounding the point, throwing rockets and shot into the village. This also returned as often as by the light of the rockets streaming from the barges we could discover them. Assisted by the above military force, the inhabitants alone, some seventy years old, defended the town until about 11 o'clock, and had it not been for the spirited resistance manifested a landing no doubt would have been effected. At this time Col. Randall had arrived, and having issued orders to the militia under his command, they began to assemble, and from the short notice given them were truly prompt and active in appearing at the post of danger; some volunteers had also arrived. From this additional strength the apprehensions of the enemy's landing in a measure vanished. Their shells, rockets, and carcasses having been prevented

from spreading the destruction intended, they ceased firing them about 12 o'clock. All was still from this time until daylight. A fire of rockets and shots from the launches and barges again commenced, which was spiritedly returned from our artillery taken from the breastwork, in open view of the enemy and exposed to their shot, on the end of the point, and they (were) compelled to recede. This truly hazardous service was nobly performed. Col. Randall having been prompt in his appearance, as were all the officers and soldiers of his regiment, they were now organized, ready, and eager to receive our invaders. From the spirit manifested among the citizens, volunteers, and soldiers, and the judicious arrangements made of the troops assembled, had a lauding been attempted a good account would no doubt have been given of them. We were now also assisted by numbers of volunteers.

"The barges having receded from the fire of our four and eighteen pounder on the Point, they were taken back to the breastwork."

"About eight o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, the brig 'Despatch' hauled within half a mile of our breastwork, and opened a well-directed and animated fire."

"Our few guns being now well manned by citizens and volunteers from Stonington, New London, Mistick, and Groton, they were ready to receive her."

"Her fire was returned with a spirit and courage rarely to be equalled, and of those gallant souls who stood this conflict we can only say they gloriously did their duty. Heroes having so nobly acted, with ours will receive the plaudits of their country."

"What effect such bravery had on the enemy will appear from the fact that the brig was compelled to cut her cable and retire out of reach of our shot."

"Her anchor has since been taken up, with a number of fathoms of cable. No attack was afterwards made by the brig. This contest with the brig (called the 'Despatch') continued on our part from the breastwork until the ammunition was expended. To this circumstance, unfortunately for the village, and mortifying to those so gallantly engaged in the defence, may be attributed the principal injury sustained by the buildings. For two hours or more she kept up a constant fire without having it in our power to return a shot, during which time we are confident, had there been a supply of ammunition, she would have been taught the use and meaning of her name. The further particulars which transpired on Wednesday and Thursday having been noticed by you in the publication above referred to very correctly, the public must be satisfied without any comments from us."

"In the publications of the transactions of Friday we have discovered one error. Amidst the combined fire of the 'Ramillies' frigate and bomb-ship, Lieut. Lathrop and volunteers from the Norwich artillery, in fact did proceed to undertake in assisting to get off the cannon from the breastwork; but they met other brave lads who had accomplished this hazardous duty."

"The praise, therefore, of this performance, however they may have distinguished themselves in other duties, is not correctly bestowed. In passing the proceedings of Thursday and Friday, we would not overlook the singular communication received from Commodore Hardy, which preceded the fire on Thursday."

"Two subjects, esteemed very important by Sir Thomas, seem connected, Torpedoes and Mrs. Stewart,—a lady, we presume, worthy of the notice even of Commodore Hardy. But a demand made on those with whom, it was well known, no power existed to comply is not a little extraordinary; besides, this communication is totally different from and unconnected with the one it was sent as an answer to. It would appear from reading the documents that assurances were given that no torpedoes ever did, or ever should, go from this place. This was not the fact; no promises or concessions of any kind ever were made. To this singular letter no general reply was given; that part only was noticed relative to Mrs. Stewart. The enemy left us on Friday without having accomplished that destruction which they told us was to be effected. The damage done the buildings is estimated at about four thousand dollars."

"This would undoubtedly have been much greater had not the volunteer vigilant firemen from Capt. Potter's company, before mentioned, and others, continued firm at their posts, determined that not a flame kindled by those fiery engines of the enemy but should be extinguished, and it was done. This duty, perhaps, was as important and useful for the salvation of the village as any performed during the conflict."

"The list of individuals given to the public as distinguishing themselves during the contest we esteem very imperfect. To give a correct list of all those who did distinguish themselves in the various duties that were performed is not easy to do; we shall, therefore, forbear. Having thought proper to bestow a just tribute of praise on the officers and soldiers of the thirtieth regiment, who first arrived at the scene of action,

it becomes us to express, also, the high sense which we entertain of the services and judicious and soldier-like conduct of the eighth and twentieth Regiments, assembled under his command. During this protracted bombardment nothing more excited our astonishment and gratitude than this, that not a man was killed on our part. We understand from good authority the enemy had a number killed and several badly wounded in their unprovoked attack upon us.

"We have made some estimate of the number of shells and fire carcasses thrown into the village, and we find there has been about three hundred. The amount of metal fired by the enemy will exceed, we think, fifty tons. About three or four tons of bombs, carcasses, and shot have been collected.

"WILLIAM LORD,	} <i>Magistrates.</i>
"ALEX. G. SMITH,	
"JOSEPH SMITH,	} <i>Warden.</i>
"AMOS PALMER,	
"AMOS DENISON,	} <i>Burgesses."</i>
"GEO. HUBBARD,	
"THOMAS ASH,	
"RUBEN CHESBROUGH,	

Letter from Capt. Amos Palmer to the Secretary of War. From *Niles' Weekly Register*, Oct. 21, 1815:

#### "DEFENCE OF STONINGTON.

"The defence of Stonington by a handful of brave citizens was more like an effusion of feeling warm from the heart than a concerted military movement. The result of it we all know, and it afforded sincere delight to every patriot. But the particulars we have never seen so accurately described as in the following concise narrative from the chairman of the committee of defence to the Secretary of War, of which we have been provided with a copy for publication.—*Nat. Intelligencer.*

"STONINGTON BOROUGH, Aug. 21, 1815.

"To the Hon. WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, Secretary of War.

"SIR,—The former Secretary of War put into my hands, as chairman of the committee of defence, the two eighteen-pounders and all the munitions of war that were here belonging to the general government, to be used for the defence of the town, and I give my receipt for the same.

"As there is no military officer here, it becomes my duty to inform you (of) the use we have made of it. That on the 9th of August last (year) the "Ramilles," seventy-four, the "Pactolus," forty-four, the "Terror," bomb-ship, and the "Despatch," gun-brig, anchored off the harbor. Commodore sent off a boat with a flag; we met him with another from the shore, when the officer of the flag handed me a note from Commodore Hardy, informing that one hour was given the unoffending inhabitants before the town would be destroyed.

"We returned to the shore, where all the male inhabitants were collected. When I read the note aloud, they all exclaimed they would defend the place to the last extremity, and if it was destroyed they would be buried in the ruins.

"We repaired to the small battery that we had hove up; nalled our colors to the flag-staff. Others lined the shore with their muskets. About seven in the evening they put off five barges and a large launch, carrying from thirty-two to nine-pound carronades in their bows, and opened fire from their shipping with bombs, carcasses, rockets, round-grape, and canister-shot, and sent their boats to land under cover of their fire. We let them come within small grape distance, when we opened our fire upon them from our two eighteen-pounders with round-grape-shot. They soon retreated out of grape distance and attempted a landing on the east side of the village. We drugged a six-pounder that we had mounted over and met them with grape, and all our muskets opened fire on them. So they were willing to retreat the second time. They continued their fire until eleven at night. The next morning at seven o'clock the brig "Despatch" anchored within pistol-shot of our battery, and they sent five barges and two large launches to land under cover of their whole fire (being joined by the "Nimrod," twenty-gun brig). When the boats approached within grape distance, we opened our fire on them with round-grape-shot. They retreated and came round the east side of the town. We checked them with our six-pounder and muskets till we dragged over one of our eighteen-pounders. We put in it a round-shot and about forty or fifty pounds of grape, and placed it in the centre of their boats as they were rowing up in a line and firing on us. We tore one of their barges all in pieces, so that two, one on each side, had to lash her up to keep her from sinking. They retreated out of grape distance, and we turned our fire upon the brig, and expended all our cartridges but five, which we reserved for

the boats if they made another attempt to land. We then lay four hours, being unable to annoy the enemy in the least, except from muskets on the brig, while the fire from the whole fleet was directed against our buildings. After the third express from New London, some fixed ammunition arrived. We then turned our cannon on the brig, and she soon cut her cable and drifted out. The whole fleet then weighed and anchored nearly out of reach of shot, and continued this and the next day to bombard the town. They set the buildings on fire in more than twenty places, and we as often put them out. In the three days' bombardment they sent on shore sixty tons of metal, and, strange to say, wounded only one man, since dead. We have picked up fifteen tons, including some that was taken up out of the water and the two anchors that we got. We took up and buried four poor fellows that were hove overboard out of the sinking barge.

"Since peace, the officers of the "Despatch" brig have been on shore here. They acknowledge they had twenty-one killed and fifty badly wounded, and further say, had we continued our fire any longer, they should have struck, for they were in a sinking condition; for the wind then blew at southwest, directly into the harbor. Before the ammunition arrived it shifted round to the north, and blew out of the harbor. All the shot suitable for the cannon we have reserved. We have now more eighteen-pound shot than was sent us by government. We have put the two cannon in the arsenal and housed all the munitions of war."

No history of the battle of Stonington, during the last war with England, has yet been written wherein the part acted by the militia has been fully given. No sooner were the British ships seen inside of Fisher's Island, on the 9th of August, 1814, than the tar-barrel signals were ablaze. Col. Randall, ever on the alert, reached the place before dark, and issued the following order:

#### "REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

"30TH REGIMENT C. M.

"In consequence of an attack on Stonington Point, and agreeable to orders received from the Brigadier, this Regiment is called into active service, and will assemble at the dwelling house of Oliver York forthwith, and all officers and soldiers will attend to this order, and warn others, and assemble accordingly.

"Given under my hand at Stonington Borough this 9th day of August, 1814.

"WILLIAM RANDALL, *Lieut. Col. Comdr.*"

Maj.-Gen. Wm. Williams, of Stonington, living in New London at the time, issued an order to Brig.-Gen. Jirah Isham to call out his brigade for the defense of Stonington, which was immediately done. The following is a copy of the order issued by him to Lieut.-Col. Wm. Randall, of the Thirtieth Regiment, which did not reach him until long after he had issued his orders and nearly all of his regiment had reached the scene of battle:

"LIEUT. COL. WM. RANDALL, Comm. of the 30th Regt., Third Brigade, Conn. Militia.

"SIR,—Pursuant to orders from the Major General of the 3rd Division you will immediately call your Regt. into service in addition to the signals to be given at your signal pole (if not already done) you will use every exertion to get all your Regt. out as soon as possible and march them immediately to Stonington Point that place being in imminent danger of invasion.

"Lose no time.

"Yours Respectfully

"JIRAH ISHAM, *Brig. Genl. 3rd Brigade.*

"NEW LONDON, Aug. 9, 1814,

"half past 8 P.M."

Col. Randall's regiment was rallied and called out by the blazing tar-barrel signals, and without stopping to form as companies went immediately to Stonington borough, and were organized out of reach of the

enemy's guns, and held in readiness to repel any landing that they might attempt.

The militia of the State of Connecticut at the time of the last war with England were organized in conformity to a law of Congress enacted in 1792, consisting of divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, and companies. The eastern division of the State militia was at that time commanded by Maj.-Gen. Williams, assisted by staff-officers Maj. Francis Richards, Maj. Thomas Shaw Perkins, aides-de-camp; Lieut.-Col. Coddington Billings, inspector; Robert Coit, quartermaster.

The Third Brigade of said division was commanded by Brig.-Gen. Jirah Isham, assisted by staff-officers Martin Lee, aide-de-camp; George L. Perkins, brigade major; Henry Wheat, brigade quartermaster.

The Thirtieth Regiment of said brigade was commanded by Lieut.-Col. Wm. Randall, and the following is a correct roll of the field- and staff-officers of said regiment and their attendants at the battle of Stonington, Aug. 10, 1814:

William Randall, lieutenant-colonel; Nathan Wheeler, first major; Nathan Pendleton, second major; Henry Chesebro, adjutant; Samuel Chapman, quartermaster; Giles R. Hallam, paymaster; Ira Hart, chaplain; William Lord, surgeon; John Billings, surgeon's mate; Nathan Smith, sergeant-major; John P. Williams, second sergeant-major; Augustus L. Babcock, drum-major; Christopher Dewey, fife-major; John Champlin, private; Henry Newgear, Giles Wheeler, Ira R. Wheeler, Nathan S. Pendleton, John Frink, Chas. T. Hart, Thomas Brooks, waiters.

The following roll-copies of the eight companies of said regiment show the names of the men who responded to their country's call and marched to Stonington borough to defend the place when attacked by the British fleet, Aug. 10, 1814:

#### THIRTIETH REGIMENT.

**First Company.**—Denison Noyes, captain; Reuben Palmer, Jr., lieutenant; Ephraim Williams, ensign; William S. Bradford, sergeant; George Sheffield, second sergeant; Joseph Noyes, third sergeant; Isaac Wheeler, third, fourth sergeant; John Yeomans, Eleazar Wheeler, Jr., Perry Barber, Jr., corporals; Privates, John Davis, Charles Palmer, John Noyes, Samuel Helme, Benjamin F. Stanton, Nathaniel M. Noyes, Peleg West, Constant Taylor, Samuel Chesebrough (2), Thomas B. Stanton, Elihu Robinson, Charles P. Noyes, Elias Stanton, Stephen F. Stanton, Ezra Witter, John Dodge, Nathaniel Robinson, Paul Bradford, William Chesebrough, Ross Austin, Stiles Stanton, Jabez Swan.

**Second Company.**—Asa A. Swan, captain; Samuel Prentice, lieutenant; George W. Baldwin, ensign; Ephraim Meech, John Prentice, sergeants; John S. Hewitt, drummer; Elias Wheeler, fife; Privates, Andrew Baldwin, Edward Coats, Jr., James Wheeler, George P. Stewart, Avery Prentice, Coddington Swan, Samuel W. Prentice, Stephen Main, William Jackson, Christopher Avery (3), Joseph Ayer, Jr., Gurdon Chapman, Charles Church, Denison Swan, Sanford Brown, Eldridge Whipple, John Wilkinson, Levi Meech, Gardiner Morry, John Stewart, Thomas Davison.

**Third Company.**—Jesse Breed, captain; William Frink, lieutenant; Dudley Brown, ensign; Daniel Bentley, Perez Wheeler, Roswell R. Avery, Ralph R. Miner, sergeants; Elias Miner, Isaac Burdick, corporals; Privates, Asa Baldwin, Jr., Prentice Cook, Jonas Breed, Roswell Breed, Samuel Frink, Stephen Babcock, Jr., Roswell Breed, Thomas Huckleby, Jr., Simeon Baldwin, Roswell Brown, Oliver Miner, William Crandall, John Davis, Oliver Denison, Peleg L. Barber, James Bliven, John Breed, Oliver Wheeler, William S. Frink, Benjamin F. Frink, Christopher Bill, Shephard Brown, Thomas B. Miner, David Bromley, Peleg Wheeler, Cyrus W. Brown, Samuel Clarke (drummer), Charles P. Randall, Jesse Breed, Jr., Pitts D. Frink.

**Fourth Company.**—John W. Hull, captain; Silas Chesebrough, ensign; Henry Grant, Russell Wheeler, Elias Hewitt, Jr., sergeants; David Coats, Gilbert Miner, John D. Gallup, corporals; Joshua Clark, fife; Stephen Wilcox, drummer; Privates, John Breed, Ezra Stanton, Denison Miner, William Cogswell, Elijah Kenyon, James Holmes, Jr., Dudley Denison, Gilbert Brown, Luther Miner, Ansel Coats, Moses Palmer, Coddington Brown, John L. Berry, Obadiah Mathewson, William Alexander, Robert Miner, Caleb Green, Nathan Stanton, Sanford Brown, Elias Irish, Joseph Tift, Benjamin F. Breed, William Chesebrough.

**Fifth Company.**—John Hyde, lieutenant; Noyes Palmer, ensign; Joseph D. Mason, Daniel Hobart, William Bailey, sergeants; William Wheeler, Jonathan Wheeler, corporals; Edwin Lewis, drummer; Privates, Amos Miner, Amos Gallup, Jr., Andrew Chesebrough, Amos Chesebrough, Andrew Denison, Cyrus Peckham, Daniel Wheeler, Daniel Mason, Elisha Frink, Elisha Brown, Elam Denison, Edward C. Williams, Frederick Denison, Frederick Denison (2), Gilbert Williams, Hazard Holmes, Henry Denison, Henry Lewis, Isaac Morgan, Jeremy Crandall, Jabez Gallup, John Leroy, John Miner, Justin Denison, John Bennet, Jesse Wheeler, Nathaniel Lewis, Noyes Lewis, Paul Miner, Robert Fellows, Samuel Stanton, Jr., Samuel Wheeler, Thomas Leeds, Theophilus Rogers, Gilbert Wheeler, Franklin Chesebrough, Franklin Palmer.

**Sixth Company.**—Daniel Carr, captain; Gideon Chapman; Nathan Chapman, Henry Babcock, Moses Thomson, Jr., Simon Pendleton, sergeants; Reuben York, Cyrus Palmer, corporals; Privates, Horace Grant, Henry Grant, Julius Palmer, James York, Jr., Andrew Breed, Charles Chapman, Elias Chapman, Sanford Chapman, Palmer Chapman, Freeman Pierce, Lewis Chapman, Amos Chapman, Robert Thompson, Jesse Chapman, Reuben Chapman, John Grey, Jr., Luke C. Reynolds, Gershom Breed, Robert Palmer, Jeffrey Chapman, Zebulon York, Amos Thompson, George L. Chapman, Thomas Geere, Ezra Geere, George Geere, Jr., Lyman Wilcox, Noah Wilcox, Elisha Coon, John W. Eccleston, Rowland Eccleston, Amos Main (2), Elijah Perry, Simeon P. Kenyon, Joshua H. Thompson, Israel Palmer, Jr., Joseph Burton, Daniel Palmer, Richard Slocum.

**Seventh Company.**—Daniel Miner (2), captain; Amos Holmes, lieutenant; Phineas Wheeler, ensign; Thomas Partelo, Chandler Maine, Jesse Maine, sergeants; Joshua Brown, Avery Brown, Prentice Holmes, Benadram Palmer, corporals; Arnold Crumb, drummer; Privates, James Brown, Lathan Brown, Sanford Brown, Joshua Brown (3), Mathew Brown, Peter Eldridge, Jonathan Allen Jr., Isaac Partlo, Jonas Partlo, Samuel Maryott, Amos Brown, Cyrus L. Park, Gurdon Ingraham, J. Ross Burdick, Isaac R. Taylor, John Allen, Allen Wheeler, Nathan York, John Maine, Daniel Dewey, John Brown, Beriah Lewis, Royal Maine, Joseph Kennedy, Nathan Kenyon, James Crandall, Joseph Holmes, Shepard Wheeler, Rufus Wheeler.

**Eighth Company.**—William Potter, captain; Horatio G. Lewis, lieutenant; Daniel Frink, ensign; Francis Amy, Charles H. Smith, Peleg Hancox, sergeants; Gurdon Trumbull, Azariah Stanton, Jr., Junius Chesebrough, Joshua Swan, Jr., corporals; Privates, Phineas Wilcox, Hamilton White, Henry Wilcox, Nathan Wilcox, Samuel Burtch, Jonathan Palmer, Andrew P. Stanton, James Stanton, Thomas Breed, Amos Loper, Samuel Bottum, Jr., Benjamin Merritt, Elihu Chesebrough, Jr., Christopher Wheeler, Amos Hancox, Zebediah Palmer, Nathaniel Waldron, Thomas Spencer, Nathaniel M. Pendleton, Simon Carew, Elisha Faxon, Jr., Ebenezer Halpin, Asa Wilcox, Jr., Warren Palmer, Joseph Bailey, Jr., Nathaniel Lewis.

"HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11, 1814.

"SIR,—By order of the Gen. commanding you will detach one company (of about 30 men) from the Regiment under your command to stand guard at or near the bridge during the night, from which a patrolling party will be kept out, and be relieved from time to time; the party will be extended about one mile from the west end of the bridge to give information of the movements of the enemy, and communicate the same to Head Quarters.

"By order: GENERAL PERKINS, Maj. Brig.

"To COL. WM. RANDALL, 10th Regt."

"HEAD QUARTER,

"STONINGTON, 12th August, 1814.

"SIR,—By order of the Gen. commanding you will please detach Major Wheeler, of the 30th Regt., to take command of the Guards to be stationed conformable to the enclosed order, which you will please hand to him, at the same time direct that he repair to this place at an early period for the above purpose.

"Major Wheeler will not neglect to station the said detachment before sun-setting, and report from time to time during the night, as is required by the enclosed order directed to Lieut.-Col. Tracy, of the 20th Regiment.

"GEO. L. PERKINS, *Maj. Brigade.*

"LIEUT.-COL. WM. RANDALL, 30th Regt."

"SIR,—The General commanding has directed Col. William Belcher to furnish forty men to be put under your command for the purpose of extinguishing fires. You can call on him for the whole or any part of that number of men at any time when they are required.

"By order: MARTIN LEE, *Aid-de-Camp.*

"CAPT. WILLIAM POTTER,

"Aug. 12th, 1814."

"HEAD QUARTERS, STONINGTON, 13th Aug., 1814.

"SIR,—I am ordered by the Brigadier-General commanding to direct that you detach two companies from your Regt. for the purpose of standing guard for the night, one company to be stationed on the east, and one on the west side of the Point.

"Col. Tracy will report his detachment for guards to you. Lieut. Hough is ordered to guard the Battery, who will also, if necessary, report to you.

"The Brigadier-General commanding being about to leave for New London, you will consider yourself the commanding officer here until his return, and will repair for the night to Head Quarters.

"MARTIN LEE, *Aid-de-Camp.*

"LIEUT.-COL. WM. RANDALL, 30th Regt."

"DETACHED MILITIA,

"HEAD QUARTERS, STONINGTON POINT,

"Aug. 14, 1814.

"SIR,—By order of the General Commanding you will take command at this Post, as very unexpectedly the 20th and the remainder of the 8 Regt. are ordered to Mystic and Groton Bank. Lieut. Hough's detachment is joined to your Regt., and you will furnish him with a copy of this order; you will station a guard at the Arsenal, and remove all the ammunition and provision at Mr. Phelps' to that place; you will be very particular in stationing your guards, and keep a vigilant look-out for the enemy, and report from time to time all movements of the enemy, and report the strength of your Regt. as often as practicable.

"By command: G. L. PERKINS, *Maj.-Brigadier.*

"LIEUT.-COL. WM. RANDALL, 30th Regt."

"REGIMENTAL ORDERS 30TH REGT. CONN. MILITIA, in actual Service at Stonington, Aug. 14, 1814.

"Officers commanding companies will ascertain this evening what deficiencies there are in arms, ammunition, and flints, and report the same to the Adjutant to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock A.M., and also direct the men to retire to their respective Quarters precisely at 9 o'clock in the evening, and if found patrolling the streets after the time fixed, they will be taken to Head Quarters and a reasonable excuse will be exacted for a non-compliance of orders.

"WILLIAM RANDALL, *Lieut.-Com.*

"By order: HENRY CHESBRO, *Adjt.*"

On the 4th of July, 1814, a requisition from the President was made on the States most exposed for a corps of ninety-three thousand five hundred militia, with a request to the executives to hold in readiness for immediate service their respective detachments, and to fix on the places of rendezvous with a view to the more exposed points. The quota assigned to Connecticut was three thousand men. The Governor, after advising with the Council, decided to call on the militia by draft for that number of men, as per order annexed:

#### "STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

##### "GENERAL ORDERS.

"HARTFORD, 28th July, 1814.

"The Commander-in-Chief has received a communication from the President of the United States inviting the Executives of certain States to organize and hold in readiness for immediate service a corps of ninety-three thousand five hundred men, 'as a measure of precaution to strengthen ourselves on the line of the Atlantic,' and assigning as the quota of Connecticut three hundred artillery and two thousand seven

hundred infantry, with a detail of General and Staff Officers. The Commander-in-Chief having thought proper, by advice of the Council, to comply with the recommendation, directs that dispositions be immediately made for carrying the same into effect.

"Accordingly the number of artillery and infantry above mentioned, including the usual regimental officers, will be detached from the militia of the State, exempting from the draught such as have either in person or by substitute performed a tour of duty the present season. Volunteer uniform companies will be accepted. The whole to be formed into four regiments and duly officered, their places of rendezvous as follows, to wit: for the first regiment, Hartford; for the second, New Haven; for the third, Norwich; and for the fourth, Fairfield. One Major-General and one Brigadier-General will be detailed in the usual manner, also one deputy Quartermaster-General, and instead of an assistant Adjutant-General (there being no such officer in the militia of this State) there shall be detailed one Division Inspector.

"The troops thus detached are to be completely armed and equipped according to law, and, until otherwise directed, will be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning for the purpose of repelling invasions of the enemy, under such orders as they shall receive from the commander-in-chief.

"By order of his Excellency the Commander-in-chief.

"EBEN. HUNTINGTON, *Adjt.-General.*"

#### BRIGADE ORDERS.

"THIRD BRIGADE CONN. MILITIA.

"To LIEUT. COL. WILLIAM RANDALL, 30th Regiment.

"SIR,—In obedience to orders from his excellency the Capt.-General, you will forthwith detach from the Thirtieth Regiment under your command your proportion of the required Quota of Militia as annexed, exempting from the Draught such as have either in Person or by Substitute performed a tour of duty the present season. The Infantry detailed from the 3rd Division will form Two Battalions and the Artillery will form one company, the whole to compose One Regt to be called the 3rd Regiment, & Norwich their place of Rendezvous. Lieut.-Col. Wm. Belcher, of the 8th Regt is detailed to command said Regiment; Maj. James Gordon, of the 20th Regiment, is detailed as major.

"In detaching from the matross companies, Gunners, Bombardiers, & Matrosses are to be considered as privates. The officers and men are not, in consequence of being detached, to be considered as exempted from any military duties in the corps to which they now respectively belong; you will take the officers by seniority, as far as practicable, leaving no company without a commissioned officer. To complete Lists of the names of the officers and men detached and two muster Rolls must be made out and transmitted to the Brigade Inspector at Norwich as soon as you have completed the Detachment, which it is expected will be without delay. Majr.-Genl. Taylor, of the 4th Division, & Brigadier-Genl. Lusk, of the 7th Brigade, have been detached as the Senr Officers.

"Given under my hand at New London this 4th day August, 1814.

"JIRAH ISHAM, *Brig.-Genl.*

"By order: GEO. L. PERKINS, *Major Brigade.*"

#### "REGIMENTAL ORDERS 30TH REGIMENT CONN. MILITIA.

"CAPTAIN: SIR,—To carry the foregoing Orders into execution you will forthwith detach from the company under your command your proportion of the required quota of Officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and Privates as annexed hereto, the whole to be mustered, inspected, & notified to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning. Two inspection returns of those detached from your company, embracing a list of their names and the actual State of their arms and equipments, must be made out and transmitted to the commandant of the Regiment immediately. Giles R. Hallam, Pay Master, John Billings, Surgeon's Mate, are detached as Staff officers. Lieut. Amos Holmes, of the 7th Co., and Danl. Frink, Ensign of the 8th Co., are detached as commissioned officers of the 30th Regiment. The present being a period of unusual difficulty and danger, and the absolute necessity of being in a state of complete and constant readiness to march for the Protection and defence of our Sea Coast, which is obvious that the Lieut.-Col. comm<sup>d</sup> feels confident no exertion on the part of the officers or soldiers of the 30th Regiment will be wanting to have their respective companies in a State of perfect readiness for the purpose. Given under my hand at Stonington This 15th day of August, 1814.

"WM. RANDALL, *Lieut.-Comd.*

"By Order: HENRY CHESBRO, *Adjutant.*"

Also in pursuance of said orders forty-seven men were detached from said regiment, as follows: From

Company 1, 5 men; Company 2, 6 men; Company 3, 5 men; Company 4, 5 men; Company 5, 8 men; Company 6, 7 men; Company 7, 6 men; Company 8, 5 men,—47.

"BRIGADE CONN. MILITIA,

"HEAD QUARTERS, NEW LONDON, Aug. 20th, 1814.

"SIR,—I have it in charge from Brig.-Gen. Cushing, commanding Military District No. 2, to say that the men now on duty in the Brigade under Brig.-Gen. Isham, who are detached for more permanent service under the command of Brig.-Gen. Lusk, cannot be discharged from the corps in which they now serve at the present moment; but the commanding general assures them that immediately after the Regiment in which they are to serve shall have been formed, they shall be indulged with leave of absence a reasonable time to visit their families and prepare themselves for the service for which they have been drafted.

"By command of Brig.-Gen. Isham.

"MARTIN LEE, *Aide-de-Camp*.

"LIEUT. WM. RANDALL, Col. of 30th Regt."

"BRIGADE CONN. MILITIA,

"HEAD QUARTERS, NEW LONDON, Aug. 21, 1814.

"SIR,—I have it in charge from Brig.-Gen. Cushing, commanding Military District No. 2, to say, That the Brigade of Conn. Militia now in service of the United States, under the command of Brig.-Gen. Isham, will be mustered for payment and discharged on the following days, unless the future movements of the enemy should render it necessary to continue it in service a few days longer, viz.:

"20th Regiment on Tuesday, the 23d inst.

"8th " " Wednesday, the 24th inst.

"33d " " Thursday, " 25th "

"3d " " Friday, " 26th "

"30th Regt. general Brigade Staff, on Saturday, 27th inst.

"The muster to be made by the Adjutant-General or assistant Adjutant-General of the District, and to commence at 6 o'clock A.M. of each day on the Regimental parade, and it is expected all concerned will give due attention.

"Brig.-Gen. Isham directs that the men who are detached to serve under Brig.-Gen. Lusk, who are not present with their Regiments, are immediately to be notified to join the regiment under Col. Belcher, either at New London or Groton, at whichever place he may be stationed, they are to appear immediately.

"On the day the respective regiments are to be mustered and discharged as above, it is expected the officers and men will receive their pay.

"Five muster rolls must be made out for each company, two pay rolls and four Receipt Rolls also for each company will be required.

"To this you will instruct your Regimental Paymasters to attend without delay, as the pay cannot be received without all their vouchers.

"The Muster Rolls must contain the names of those men only who have joined their companies, with their rank and commencement of service, nothing to be noted of the termination of service, with the pay and receipt Rolls, and you will observe the same directions.

"The termination of service and amount of pay can be added afterwards.

"By order of BRIG.-GEN. ISHAM, *Commandant 2d Brigade*.

"MARTIN LEE, *Aide-de-Camp*."

"BRIGADE CONN. MILITIA,

"HEAD QUARTERS, NEW LONDON, Aug. 22d, 1814.

"LIEUT.-COL. WM. RANDALL, of the 30th Regt.

"SIR,—The Brigadier-General directs that the officers and men detached from your regiment in pursuance of the late General and Brigade orders, be directed to assemble at New London to-morrow, the 23d inst., at 4 o'clock P.M. You will notify them accordingly. They are ordered by the commander-in-chief of this State into service under command of Brig.-Gen. Lusk. The officers and men thus mustered into service will be mustered in the corps under Brig.-Gen. Lusk, and the indulgence promised in the order of the 20th inst. will then be granted.

"JIRAH ISHAM,

"Brigadier-General Commanding Brigade.

"By command: MARTIN LEE, *Aide-de-Camp*."

The battle of Stonington was not a victory for the British fleet. They doubtless intended to burn the place. In fact, they declared that, having ample means in their possession, they would destroy it, and

that they did not was owing to the bravery of its defenders. From some unaccountable neglect on the part of the authorities of the State or nation there was not a dozen rounds of ammunition for our cannon on hand at the time of the attack. It seems almost incredible that a place as much exposed as the borough, with a succession of military detachments detailed for its protection, with three cannon and a battery erected for defense, should all have been provided without ammunition for an hour's fight. But so it was, and but for the powder obtained from New London during the bombardment, and some gathered from Capt. George Fellows and others, our battery with its guns would have been wellnigh useless. Sergt.-Maj. Nathan Smith, then residing in the borough, communicated to Col. Randall the approach of the hostile fleet, who gave the alarm through his signals on Grant's Hill, and hastened to the borough with all the men he could rally on his way, some five miles. Capt. William Potter, then in command of the Eighth Company of the Thirtieth Regiment, immediately assembled all of his command in reach, consisting of twenty-one men, including officers, out of a roll of thirty-four men. He joined Lieut. Hough with his detachment, numbering forty-two men, which added to the militia under the command of Col. Randall, assisted by a number of volunteers, defended the place as best they could during the evening of August 9th until nearly midnight, when the enemy ceased firing: and but for the spirited resistance that the barges and launches received from the militia and volunteers under the command of Col. Randall, the enemy would have landed and burned the place. During the remainder of the night a large part of Col. Randall's regiment, observing the signals, hastened to the place, and before the break of day two hundred and twenty-seven men, including officers, had reached headquarters, and were assigned to their respective companies, which, added to Capt. Potter's and Lieut. Hough's men, aggregated a force of two hundred and ninety men, not including Col. Randall's staff. Thus marshaled they awaited the coming day, and at the early dawn of August 10th another attempt was made by the enemy to land from their barges and launches, coming around on the east side of the borough, firing shot and shell into the place. As soon as the approach of the enemy was discovered some of the volunteers drew the four-pounder across the Point to prevent the enemy from landing. Col. Randall observing the movement of the enemy, ordered his whole force down to the lower end of the Point to meet them, and when he reached the battery he ordered a detachment of his men and the volunteers who were acting under military orders to draw one of the eighteen-pounders across the town, so as to repel the apprehended landing. The gun was manned and directed by Ensign Daniel Frink, of Capt. Potter's company, and so well was it handled that the enemy was com-



pelled to recede and seek safety in flight. The prompt assembling of Col. Randall's regiment, and their presence at this moment, prevented the enemy from attempting another landing during the bombardment of the place.

During the engagement on the east side of the place the brig "Despatch" was working up towards the battery, doubtless intending to protect and cover with her guns the landing of the enemy, but was too late for that purpose. She came to anchor within a half-mile of the battery, and opened a well-directed fire on the town and battery, which had been manned by volunteers, some of which belonged to the militia, some were seafaring men, and others residents of the town. It is difficult to tell at this distance of time how many men actually entered the battery and handled the guns on the 9th and 10th of August, 1814, or how many assisted in bringing ammunition to them or making cartridges for their use. From the best attainable information on hand the Stonington borough men were Capt. George Fellows, Capt. William Potter, Lieut. Horatio G. Lewis, Ensign Daniel Frink, Alexander G. Smith, Amos Denison, Jr., Elihu Chesebro, Jr., Rev. Jabez S. Swan, Luke Palmer, George Palmer, Thomas Wilcox, and Asa Lee.

The Mystic Bridge men were Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, Capt. Nathaniel Clift, Capt. Simon Haley, Capt. Jeremiah Haley, Frederick Denison, Ebenezer Denison, Isaac Denison, and Frederick Haley. From the rural districts in Stonington were John Miner, Jesse Dean, John Dean Gallup, Charles T. Stanton, Charles P. Wheeler, and Jonathan Denison, who refused to enter the battery, but fought the enemy from the shore with his musket at long range. The Groton men were Ebenezer Morgan, Stanton Gallup, Alfred White, Frank Daniels, Giles Moran; the New London men were Maj. Simeon Smith, Capt. Noah Lester, Maj. N. Frink, and Lambert Williams; the Massachusetts men were Capt. Leonard, Wm. G. Bush, and Mr. Dunham, and no doubt others. The fire from the battery on the 9th was under the command of Capt. George Fellows, and under the command of Capt. Jeremiah Holmes on the 10th of August. Both were brave men and true. Capt. Holmes' three years' service on board of a British man-of-war, the greater part of which he served as captain of a gun, enabled him to direct the guns in the battery with great precision. He double-shotted the eighteen-pounders, and sent the shot plunging through the brig below her water-lines.

There were other volunteers who rendered important services in extinguishing fires, and in other ways, which the Government has recognized, and granted to the participants land warrants under a law of Congress enacted in 1856, viz.: Henry Smith, Benjamin T. Ash, Pils D. Frink, William C. Moss, Peyton R. Randall, and Jesse Breed, and perhaps others.

Edward Stanton, a Revolutionary hero, who was

fearfully and dangerously wounded at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781, living some five miles away from the scene of action, immediately, on hearing the first gun, took his trusty musket and marched for the borough, saying, with emphasis, that he had shed a part of his blood for his country in the Revolution, and if necessary was fully prepared to shed the last drop of it in defense of his country.

It was plainly evident that the enemy were determined to burn the village of Stonington, not only from the declared purpose of Capt. Hardy, but from the use of rockets and carcasses in the bombardment.

In order to prevent the consummation of this purpose, Col. Randall, on the evening of the 9th, detached Charles H. Smith, then the second sergeant of Capt. Potter's company (and afterwards its captain), and twenty men of the regiment to follow up and extinguish all the fires that might be kindled by the missiles of the enemy. This service was bravely and efficiently done, and a large number of fires extinguished. This duty was as perilous as a place in the battery. It is to be regretted that a list of these brave men has not been preserved. They were daily relieved by detachments taking their places. Gen. Isham and staff arrived from New London about noon, August 10th, and took command, fixing his headquarters at the dwelling-house of Capt. Nathaniel Palmer. Col. Randall's headquarters were at the house of Oliver York, that stood on the southeast corner of the Wadsworth Hotel grounds.

The glory of the battle of Stonington cannot all be showered upon the men who worked the guns in the battery, though they immortalized themselves by their heroic conduct and Spartan bravery.

Col. Randall, his staff, and the officers and men of his regiment, for their prompt and energetic behavior in meeting and repelling the enemy's boats in their efforts to land and burn the place on the evening of the 9th and the morning of the 10th of August, entitles them to the highest honors. Especially should that brave band of soldiers who watched the carcasses and rockets in their fiery circles, and extinguished them before they could kindle a flame, be remembered with everlasting gratitude. To every one who participated in the defense of Stonington in August, 1814, Stonington cheerfully awards a full measure of praise, and will cherish their memory and gratefully appreciate their heroic services. The foregoing, with the extracts copied from the newspapers at the time, is offered as an imperfect history of the battle of Stonington, Aug. 10, 1814.

Col. Randall's regiment and the detachment of Lieut. Hough were honorably discharged from service Aug. 27, 1814.

**A Heroine.**—An elderly lady, by the name of Huldah Hall, lived at Stonington borough during the last war with England. She was in feeble and rapidly-declining health, when Capt. Hardy, on the 9th of August, 1814, gave one hour's notice for the unoffend-

ing inhabitants of the place to be removed. She was attended by an only daughter bearing her name, who had been her sole companion during her weary declining years. During the excitement and alarm caused by Capt. Hardy's order, and the hasty departure of the unoffending, there were no efforts made for the removal of Mrs. Hall. Nor is it certain that she was able to be removed at the time, if an effort for that purpose had been made. The house occupied by Mrs. Hall stood close in the rear of the battle, and was dangerously exposed to the shot and shell of the enemy. During the evening of the 9th of August it became apparent that Mrs. Hall was rapidly sinking, doubtless hastened by the bombardment of the place, and on the 10th of August, amid the thunders of the bombardment and the deafening roar of the guns in the battery, she breathed her last. Beside her bed during all of the excitement and dangers of battle stood the brave-hearted daughter, tenderly watching with loving ministrations her dying mother, though shot and shell crushed through the house, and through the room where they were. No sooner was life extinct than the daughter, throwing a light shawl over her head, went down to the battery amid the flying shot and shell to get assistance to remove and bury her mother. When seen approaching by the men in the battery they were awe-struck, trembling for her safety, though reckless of their own. When informed of her errand, four men were detached and went with her to the house, carefully and tenderly inclosed her remains in the bed and bedclothes where she lay, and bore her to the old Robinson burial-place in the borough, attended by the daughter; and in a deep cut made by the explosion of a bomb-shell, without any form or ceremony, except the thunders of the bombardment, they buried her remains. While cheerfully awarding the highest honors to the men who so bravely defended Stonington, let us drop a tear to the memory of this heroic child, believing that the viewless artists of the skies have woven for her garlands of immortal glory.

The British fleet did not again attempt to destroy the village of Stonington during the war, but an apprehension resting on the part of the people that they might again do so, caused them to apply for another detachment of militia to act as a guard for the place. Col. Randall detached Sergt. Peleg Hancox and fourteen men from Capt. Potter's company to act as said guard.

They served from Nov. 18, 1814, to Sept. 27, 1815, as follows, viz.: Peleg Hancox, sergeant; Joshua Swan, corporal; Elihu Chesebro, Jr., corporal; Privates, Edward Stanton, Thomas Booth, Robert Bottom, George Taylor, Noyes Brown, Warren Palmer, Thomas Spencer, Nathaniel Chesebrough, George Howe, James Chesebrough, James Stanton, Joseph Swan.

Peace with Great Britain came in February, 1815, and with it universal prosperity. In celebrating the

event a young man by the name of Thomas Stanton, of Pawcatuck, was instantly killed at Stonington by the premature discharge of a cannon fired in honor of the event.

## CHAPTER LXXXI.

### STONINGTON—(Continued).

#### EARLY RESIDENTS.

AMONG the early families of Stonington few have been more distinguished than the Fannings. Edmund Fanning, the pioneer settler, came to this country from Dublin, Ireland, and settled in New London as early as 1662, removed to Stonington in 1670, purchasing and receiving liberal tracts of land, and died in 1683. His wife, Ellen, survived him, to whom, and four sons and two grandsons, his estate was divided. It was from this family that Edmund Fanning, the distinguished navigator, descended, and his still more distinguished brother, Lieut. Nathaniel Fanning, who commanded the maintop of the "Good-man Richard," under John Paul Jones, in her famous fight with the English ship "Serapis." He so distinguished himself in that action as to draw from Captain Jones the following certificate:

#### "CERTIFICATE TO CONGRESS.

"I do hereby certify that Nathaniel Fanning, of Stonington, State of Connecticut, has sailed with me in the station of midshipman eighteen months, while I commanded the 'Good-man Richard,' until she was lost in the action with the 'Serapis,' and in the 'Alliance' and 'Ariel' Frigates. His bravery on board the first-mentioned ship in the action with the 'Serapis,' a King's ship of fifty guns, off Flamborough Head, while he had command of the main top, will, I hope, recommend him to the notice of Congress in the line of promotion with his other merits.

"JOHN PAUL JONES.

"December 17th, 1780."

He was promoted to a lieutenantancy in the United States navy, and died of the yellow fever while in command of the United States naval station at Charleston, S. C., Sept. 30, 1805.

Capt. Richard Fanning Loper, a relative of this distinguished officer, was a native of Stonington, and his life was so fraught with stirring events of historic interest that the following biographical sketch of this remarkable man, kindly furnished by a friend, is deemed worthy of a prominent place in the history of his native town:

Capt. Richard F. Loper was born in Stonington, Conn., Feb. 3, 1800. Like most boys brought up in the seaport towns, he formed an early affection for a seafaring life, and being robust for one of his age, and possessing a vigorous constitution, he made his first voyage at the age of ten years. Six years later he had attained the dignity of first mate of a coasting vessel, and during the following year, 1817, he was placed in command of the schooner "Nancy Cobb." He commanded this vessel, carrying freight and passengers between Hartford, Conn., and Philadelphia, Pa.,

until 1819, when, wishing to have a more thorough training as a sailor, he shipped as second mate of the sloop "Hero," Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer, and was with Capt. Palmer when he discovered "Palmer's Land," on this voyage to the South Seas. After this voyage Capt. Loper returned to Philadelphia and started a line of packets between that port and Hartford, Conn., taking command of the schooner "Alonzo"; afterwards built a new schooner named the "Maid," which he took command of.

In 1831, after a life of over twenty years on the sea, he took up his residence in Philadelphia, having married there in 1825, and started as a ship-builder and contractor, his line of packets still running between Philadelphia, New York, and Hartford. Steam now interfering with his packets, he took to steam, and on Feb. 28, 1844, took out a patent-right for a propeller wheel. The government anxious to ascertain the best propelling power for its ships, arranged a trial of the three wheels then in use. The result will be found in a pamphlet published by the government, entitled "Report of Trials of Speed with the Revenue Steamers 'Spencer,' 'Jefferson,' and 'Legaré,' with Hunter's Submerged Wheels, and Ericsson's and Loper's Propellers, made by Direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and under the Superintendence of Capt. Alexander V. Fraser, United States Revenue Marine, 1844-45."

Page 7 of this report Capt. Fraser says, in a letter dated Washington City, May 30, 1845, to Hon. Robert J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington,—

"I would respectfully recommend, as the machinery of the above-named vessels ('Spencer,' 'Jefferson,' and 'Legaré') is adapted to Loper's as well as Ericsson's propeller, and as the propeller may be made, sent to the vessels, and applied by their own engineers, that that of Loper may be used. I am satisfied, by my own observations, as well as the assurances of individuals who are engaged in steam navigation, that the Loper propeller is far superior to the others in every point of view, particularly in strength, and consequently in durability.

"I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,  
"ALEXANDER V. FRASER, Captain U. S. Revenue Marine."

Capt. Loper then invented and patented a propeller engine, and was assured of the success of these two inventions by the receipt of the following letter:

"NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
"BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION,  
"JUNE 26, 1847.

"SIR,—You are requested to inform this Bureau, at the very earliest practicable date, for what sum you will transfer to the Navy Department, during the unexpired term of your patents, the right to use on steamers of war, about to be constructed, your screw propeller, driven by cylinders with a combined capacity of 353.4 cubic feet.

"I am, respectfully, yours, etc.,

"CHAS. WM. SKINNER.

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER, Philadelphia."

The price set by Capt. Loper was paid by the government, and his invention adopted and used.

Capt. Loper held in all thirteen patent-rights, all of which were valuable. He invented and patented the construction of a ship with an iron frame and planked outside with wood on to the frame.

On or about the 25th of August, 1846, Gen. Scott was at or near Brazos, Texas, with his army; he made a requisition on the War Department for one hundred and fifty surf-boats, to be fifty feet long, twelve feet wide, and four feet deep, and stated in a letter to Gen. Marcy (then Secretary of War) that the boats must be shipped on or before Jan. 1, 1847, or he would be compelled to put off his expedition against Vera Cruz until the following year; as the season of northers would commence soon after January, the fulfillment of this urgent order would save the entire expense of the Mexican war for one year. In this emergency the War Department applied to the Navy Department for assistance, the Secretary of the Navy called the naval constructors to Washington to consult with them, and on the 27th of November the board of naval constructors decided that it would take at least ninety days to complete the one hundred and fifty surf-boats and have them ready for shipment, provided all the navy-yards in the country could be used for that work alone.

Secretary Marcy telegraphed to Capt. Loper at Philadelphia to come immediately to Washington. On his arrival there he met Col. Henry Stanton, acting quartermaster-general, with Secretary Marcy. This vital business and the decision of the naval constructors was made known to him by Col. Stanton. Capt. Loper asked if Mr. Lenthall, the naval constructor, was then in Washington. Col. Stanton informed him he was, and sent for him. Upon his arrival Capt. Loper asked him if he had made calculations himself, and was sure the boats could be built and ready for shipment in ninety days. Mr. Lenthall said he had made the calculations, and knew the work could be accomplished in that time. Capt. Loper then informed the Secretary that he would build the boats and have them ready for shipment in thirty days, upon one condition, that being, the government to give him authority to contract where he wished, at the best he could, and the government to pay the bills; in fact, to give him a carte blanche in writing. The Secretary and acting quartermaster-general told him they would not give such a document. Capt. Loper then returned to Philadelphia. The following morning Capt. Loper received the following letter by special messenger from Washington:

"QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
"WASHINGTON, Nov. 29, 1846.

"SIR,—The Quartermaster's Department is desirous of availing itself of your well-known intelligence, judgment, and practical experience in the discharge of its duties connected with the construction, purchase, or charter of vessels, boats, and other objects required in the prosecution of military marine operations, and therefore name, and by these presents appoint you one of its special agents, at a salary or per diem allowance of — per day, besides travelling and other expenses incident to the service on which you may be employed, during the continuance of your special agency. You will please signify, as early as may be, your acceptance or non-acceptance of the agency proposed, and in case of the former, you will please regard the following as instructions upon the subject therein specially referred to. The Department has been recently required to provide, at an embarrassingly short notice, one hundred and fifty boats or barges of the description indicated in the drawings and specifications

handed you yesterday by the first day of January, and it is to provision and proper equipment of this required Boat Fleet your individual attention is now invoked, and it is on your efforts the Department mainly relies for the timely execution of one of the most important as well as difficult orders which the exigencies of the war have thrown upon it. You will please take early and the most energetic and prompt measures which your experience may suggest for the procurement by contracts, with responsible individuals, of the number of boats or barges in question, in your city, Baltimore, New York, Boston, and elsewhere, impressing strongly upon the attention of all persons disposed to contract, the importance to contractors, as well as all others concerned, of having the work done within the time specified by contract, and of good materials and workmanship, and in strict conformity to the drawings and specifications referred to, a copy of each of which you will hand to each of the contractors for their guide and government in the work. Special care should be taken in the construction of the boats designed for the landing of heavy ordnance.

"Any assistance, with the power of the officers of this Department, at the places where you may be operating, as well as the officers of the Navy-Yards, will be promptly accorded to you. The entire confidence in your judgment and discretion renders more detailed instructions unnecessary; as to price, it is not deemed expedient to limit you, further than to intimate the hope that you may be able to resist any combination which may be formed to take advantage of the urgent necessities of the Government on the part of bidders, and be able to accomplish our object at what may be fairly considered, under the circumstances, a fair price.

"The estimate made by officers of the navy, as well as naval constructors, is about four hundred dollars per boat. I shall be agreeably disappointed if you are not compelled by untoward circumstances to pay considerably more.

"But I am entirely confident you will, in this important respect, do the best that can be done. Should you find, after due efforts (what I fear you will find), it impracticable to secure contracts for the whole number of boats required, of the description indicated in the drawings and specifications already referred to, you will secure the greatest number possible, and build or cause to be built the number of flat-bottomed boats of the description, and from which you may think best adapted to the service for which they are required, necessary to make up the deficiency.

"Keep this office advised of your measures in the prosecution of the work confided to you, and rely at all times upon all the aid and assistance on the part of the Department.

"I remain, sir, with great respect and esteem, your Ob't Sr't,

"HENRY STANTON, *Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl.*

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER, Philadelphia."

This letter was, in fact, what Capt. Loper had asked for, and after handing the messenger his acceptance, he started for the ship-yards, and inside of thirty-six hours had the boats under contract, and on Dec. 30, 1846, the one hundred and fifty surf-boats were on board transports, and on their way to Vera Cruz. The army under Gen. Scott landed in these boats during the following March at Sacrificios, three miles from Vera Cruz.

In answer to a letter to the quartermaster-general, asking to be considered out of the service, Capt. Loper received the following letter:

"QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
"WASHINGTON CITY, August 10th, 1848.

"CAPTAIN,—I have received your letter of the 9th instant. As you held an appointment, and not an office, the same course was pursued in your case that is pursued in all similar cases; you were considered out of service from the time you intimated a wish to be no longer considered in the service. Entertaining as I did very high regard for you, and being entirely satisfied with the valuable services you had rendered, I would have given you a written testimonial had I considered it of any importance, but it affords me sincere pleasure now to assure you that I shall always hold in grateful remembrance the energy and ability with which you performed every duty confided to you during the whole period you were employed by this Department.

"I am, Captain, most respectfully your obedient servant,

"THOS. JESSUP, *Quartermaster-General.*

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER, Philadelphia."

Capt. Loper then gave his attention to ship-building and steamship improvement; the number of vessels contracted for and built by Capt. Loper up to and including 1866 were over four hundred, the largest being the steamship "S. S. Lewis," of fifteen hundred tons, for the Boston and Liverpool Steamship Company, and thirteen steamers of like size for the Parker Vein Steamship Company, also steamers of the Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company (Swiftsure Transportation Company), the Bangor and Boston Steam Navigation Company, and the Philadelphia and Hartford Line of Steamers. He was president of the Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company and Swiftsure Transportation Company from 1848 until 1877; was also president of the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company for several years; president of the Gloucester Ferry Company, running from Philadelphia to Gloucester, N. J., for twelve years; was appointed a director in the Southwark National Bank of Philadelphia, June 14, 1866, and served continuously until the date of his resignation, Nov. 13, 1876.

At the commencement of the late war, Capt. Loper was again made transport agent of the government. At the time communication was cut off between Philadelphia and Washington the Governor of the State of New Jersey telegraphed to Capt. Loper that the State troops were at Trenton awaiting transportation. Capt. Loper took the steamers of the Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company, thirteen in all, and within twelve hours had them at Trenton, ready for the troops. After taking the troops on board the steamers he received the following letter:

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
"EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
"TRENTON, May 2, 1861.

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER:

"Sir,—You will proceed with the transport fleet carrying the New Jersey Brigade to Annapolis under the command of Brig.-Gen. Runyon, whose orders you will obey. As soon as Brig.-Gen. Runyon shall surrender the transports into your charge, you will return with them without delay to the ports where they respectively belong and deliver them to the parties from whom they were obtained.

"I am, sir, yours, &c.

"CHAS. S. OLDEN, *Commander-in-Chief.*"

The following letter shows how Capt. Loper carried out this order:

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
"EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
"TRENTON, May 7, 1861.

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER:

"Dear Sir,—Permit me to tender you my thanks for the great service you have rendered New Jersey in the transportation of the troops lately despatched. I must attribute, to a very great extent, the success of the expedition to your services in the providing, equipping, and commanding the Fleet. You will also please convey to your son my thanks for the very valuable assistance rendered by him.

"Very respectfully your obedient servant,

"CHAS. S. OLDEN."

Again, on Dec. 26, 1861, Capt. Loper was called upon:

"CAPT. R. F. LOPER:

"Dear Sir,—I am requested by General A. E. Burnside (by Telegraph) to ask you to go at once to Annapolis. You will oblige me by doing so, and by aiding him in any way he may desire.

"Yours very respectfully

"JOHN TUCKER, *Asst. Sec. of War.*"

Capt. Loper went to Annapolis, and the services rendered were acknowledged by Gen. Burnside in the following letter:

"ANNAPOLIS, January 7, 1862.

"HON. SIMON CAMERON, Secretary of War, Washington.

"Dear Sir,—I beg leave to express to you my hearty appreciation of the services rendered me in fitting out the Expedition under my command by Capt. R. F. Loper. The interest and zeal manifested by this gentleman in this work has been constant and untiring, and he has in every instance fully answered every demand made upon his skill and patience.

"I most cheerfully acknowledge my obligations to him, and take great pleasure in recommending him as a competent and efficient man, whose experience and mature judgment cannot fail to be of great service in any case of emergency.

"Yours very truly,

"A. E. BURNSIDE, *Brigadier-General.*"

In March, Capt. Loper went to Alexandria to assist in moving the Army of the Potomac, and received the following authority:

"ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 25, 1862.

"This is to certify that Capt. Loper is a duly authorized agent of the Quartermaster's Department, and empowered to act in my name as may best suit his judgment. It is the wish of the Secretary of War, as well as mine, that his advice be respected.

"RUFUS INGALLS, *Lieutenant-Colonel A.D.C.*"

After the army was moved, and being about to return to Philadelphia, Capt. Loper received the following letter:

"ALEXANDRIA, April 2, 1862.

"MY DEAR FRIEND,—I have now transferred my vessels, etc., to Col. Rucker and Lieut. Ferguson, and shall leave this evening. Both these officers greatly desire your assistance until Gen. McDowell's command has embarked. I trust you will add to existing obligations a few days more of your valuable counsel and personal supervision. In making this request I claim it is a cheerful duty to express to you how profoundly sensible I am of your generous aid to me.

"I hardly know what I could have done without you, while with your assistance we have achieved an unparalleled success in the embarkation of troops. I hope Col. Rucker will have as good fortune. I hope to see you again and again for long years to come, and fervently trust your days will be long here, where your abilities, kind-heartedness, and charities are so well appreciated. Let us both have faith to believe and expect that peace and prosperity will soon be restored to our afflicted country. Visit us when you can, and let me hear from you at your leisure.

"In haste, yours truly,

"RUFUS INGALLS, *Lieutenant-Colonel A.D.C.*"

On the 22d of December, 1862, a select committee of the Senate, with J. W. Grimes as chairman, was appointed to investigate the chartering of transports for army transportation. After making their report they placed it in the hands of the Hon. Wm. Whiting, solicitor of the War Department. This report reflected upon the actions of Capt. Loper while acting as transport agent of the government. Capt. Loper had up to this time given his services to the government and paid his own traveling expenses (never charging or receiving one dollar for services rendered or traveling expenses). He immediately withdrew from the position and awaited the action of the solicitor. After waiting until 1865 he received the following letter,

engrossed upon parchment, as a present from Senator J. W. Grimes:

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1865.

"HON. J. W. GRIMES, U. S. Senate:

"MY DEAR SIR,—I have just received your note of to-day, inquiring whether I have examined into the transactions of Capt. R. F. Loper with and for the government in connection with army transportation, and requesting me, if willing, to communicate the result of such examination. Capt. Loper's transactions were brought to my attention through the Quartermaster's Department, to which he had presented claims for adjustment, and also by the report of the committee of the Senate referred to me by the Secretary of War. As great frauds had been committed by certain persons on that department, suspicion had fallen on many others, and the government was anxious to protect itself as far as possible from injustice by a searching examination of the transactions relating to the chartering of vessels for transportations.

"From the great respect I entertained for the committee who investigated and reported on these subjects, and with whose conclusions on the facts as presented to them I generally agreed, I was led to believe that Capt. Loper's conduct had been censurable, although not such as would subject him to legal liability to the United States.

"But during my investigation of his case a large mass of evidence was disclosed which had not been made known to the committee, nor until then to the department. From my examination of all the facts in the case I was brought to the unhesitating conclusion that Capt. Loper's conduct in his transactions with the government had been honest, honorable, and patriotic, and that he was entitled to the respect and confidence of the government and the country.

"Very respectfully your obedient servant,

"WILLIAM WHITING,

"Solicitor of the War Department.

"The conclusion of Solicitor Whiting stated above is approved by me.

"A. LINCOLN.

"April 12, 1865.

"The above is a true copy.

"WILLIAM WHITING,

"Solicitor of the War Department."

The indorsement by President Lincoln is written in his own hand.

In 1855, Capt. Loper joined the New York Yacht Club, and continued a member until 1878. During that time he built and owned some of the fastest yachts in American waters, the first being the schooner "America," of sixty tons (not the Steer's "America," of Queen's Cup fame); next the schooner "Madgie," one hundred and twelve tons, now called the "Magic," and winner of more prizes than any other yacht in the club; then the schooner "Josephine," of one hundred and forty-five tons; then the celebrated clipper-yacht "Palmer," one hundred and ninety-four tons; and last the schooner-yacht "Madgie," one hundred and sixty-four tons. In 1870 the "Madgie" came in fourth in the Queen's Cup race, beating the English schooner "Cambria." The following year she won the Challenge Cup for schooners from the New York Yacht Club, over the ocean course at Newport. All of the above yachts were modeled and designed by Capt. Loper, the models being made or altered by his own hands, as well as all the vessels built by him.

April, 1870, Capt. Loper retired from active business and removed with his family to his native town, where he spent the remaining years of his life. In the latter part of October, 1880, he went to New York to spend the winter, but was taken away from the scenes of his great business career on the 8th day of November following.

"Names of vessels of which the hulls or machinery were built by the Penn Works, Philadelphia, Pa., under the orders of Capt. R. F. Loper, from 1847 to 1866.

"New Haven.	Parker Vein.
Fashion.	Georgis Creek.
Nonpareil.	Picket.
Erie.	J. S. Ide.
William Penn.	Anthracite.
Hartford.	Dashing Wave.
Granite State.	Governor Marcy.
Eclipse.	Commodore Stockton.
Mount Savage.	Novelty.
Victoria.	Virginia.
L. G. Cannon.	John Stevens.
Ironsides.	Eastern State.
Vulcan.	J. R. Thompson.
Express.	Westernport.
C. H. Harwell.	Arispe.
Cayuga.	General Meigs.
Experiment.	Josephine (2).
Albany.	Colonel Rucker.
Middlesex.	

"Representing 9846 tons, O. M.

"From the foregoing list of steamers (which by no means represents all that were built to the orders of Capt. R. F. Loper, as he largely built at various other establishments) it will serve in a measure to impress any one with the fact that he was a pioneer in the use of steam vessels of all descriptions. The shipping interests of this country have been greatly benefited by the experience gained in carrying out his enterprises, which have served as landmarks to guide others who have embarked in the same business.

"Yours truly,

"NEATIE AND LEVY, Philadelphia.

"Oct. 18, 1881."

"WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 19, 1881.

"DEAR SIR,—Absence from home has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of the 13th instant.

"We now, however, take pleasure in giving you the desired information concerning the boats which we built for Capt. R. F. Loper.

"Steamer 'Thomas Sparks,'	600 tons, 1853.
" 'Planet,'	390 " 1854.
" 'Sophia,'	390 " 1854.
" 'General Burnside,'	650 " 1861.

"We trust these points will be found to cover the required data.

"We refer with great pleasure to our business intercourse with Capt. R. F. Loper, for whom we always entertained the highest regard. We know of no man who in his day contributed more to the development of steam transportation than he. We might, indeed, say that he was the father of the freight propeller and pioneer in the steam transportation business.

"Very truly, etc.,

"HARLAN AND HOLLINGSWORTH COMPANY,

"Per J. T. GAUSE, Vice-President."

"NEW YORK, Oct. 17, 1881.

"DEAR SIR,—Regarding the design of a composite hull of a vessel, that is, iron frame and wood planking, Capt. R. F. Loper was the first person who ever brought it to my notice (1847), and I am fully of the conviction that the design was original with him. He obtained letters patent for the invention, and I have not known his claim to be disputed. This construction has been successfully adopted both in this country and Europe, and I have very lately applied it with full success and satisfaction.

"Respectfully,

"CHAS. H. HASWELL."

William Chesebrough, the first white man who made what is now Stonington, in Connecticut, his permanent place of abode, was born in Boston, Lincolnshire, England, in the year 1594, where he married Anna Stevenson, Dec. 6, 1620. He was a gunsmith, and worked at his trade in England and in this country until he came to Stonington, in 1649, when he changed his occupation to that of farming and stock-raising, occupying and improving the large

grants of land given him by the town of Pequot, now New London. In the early part of the year 1630 he joined a large party of emigrants who came with John Winthrop, Esq., to this country. Mr. Chesebrough located himself in Boston, Mass., and soon after became a member of the First Church.

He was admitted a freeman of the Massachusetts colony in May, 1631, and afterwards took an active part in public affairs. In 1632, Mr. Chesebrough was elected as "one of two" from Boston, to unite with two from every plantation, to confer with the court about raising a public stock, and Prince in his "Annals" says that this seems to pave the way for a house of representation in the General Court. In 1634, Mr. Chesebrough was elected constable of Boston, where he continued to reside for several years. Previous to 1640 he removed to Braintree, and that year was elected deputy to the Massachusetts General Court, soon after which he removed his residence to Rehoboth, Plymouth Colony, where in 1643 his list was returned at four hundred and fifty pounds.

The next year lots were drawn for a division of the woodland near the town, and Mr. Chesebrough received lot No. 4. During this year the planters of Rehoboth drew up and signed a compact by which they agreed to be governed by nine persons "according to law and equity," until we shall subject ourselves jointly to some other government. Mr. Chesebrough was a party to that transaction, which was participated in by thirty of the planters of the new settlement. He had taken an active and prominent part in organizing the town of Rehoboth, and at a public meeting held July 12, 1644, his services were recognized by the town in ordering that he "should have division in all lands of Seakunk, for one hundred and fifty-three pounds, besides what he is to have for his own proportion, and that in way of consideration for the pains and charges he hath been at for setting off this plantation."

He was propounded for freeman at the General Court at Plymouth in 1645, but was not admitted until 1648. Notwithstanding the prominent part he acted in establishing the plantation of Rehoboth, and the recognition of his services by the new town, he was not treated with much favor by the General Court, which ordered him to be arrested for an affray with an Indian by the name of Vasamequine, and harshly treated him in other respects. This led him to look farther for a permanent place of abode. About this time John Winthrop, Jr., acting under a commission from the Massachusetts General Court, commenced a settlement at Nameaug, afterwards called Pequot, and then New London. Mr. Chesebrough visited the place in 1645 for the purpose of making it his future home. He was kindly treated by Mr. Winthrop, and urged to settle there, but finding the place in several respects unsuitable to his expectations, he concluded not to stay. Subsequently he examined the Pawcatuck region, and finally concluded to settle

at the head of Wequetequoc Cove. He shared the friendship of Roger Williams, and was encouraged and assisted by him in removing his habitation to Pawcatuck. He did not, however, immediately remove his family here, and not until he had provided for them a comfortable place of abode. It was during the summer of 1649 that his family came to Wequetequoc and occupied their new home in the wilderness. The marsh land bordering on Wequetequoc Cove furnished hay for his stock in abundance.

He brought his entire family with him, which consisted of his wife and four sons, namely, Samuel, Nathaniel, John, and Elisha. The two eldest and the youngest subsequently married and had families, and after the death of each their widows married again. John died single, 1660. Mr. Chesebrough, like most of the early planters, traded more or less with the Indians, and was also engaged in trade with the people of Long Island and elsewhere. The first act of the General Court of Connecticut was an order prohibiting all persons selling firearms and ammunition to the Indians; another act was passed in 1642 "forbidding smiths from doing any work for the Indians, or selling them any instrument or matter made of iron or steel, without a license from two magistrates." Various other acts were passed regulating and in some cases prohibiting trade with the Indians. Mr. Chesebrough while living at Rehoboth had incurred the displeasure of certain parties in the Plymouth colony, and no sooner was he located here than they informed the General Court of Connecticut that he had removed here for the purpose of selling firearms to the Indians; whereupon the court, in November, 1649, issued a warrant "to the constable of Pequot to repair forthwith to Chesebrough of Long Island (where he was trading at the time), and to let him understand that the government of Connecticut 'doth dislike and distaste the way he is in and trade he doth drive among the Indians,' and that they do require him to desist therefrom immediately, and that he should repair to Capt. Mason, of Seabrook, or some of the magistrates upon the river (Connecticut), to give an account to him or them of what he hath done hitherto."

Mr. Chesebrough at first disregarded this order, claiming that his new home was within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, but subsequently, acting under the advice and assurance of Mr. Winthrop and other friends at Pequot, he so far yielded to the authorities of Connecticut as to engage to appear at the General Court at Hartford in March, 1651, some sixteen months after the issue of said order, and related to them the reason why he had taken up his abode at Wequetequoc, and that he was not engaged in any unlawful trade with the Indians, and assured them that his religious opinions were orthodox, neither did he intend to remain alone in the wilderness, and was in hopes that in a short time he should be able to procure a competent company of desirable persons for the

planting of the place. The court reluctantly permitted him to remain on condition that if he would give a bond of £100 not to prosecute any unlawful trade with the Indians, and that he would furnish them with the names of such persons as he could induce to settle at Pawcatuck before the next winter, they would not compel him to remove.

While the planters of Pequot were friendly to Mr. Chesebrough, they preferred that he should become an inhabitant of that settlement rather than to establish a new township. In September of the same year Mr. Chesebrough again visited Hartford for the purpose of obtaining a legal title to the land he occupied. Mr. Winthrop and the deputies from Pequot engaged that if he would put himself on the footing of an inhabitant of Pequot he should have his lands confirmed to him by a grant of the town. To this he acceded, but the bounds of Pequot did not include his lands, whereupon, "on request," the court extended the bounds of the settlement to Pawcatuck River, and the town in November following gave him a house-lot at Pequot, which he never occupied. In January, 1652, a large tract of land was given by the town of Pequot, which was afterwards liberally enlarged until it embraced between two and three thousand acres, and was included within the following boundaries, namely, beginning at the harbor of Stonington, running northerly up the same and Lambert's Cove and Stony Brook to the old Post road, thence following said road eastwardly to Anguilla Brook, thence down said brook and Wequetequoc Cove and the Sound to the place of beginning.

Mr. Chesebrough succeeded in drawing around him a sufficient number of "acceptable persons" to satisfy the General Court, and the settlement of the town begun, went on in a flourishing condition until 1654, when the planters here desired a separation for religious as well as civil purposes.

This measure was resisted by the planters at Pequot. Meantime Massachusetts laid claim to the settlement, and the controversy went up to the Court of the Commissioners of the United Colonies, and terminated in 1658, in awarding all the territory east of Mystic River to the Massachusetts colony, under the name of Southertown, and so remained until 1662, when it was included in the new charter and again became a part of the colony of Connecticut. In 1665 the name of Southertown was changed to that of Mystic, and in 1666 it was again changed to Stonington.

Mr. Chesebrough was a man of more than ordinary ability, and held positions of trust not only in the Massachusetts colony, but was prominent at the settlement of the town of Rehoboth, in Plymouth colony. After his place at Wequetequoc was included in the township of Pequot he was elected deputy thereof to the General Court at Hartford in 1653-54-55, and on one occasion rate-maker or assessor.

When, in 1658, the Massachusetts General Court asserted jurisdiction over this town, Mr. Chesebrough



with others were appointed to manage the prudential affairs thereof, and "one of the commissioners to end small causes and deal in criminal matters." He held the office of townsman (selectman) until Southerton was reannexed to Connecticut, and was the first man elected deputy after the reunion, and succeeded in restoring amicable relations with the court, which had been seriously disturbed by the jurisdictional controversy. After his return he was elected first selectman of the town, and re-elected every year up to the time of his death, which took place June 9, 1667. His dwelling-house stood upon the site formerly occupied by Abel Crandall, Esq.

Children of William and Anna Chesebrough :

Maria, baptized in Boston, England, May 2, 1622; buried June 9, 1622.

Martha, baptized in Boston, England, Sept. 18, 1623; buried Sept. 26, 1623.

David, baptized in Boston, England, Sept. 9, 1624; buried Oct. 23, 1624.

Jonathan, twin of David, baptized Sept. 9, 1624; died young.

Samuel, baptized in Boston, England, April 1, 1627.

Andronicus, baptized in Boston, England, Feb. 6, 1629; buried Feb. 8, 1629.

Junice, twin of Andronicus, born and buried Feb. 6, 1629.

Nathaniel, baptized in Boston, England, Jan. 25, 1630.

John, baptized in Boston, Mass., Sept. 2, 1632; died at Southertown, 1660.

Jabes, baptized in Boston, Mass., May 3, 1635; died young.

Elisha, baptized in Boston, Mass., June 4, 1637.

Joseph, baptized and born at Braintree, Mass., July 18, 1640; died young.

The wills of Mr. and Mrs. William Chesebrough, our first Anglo-Saxon planters, are not to be found on record anywhere in Connecticut, but copies of them have been preserved, and are now in the possession of Thomas W. Chesebrough, of Syracuse, N. Y., who kindly furnished copies thereof, and of an amicable adjustment of a controversy that arose between their children and grandchildren in consequence of an apparent contradiction of their wills.

"STONINGTON, May ye 23<sup>d</sup>, 1667.

"The Last will & Testament of William Chesebrough Aged 73 years, as followeth. First I give unto my son Sam<sup>l</sup> all Lands formerly granted to him & taken in by his fence. Nextly, I give unto my sons Nathaniel & Elisha ye neck of Land called Waddawonnet w<sup>ch</sup> was formerly granted to them, bounded by ye fenco yt crosses ye afores<sup>d</sup> neck called Waddawonnet, w<sup>th</sup> their Broken up lands w<sup>ch</sup> they now have in Possession, all other Lands, w<sup>ch</sup> is in my manadging, Broken up or meadow, and two or three acres my son Elisha Improveth this year, I give to my Loving Wife w<sup>th</sup> commons answering to it during ye time of her Life, & after her Decease I give unto my son Samuel two acres,—next to ye s<sup>d</sup> Samuells now Dwelling House, and ye Remainder of my Broken up Lands and meadow, to be divided equally between my two sons Nathaniel & Elisha: The Little Island I give to my son Nathaniel, and ye pees of meadow Land by Goodman Yorke I give to my son Elisha, and all other Lands yt I had from New London I give to my three sons, every one of them an equal share. And if these do want Advise about ye Dividing of it, I do Ordain my trusty & well Beloved Friends Mr. Amos Richard-

son to be helpfull to them about ye Dividing of it. And yt farm of Land & meadow, Three Hundred and fifty Acres more or less, near to a place called Cowsatuch, I give to my son Samuel's second son William; For all my Housing I give to my loving Wife to be wholly at her disposing, to keep or sell, or dispose of as she shall please, & likewise ye pastor by ye House, only a pence, to my son Elisha, from ye place where his House joyneth to mine, throughout ye pastor to ye stone wall, next to ye highway, and for my son Samuel's Eldest son Samuell and his youngest daughter Sarah, & y<sup>t</sup> his wife is now w<sup>th</sup> Child with, I give five pounds a pence, and likewise my son Nathaniel's three children five pounds a pence which is to be paid within six years, all ye rest of my goods & chattles, my debts being paid, I give to my loving wife, whom I make full and lawfull Executrix.

"WILLIAM CHESBROUGH.

"GERSHAM PALMER.

"THOMAS BELL."

"The Last Will & Testament of Anna Chesebrough, aged 75 years or thereabouts.

"I give to my two sons Sam<sup>l</sup> & Nathaniel yt land w<sup>ch</sup> was given to me by my Husband upon his Will, y<sup>t</sup> my son Elisha should have had if he had outlived me.

"I give to my son Nathaniel my Barn, I give to my son Sam<sup>l</sup> my yard, between my Barn & his orchard.

"I give to William Chesebrough, my son Sam<sup>l</sup> second son, my Dwelling House w<sup>th</sup> ye pastor to ye yard.

"I give to my son Samuell, my fifteen acres of land on ye east side of Pawcatuck River, I give to my son Nathaniel one of ye mares y<sup>t</sup> my son Elisha leased or hired of me, & ye other mare I give to my son Samuell's son William. My bay Horse I give to my son Nathaniel. My Black Horse I give to my Son Samuell. I give to my son Samuell a feather bed.

"I give to my Daughter Abigail & Hannah, my cloaths and linnen. The rest of my estate (my debts being paid) I give to my two sons an equal share, whom I make my full & lawfull Executors. Dated in Stonington this 19<sup>th</sup> of March 1673<sup>g</sup>.

"ANNA A. CHESBROUGH.

"her mark and seal

SEAL

"Signed Sealed & D.D. in presence of us

"THOMAS STANTON, Senr.

"JAMES NOYER."

"A Court of Amistants held at Hartford, Oct. 7, 1673.

"Whereas, ye County Court held at New London Sept. 19, 1673, Recommended to this Court a Difference between Mr. Nathaniel Chesebrough & ye Relict & heirs of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Chesebrough & ye Overseer of Ellihu y<sup>e</sup> only son of Elisha Chesebrough & his Successors w<sup>ch</sup> differences arose by reason of some Contradiction (seemingly at least) between ye last will and testament of Mr. William Chesebrough and Mrs. Ann his wife, w<sup>ch</sup> ye Court having considered, after ye serving of ye s<sup>d</sup> wills, advised ye parties concerned to labor an accommodation between themselves w<sup>ch</sup> they have attempted and presented to ye Court an Agreement, under ye hands, bearing Date October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1673. This Court having perused ye same do approve thereof, & order it to be recorded amongst ye records as a final issue of ye s<sup>d</sup> difference.

"It is agreed this 9. of October, 1673, Betwixt Nathaniel Chisebrough in behalf of himself & his children & Abigail Chisebrough, Relict of Sam<sup>l</sup> Chisebrough, Deceased, in behalf of herself and children, on ye own part & Mr. Amr Richardson & Mr. Thomas Minor, as Gardians to Ellihu y<sup>e</sup> son of Elisha Chisebrough on ye other Part y<sup>t</sup> Ellihu y<sup>e</sup> son of Elisha Chisebrough shall have, enjoy, and posses as his own propriety for ever, to him & his heirs all ye land within ye fence in ye Neck yt Samuell & Nathaniel Chisebrough have bounded out to him, w<sup>ch</sup> ye house and house lot yt Elisha Chisebrough died possessed of, & also yt there shall be ladd out unto ye s<sup>d</sup> Ellihu six hundred acres of ye land, without ye fence where of three hundred shall be ladd out along as ye Mill Brook runs & to set ye line att ye corner of Elisha his fence leaving four Rods in breadth betwixt ye fence & ye line or beginning of ye Running of ye breadth of this three hundred acres for a constant highway, and ye s<sup>d</sup> Ellihu is to run so far w<sup>th</sup> a straight line according to ye breadth fore mentioned as may make good three hundred acres, and ye other three hundred acres is to begin at ye bound tree yt divides between Mr. Milnor's land & ye land yt was laid out to Mr. Chisebrough, & so to run in breadth ye whole breadth of Mr. Minor's land towards Yorke, & in length by ye stony brook till ye three hundred acres be made up, & ye afores<sup>d</sup> trustees or Gardians in behalf of ye s<sup>d</sup> Ellihu doe relinquish all

further claims to all of ye estate real of M<sup>r</sup>. William Chisebrough, deceased, it is also agreed by ye sd parties, y<sup>t</sup> two indifferent men shall be chosen who shall be impowered to judge y<sup>e</sup> land within y<sup>e</sup> Neck fence, & to proportion ye fence to Elisha his son according to ye quality, not according to y<sup>e</sup> quantity of land within y<sup>e</sup> Neck fence.

"It be further agreed y<sup>t</sup> in case y<sup>e</sup> running of y<sup>e</sup> line for y<sup>e</sup> first three hundred acres do not extend so far towards Yorks as to fetch in y<sup>e</sup> parcell of meadow y<sup>t</sup> was given to Elisha, yet y<sup>e</sup> meadow shall belong to y<sup>e</sup> three hundred acres, belong to Elihu & his heirs, Provided y<sup>t</sup> by mutual consent convenient highways are to be laid out y<sup>t</sup> may answer each parties occasion. In confirmation of y<sup>e</sup> premises y<sup>e</sup> parties concerned w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> approbation of ye court of Assistance have hereunto subscribed y<sup>e</sup> Day and year above written.

"The above written was delivered in Court by ye parties Subscribed & they acknowledge y<sup>t</sup> subscription before y<sup>e</sup> court as a list.

"THOMAS MINOR,  
"AMOS RICHARDSON,  
"NATHANIEL CHISEBROUGH,  
"ABIGAIL CHISEBROUGH.

"We as gardians to Samuel Chisebrough's children do agree & consent to this agreement of ye land specified herein shall forthwith be laid out to ye son of Elisha Chisebrough by Mr. Thomas Minor & William Lord as witness our hands this 19<sup>th</sup> of December, 1673.

"NATHANIEL CHISEBROUGH,  
"THOMAS STANTON, Sen<sup>r</sup>,  
"WILLIAM LORD,  
"RENEAL MARVIN."

**Thomas Stanton**, who became distinguished among the first planters of Stonington, was in his early manhood in England designed and educated for a cadet, but not liking the profession of arms and taking a deep interest in the religious principles of the migrating Puritans, he left his native land, embarking on board of the good ship "Bonaventure" in 1635, sailed for this country and landed in Virginia, but left there almost immediately for Boston, mingling with the natives on his way, and rapidly acquired a thorough knowledge of their language and customs. On his arrival in Boston he was recognized by Winthrop and his associates as a valuable man worthy of the most unlimited confidence, for the very next year he was selected by the Boston authorities to accompany Mr. Fenwick and Hugh Peters as interpreter on a mission to Saybrook, Conn., to hold a conference with the Pequot Indians relative to the murder of Capt. Stone and Newton. After the close of the conference Mr. Stanton went up to Hartford, and there fixed his permanent abode in 1637. During that year he was married to Anna, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Lord, of Hartford. Mr. Stanton's accurate knowledge of the language and character of the Indians soon gave him prominence in the then new settlements of Connecticut, for the very first year after he came to Hartford the General Court gave him ten pounds for the service he had already done for the country, and declared that he should be a public officer for to attend the court upon all occasions, either general or particular, as also the meetings of the magistrates, to interpret between them and the Indians, at a salary of ten pounds per annum. Mr. Stanton did not always agree with the policy of Capt. Mason and the court relative to the treatment of the Indians, and drew upon himself their displeasure; but being a man accustomed to speak his own mind and act upon his own convictions, maintained his

position, though they discontinued his salary for two years, alleging long absence as the cause, and appointing Mr. Gilbert to take his place; but in 1648 they restored him to the place with the compensation. He became the intimate and especial friend of Governor Winthrop, of Connecticut, acting as his interpreter in all of his intercourse with the Indians. It was while thus employed, in an interview with Ninigret in the Narragansett country, that Mr. Stanton became acquainted with the Pawcatuck Valley and selected it for his future residence. Soon after he petitioned the General Court for liberty to erect a trading-house there, which was granted in February, 1650. In the spring following he came to Pawcatuck and erected his trading-house, and in the fall of the same year removed his family to New London. He received and purchased large tracts of land in Pawcatuck, and having erected a dwelling-house there was joined by his family in 1657. Here he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1678, aged sixty-eight years.

After the articles of confederation between the New England colonies had been established in 1643, among all of the distinguished interpreters of New England, Mr. Stanton was selected as interpreter-general, to be consulted and relied upon in all emergencies. In this capacity and in their behalf he acted as interpreter, especially between the ministers employed by the commissioners of the United Colonies, acting as agents of the London Missionary Society, and the Indians to whom they preached. He also aided the Rev. Abraham Pierson in the translation of his catechism into the Indian tongue, certifying to the same in his official capacity. Mr. Stanton and his sons carried on an extensive trade in furs at his Pawcatuck store, purchasing of the Indians in the region round about, and selling the same at Boston and in the West Indies. After Mr. Stanton became an inhabitant of Pawcatuck, in Stonington, he took an active part in town affairs, became prominent, and was elected to almost every position of public trust in the then new settlement. In 1658, when Pawcatuck was included in the town of Southerntown, under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, he was appointed selectman and magistrate. After Pawcatuck was set to the Connecticut colony by the charter of 1662, Mr. Stanton was appointed magistrate and commissioner, and reappointed every year up to the time of his death. He was elected deputy or representative in 1666, and re-elected every year up to 1675.

When county courts were first established in New London County in 1666, Maj. Mason, Thomas Stanton, and Lieut. Pratt, of Saybrook, were appointed judges. Thus it appears that Mr. Stanton acted a prominent part in town, county, and State affairs from 1636, when he acted as interpreter at Saybrook, until near the close of his life; his name is connected with the leading measures of the colony, and with almost every Indian transaction on record. In 1670, Uncas,

the Mohegan sachem, went from Mohegan to Pawcatuck for Mr. Stanton to write his will, taking with him a train of his noblest warriors to witness the same, giving to the occasion all the pomp and pageantry of savage royalty.

Children:

1. Thomas Stanton, Jr., born in 1638, and married Sarah Denison, daughter of Capt. George and Bridget Thompson Denison.

2. Mary Stanton, born in 1640, and married Samuel Rogers, of New London, Nov. 17, 1662.

3. John Stanton, born in 1642, and married Hannah Thompson.

4. Hannah Stanton, born in 1644, and married Nehemiah Palmer, Nov. 20, 1662.

5. Joseph Stanton, born in 1646, and married, first, Hannah Mead, June 19, 1673; second, Hannah Lord, Aug. 18, 1678, and subsequently had two other wives.

6. Daniel Stanton, born in 1648, married and went to Barbadoes and died there, leaving an only son, Richard Stanton.

7. Dorothy Stanton, born in 1651, and married Rev. James Noyes, Sept. 11, 1674.

8. Robert Stanton, born 1653, and married Joanna Gardner, Sept. 12, 1677.

9. Sarah Stanton, born in 1654, and married, first, Thomas Prentice, of Massachusetts, April 20, 1675; second, William Denison, son of Capt. George and Ann Borodel Denison, in 1686.

10. Samuel Stanton, born in 1657, and married Borodel, daughter of Capt. George Denison and wife, Ann Borodel, June 15, 1680.

**Walter Palmer** was born about 1585, and married first in England, and came to this country in the year 1629; landed at Salem, and soon after went with his family to Charlestown, Mass. Subsequently, in 1643, he went to Rehoboth to reside, and afterwards removed to Southertown, now Stonington, in 1653. Children: Grace Palmer, born in England, and came to this country with her father and family; went with him to Charlestown, and joined the church there June 1, 1632, and was married to Thomas Minor, April 23, 1634. They resided in Charlestown, Mass., until 1636, where their son John was born and baptized, soon after which they removed their habitation to Hingham, Mass., where four of their children were born and baptized, as follows: Clement Minor, baptized March 4, 1638; Thomas Minor, baptized May 10, 1640; Ephraim Minor, baptized May 1, 1642; Joseph Minor, baptized Aug. 25, 1644.

In 1645 they left Hingham, and joined the first planters of New London, and received a grant of a home-lot; built a house thereon, and continued to live there until 1652, when he came to Stonington, and took up a tract of land on the eastern side of Wequetequock Cove, and erected a dwelling-house thereon the same year.

April 5, 1652, the town of Pequot, now New London, granted to Governor John Haynes, of Hartford,

three hundred acres of land, which was located by the grant east of Chesebrough's land, and laid out by Governor Haynes on the east side of and adjoining Wequetequock Cove, overlapping Thomas Minor's land. Walter Palmer was then living at Rehoboth, and being anxious to locate himself near his old friend Chesebrough, entered into negotiations with Governor Haynes for the purchase of this land. The bargain was made some time before the deed was executed; in fact, Governor Haynes gave Thomas Minor a written authority to put Walter Palmer in possession of this land Feb. 15, 1653, which he did May 30, 1653. But the conveyance of Haynes to Palmer was not executed until July 15, 1653.

When Thomas Minor put Walter Palmer into possession he conveyed to him in the same instrument his said land and new dwelling-house, which Palmer occupied that year, though Minor continued to live there until he built his new house at Quiambaug.

William Palmer was born on the other side of the ocean, and came with his father's family to this country; lived with them in Charlestown, Mass., but did not go down to the Plymouth colony with him. He was admitted freeman in Massachusetts colony in 1639, and was admitted to the church there March 28, 1641. He remained with his brother John in Charlestown after his father removed to Plymouth, and continued to reside there until after his father's death, when soon after he sold the land that his father gave him in Rehoboth, and came to Stonington and stayed with his brother-in-law, Thomas Minor, from June 18, 1664, to April 29, 1665, when he left him and went over to Killingworth, Conn., and received an allotment of land in the settlement of that town. He continued to reside there during the rest of his days, but the time of his death is not known, nor is it certain that he ever married. His brother, Gershom Palmer, under date of March 27, 1697, executed the following instrument:

"Know all men by these presents, that while as my brother William Palmer, deceased, did give and bequeath unto me his house and all his lands in Killingworth, Conn., forever, I, settling one of my sons thereon, and in compliance to my deceased brother's will, I do order my eldest son, Gershom Palmer, to settle in said house upon said land. I, the said Gershom Palmer, Senior, do give and bequeath the aforesaid house and land with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to my eldest son Gershom Palmer, to him forever according to the tenor of the will of my brother, William Palmer deceased."

This renders it certain that he left no wife or children. Whether he was ever married is not so clear. If he married it must have been late in life, or, what is more probable, he, like his brother John, lived and died a bachelor.

John Palmer, born in 1615, came with his father and family to this country in 1629. He was admitted a freeman of the Massachusetts colony in 1639; admitted to the church Oct. 23, 1640; died Aug. 24, 1677, aged sixty-two years. He left a will giving the bulk of his property to his brother Jonas and sister Elizabeth. He was never married.

Jonas Palmer was a son of the first wife; came with his father and family to this country in 1629; lived in Charlestown until 1657, when he married Elizabeth Grissill, and moved to Rehoboth, where he remained the rest of his days. They had six children. He married a second wife, Abigail Titus.

Elizabeth Palmer, one of the first wife's children, came to this country with her father and family in 1629; married first Thomas Sloan, and second a Mr. Chapman, but no children by either husband have been traced.

In the old church records of Roxbury, Mass., the following appears: "Rebecca Short came in the year 1632, and married Walter Palmer, a Godly man of Charlestown Church, which they joined June 1, 1633." The children of this union were Hannah Palmer, baptized in Charlestown, June 14, 1634, came with her father to Stonington *via* Rehoboth, and married first Thomas Hewitt, April 26, 1659, by whom she had two children, Thomas and Benjamin Hewitt. For her second husband she married Roger Sterry, Dec. 27, 1671, by whom she had two children. For her third husband she married John Fish, Aug. 25, 1661. An interesting jointure between them is still preserved on our old town records.

Elihu Palmer, baptized in Charlestown church, Jan. 25, 1636, came with his father to Stonington, and died Sept. 5, 1665. It is not probable that he left any children, for the reason that he left a will in which he gave his property to his nephews.

His will was lost in the burning of New London, Sept. 6, 1781, and the only knowledge we have of it is from a deed on the Stonington record, where lands were set to his executors and vested in his nephews. If he had any children surviving him or living at the date of his will they would have been the subjects of his bounty, but dying at the age of twenty-nine and leaving such a will is proof wellnigh positive that no children survived him.

Nehemiah Palmer, born Nov. 23, 1637, came to Stonington with his father from Charlestown *via* Rehoboth, and married Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Lord Stanton, Nov. 20, 1662, and had seven children. He was a prominent man in church and State.

Moses Palmer, born April 6, 1640, also came to Stonington with his father's family, and married Dorothy —, and had five children. He was deacon of the First Church, and prominent in town affairs.

Benjamin Palmer, born in Charlestown, Mass., May 30, 1642, came to Stonington *via* Rehoboth with his father's family, and joined the church and became a large landholder. He married, and brought his wife home Aug. 10, 1681.

The fact of this marriage appears in Thomas Minor's diary, but who she was or where she came from does not appear. He died April 10, 1716, aged seventy-four years.

In February, before he died, he gave a deed of his

lands to two of his nephews, on condition that they should take care of him through life, and at his death give him a Christian burial. I regard this fact as a proof beyond doubt that he left no offspring.

Gershom Palmer was born at Rehoboth, and came with his father to Stonington; married first Ann Denison, daughter of Capt. George and Ann Borodel Denison, Nov. 28, 1667. They had ten children. For his second wife he married Elizabeth, the widow of Maj. Samuel Mason. They made and recorded a jointure, which appears at large on the Stonington land records. He was a deacon of the Stonington First Church, and held various positions of trust in civil affairs.

**Capt. George Denison.**—He came here to reside in the year 1654. He received several large grants of land from the towns of Pequot and Stonington, also large tracts from Oneco and Joshua, sons of Uncas. He erected his dwelling-house near Pequotsepos, a few feet west of the late residence of Oliver Denison (deceased), and subsequently surrounded it by a stockade fort. His homestead place was bounded on the west by John Stanton's farm, on the south by the Mason highway eastward to Palmer Hill, and then by Amos Richardson's land, easterly by Richardson's land and the town lots, and northerly by said lots and lands of Capt. John Gallup.

Capt. Denison was the youngest son of William and Margaret Denison, and came to this country in 1631, in company with the Rev. John Eliot, and settled in Roxbury, Mass., where he married Bridget Thompson in 1640. She died in 1648, leaving two children. After her death he returned to England and engaged in the civil conflict with which the kingdom was convulsed. On his return to this country, about two years afterwards, he brought with him his second wife, Ann, daughter of John Borodel, of Cork, Ireland, and one son, John Denison. He was chosen captain in Roxbury, and was called a young soldier lately come out of the wars in England. "In 1651 he came to Pequot to reside, bringing his family with him, consisting of his wife and four children, and had a house-lot given him by the town, which he occupied until 1654, when he sold out and removed to this town.

Capt. Denison took an active and decided part in 1656 in favor of having "Mystic and Pawcatuck" set off from Pequot, and a new township with a ministry of its own established. By this course he incurred the displeasure of the leading men of Pequot, and by favoring the claims of Massachusetts to the jurisdiction of the place he drew upon himself the censure of the General Court, and when Southerntown was incorporated and annexed to Suffolk County, he was appointed first townsman, commissioner, and clerk of the writs. He was active and influential in securing the favor of the Massachusetts court, and aided in securing large grants of land here to parties there, which overlapped grants made to Chesebrough,

Palmer, Stanton, and others by the General Court of Connecticut.

This alienated some of his friends. But the reunion of the settlement by means of the new charter had the effect of extinguishing these Massachusetts claims, and the Connecticut grants were left undisturbed.

When Mr. Chesebrough, in 1664, asked the General Court of Connecticut for amnesty for the planters who had favored the claim of Massachusetts to this place, it was extended to him, and ever afterwards he was regarded with favor by the General Court.

From 1671 to 1694 he represented Stonington for fifteen sessions of the General Court. He was appointed magistrate, selectman, and held almost every office in town. While Capt. Denison was prominent and active in civil affairs, he was more distinguished in military matters. With the exception of Capt. John Mason, he was the most conspicuous and daring soldier of New London County, and was, in fact, the Miles Standish of the settlement, a natural military leader, and though holding the rank of captain, he often commanded expeditions against the Indians, and was always most successful when commander-in-chief, and at one time he was provost-marshal for Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island. He participated in the Narragansett swamp-fight in 1675, and performed prodigies of valor. As early as February following a series of forays were commenced against the Narragansett Indians. They were commanded by Capt. Denison, Capt. John Gallup, and Capt. James Avery. These partisan bands were composed of volunteers, regular soldiers, Pequots, Mohegans, and Niantics. It was the third of these roving excursions, begun in March and ended April 19, 1676, in which the celebrated Narragansett chieftan, Canonchet, was taken prisoner. He was brought to Stonington, and was put to death at Anguilla, near where Gideon P. Chesebrough now resides. A council of war was held, during which his life was promised him if he would use his influence with the Indians to put a stop to the war, but he indignantly refused, saying that the Indians would not yield on any terms.

He was told of his breach of faith in not keeping the treaties which he had made with the English, and of the men, women, and children that he had massacred, and how he had threatened to burn the English in their houses, to all of which he haughtily and briefly replied "that he was now in their hands, and they could do with him as they pleased." He was importuned and urged to let a counselor of his go and treat with his people, but he haughtily refused, whereupon the council voted for his immediate execution.

When Canonchet was told that he must die, he seemed not at all moved, but coolly answered "that he liked it well, and that he should die before his heart had grown soft, or he had said anything unworthy of himself."

He was shot by Oneco, son of Uncas, and by Cas-

sasinamon and Herman Garrett, two Pequot sachems. The Mohegans quartered him, and Niantics built the fire and burnt his remains. His head was sent as a "token of love" to the council at Hartford. In June following Capt. Denison commanded a company raised in New London County for Maj. Talcott's expedition against the Indians in Massachusetts. They went as far north as Northampton, and returned after having scoured the country far up the Connecticut River, but met with a few of the Indians. After a few days' rest this army again went in pursuit of the Indians. This time they went first to the northwest of Providence, then south to Point Judith, then home through Westerly and Stonington to New London. After a short respite they started again, July 18, 1676, and made their way this time into Plymouth colony. They went to Taunton, from whence they returned homeward, but hearing that a large number of Indians were working their way westward, making depredations as they went, they pursued and overtook them, and had a sharp and final struggle with them beyond the Housatonic, after which they returned and the men were disbanded. There were ten of these expeditions, including the volunteer forays under Denison and Avery. They inflicted speedy vengeance upon the Indians, and broke their power forever. The remnants of the Indian tribes were gathered together and located wherever the English desired. In all these military expeditions Capt. Denison bore a conspicuous part, and won for himself undying fame.

Capt. Denison was born in 1618, and died at Hartford, Oct. 24, 1694, during the session of the General Court, which he was attending officially, and was buried there. The following is a copy of his will:

"I George Denison of Stonington, in the county of New London and Colony of Connecticut in New England being aged and crazy in body, but sound in mind and memory, and being desirous to make preparation for death, and to set my house in order before I die, I do, therefore, as it becometh a Christian, first, freely and from my heart, resign my soul, through Christ, into the hands of God who gave it me, and my body to the earth from whence it came, and to be buried in decent manner by my executor and friends, in the hope of a joyful and a glorious resurrection, through the perfect merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my strong Redeemer.

"And as concerning my outward estate, which the Lord hath still entrusted me with, after all my just debts are paid, I give and dispose of as followeth: First, I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife, Ann Denison, my new mansion place, to wit, the house we live in the barns and buildings the orchards and the whole tract of land and improvements thereon, as far as Mistuxet eastward and as it is bounded upon record, south, west, and north, except only thirty acres given to my son, John Denison, which is to lie on the south side next to Capt. Mason's, east of our field, and also one hundred pounds in stock, prized at the country price, all which is and hath been under our son William Denison's improvement and management for these several years, to mutual comfort and content, which I do will and bequeath unto my said wife for her comfortable supply during her natural life.

"And I give unto my said wife, all the household stuff that was and is properly belonging unto us, before my son William took the charge of the family, to be wholly at her disposal, to bequeath to whom she pleaseth at her death.

"Unto my eldest son, John Denison, I have already given his portion, and secured to him by a deed or deeds, and I do also give unto him, his heirs or assigns, forever, a country grant of two hundred acres of land, or two hundred pounds in silver money, which grant may be found on the General Court Records.

"Also, I give unto him, my great sword and the gauntlet which I wore in the wars of England and a silver spoon of ten shillings marked G. & A.

"Unto my son, George Denison, I have formerly given a farm, lying and being at the northwest angle of Stonington bounds, and adjoining the ten-mile tree of the same bounds, which farm containeth one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, as also, the one-half of a thousand acres of land, lying to the northward or northwest of Norwich, given to me as a legacy by Joshua the son of Uncas the same time Mohegan sachem, the said land to be divided as may more fully appear in the deed, which I then gave him of both those tracts in one deed, signed and sealed, with both my own and my wife's hand, and delivered to him and witnessed, and I have several times tendered to him to acknowledge it before authority, that so it might have been recorded according to the formality of law, the which he had wholly neglected or refused, and will not comply with me, therein, and yet hath sold both those parcels of land and received pay for them; what his motive may be I cannot certainly divine, but have it to fear they are not good, nor tending to peace after my decease. Wherefore to prevent further trouble, I see cause herein to acknowledge said deed, and to confirm those said parcels of land unto him according to the date of said deed, and the conditions therein expressed, but do hereby renounce any other deed not herein expressed, the which two tracts of land before mentioned, with two Indian servants, to wit, an Indian youth or young man, and a woman, together with a considerable stock of neat cattle, horses, sheep, and swine, I then give him, and permitted him to have and carry with him, I do now confirm to him, the which was and is to be, the whole of his portion, I either have or do see cause to give him, only I give unto him twenty shillings in silver, or a cutlas or rapier, the which I leave to the discretion of my executor, to choose which of them to do.

"Unto my son, William Denison, I have formerly given him one hundred and thirty acres of land, to be more or less, to wit, all of the land to the eastward of Mistuxet Brook, which did originally belong unto my new mansion place, and is part of three hundred acres granted unto me by New London, as may appear upon record, and three hundred acres of land, lying and cutting upon the North boundary of Stonington, as may more fully appear upon record in Stonington, and the native right thereof, with some addition, confirmed to me by Oneco, as may more fully appear by a deed under his hand and seal, acknowledged before Capt. Mason, and recorded in Stonington. Also, I then gave him two Indian servants, viz., John, whom I bought of the country, and his son Job, which was born in our house, together with one-third part of stock, which we have together, all which as aforesaid we formerly gave unto my son, William Denison, by a former deed, under our hands and seals, and I see just reason to confirm the same unto my son William, in this my last will, that so I may take off all scruple or doubt respecting the said deed. Moreover, I give unto my son, William Denison, fifty acres of land as it was laid out and bounded unto me by Stonington surveyors, and joins upon the before-mentioned three hundred acres, on south side thereof, cuts also upon land belonging to my son, John Denison, to be to him, my said son, William Denison, and his heirs forever. Also, I give unto my son William Denison, and his heirs forever, the one-half of my allotment at Windham, to wit, five hundred acres of land, which is part of a legacy given me by Joshua, the son of Uncas, the same time sachem of Mohegan, as may more fully appear upon the Court Records at New London, as also, upon that former experience, we have had of his great industry and childlike duty in the management of all our concerns for our comfort, and comfortable supply, &c., it is therefore my will, and in confidence of his love, duty, and wonted care of his loving mother, my dear wife, after my decease, I say I do still continue him in the possession and improvement of my new mansion place, with the stock mentioned herein in my deed to my loving wife, he taking care of his said mother for her comfortable supply, with what may be necessary for her comfort, during her natural life, and do, or cause to be paid to his said mother, forty shillings in silver money, yearly, or half-yearly, while she shall live, and at her decease, I fully and absolutely give and bequeath that my aforesaid mansion place, together with the stock mentioned before, unto my said son, William Denison, and his heirs forever. Also, I give unto my son, William Denison, my rapier and broad buff belt, and tin cartridge-box, which I used in the Indian wars, together with my long carbine, which belt and sword I used in the same service.

"Unto my eldest daughter, Sarah Stanton, as I have given her formerly her portion as I was then able, as I do now give unto her ten pounds out of the stock as pay, and one silver spoon of ten shillings price, marked G. & A.

"Unto my daughter, Hannah Saxon, as I have given unto her, also, her

portion as I was then able, as I do now give unto her ten pounds out of the stock as pay.

"Unto my daughter Ann Palmer, besides that I have formerly given her, I do now give her ten pounds out of the stock as pay.

"Unto my daughter Margaret Brown I have given already her portion, and give her ten pounds out of the stock as pay.

"Unto my daughter Borodel Stanton I have formerly given, and do now give her five pounds out of the stock as pay, and commend it to my beloved wife, that at or before her death, she would give her silver cup, which was sent us from England, with brother Borodel's name, J. B., under the head, to her.

"Unto my grandson, George Denison, the son of my oldest son John Denison, I give my black fringed shoulder belt, and twenty shillings in silver money, toward the purchase of a handsome rapier to wear with it.

"Unto my grandson George Palmer I give the grant of one hundred acres of land, which was granted unto me by the town of Stonington, not yet laid out, or forty shillings out of my stock, as pay, at the discretion of my executor to choose which. And whereas there is considerable rent due me for a house of my wife in Cork, in Ireland, which was given unto her as a legacy by her father John Borodell, at his death, and no doubt may appear upon record in Cork, the which house stands upon lands which they call Blahop's land, and was built by our said father, he to have lived in the same, whereof my said wife was next to himself, as may also appear there upon record; and whereas I have a right to land in the Narragansett country, which is mine by deed of the native right from the true proprietors thereof, as may appear upon record in Boston, and in the records of Stonington, the which my rights have been and are under the possession and improvement of those who have no just right to them, to which by reason of the many troubles, wars and difficulties which have arisen, together with our remoteness, we have not been able to vindicate our just rights, but have been great sufferers, thereby; but if it please God to send peaceable times, and our rights be recordable in law, I do by this my last will, give and bequeath my said right unto my sons John Denison and George Denison, to be equally divided betwixt them, provided that they each one bear their equal share in the trouble and recovery of the same. Provided, also, that my son George Denison, do relinquish and deliver up any right he may pretend unto by a former deed which I gave him of the one half of Achagromconest, according as I formerly obliged him to do in a deed I gave him of the other farm, and gave him upon that consideration.

"And in reference with Nathaniel Beebe, who hath been a retainer and boarder in our family between thirty and forty years: and for his board at our last reckoning, which was March 20th 1680, he was indebted to me forty-six pounds, six shillings and three pence,—I say £46 6s. & 3d. as may appear under his hand to said account in my book,—since which time he hath boarded in the family near upon fourteen years, which at four shillings and six-pence the week, amounts to one hundred and sixty-three pounds, sixteen shillings, out of which I do give unto Nathaniel Beebe, fifty pounds in way of gratification and satisfaction for his love to me and my children, and offices of love shown unto myself, and any of them, in mine or their sickness or weakness, which fifty pounds must be deducted from the one hundred and sixty-three pounds, sixteen shillings, and the remainder will be one hundred and thirteen pounds, sixteen shillings, together with the forty six pounds six shillings and three pence due upon book, under his hand, at our last reckoning as aforesaid, being added unto one hundred and thirteen pounds, sixteen shillings, the whole will be £160 2s. 3d. the which I give unto my son William Denison, and his heirs forever, for him or them or any of them, or if they see cause to demand, receive and improve as their own proper estate. Also, I give unto my son William Denison, all and singular, whatsoever that belongeth unto me, not already disposed of, and to be to him and his heirs forever, whom also I do hereby constitute, appoint, and make my sole executor, to pay all just debts, if any shall appear of which I know not any, and to receive all dues, which either are or shall be due to me, and to pay all legacies according to this my will, within twelve months after my wife's decease, and to take care for my decent burial. But in case my son William Denison shall decease before he hath performed this my will, or before his children are of age, then my will is that the whole estate be under the improvement of his wife, our daughter-in-law Sarah Denison, during the time of her widowhood, for her comfortable supply, and the well educating and bringing up their children in religion and good learning: all which she shall do by the advice of the Reverend and my loving friend Mr James Noyes, my son John Denison and my son-in-law, Gershom Palmer, them or any two of them, if three cannot be obtained; but without advice she may not act, which three my dear friends, I do earnestly desire and hereby appoint as overseers for the children, and to take effectual care that this

my will may be performed according to the true intent thereof; but if my said daughter-in-law, shall marry again, then this whole estate to fall into the hands of those my overseers and by them to be secured for my son William Denison's children, to wit William Denison, George Denison, and Sarah Denison, and by those overseers, to be improved for their well bringing up as aforesaid, and faithfully to be delivered unto the children as they shall come of age, to wit: the males at twenty-one years of age, and the females at eighteen; and if any of the said children should die before they come of age, the survivors shall inherit the same, and if they should all die before of age, (the which God forbid, but we are all mortal,) then it is my declared mind and true interest of this my will that my grandson George Denison the son of my oldest son John Denison, shall be the sole heir of that estate, out of which he shall pay unto his four brothers to wit, John Denison, Robert Denison, William Denison, and Daniel Denison, ten pounds apiece in current pay, and also ten pounds in current pay unto his cousin Edward Denison, the son of my son George Denison; and in token that this is my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety three-four.

"GEORGE DENISON" (Seal.)

## CHAPTER LXXXII.

STONINGTON—(Continued).

### COMMON SCHOOLS—THE PRESS.

THE men who settled Connecticut left their homes in England and emigrated to this country not to acquire wealth or worldly honor, but to enjoy civil and religious freedom.

At home the laws forbid the free exercise of their religious opinions, and they had often been persecuted for them. They believed and taught the doctrine that every man had the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and to read the Bible and interpret it for himself.

Now, in order to found a church based upon these principles, it became necessary that every member thereof should be sufficiently educated to read the word of God. Hence we find that every church of their order had its teacher, as well as its preacher.

The principal duty of the teacher was to educate the children of the church, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. After they were settled in this country, many of the churches continued their services in the churches: this was the case of the Plymouth and some of the Massachusetts churches. But in Connecticut, as soon as the population was sufficient, such teachers were employed in most cases to instruct the youth of the town. This was done in advance of any colonial legislative enactments on the subject of common schools; and in fact when laws were passed in relation to them they did little more than to make obligatory the practices which had grown up and been established by the founders of the several towns which composed the original colonies of Hartford and New Haven. These men did not come here either as isolated individuals from widely separated homes, entertaining broad differences of opinion on all matters of civil and religious concernment; they came with earnest religious convictions, made more earnest by the trials and persecu-

tions which they experienced in the Old World, and such trials and sufferings doubtless nerved them to make greater efforts and nobler sacrifices in behalf of their religious convictions. The constitution of civil government which they adopted at the outset declared all civil officers elective, and gave to every inhabitant who would take the oath of allegiance the right to vote and to be voted for, and which practically converts society into a partnership; made universal education identical with self-preservation, for how could a government which derived its power from the people be preserved unless the people are sufficiently educated to read and understand all questions connected with the administration of public affairs? and how could the masses be educated and fitted for the discharge of a freeman's duty unless some system of common schools are adopted by the State? It was for this object, and to enable all to judge for themselves, in civil and religious matters, that common schools were instituted in Connecticut. The founders of this State were educated men, as thoroughly educated as the best endowed grammar schools in England could educate them at that period, and not a few of them had enjoyed the advantages of the great universities. These men would naturally seek for their children the best opportunities for education which could be provided, and it is the crowning glory of these men that, instead of sending their own children back to England to be educated in grammar schools and universities, they labored to establish free grammar schools and a college here amid the stumps of the primeval forests; that instead of establishing family and select schools for the minister and magistrates' children, they labored to establish a system of common-school education. The minister and magistrates were found not only in town-meeting pleading for an allowance out of the common treasury for the support of public or common schools, and in some instances for a free school, but among the families entreating parents of all classes to send their children to the same school with their own.

How unlike the wealthy men of the present day was the course pursued by these men. Now select schools and boarding-schools are sustained by the aristocracy, neglecting the common school, once regarded with so much confidence by the most eminent men of Connecticut.

The first law upon the subject of common schools in Connecticut was enacted by the town of New Haven, March 25, 1641, which provided for a free school in that town, under the care and management of the minister and magistrates, with authority in them to decide how much of the expense of such schools should be taken from the common stock of the town, and to adopt such rules and orders as they might deem best for the government of the schools. The next law passed in Connecticut relative to common schools was enacted by the town of Hartford seven years after



its settlement, appropriating thirty pounds for its schools,—not as a new thing, but as one of the established institutions of the town,—providing also for a tuition fee in part for all able to pay, but poor children were to be educated at the expense of the town. In 1646, Roger Ludlow, Esq., compiled a body of laws for the colony of Connecticut, which provided that every township of fifty families shall maintain a school for the education of all their children, and as soon as such townships contain one hundred families they were to maintain a grammar school.

After the union of the two colonies of New Haven and Connecticut, which took place under the charter of 1662, various public acts were passed relative to common schools up to 1700, when the code of Connecticut was revised, and the school laws in force at that time embraced the following particulars: that every town within this colony having the number of seventy householders or upwards, should be constantly provided with a sufficient schoolmaster to teach children and youth to read and write; and every town having a less number of householders than seventy should yearly, from year to year, be provided with a sufficient schoolmaster to teach children and youth to read and write for one-half of the year; and also there should be a grammar school set up in every shire-town of the several counties in the colony, viz.: Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Fairfield, and some discreet person of good conversation and well instructed procured to keep such schools for the encouragement and maintenance of such schoolmasters. It was further enacted that the inhabitants of each town in the colony should annually pay forty shillings for every one thousand pounds in their respective county lists, and proportionably for a lesser sum, towards the maintenance of the schoolmaster in the town where the same was levied; and in such towns where the said levy should not be sufficient for the maintenance of a suitable schoolmaster, and there was not any estate given by charitable persons, or not sufficient, together with the levy aforesaid, for that use, in every such place a sufficient maintenance should be made up, the one-half thereof by the inhabitants of such towns and the other half by the parents or masters of the children that went to school. In this revision the same obligation was imposed upon parents and masters that was contained in the code of 1650, relative to the training and education of children. The forty-shillings tax was collected in every town with the State tax, and paid proportionably to those towns only which should keep the school according to law. In 1708 a change in the school law was effected, so that the forty-shilling tax was made payable to the school committee, and this is the first mention of the appointment of a school committee distinct from the regular officers of the town. The provision requiring the money collected to be paid as above was repealed in May, 1726, re-enacted in 1728, and again repealed in 1750.

In 1712 another change was brought about by substituting parishes for towns in the payment of the forty-shillings tax, etc. This is the first recognition of ecclesiastical societies in the management of common schools, and was the first departure from the New England organization of common schools. By this act, however, the parishes were simply made school districts, and were still subordinate to the towns; by degrees they came to occupy the place of towns in the system. Societies or parishes for religious purposes were first established within the limits of incorporated towns to accommodate settlers too far removed from the old place of worship. About 1700 they were authorized to choose a clerk; in 1716, a committee; in 1717, a collector; in 1721, a moderator; and a treasurer in 1764. In 1726 a general law was passed providing for the organization of new societies, and directing the time and manner of holding meetings. In 1717 the right of taxation for support of the ministry was extended to schools, and by an act of 1795 the inhabitants were authorized to meet in a new capacity, and in 1798 this organization was perfected and substituted in the place of towns and ecclesiastical societies in our school system, and was continued until 1856, when the Legislature dissolved these school societies and placed the school under the care of the town, thus returning to the first system of common schools established in Connecticut. It will be observed that up to 1714 the laws of Connecticut did not require the schools to be visited; but that year an act was passed constituting the civil authority and selectmen a board of visitors, and directing them to report to the General Assembly any disorder or misapplication of the public money.

In 1717 the school laws were so changed that every society of seventy families were required to keep a school for eleven months of the year, and societies of less than seventy families half of the year, and the majority of householders in every parish or society were authorized to lay taxes for the support of the schools, and to choose a clerk and committee to order the affairs of the society. This was the first law conferring power upon societies to tax for support of schools.

From 1717 to 1750 but few laws were enacted concerning our schools, and those unimportant, save the one by which the seven townships belonging to the colony were disposed of and the avails applied to common schools. As this was the first fund constituted by Connecticut for the benefit of her schools, I will give a brief history of it.

By the royal charter obtained in 1662 from King Charles, a title was secured to large tracts of uncultivated lands outside of the limits of the original townships, and the Legislature from time to time selected convenient tracts of land and laid them out into townships, and gave all proper encouragement to those who were willing to encounter the dangerous hardships of a new settlement. While many settle-

ments were making in the northeastern part of the colony, a number of gentlemen from Hartford and Windsor in 1720 began the settlement of Litchfield, on the lands held in dispute by the Governor and company under the charter and the towns of Hartford and Windsor.

The town was laid out into sixty-four allotments; thirteen of them were reserved for public uses, two for a clergyman, and three for schools. The origin of the controversy between the Legislature and Hartford and Windsor was this:

After the accession of King James II. to the throne of England, in 1685, the colony perceived that their chartered rights and liberties were in danger, and to preserve from the grasp of Sir Edmund Andros the lands unappropriated the General Court of Connecticut, on the 26th day of January, 1686, made a grant to said towns in the following words: "This court grants to the plantation of Hartford and Windsor those lands on the north of Woodbury and Mattatuck, and on the west of Farmington and Simsbury to the Massachusetts line north, to run west to Housatonic River, provided it be not, or part of it, formerly granted to any particular person or persons to make a plantation or village." The design of this conveyance, as stated by Dr. Trumbull in his "History of Connecticut," was that these towns should hold the land for the Governor and company or colony; and as they had paid no valuable consideration for them, after the danger from Andros was past the Governor and colony claimed the land as fully as though no grant had been made. Hartford and Windsor, however, on the strength of the grant of the court, and of their grant and settlement combined under it, determined to persist in their claim and oppose the claim of the General Court. Finally, however, in 1726, the dispute was settled, and the General Assembly resolved that the lands in controversy should be divided between the colony and said towns, and that the colony should have the western division, comprising the towns of Norfolk, Goshen, Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury, and Sharon; and Hartford and Windsor the eastern, comprising Torrington, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Harwinton, Hartland, Winchester, and New Hartford, and that Litchfield should not come into the division. The General Assembly appointed a committee to view these townships belonging to the colony, who reported in May, 1733, as their opinion that an act be passed by the Assembly granting all the moneys which shall be received from the sale thereof to the towns in the colony which were then settled, to be divided to them in proportion to the list of polls and ratable estate in the year last passed, to be secured and improved forever to the use of the schools kept in the several towns according to law.

This recommendation subsequently became the law of the colony, and in 1737 a committee was appointed to make sales of said land, and the moneys thus

realized and distributed constituted a fund for the support of common schools in the different towns of the colony.

In 1750 another revision of the laws took place, in which the main feature of the code of 1700 was retained, with some additional enactments concerning the funds of the Colony derived from the sale of the seven townships, the principal one being a law providing that on any misapplication of the avails of said fund, the town misapplying should pay back to the Colony its share of said fund, and another provision was that the selectmen and society committee were made a board to oversee and take care of said fund.

In 1766 a law was passed authorizing each town and society to divide themselves into proper and necessary districts for keeping their schools, and to alter and regulate the same as they shall have occasion, which districts shall draw their equal proportion of all public moneys belonging to such towns or societies, according to the lists of each district therein. By the practical operation of the laws of Connecticut thus far cited, instead of embracing schools of different grades, was gradually narrowed down to a single district school, taught by one teacher in the summer and another in the winter, for children of all ages and in every variety of study. In 1784 the statutes were again revised, and that, too, by no less personages than Roger Sherman and Richard Law. At that period of our history the laws of Connecticut relative to common schools embraced the following particulars: first, an obligation resting upon every parent and master not to suffer so much barbarism in any of their families as to have a single child or apprentice unable to read the Word of God or the good laws of the colony, and also to bring them up to some lawful calling or employment, under a penalty for each offense. Second, a tax of forty shillings on every one thousand pounds of the lists of the estates was collected in every town with the State tax, and payable proportionably to those towns only which should keep the school according to law. Third, a common school in every society having over seventy families, kept throughout the year, and in every society with less than seventy families, six months of the year. Fourth, a grammar school in every head county town to fit youth for college, two of which should be free. Fifth, in case of any deficiency arising in the payment of the teacher, after the amount raised by the forty-shilling tax and the local school fund, the sum required to be made up should be raised from the property of the society one-half, and the other half by a tuition fee to be paid by the parents or guardians of the scholars that attend school, paying alike to the head. Sixth, the selectmen and civil authority of each town or society were constituted a board of school visitors, and the selectmen were managers of all local funds belonging to the town or society, the interest of which was applied to school purposes. Seventh, societies were empowered

to divide their territory into school districts, and to tax themselves for purposes of common-school education. In 1786 Connecticut surrendered to the general government for the benefit of the people thereof all its claims to a vast unappropriated domain stretching west beyond the western limits of Pennsylvania and New York, and which was included in her boundaries, as described, both in the charter of confirmation granted by Charles the First, in 1631, to Lords Say and Seal, Lord Burk and others, and in the charter of government obtained from Charles II. in 1662, reserving that portion of Ohio known as the Western Reserve, from the sale of which we derived our present school fund.

These lands were sold by order of the General Assembly in 1795 for \$1,200,000, but what to do with the money was a most perplexing question. The General Assembly at first enacted that the moneys arising from the sale of the territory belonging to this State lying west of the State of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby established a perpetual fund, the interest whereof is granted and shall be appropriated to the use and benefit of the several ecclesiastical societies, churches, or congregations of all denominations in this State, to be by them appropriated to the support of their respective ministers or preachers of the gospel and schools of education, under such rules and regulations as shall be adopted "by this or some future session of the General Assembly." The passage of this resolution as a public act created a great deal of dissatisfaction throughout the State, and a repeal of this act was made a test question upon which the representatives were elected at the next election. The opponents to this measure finally triumphed, and at the next session of the Assembly this act was repealed. After an able and animated discussion as to the time and mode of sale, and the object to which the avails of the sale should be applied, in the public press, in town-meeting, in both branches of the Legislature, in every place and way in which the public mind could be reached, the subject was finally settled by the General Assembly at the May session of 1795, as follows:

That the land should be sold, and the avails should become and remain a perpetual fund, and the interest of the same should be applied to the support of schools in the several societies in the State, and divided among them according to the polls and ratable estate. By another section of this act, societies might by a two-thirds vote apply to the Legislature to have their proportion of said avails applied to the support of the ministry of all denominations in said society. This school fund was first controlled by a board of managers; during thirteen years it was managed by them, and the interest divided amounted to \$426,757. The thirty-six bonds given by the original purchaser, and resting on personal security alone, had increased up to May, 1810, to nearly \$500,000, most of which had from time to time been secured by mortgages on real estate.

In 1809, at the October session, a committee was appointed to look after the interests of said fund, and they reported that it would be best to intrust the care of the fund to one person.

In 1810 the Hon. James Hillhouse was appointed sole commissioner of the school fund, which office he held for fifteen years, and greatly improved the condition of the fund, increasing its value from \$1,200,000 to \$1,719,000.

The expense of keeping a district school in 1810 over the amount of the public money was apportioned among the proprietors of the schools according to the daily attendance; and in 1811 this was altered so as to authorize the apportionment according to the number of persons in attendance.

In 1818 the proprietors of factories and manufacturing establishments were compelled by law to see that the children in their employ were taught to read and write and cipher, and that due attention is paid to the preservation of their morals. In 1818 our present constitution was adopted as the fundamental law of the State. By that instrument the school fund is consecrated as a perpetual fund in the following words: "The fund called the school fund shall remain a perpetual fund, the interest of which inviolably appropriated to the support and encouragement of the public or common schools throughout the State, and for the equal benefit of all the people thereof, and no law shall ever be made authorizing said fund to be directed to any other use than the encouragement and support of common schools among the several school societies as justice and equity shall require." At several periods subsequent to 1820 efforts were made through the Legislature and elsewhere to improve the condition of our schools. At this time an impression seemed to prevail that the improvement in the common schools did not correspond with the increase of public money derived from the school fund. So in order to make the money more available, and deepen the interest in common schools, the General Assembly by repeated enactments has changed its legislation relating thereto. In 1810 a law was passed providing that the public money should be divided according to the days of attendance of each person at school. The next year this law was so changed as to authorize the apportionment of the public money according to the number of persons attending school. In 1825 the Hon. Seth P. Beers was appointed sole commissioner of the school fund. Under his administration, which lasted up to 1849, the fund increased and reached the sum of \$2,049,482. The annual dividends to the several school societies in the State amounted to \$97,815.16. Notwithstanding the splendid manner in which Mr. Beers managed the school fund, and the large increase of its dividends received and applied to the schools, there was a manifest lack of interest in their success on the part of the proprietors and parents of the children. To remedy this was the main object of the legislation

of the State, which fell far short of its expectations. Nevertheless the General Assembly moulded its legislation to reduce our common schools to a more perfect system, and at the time to impress on the public mind the great importance of education.

In 1836 the town deposits fund came into existence from the general government, by a distribution of certain surplus revenues between all of the States of the Union, this State receiving \$764,670.60, which was distributed between the several towns in the State according to the population. One-half of the income, by a law of our State, was annually appropriated and used for the benefit of common-school education. In 1855 another law was passed devoting all of the income of this fund to the support of common schools.

The amount of said fund received by this town was \$8734.91. In 1837 a law was passed requiring school visitors and society committees to make annual returns of their doings in the premises to the comptroller of the State. In 1838 an act was passed creating a board of commissioners of common schools, to consist of the Governor, commissioner of the school fund, and eight persons, one from each county, to be appointed by the Governor, and the returns required the previous year to be made to the comptroller were to be made to this board. In 1839 an act concerning schools was passed, in which a school district is for the first time made a "body corporate," so far as to be able to purchase, secure, hold, and convey real and personal estate for the benefit of common schools. This act empowered school districts to appoint their committees, which before this had been done by the school societies. It specified the branches which a person must be found qualified to teach before he could receive a certificate from the school visitors, providing also that school societies might apportion the public money among the district, either according to the number of persons between four and sixteen, or according to the number in attendance for a period of six months in each year. It also gave the district authority to tax themselves for school libraries, and that two or more districts might associate for supporting a high school.

In 1841 an act was passed authorizing the school societies to divide the public money either according to the number of persons in the district between four and sixteen years of age, or according to the number who had attended school, but no district was to receive less than fifty dollars. Dividends from the school fund were not to be paid to any district unless its school had been kept at least four months of the year. Union schools were provided for in this act. In 1842 the act constituting a board of commissioners was repealed. The purpose for which it was enacted was not attained, and so the State control of the schools for the time was abandoned, to be subsequently re-enacted in a different form.

In 1845 the school fund commissioner was made *ex officio* superintendent of common schools, with the

same duties imposed upon the secretary of the former board of commissioners. In 1846 the act passed in 1841 requiring the school societies to appropriate to each district at least fifty dollars was amended, reducing the amount to thirty-five dollars, provided there were not less than twelve children in the district drawing school-money.

The object of the constitution and laws of this State relative to all school-moneys is to afford to each child between four and sixteen years of age an equal educational privilege. But to reduce it to practice under the attending circumstances so as to secure that result is not an easy task. The children in the rural districts are not sufficiently numerous to furnish but a limited number of scholars from an area where small children can conveniently reach the school, especially in winter weather. So it is impossible to provide schools in the rural districts of so high an order as can be afforded in the cities and villages, where the children are more numerous and the means from that cause more abundant and available to secure and pay more advanced and experienced teachers. The want of some general superintendence of the common schools of our State had long been felt. But the people were divided as to the best way of doing it. Some preferred the board of commissioners on the part of the State, others that the school fund commissioner could exert all the influence necessary to advance the interest of the schools. But a few years' practice convinced all parties that further and different legislation was indispensably necessary to arouse public sentiment in favor of common schools. So in 1847 a resolution was passed directing the superintendent of common schools to employ four or more suitable persons to hold "schools of teachers, for the purpose of instruction in the best modes of governing and teaching common schools, between the 15th of September and 30th of October in that year." In 1848 this law was amended, and improved the next year. In 1849 an act was passed to establish a State normal school, providing for a board of eight trustees. The object of this institution is to educate young persons for teachers of our common schools, to fit them by experience for that occupation with the best possible qualifications. The principal of this school was made *ex officio* superintendent of common schools, and authorized to hold schools or conventions of teachers in each county. In 1852 the time for the enumeration of scholars was changed from August to January, and that the public money should be distributed in March only in each and every year.

Notwithstanding the repeated acts of legislation relative to common schools, it was painfully apparent that the people did not manifest that interest in them that their importance would seem to demand. The schools were so much neglected in this town that the active friends of education induced our selectmen to call a town-meeting, which was held Oct. 31, 1853.

After an exhaustive discussion the town voted to lay a tax of one cent on a dollar of the grand list for the benefit of common schools in this town. Also, that the money raised by said tax should be expended under the direction of Benjamin F. Langworthy, Charles H. Mallory, and Richard A. Wheeler for the benefit of the schools: first, in paying lecturers for their services; second, to bring up the funds of the small districts to seventy-five dollars; third, to divide the balance among the children of all the districts equally. This additional expenditure for educational purposes did not make any perceptible difference in the schools, except perhaps in some of the modes of instruction, which required time to develop. But this measure adopted here for the benefit of common schools made an impression all over the State, and resulted the next year in a public act requiring each town to raise by taxation a sum equal to one cent on the dollar on their respective grand lists for the support of common schools, and the whole amount so raised to be distributed under the direction of the selectmen and town treasurers. Towns that did not embrace a city were authorized to consolidate their school districts, and were required to keep a school six instead of four months. All districts receiving under the then existing mode of distributing the public money less than thirty-five dollars were to be made up to that amount from any moneys raised for the purposes of education. Still, the interest in the common schools was so indifferent that it became necessary to institute some new measures to arouse public sentiment. The old school societies were then taken in hand, and declared to have outlived their usefulness; that popular education was so intimately connected with all the other interests of the town that it would be far better to abandon and dissolve the old school societies and put the towns in charge of the schools. This was done by the Assembly in 1856, and the old school societies, which had controlled our schools in one way and another ever since 1799, were laid aside, and a new era dawned on the hopes of the people. But further legislation became necessary, and in 1858 school districts were authorized to fix a rate of tuition, not exceeding two dollars for any term, but they might exempt therefrom all persons whom they considered unable to pay the same, and the town was to pay the amount abated. From this time up to 1865 various acts were passed by the Legislature relative to common schools, not particularly affecting them one way or the other. But the Legislature of 1865 made some important changes.

It repealed the act that made the principal of the normal school *ex officio* superintendent of the common schools, and constituted a State Board of Education, to consist of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and four persons to be appointed by the General Assembly, one in each year, and selected one from each congressional district, with the general supervision and control of the educational interests of the State, with power to direct what books should be

used in all of the schools of the State; but no book shall be changed oftener than once in five years; shall prescribe the form of registers for the schools, and all other forms necessary to enforce the act. Educational conventions were provided for under the control of the Board of Education, for the purpose of instructing in the best modes of administering, governing, and teaching public schools, with power also of appointing a secretary, who shall exercise a general supervision over the public schools of the State, gathering necessary information from the school visitors and other sources to make such reports as the law provides for. He shall visit, as often as is practicable, different parts of the State, for the purpose of awakening and guiding public sentiment in relation to the practical interests of education. In 1868 a law was passed laying the burden of maintaining common schools on the several towns of the State, and were required to make them free, specifying the amount to be raised by taxation, etc. Small districts were to have fifty dollars anyhow, and the balance to be divided according to the average daily attendance. In 1870 the law was so changed that the time schools must be kept in each year in order to secure the public money was fixed at thirty weeks in districts where there were twenty-four or more persons between four and sixteen years of age at the last enumeration, and for at least twenty-four weeks in the other districts; but no school need be maintained in any district in which the average attendance of persons at the school in said district during the preceding year was less than eight. Boards of school visitors, composed of six or nine members, as each town may determine, divided into three classes, the first to hold office to the next annual meeting; the second, until the second annual meeting; the third, until the third annual meeting following, and until others are elected in their places.

In 1872 the General Assembly determined the mode of their election, viz.: no person can vote for more than two-thirds of the members to be chosen, and those having the highest number of votes will be elected; school visitors may be authorized by the towns to employ the teachers for all the public schools. The law further fixed the obligation of the several towns, prescribed the duties and power of the board of school visitors, establishes districts, with clearly defined powers, privileges, and obligations. In 1872 a thorough overhauling of the school laws was taken in hand by the Legislature, and all the laws relating to common schools were re-enacted with slight variations, fixing with more certainty the powers and duties of each department of public trust. The towns now receive all the public moneys designed and appropriated for common schools, and in turn they are bound and held liable to maintain common schools in districts numbering one hundred and ten at the last preceding enumeration for at least thirty-six weeks, and in all other districts for at least thirty weeks,

where the last enumerated persons of lawful age should be twenty-four or more, and in all other districts for at least twenty-four weeks; but no school need be maintained in any district in which the average attendance of persons at the school in said district during the preceding year was less than eight. The statute still further provides all the necessary machinery to establish and maintain common schools on the foregoing basis. Such is a brief outline of the laws of Connecticut relating to her common schools, and an imperfect sketch of the same. Connecticut was the first State in the Union to set apart and establish a fund for the support of common schools.

The first schoolmaster in Stonington was the Rev. James Noyes. He came to Stonington in 1664, and preached as a licentiate for ten years before he was ordained and settled, during which time he was engaged in teaching more or less. Mr. John Searls taught school here at the same time, and was succeeded by his son, Ebenezer Searls, John Fish, and others.

**The Press of Stonington.**<sup>1</sup>—The peninsula upon which the greater part of the borough is built was, from its settlement to the year 1753, called "Long Point." In that year the village of "Long Point" was constituted a port of delivery and called "Stonington Port," which name it retained till 1801. Having obtained a charter from the Legislature of Connecticut, the freemen met and organized a borough government June 15th of that year, choosing a warden, eight burgesses, secretary, treasurer, and bailiff. From 1801 the village has been known as Stonington Borough. It has also been called "Stonington Point."

In 1798, Mr. Samuel Trumbull, son of John Trumbull, printer, of Norwich, Conn., came to this village (known then as "Stonington Port"), and on October 2d issued the first number of a newspaper entitled *The Journal of the Times*. The motto of the paper was,—

"Pliant as reeds where streams of freedom glide,  
Firm as the hills to stem oppression's tide."

The first twelve numbers were printed on small-sized paper, but in January, 1799, paper of demi-folio size was used. The next year the title of the paper was changed to *The Impartial Journal*. Mr. Trumbull conducted his paper with as much ability as the editors of contemporary papers. He was a Democrat in politics, and a firm supporter of Thomas Jefferson, and wrote many articles in defense of the President and his policy. His paper was discontinued in 1805, the editor becoming a merchant.

Mr. John Munson, of New Haven, came to Stonington, and on July 6th issued the first number of a newspaper entitled *America's Friend*. How long this paper continued is not known, as but few numbers have been preserved, but probably not more than one or two years.

In March, 1824, Mr. Samuel A. Seabury came here from Long Island, and commenced the publication of a newspaper entitled *The Stonington Chronicle*. Only one number was issued. The editor did not live to issue another number. He died suddenly from bleeding at the lungs.

In July, 1824, Mr. William Storer, Jr. (who had previously published a newspaper at Caldwell, situated at the head of Lake George, Warren Co., N. Y.), came here, and on July 28th was issued the first number of a newspaper entitled *The Yankee*, and took for its motto,—

"Where liberty dwells there is my country."

After three years the title was changed to *The Stonington Telegraph*, under which title the paper existed till July 22, 1829, when it was discontinued. Nearly complete files of these two papers are in the possession of the writer.

Mr. Storer was an experienced and able editor, but his enterprise was a financial failure. He was deeply in debt when he came here, and after a desperate struggle with fate for five years, he departed, if possible, still more deeply in debt. During his residence here Mr. Storer was chorister at the Congregational Church, and was an ardent admirer of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, in which he attained high degrees.

The next adventurers in the newspaper line were Charles W. Denison, a native of the borough, and William H. Burleigh, son of Rinaldo Burleigh, the famous one-armed preceptor of Plainfield Academy. With these editors E. B. Kellogg, of Hartford, was associated as printer. Messrs. Denison & Burleigh were both good writers, and many excellent articles appeared in *The Stonington Phoenix* and *The Stonington Chronicle*, the successive titles under which their paper was issued. The first number was published in May, 1832, and the last number in May, 1834. The enterprise was a complete failure, since the receipts from subscribers and advertisers were not sufficient to support two editors, a printer, and that necessary functionary, *the printer's devil*.

Notwithstanding the ill success which had hitherto attended newspaper enterprises, Thomas H. Peabody, of North Stonington, came here and commenced the publication of a newspaper entitled *The Stonington Spectator*, the motto of which was,—

"We are the advocates of no party."

Mr. Peabody at first was assisted by David Austin Woodworth, of North Stonington, and after he left by Marcus B. Young, of Norwich. The health of the editor under his exhausting labors broke down, and he was forced to discontinue the paper after it had existed six months from May, 1834. Mr. Peabody was a young man of excellent character, and his paper was conducted with considerable ability.

After him a few ephemeral attempts were made at newspaper publishing, when at length Mr. Jerome S.

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Anderson (who had many years ago, when a very young man, in vain attempted to publish a newspaper here) commenced the publication of *The Stonington Mirror*, Nov. 27, 1869. This paper has been continued without intermission to the present time (September, 1881), a period of nearly twelve years. Its circulation is becoming more and more extensive, and reaches nearly every State in the Union.

## CHAPTER LXXXIII.

### STONINGTON—(Continued).

#### ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

THE first church organized in the town of Stonington was formed June 3, 1674. The preliminary steps taken for the organization of the church originated in the following vote, passed at a town-meeting held at Stonington on the 6th day of April, 1669:

"It was voted that those of the inhabitants whose hearts God shall move that way may have liberty to address themselves to the General Court for liberty to erect and gather a Church amongst us.

"It was legally passed by vote that there should be another town meeting on thursday next come a seven night, being the 15th day of April next ensuing the date hereof, for any who have a desire to propound themselves as to be beginners of the Church, may give in their names to Mr. Noyes at that meeting, at the meeting House about nine of the clock in the forenoon."

Whether this adjourned meeting assembled or not does not appear from the record, but a petition to the General Court was preferred, asking liberty to associate in church order, which after due consideration was passed upon as follows, viz.: several inhabitants of Stonington petitioning this court for their approbation that they might settle themselves in church order, this court grants them their petition. But before they organized themselves into church order they (the town) set out five hundred acres of land for the support of the ministry, met and agreed to build a new meeting-house and fixed the site, and laid out home-lots of twelve acres each for every inhabitant around it. Built the meeting-house in 1672-73, dedicated it, and on the 3d day of June, 1674, organized the church with nine members, viz.: Mr. James Noyes, Mr. Thomas Stanton, Mr. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Mr. Thomas Miner, Mr. Nehemiah Palmer, Mr. Ephraim Miner, Mr. Thomas Stanton, Jr., Mr. Moses Palmer, Mr. Thomas Wheeler. They established a covenant when they formed the church, as follows:

"Covenant.—In order to begin and gather a Church of Christ in Stonington, this third day of June 1674 do Covenant that whereas God having Graciously received us into the Covenant of his Grace, which he hath sealed to us in Baptism, we acknowledge ourselves indispensably bound to hold fast the doctrine of faith and manners contained in the

scriptures, of Truth, and attend all those duties wherein prescribed for the increase of our Faith and growth in holiness, and maintaining a good conscience, and knowing that the confession of the name of Christ is not to be separated from faith in the Heart, Rom. 10th, 9th, and that he that is united unto Christ, and hath Communion with him, ought to maintain Communion regularly with all his members. We whose hearts God hath moved in this place to joyn together in the worship of God, and partake of the Lord's Table, and therein desire to have the Prayers and approbation of the Churches of Christ who may take knowledge of us, do for the satisfaction of all men declare as followeth, that we unfeignedly resign ourselves and our seed unto the Lord, receiving Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, being God, being Man, and the only Mediator between God and Man, as our Lord and Saviour, relying upon the Grace of God for salvation and Blessedness, heartily submitting ourselves to be ruled by his word and spirit, and as he is the author of Unity and peace, we solemnly promise that by the assistance of God's Grace we will Labor mutually to watch over one another, and to observe all other Christian or Brotherly offices over one another which Christ hath enjoined, according to our respective places in this Church, and to submit to the discipline of Christ, which we desire may take place amongst us, and the worship of God to be upheld in the power and spiritualness thereof, as also to oppose Error, and teach all under our care as far as in us lies to know and serve the Lord.

"A Confession of Faith.—We believe that there is one only God. Being from himself and for himself, of whom and for whom are all things, who is infinite, Eternal, and unchangeable, in power, wisdom, Goodness, Justice, Holiness, and truth.

"There are three sacred Persons of the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, equal God and yet but one God. God hath from all eternity fore ordained what shall come to pass, and did not only fore see but fore determined. The eternal estate of Men and Angels, together with God's general providence, which is exercised about all things, there is a special Government over the rational Creatures. God made the Angels and Man in holiness, but some of the Angels abode not in the truth, which are called Devils. God gave to man when he made him a rule of obedience for Life, and threatened Death in case of disobedience, which rule of Obedience our first Parents transgressed by eating the forbidden fruit, and we in them, and so Death passed upon all men; the sin of our first Parents became the sin of all mankind by imputation and derivation, and in such as are Adult by invitation and approbation. God and father having eternally elected some of mankind unto life, did in the fullness of time send his son to redeem them, and God the Father, and God the Son sent the spirit to sanctify them. We believe that Jesus Christ, taking our Nature upon him as Mediator between God and man, hath made full satisfaction to God for the sins of his Elect, and purchased life for them by the merit of his active and passive righteousness, and having received all power from the Father, doth in Execution of his prophetic, Priestly, and Kingly office reveal unto and work in his Elect whatsoever is necessary for salvation by his holy and blessed spirit.

"In the new Covenant God hath promised to all that believe in his name, through Jesus Christ, and the immediate object of Justifying faith in Jesus Christ in person and office as he is revealed in the Gospel, and by Union with Christ by Faith, believers are made partakers of his Righteousness, sonship, grace, and glory. Whereby through his Grace they are Justified, Adopted, Sanctified, and shall enjoy eternal life. We believe the scriptures of the old and new testament to be the word of God, by the dispensing which the spirit, convincing of sin and misery, and giving knowledge of Christ, doth beget Faith, Repentance, and new Obedience in the Elect.

"We believe that the Moral Law in the hand of Christ is a rule of Obedience to believers, and that the sum of the Law is to love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

"We believe that there are two seals of the Covenant of Grace, Baptism and the Lord's Supper; Baptism is a sign of our entrance into Grace, and the Lord's Supper is a sign of our growth in Grace.

"We believe the Communion of Salutes, the Resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

"We believe, Lord help our Unbelief."—*Church Records.*

Mr. James Noyes, who had been preaching here for the town since 1664, was ordained pastor of the church Sept. 10, 1674, and was married the next day to Dorothy Stanton, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Lord) Stanton.

The pastorate of Mr. Noyes was very acceptable to



the people with whom he labored for about fifty-five years; dying Dec. 30, 1719. During his pastorate he baptized eleven hundred and seventy-six persons; admissions to the church were three hundred and twenty-nine persons. Previous to 1693 marriages in Connecticut were celebrated by magistrates. After that year ministers were invested with power to perform such ceremonies. But even then, such was the feeling against the forms of the Church of England that but few comparatively were married by the ministers. Mr. Noyes celebrated forty-four marriages. Previous to the death of Mr. Noyes, the planters in the northern part of the town complained of the distance they were compelled to go to attend church, and often asked to have services in that part of the town. Their request, being reasonable, was complied with, and soon after his death the town was divided into two religious societies, June 25, 1720, and was duly organized as such the same year, and on the 8th of February, 1721, met and voted to build them a house of worship.

The Rev. Ebenezer Rosseter was the next settled minister with the first church of Stonington. He was ordained Dec. 19, 1712, and immediately commenced his pastorate. The church and people were evidently united in the call to Mr. Rosseter, and his preaching was blessed to them. But the subsequent divisions in the society greatly embarrassed him and impaired his usefulness. The old meeting-house was too small to accommodate the people that usually attended them, and soon after the settlement of Mr. Rosseter a movement was set on foot to build a larger and a better meeting-house; but no definite action was taken until 1726, when a society-meeting was called to agitate the matter, which resulted most unhappily, nor did the trouble end there. Society and church meetings followed each other for several years, and all about the place to build their new meeting-house. This controversy divided the church and society in 1731, when each society erected a meeting-house of their own, and had the pleasure of locating them just where they pleased.

After the division of the society and church, the Rev. Nathaniel Eells was ordained over the east church (whose meeting-house had been erected at the Putnam Corners), June 14, 1733. Mr. Rosseter continued his labors with the West Society until his death, which took place Oct. 11, 1762. It is worthy of note that Mr. Rosseter retained the confidence of the people in both churches during the whole controversy and as long as he lived. The preaching and pastorate of Mr. Eells with the East Society and church was most acceptable to them, and was productive of great good. After the death of Mr. Rosseter, Mr. Eells was called to preach with the west church and society, dividing his time between them. This arrangement was most happy, and led to a reunion of the two churches and societies in 1765.

Notwithstanding the reunion of the churches and so-

cieties on the basis of erecting and having but one meeting-house in the future on a certain lot of land therein agreed upon as a site, yet there was a growing feeling in some localities to abandon the agreement and erect the new meeting-house at Long Point. This plan was finally consummated, and a new house, or rather the old house at Putnam Corners, was taken down and rebuilt at the borough. Mr. Eells was greatly embarrassed and perplexed in his old age by these divisions in his church. No man could have managed them any better than he did. He was a man of fine, genial presence, and his influence was exerted for the general good. Death found him at his post of duty, June 16, 1786. During his pastorate he baptized 747 persons; admitted to the church, 115; marriages, 455.

The next settled pastor was the Rev. Hezekiah North Woodruff. He was called and ordained July 2, 1789. He was settled on condition that he would preach one-half of the time at the old meeting-house and the other half at the new meeting-house at Long Point. His salary was to be one hundred pounds, with firewood cut and delivered annually. He continued to labor with the people of his charge for a number of years, and was finally dismissed by a mutual council in June, 1808. During his pastorate he baptized 88 persons; 52 were admitted to the church; and he celebrated 106 marriages.

For several years the church was without a settled pastor. In the mean time the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Jonathan Nigh, the Rev. Andrew Rawson, Rev. Roswell R. Swan, the Rev. Thomas Holt, and the Rev. Mr. Bingham. Sept. 6, 1809, a committee was appointed to wait on the Rev. Ira Hart and procure his services for a few Sabbaths. He came and labored with them for a short time, and his labors were so acceptable that he received a unanimous call from the church and society, and was installed Dec. 6, 1809. Mr. Hart was a native of Bristol, Conn., and graduated at Yale College in 1797. He was first settled at Middlebury, Conn., where he remained until 1808, when his relations to that church was dissolved by a mutual council, giving him the highest testimonials of ability, character, and usefulness. After he left Middlebury he preached at North Stonington as a supply for four months, and was there when he was called to this church. During the last war with England he was appointed chaplain of the Thirtieth Regiment of Connecticut Militia, Col. William Randall, and served at New London and Stonington.

He was a man of superior talents, and was constant in season and out of season. His great energy drove him beyond his strength, his constitution gave way under the pressure of increasing labors; his health rapidly failed him after a pastorate of almost twenty years, and on the day fixed for the dedication of a new house of worship erected for him he breathed his last, dying Oct. 29, 1829. During his pastorate he baptized 288 persons; admitted to the church, 153; and celebrated 143 marriages.

The Rev. Joseph Whittlesey, of New Preston, Conn., was next ordained and settled here, May 21, 1830, and remained with this people until December, 1832, when at his own request he was dismissed by a mutual council held Dec. 4, 1832. He was settled on the same conditions that Mr. Hart was. He baptized twenty persons, and admitted to the church one hundred and eight, celebrating twenty marriages. It was during his pastorate that the Second Congregational Church of this town was formed, by seceders from this church residing at Stonington Borough and vicinity. After him came the Rev. Peter H. Shaw, installed Jan. 3, 1835, who remained a little over two years; dismissed by a mutual council in May, 1837, and afterwards assumed the pastorate of the Congregational Church in North Stonington. After the Second Church was organized at the borough, Mr. Shaw preached in the morning at the Road meeting-house, and in the afternoon and evening at the Mariners' church at Mystic River. Mr. Shaw baptized seven persons, and admitted fourteen to the church. After his departure the Rev. Nehemiah B. Cook was called and settled by installation, March 7, 1838. He preached first at the Road meeting-house in the morning, and at the Mariners' church at Mystic River in the afternoon and evening.

This arrangement was continued up to 1847, when a proprietors' meeting-house was erected at Mystic Bridge, which was used by Mr. Cook and his congregation every Sabbath afternoon and evening. During the pastorate of Mr. Cook six members of this church, with sixteen members of the Second Church at the borough, residing in the vicinity of Pawcatuck Bridge, formed the Pawcatuck Congregational Church on the 14th day of February, 1848. In 1851 thirty-seven members of this church withdrew and formed the Mystic Bridge Congregational Church, Jan. 20, 1852. Previous to the secession of these members Mr. Cook had preached in the afternoon at the Mystic Bridge meeting-house; subsequently the afternoon and evening services were held at the proprietors' meeting-house in the village of Mystic until 1859, when Mr. Cook resigned his charge and united with the church and society in calling a mutual council, which assembled May 31, 1859, and dissolved the relation that he sustained to this church and society.

During the pastorate of Mr. Cook he baptized sixty persons, and celebrated seventy marriages. There were admitted to the church one hundred and fifty-six persons.

The pulpit was then supplied by the Rev. Dr. Peters and others until the next year, when Mr. Pliny F. Warner was called, and ordained Oct. 31, 1861, which relation he sustained until Feb. 23, 1863, when a council which had been mutually convened dissolved the relation which he sustained to this church. He was succeeded by the Rev. Paul Couch, of Jewett City, Conn., a native of Newbury, Mass., which was the birthplace of Mr. Noyes, our first settled minister.

Mr. Couch was educated at Dartmouth College. He was invited to supply the pulpit at first for a single Sabbath, and was so well liked that he was invited to come and preach again. He came and supplied the pulpit for a few Sabbaths, and was then engaged to supply the pulpit without limit, which he has done with great acceptance until the present time, and will do so as long as he lives. Few abler and no better man than he is engaged in the work of the ministry. He is worthy of all praise and commendation for his unselfish devotion to the interest and welfare of his fellow-men. Long may it be before the sunset signal shall call him away from this church and people!

This church at present has a membership of one hundred and one. A Sunday-school has been connected with it since 1819, numbering seventy-five scholars, under the superintendence of Deacon B. F. Williams, who is also deacon of the church. Society committee, Richard A. Wheeler, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Thomas W. Palmer, Benjamin F. Williams, and Avery W. D. Noyes.

**The First Baptist Church** in what is now the town of Stonington was organized in the year 1775, and located at Long Point, where most all the members resided. This was the year in which Sir James Wallace bombarded the place, which, with other scenes of the Revolutionary war, doubtless retarded the progress of the church. From 1777 onward the church had its regular meetings. It is not known how many were embodied in its organization, nor certainly who they were, but Mr. Sands Niles and Mr. Nathaniel Palmer and wife were among the number. This church was gathered under the pastorate of the Rev. John Rathbone, and in 1781 reported to the Association a membership of thirty-two, and at the close of the first half-century numbered fifty. The first meeting-house was built after the close of the Revolution, and was a plain substantial building some forty feet square, with box pews, deep, slanting galleries, double doors on the south, with a tower outside the body of the house on the west, and steel triangle for a bell. It was a homely structure, of the Puritan style, and was one of the first meeting-houses erected in the village, and holds an important place in its religious culture and history. It was the scene of many revivals, and the birthplace of many a new life. From this small beginning the church grew to be a strong body, reaching a membership at one time of three hundred and fifty. It has had eleven pastorates, the most very brief. Rev. Elihu Chambers' twenty years; that of the Rev. Mr. Anderson the same length of time; that of the Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., including two settlements, thirty years. At present the church is not numerically as strong as at some former periods, owing to the death-roll and the changes incident to the fluctuations of business. It reports a membership of three hundred, with a flourishing Sunday-school of great and increasing promise. The present house of worship was erected under the ministry of the Rev. J. S. Anderson,

and subsequently enlarged. It is a fine building of modern architecture, tastefully furnished, and admirably arranged. The property of the church, including a fine parsonage, is controlled and managed by a board of trustees, elected annually. The pastor of the church is Rev. N. G. Palmer, D.D. Deacons, Simeon Palmer, O. B. Grant, F. D. Chambers, E. H. Smith, Albert Gates.

The Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., the present incumbent, was born on Pung-hung-we-nuck Hill, in North Stonington, Conn., on the 11th day of May, 1813. His father, Luther Palmer, Esq., was an enterprising and successful farmer, and a prominent man in the community where he lived. The early life of the son was devoted to farming in the summer, and to study during the winter in the public schools.

At the age of nine years he experienced religion, and became so interested in the cause that it changed and shaped the purpose of his life. Working his way on, he devoted all of his spare time to the study of such books as he could command. In 1829 he was baptized, after which he became all the more interested in the cause of religion, studying now for the ministry. Coming up to manhood self-educated, he began to preach the gospel, and at the age of twenty-two years he was ordained, and was settled at Westerly, R. I., in 1837, where he continued to preach for six years most successfully, the membership at the church increasing during his pastorate there from thirty to three hundred. In 1843 he was settled at Stonington Borough, where he continued to labor for nine years, when he accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, N. Y., where he remained until 1855, when he received and accepted a call from the Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Conn. He labored with this people for three years, and in 1858 accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Wakefield, R. I., and in 1861 returned to Stonington in response to a call from the First Baptist Church, where he had formerly labored. His pastorates have all been productive of great good, and have left their impress upon the churches with which he has labored. Dr. Palmer stands deservedly high in his profession, both as to character and ability. His action in speaking is easy, fervent, and impressive, moving others by the intensity of his own convictions, thereby exerting a powerful influence over his audience. In all of his intercourse with his fellow-citizens he sustains the character of a Christian gentleman, favoring every reform with unflinching devotion for the right. His pastoral ministrations reach all classes of society, especially the poor, the sick, and sorrowing, lighting up the dark shadow of the valley of death with assuring hope and sustaining grace. Cheerfully bearing every burden that falls to his lot, he strengthens others to sustain theirs, giving to every passing event its sunny side. On bridal occasions he is most happy, imparting the influence of his own genial disposition to enliven and make more assuring their plighted

faith. When called to the home of mourning he is sympathetic and impressive, often solacing the sorrowing of the afflicted by some sacred song, sung by him with thrilling pathos and surpassing beauty. Though not a graduate of any college, his ability and culture were recognized by Madison University of New York, which conferred upon him the honorary title of D.D.

Dr. Palmer has become distinguished as a poet, writing some very fine poems. In his bi-centennial at the Old Road church, in 1874, alluding to the place and scenes of his childhood, he speaks with matchless beauty of his old, old home thus:

"Hall, old Pung-hung-we-nuck, land of my birth,  
Thy airy heights o'ersweeping wide the sea,  
To me thou art the dearest spot of earth,  
Home of a proud and noble ancestry:  
I never may forget, where'er I roam,  
The beauties of my childhood's Highland home."

Dr. Palmer descends from the Puritan Walter Palmer, as follows: Walter Palmer and wife, Rebecca Short; Gershom Palmer and wife, Anna Denison; Ichabod Palmer and wife, Hannah Palmer; Ichabod Palmer and wife, Elizabeth Noyes; Elias Sanford Palmer and wife, Phebe Palmer; Luther Palmer and wife, Sarah Kenyon.

Rev. Albert Gallatin Palmer descends maternally from some of the most eminent and distinguished families of Connecticut and Rhode Island,—from Capt. George Denison and wife, Lady Anna Borodel; Mr. Thomas Stanton, the interpreter-general of New England; the Rev. James Noyes; Governor William Brenton; and Governor Peleg Sanford.

**Baptist Church at Anguilla.**—During the year 1833 a subscription paper was circulated for the purpose of raising money to build a meeting-house at Anguilla, to be used as a branch of the Baptist Church in Stonington borough. The project was successful, the necessary funds were raised, and the house was built and dedicated in August of the same year. Rev. J. S. Anderson, then pastor of the borough church, gave up his afternoon services in the village and held them at Anguilla. In the autumn of 1834 the members of the borough church living at Wequetequoc and Anguilla were regularly set off as a branch church, and chose Gilbert Collins and Jedediah Randall deacons. Elder Anderson continued his afternoon services there until the year 1837, when, yielding to the wishes of the borough church, he labored with them all the time. The next pastor was Elder F. Bestor, who continued his labors about a year. In the course of the year the people worshipping at Anguilla receiving no ministrations from the borough church, felt it their duty to organize as an independent church. They were still members of other churches, and in order to associate they obtained letters of dismission, and then agreed upon articles of faith and a covenant, which were publicly recognized by a council of elders and brethren as the "Anguilla

Baptist Church of Stonington," with a membership of thirty-three. Elder Anderson succeeded Elder Bestor in 1838, and in June of that year this church was admitted into the Stonington Union Association, and on the 15th day of December, 1838, Charles M. Davis was chosen deacon of the church. Elder Anderson continued his labors there until 1829. He was succeeded by Elder Chesebrough, Elder Erastus Denison, and Brother Harlam Hedden, a licentiate from the Second Church in Groton. On the 26th of May, 1844, the church invited him to accept of ordination and become their pastor. This invitation he accepted, and was ordained to the work of the ministry and the pastorate of this church on the 9th of June following by a council of elders and brethren from sister churches. Elder Hedden continued his labors for a few years, but the centralizing influences that attract business and almost everything else to the villages and business centres reduced this membership, so that they all again sought a home in the surrounding Baptist Churches, and public services were no longer held at Anguilla, and the meeting-house, under the provisions of its deed, reverted to the original grantor, and is now used for a barn.

**Second Baptist Church, Stonington Borough.**—This church was gathered and organized in 1846. The first pastor was the Rev. Mr. Lewis, who has been succeeded by other ministers, laboring successfully with this people down to the present time.

The present pastor is the Rev. Solomon Gale, who has labored very successfully with the people, and is highly esteemed by them. Membership, fifty-five; Sunday-school scholars, twenty-one. Deacons, Horace Ross, Abraham Morrison.

**Mystic Methodist Episcopal Church.**—As early as 1816 several Methodist clergymen visited Mystic and preached occasionally. But no efforts were made to organize a class preparatory to the promotion of a church until 1824, when a class was organized consisting of seven persons. No minister was stationed at Mystic until 1826, when the Rev. Newell S. Spalding was assigned to that place. The first Quarterly Conference was held Aug. 13 and 14, 1828. The first house of worship erected by the Methodist Society was dedicated January, 1849. Prior to this time they had worshiped in the Union meeting-house, now used as a livery stable. The first house of worship (Methodist Episcopal) was forty-two by thirty-three feet, costing about eighteen hundred dollars. Unfortunately it was destroyed by fire Feb. 17, 1851. The loss was very severe, but undismayed, the church and society resolved to build another and a better church, which was completed before the close of the year, and the people were again worshiping God under their own vine and fig-tree. The present pastor, the Rev. D. L. Brown, is an able and interesting preacher, laboring very successfully with the people of his charge. The membership is ninety-two, with a flourishing Sunday-school. Trustees, Elijah A. Morgan,

William R. Targee, Horace O. Williams, Dr. A. T. Chapman, Dwight Gallup, and F. M. Manning.

**Second Congregational Church.**—The first Congregational Society of Stonington, after several unsuccessful attempts to divide itself into two societies by metes and bounds, called a meeting to assemble on the 28th day of September, 1833, and after mature deliberation took a new departure and adopted a plan for organizing a new church and society in Stonington, as follows: "that whenever forty members of the First Society should withdraw and organize a new Congregational Society at the borough, and elect society officers, and shall give notice to the old society of their doings within thirty days from the day of the meeting, the new society shall then be regarded as organized and receive \$1825 of the old society's fund."

The conditions were immediately complied with at the meeting. Forty-five members of the society withdrew, formed a new society, and took their money and invested it in a new meeting-house. As soon as the new society was formed ninety-three members of the First Church seceded and organized the Second Church in connection with said society, Nov. 13, 1833.

Their first settled minister was the Rev. John C. Nichols, who was called and installed May 15, 1834. After laboring with that people for about five years, he was dismissed by a mutual council. Since then that church has had a succession of pastors whose labors have been blessed to them. At present the church is under the pastoral care of the Rev. Henry B. Mead, an able, searching preacher, with a membership of one hundred and eighty-four. Sunday-school scholars, one hundred and twelve.

**Methodist Episcopal Church at Mystic Bridge.**—This church was organized in 1835, under the labors of a circuit preacher, the Rev. Hermon Perry. The first house of worship was built, and the Rev. Wm. S. Simmons was the first pastor. In 1867 their present house was built, the other having been sold to the Roman Catholics. The present membership is 150, with a Sunday-school numbering 100 scholars. The church is now under the pastoral care of the Rev. George C. King, whose labors have been most successful and acceptable to the people of his charge. Trustees, George W. Mallory, Ebenezer Morgan, John E. Williams, A. C. Teft, Charles Grinnell, J. B. Sutton, D. D. Mallory, D. L. Weems, M. C. Hill.

**Pawcatuck Congregational Church.**—During the year 1843 six members of the First, with sixteen members of the Second Congregational Church of Stonington residing in the vicinity of Pawcatuck Bridge united, with the advice and consent of a council of neighboring churches with them assembled, and formed a new church there, Feb. 14, 1843, under the name and title of the Pawcatuck Congregational Church. Their first public religious services were held at the old Union meeting-house and in the hall of the Academy until 1849, when they erected their new meeting-house, which, to accommodate their in-

creasing congregation, has since been enlarged. The first settled minister was the Rev. S. B. Goodenow, who was called and settled April 1, 1844. He remained but one year. The next pastor was the Rev. Joshua Brown, settled May 12, 1844, and after two months' labor terminated his connection with the church. Rev. James D. Moore commenced his labors July 21, 1844, and remained until 1846, when Mr. Whitmore came and remained for one year. Rev. A. L. Whitman was settled in 1847, and continued to labor with the church until 1866, when he resigned, and was dismissed by a mutual council that year. Mr. Whitman was followed by the Rev. E. W. Root, who came in 1867 and remained until 1870. Then came the Rev. A. H. Wilcox, who was settled in 1872, but whose failing health compelled him to resign. He was succeeded by the Rev. D. N. Brush, who in turn was followed by the Rev. John P. Hawley, the present pastor, whose services commenced April 1, 1881. Mr. Hawley's pastorate has been very successful thus far, and his known character and ability promise the best results. Deacons, James G. Eells, Millon S. Green; Society Committee, Harvey Campbell, Nathan F. Dixon, Millon S. Green, John E. Brown.

**Calvary Episcopal Church.**—The Calvary parish, under the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, diocese of Connecticut, was formed May 31, 1847. The corner-stone of this beautiful little stone church (built from plans by Upjohn, the celebrated architect) was laid Sept. 3, 1847. This church went forward to completion, and was consecrated May 31, 1849. The Rev. Junius Marshall Willey was the first rector, and has been succeeded by others, whose labors have been productive of the best results.

The Rev. Alfred Goldsborough is the present rector, officiating very acceptably and successfully.

Officers of the parish are Alexander S. Palmer, senior warden; Ephraim Williams, junior warden; Vestrymen, B. F. States, R. F. Loper, R. H. Taylor, E. P. Hubbard, I. R. Stevens, Thomas Wilkinson, George W. Burtch, George Taylor, George Heydecker; Collector and Treasurer, George Taylor; Parish Clerk, R. F. Loper. Parish members, one hundred and twenty-five; communicants, eighty-five.

Sunday-school teachers, ten; scholars, seventy-five. There is a memorial chapel connected with this parish, located at Wequetequoc, but not now in use.

**Greenmanville Seventh-Day Baptist Church.**—This church was organized in 1850, consisting of about forty members. Their meeting-house was erected in 1851. The Rev. Sherman S. Griswold was the first regular pastor, and held the position for about fifteen years. During his pastorate he became interested in our common schools, and held the position of school visitor for several years, laboring very successfully for the promotion of public education.

The present pastor, Rev. O. D. Sherman, has labored very successfully among the people of his charge, and stands deservedly high in his profession.

The temporal affairs of the church are held and managed by a board of trustees, consisting of David Langworthy, Warren Lewis, and William B. Haynes. Membership, thirty-eight; Sunday-school scholars, thirty.

**Mystic Bridge Congregational Church.**—This church was organized by thirty-seven seceding members from the First Congregational Church of Stonington, with five persons from other churches, on the 30th day of January, 1852, under the approval of a committee of the Consociation of Congregational Ministers and Churches of New London County, consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. McEwen, D.D., Moderator, Timothy Tuttle, Jared R. Avery, William Clift, and Myron N. Morris, clerk.

For the first year the pulpit was supplied by several ministers of the gospel. A call to settle was first extended to the Rev. D. R. Austin, which was declined. An invitation was then extended to the Rev. Walter R. Long to become the pastor of the church, which he accepted, and was duly installed Sept. 15, 1853. He continued with the church for about ten years, preaching very acceptably to the people of his charge. He was dismissed by a ministerial council March 29, 1863. He was succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Boyd, who was settled as the second pastor of the church in May, 1869, and continued to labor with the church and people until May 6, 1865, when, on account of failing health, he was obliged to resign. He was formally dismissed by mutual council in January, 1866, and died soon after.

Mr. Boyd was succeeded by several divines, both as acting and settled pastors, down to the present time, when the Rev. Charles O. Oliphant has become the acting pastor of the church, preaching to great acceptance. The membership is one hundred and forty-eight. Sunday-school officers, four; teachers, seventeen; scholars, eighty-nine. The deacons are Nathan Noyes, Hiram C. Holmes, Henry K. Sparks, and George O. Hopkins. The corner-stone of the present church edifice was laid with appropriate ceremonies on Thanksgiving-day, Nov. 24, 1859, and went on to completion and dedication. It was enlarged in 1869, by the addition of about fourteen feet to its length. Society committee, Benjamin L. Holmes, Edwin B. Noyes, and Charles M. Gallup.

**St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church at Pawcatuck.**—Some thirty-eight or forty years ago Father James Felton, of Boston, Mass., came to Pawcatuck to celebrate mass and preach for the benefit of the Catholics then residing at Pawcatuck and Westerly. There being no church edifice of that order then at Pawcatuck, he held and conducted his services in the open air. The trustees of the Union meeting-house tendered him the use of that building for religious services as he might have occasion to use it. He continued his ministrations for about five years, and was succeeded by Father Daley for one year, who was followed by Father Duffy, under whose régime the Roman

Catholic church at Stonington Borough was erected, and dedicated by Bishop O'Reilly in the year 1851, who afterwards perished at sea in the ill-fated "Pacific." Father Duffy remained pastor for two years, and was succeeded by Father Thomas Dray, who remained for six years, who in turn has been succeeded by several priests, whose ministrations have been acceptable to the people of their charge.

The pastorate of Father Lynch, the present incumbent, has thus far been very successful. In his parochial school there are one hundred and fifty children, in the Sunday-school about four hundred and fifty, and the total Catholic population two thousand two hundred.

Trustees, Right Rev. Bishop McMahon, D.D., Very Rev. Thomas Walsh, V.G., Rev. T. L. Lynch, Laughlin Harty, and Thomas Bennett.

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stonington Borough.**—This church was formed in 1851, and its edifice was erected the same year by subscriptions from the Catholics of Stonington, Westerly, and the Mystics, under the supervision of Rev. P. Duffy, who was its first pastor. At present it is joined to Mystic as an out-mission, and attended by Rev. J. B. A. Dougherty. Trustees, Right Rev. Bishop McMahon, D.D., Very Rev. Thomas Walsh, V.G., Rev. J. B. A. Dougherty, pastor, Daniel Gilmore, and Jeremiah Sullivan. Membership, six hundred and thirty; Sunday-school scholars, one hundred and ten.

**St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Mystic Bridge.**—The church was purchased from the Methodist Episcopal Society, and dedicated 1870. Rev. P. P. Lalor, first pastor; present pastor, Rev. J. B. A. Dougherty. Trustees, Right Rev. Bishop McMahon, D.D., Very Rev. Thomas Walsh, V.G., Rev. J. B. A. Dougherty, Anthony Ryan, Dennis Craddock. Membership, five hundred and thirty; Sunday-school scholars, one hundred and sixteen.

The pastorate of the Rev. J. B. A. Dougherty (who has the care of both of these churches) has but just commenced, and bids fair to be successful.

**The Advent Christian Association** was organized in Stonington Borough, Sept. 1, 1874, by Capt. George S. Brewster, William H. Smith, William F. Tannar, and Benjamin C. Brown, who commenced religious services at the dwelling-houses of the associated brethren until they secured the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, where they now worship. The organization of this association was brought about by a few conscientious devoted men, whose efforts have been blessed until their members have increased beyond their expectations. Like all of the primitive churches of New England, they started with a fixed purpose, disregarding all opposing forces, and with unshaken faith trusted in Him who doeth all things well. They have no settled pastor, but enjoy a stated supply from neighboring churches. The church is greatly indebted to Capt. George S. Brewster for his unselfish devotion to its interests.

## CHAPTER LXXXIV.

### STONINGTON—(Continued).

Manufactures—Ship-building—Commerce, etc.

**Mills and Manufacturing.**—The first mill for any purpose erected in the town of Stonington was built in 1662, under the following stipulations, viz.:

"Articles of Agreement between us whose names are here underwritten as followeth this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1661. We Thomas Stanton senior, Samuel Chesebrough, Nath<sup>l</sup> Chesebrough, Elihu Palmer, Nehemiah Palmer, Elisha Chesebrough, Thomas Miner, Sen., & Clement Miner, do bind ourselves each to the other in a bond of twenty pounds to build a grist mill at the We-que-te-quock upon the river that runs by Goodman Chesebrough's between this and Michaelmas next, each man to be at equal charge, either in good pay or work, & each man to have equal share in the Mill & benefits thereof, when it is built, and no man to sell his share to any other person, if any of those will give as much for it as another will; & hereto we set our hands interchangeably this 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 1661.

"THOMAS STANTON,  
"SAMUEL CHESBROUGH,  
"NATHL. CHESBROUGH,  
"ELIHU PALMER,

NEH. PALMER,  
ELISHA CHESBROUGH,  
CLEMMENT MINER,  
THOMAS MINER."

This agreement was followed by another between the proprietors of the land to be used in building and flowing, viz.:

"We William Chesebrough & Elihu Palmer, do hereby engage for ourselves & our relations, that whatever land is taken up for the Dam of the Mill before mentioned, or for any trench work, or that the water in draining overflows or for the setting of the Mill & Mill house shall go free without cost or pay to the undertakers of ye work as witness our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1661 & this land is to remain to the mill & undertakers as long as the mill continues in use; if it be defective and not sold, to return to the above mentioned William Chesebrough & Elihu Palmer, as witness our hands.

"WILLIAM CHESBROUGH,  
"ELIHU PALMER.

"Witness: THOMAS MINER."

This mill has been kept up and in operation ever since, and is now the property of Mr. John F. Chesebrough.

Farther up stream Mr. Chauncey Johnson, a few years ago, built another grist-mill, on lands purchased of Capt. Charles P. Williams.

The second grist-mill was on the Pawcatuck River, and was built before 1666.

During the early settlement of the town the wives and daughters of the planters spun and wove all of their linen and woolen cloth, and at first and along dressed the woolen goods by hand fulling-mills, coloring the same to suit their fancy in the old-fashioned dye-tubs. The first movement to establish fulling-mills in town for the dressing of woolen cloth came up for consideration in town-meeting in 1624, when favorable action was taken upon a letter addressed to the towns of New London, Norwich, and Stonington by Roger Playsted, of Rhode Island, which, with the answer of the town, is as follows, viz.:

"This may certify, the towns or the inhabitants of the township of New London, Stonington and Norwich that in answer to ye request of John Lamb, concerning building of a fulling mill at or about the head of the River, for ye milling of the cloth that shall be raised in those towns. Now if those towns shall please to engage certainly that they will bring all the cloth they shall have occasion to have milled to this

mill mentioned, without suffering others to be built within those townships, or sending their cloth unto other places, so long as this mill can answer, or in case this cannot, that one may be erected in some other convenient place allowed and freely granted with what accommodation is requisite for the carrying along of such a design by any of the aforesaid towns from time to time and at all times need shall require.

"Now this may certainly inform you that if God shall spare my life and afford me strength to go on with this design, that I will build a substantial fulling mill with fixtures to dry your cloth which shall be under one yard and half in breadth, unto what size of thickness yourselves shall direct, you paying me for doing, three pence for each yard, so milled and dried, in money or pay equivalent, brought home to the said mill or some other convenient place not withholding my pay above six months after the work is done, and it be concluded on in some short time, I doubt not but in eighteen months after the mill may be finished and ready to go, and if after this is done, any shall desire to have their cloth sheared and dried, I shall join my son to that work provided those that have it so done shall pay what in reason such work is worth, and to conclude if what above said be granted, I to the performance of what is written have subscribed my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1674.

"ROGER PLAYSTED.

"Stonington"

"Stonington answer to Mr. Playsted's petition, that they are freely willing that Mr. Playsted should go on about erecting a fulling mill in these parts and to manifest their liking of the petitions made by the said Playsted unto them and their acceptance of the same; this was agreed upon and manifested by a vote at a public town meeting and ordered to be recorded by the selectmen, &c.

"December 29, 1674."

The towns of New London and Norwich did not accept of his proposition, so the whole matter failed.

John Shaw built the first fulling-mill in town on Stony Brook, west of the present residence of Latham H. Miner, and on land owned by him. The date of its erection is not certainly known. The location of the dam and the margin of the pond can now be traced. It is more than a hundred years since it went out of use.

"Weave-shops" were introduced and in use as early as fulling-mills. The one manufactured the cloth and the other dressed it. The wool was carded and spun by hand; the flax was pulled, rotted, broke, swungled, hetcheled, spun, wove, and bleached by hand. Later on these "weave-shops" became a sort of manufacturing establishment for the production of first-class goods. As early as 1760 the basement of the dwelling-house of Capt. Richard Wheeler was used by him for a weave-shop. He was also engaged in tanning leather, using vats made of large chestnut logs, dug out and imbedded in the ground near Stony Brook. Apprentices for this trade were regularly indentured and served for a given time, and then set up business for themselves.

A mill for the manufacture of potash, saltpetre, and powder, before and during the Revolutionary war, stood near Stony Brook, on land now owned by Nelson H. Wheeler, owned and operated by the Shaws. During the Revolutionary war the blockade of our sea-coast by the British was so close and effective that sugar and molasses became so scarce that it was wellnigh impossible to get any for use. So a sugar-mill was erected on lands of Deacon Joseph Denison and operated by horse-power, in which sweet-corn stalks were ground up and the juice pressed out and boiled down for molasses and sugar. Before the

Revolution a grist-mill was erected on Stony Brook, and known for a time as the Fellows' Mill. Afterwards it became the property of Dr. William Lord, who held it until he left town, when it was purchased by the late Capt. Charles H. Smith, who erected a new dam, increasing the area of the pondage, and built a new mill below the old one, with a powerful water-fall, which made it one of the best grist-mills in the State.

After the death of Capt. Smith the property was sold to Frank Sylvia, who in turn sold it to the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company for a reservoir.

Mechanics and artisans are important persons in any community, more especially in a new settlement, where a large share of the capital is used in new buildings. Carpenters, masons, and blacksmiths are indispensable in a new settlement. William Chesebrough, our first planter, was a blacksmith and gunsmith, but did not follow either branch of his trade after he came here to reside. James Babcock, of Westerly, was a blacksmith, and continued the business nearly as long as he lived. John Frink was our first carpenter, and resided on Taugwonk. In 1673 there were blacksmiths in New London and Westerly, but none in Stonington. At a town-meeting in 1671, two twelve-acre lots were given to Jeremie Burch, if he would come here and do the town smithery, which, however, he declined. Whereupon the town ordered the lots given to him to be attached and restored to the town, which was done July 24, 1874. The town did not procure a blacksmith for a year or more, nor until James Dean, of Taunton, Plymouth colony, came here and entered into an arrangement with the town, which was adopted at a town-meeting as follows:

"At a public town meeting Legally warned and held on February the 28<sup>th</sup> 1676.

"For encouragement of James Dean in order to his settlement in our town, Sundry inhabitants do engage themselves to pay unto the said Dean a certain sum, which, for, and in consideration the said Dean promiseth to repay all such persons in smithery work as each person shall have occasion for, and that these presents shall reciprocally be binding each to the other.

"The first, Mr Stanton Sen. promiseth five pounds, Mr Amos Richardson & his Son Stephen five pounds, Nehemiah Palmer twenty shillings, Nathaniel Chesebrough twenty shillings, Thomas Stanton Jun. twenty shillings, Ephraim Miner twenty shillings, Joseph Milner twenty shillings, Goodman Reynolds and his son Thomas four shillings, Thomas Bell twenty shillings, Henry Stephens twenty shillings, Edmund Fanning twenty shillings, Joshua Holmes twenty shillings, Ezekial Main twenty shillings, Samuel Minor twenty shillings, Adam Gallup twenty shillings, Mr James Noyes ten shillings, Goodman Searle twenty shillings.

"The sum above mentioned is to be payed to James Dean at some place in Stonington where he may or shall dwell, in either pork, butter or wheat at or before the last of November next ensuing after the date hereof: the species mentioned are to be paid at price current.

"The same day was granted to James Dean twenty four acres of upland which was formerly reserved by the town for the accommodation of a smith, which grant is to him and his heirs or assigns, provided he doth the towns iron work for and during the full term of three years, but if the said Dean shall decease in our town within the term, then the said grant shall properly appertain to the heirs of the said Dean without molestation by or from the town, and this grant obligeth no further, but



that for the future each person payeth honestly for what work they have done."

"At a Town meeting legally warned, Sept. 6, 1677, it was voted for the smith's encouragement, Mr. Richardson promiseth to cart the thatch to cover his house, and to allow him ten days work more.

"Adam Gallup, Thomas Edwards, and Thomas Fanning promiseth to cut the thatch for his house.

"Lieutenant Mason and Gershom Palmer, each of them one day's work in carting.

"Mr. Wheeler promiseth him two hundred of laths.

"At the same day James Dean had granted him one hundred acres of land, where he can find it upon the commons, provided it intrench not upon any former grant i. e. all former grants being first satisfied.

"The selectmen vide."

"At a legal town meeting held June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1682, it was passed by vote that James Deane hath performed his condition made with the town.

"February the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1676."

The two twenty-four-acre lots, or double lots, as they were sometimes called, set apart and designed for the use of a blacksmith, were situated a little way easterly of the quarry ledge at Quiambaug.

Here Mr. James Dean erected his home and shop, and commenced business in 1676. Subsequently he received other grants of land, and became a prominent man in the affairs of the town. He continued to reside in Stonington until 1698, when he and several other of the planters of Stonington went up and joined the new settlement of Plainfield, Conn., and was chosen town clerk there in 1699.

His son, James Dean, Jr., remained and built what in our early days was known as the "Old Dean House," at Dean's Mills, about the year 1700, which was destroyed by fire in 1848. James Dean, Jr., did not confine himself to blacksmithing, but learned the business of fulling and dressing woolen cloth, and for that purpose erected a fulling-mill on Caulkins' Brook, afterwards known as Dean's Brook, about one-third of the way from the old post road down to the Dean's Mills. There he continued both branches of business until his son, John Dean, reached manhood, when he and his father built a new dam and erected another fulling-mill near his dwelling-house, where the dam now crosses the brook. After this arrangement was effected they devoted their time and attention to cloth-dressing until 1807, when the fulling-mill was enlarged into a factory building, with a grist-mill, new machinery for cloth-dressing, wool-carding, and for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods. These were introduced by Mr. James Dean, the son of John Dean, with whom he had been engaged in business from his early manhood.

Mr. James Dean continued in business until 1830, when he retired. The property was subsequently purchased by Capt. Charles H. Smith, who improved the premises by raising the dam, increasing the pondage, and deepening the raceway, and leasing it to parties for cloth-dressing, wool-carding, and for manufacturing purposes generally.

Samuel Gallup built a saw-mill and dam and the mill-house, now standing, about 1765. The site of this saw-mill is now overflowed by the pond of Capt. Alexander Palmer's grist-mill.

Farther up this brook and west of the residence of Uriah D. Harvey, Mr. Amos Denison built a saw-mill more than one hundred years ago, which for a while commanded a good share of business, but after his death ran down and was discontinued.

Still farther up the stream the late Samuel Wheeler erected a saw-mill in 1845, which was run successfully for several years, and after his death became the property of his son, Samuel P. Wheeler, who kept it in use while he lived, but after his death it ran down, and has since been abandoned.

Previous to the year 1800 a grist-mill was erected on Mystic Brook, above the village of Mystic, which from its location and its water-power was considered very valuable property.

In 1814 the General Assembly of this State incorporated the Mystic Manufacturing Company "for the purpose of manufacturing cloths and other fabrics of cotton and of wool, and of cotton and wool together; and of brass, iron, and wood into tools, engines, and machines for mechanical use; and also of grain into flour and meal in the most advantageous manner." Capital stock not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

This company organized immediately and commenced business, leasing the grist-mill property above the village, and the erection of two factories at the north end of the village, which were successfully managed and finally purchased by the late John Hyde, Esq. The south factory has been destroyed by fire. The north one is still standing, and is occasionally leased for manufacturing purposes.

In 1850 another Mystic Manufacturing Company was organized as a joint-stock corporation "for the manufacture of cotton or woolen goods, or both," with the late Henry Harding, Esq., as president. Capital stock, fifteen thousand dollars. The company built the factory at the south end of the village, which, with steam-power and apparatus, was transferred to A. B. Taylor in 1864, who ran it successfully for about ten years. Afterwards it became the property of the Groton Savings-Bank, who sold it to the Messrs. Rawitser & Bros.

The firm of George Greenman & Co. built a factory in 1849, at Greenmanville, which was owned by a corporate company, and at first was managed by Messrs. Crandall & Barber for seven years, since which the factory has been enlarged and run by various parties down to 1873, when it was purchased by W. F. Prosser and George H. Greenman, and they, in company with George Greenman & Co., have run it to the present time. During the late Rebellion a large amount of capital was invested in an establishment for the manufacture of machinery, and located at Pistol Point, in the village of Mystic Bridge.

After the close of the war it was changed so as to manufacture cotton and woolen goods. After various changes as to ownership and management, it was destroyed by fire in 1875.

Hitherto a planing-mill, in connection with the sash and blind business, was established at Mystic Bridge, but after various business changes and alterations in the establishment, and introduction of new machinery, it is now known as the Lantern Hill Silex-Works.

A windmill at Long Point was erected before the Revolutionary war, and was used for several years, but could not successfully compete with the water-power mills in town, and so was given up.

John F. Trumbull, Esq., in 1851 built a stone factory in the borough of Stonington, which was first used for the manufacture of horse-shoe nails.

In 1861 "The Joslyn Firearms Company" was formed, under the joint-stock corporation laws, and leased the building for their business. The close of the war ended the demand for their goods, and the company went out of business in 1864.

The Standard Braid Company was organized in 1866, with a capital of \$100,000, purchased this building and went on with their business, but the great reduction in the price of their goods and heavy losses compelled them to suspend.

Nothing was done in the factory for some time, nor until the Atwood Machine Company purchased the building and commenced making machinery for the manufacture of silk goods. Under the skillful management of this company their business has increased to such an extent that they have been compelled to enlarge the building, and are still unable to fill their orders. They give constant and remunerative employment to about one hundred and fifty men.

A company for the manufacture of textile goods has just been organized in the borough, under the presidency and principal management of Capt. George Hubbard.

The Stonington Manufacturing Company was organized in 1869, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of making household furniture; commenced and carried on business for a short time, and then closed out its business.

The Stonington Jewelry Company was organized in 1873, and subsequently its capital was increased, and after about two years went out of business.

The Stonington Steamboat Company was organized in 1867, with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars. But in order to make a satisfactory terminus for its new line of boats in Providence, changed their base and organized the company as a Rhode Island corporation.

The first dam built across the Pawcatuck River was located just below Pawcatuck Bridge, and a grist-mill was erected on the Stonington side before 1666. The next grist-mill in the Pawcatuck Valley was built on the south side of Shunnseck River, a little way west of its junction with the Pawcatuck, before the year 1700. Another dam was built across the Pawcatuck River before 1785, and a grist-mill was built on the Westerly side soon after by Mr. Samuel Brand. About this

time a saw-mill was built on the Stonington side, and afterwards an oil-mill, owned by Mr. John Congdon, who sold out the property to Mr. John Schofield in 1806. Mr. Schofield enlarged the premises and introduced machinery for wool-carding, spinning, weaving, and fulling woolen goods, and carried on the business during the war of 1812. The business after the close of the war was not as good, but the establishment continued its wool-carding and cloth-dressing and manufacturing until 1831, when the late O. M. Stillman purchased the entire property and carried on the business. In 1848 he built the brick factory now standing at Stillmanville, in operating which, with its appendages, he contributed largely in building up the village of Stillmanville.

Since Mr. Stillman's death the property has passed into the hands of Rhode Island parties, who operate it in connection with property on the other side, under the name and style of the Westerly Woolen Company. It is not certainly known who have been the successive owners of the mill privilege below Pawcatuck Bridge from its erection in 1666 to the present time. The present factory building there was erected by Stillman Bros. & Co. in 1862, and is now owned and operated by the Charmichael Manufacturing Company. A machine shop in the building is run by F. V. & V. C. Stillman. The steam mill on Mechanics' Street is owned and run by the Moss Manufacturing Company, making cotton goods. Messrs. Cottrell & Babcock commenced business at Pawcatuck in 1855, employing a large number of men in manufacturing machinery of all kinds. In 1880, Mr. Cottrell bought out the interest of his partner, and the business is now carried on under the name of C. B. Cottrell & Co., engaged principally in making printing-presses.

A large steam grist-mill and soap-factory on Mechanics' Street, principally owned by Peleg S. Barber, Esq., has been in successful operation for several years, doing a large and extensive business.

A carpenter's shop, south of the mill of Stillman Bros. & Co., operated by water-power, is used for making doors, window-sash, and everything in the wood line necessary for first-class builders. It has been run for several years by the late firm of C. Mason & Co., and has furnished goods for all of the builders in the vicinity, and is now operated by their successors, doing first-class work.

Two quarries have been opened and worked in this town; one at Quiambaug, and the other at Taugwonk, but neither successfully thus far. With abundant capital and proper management they may yet prove a success.

Formerly our citizens associated their wealth and sent ships to the uttermost parts of the earth to procure oil from the leviathans of the deep. But latterly they have associated for the purpose of gathering it from the tiny, bony fish that float along our coast in countless myriads. Two companies, organ-

ized as partnerships, are engaged in the prosecution of the business, one at Noyes' Neck, and the other on Mason's Island; both under able and effective management, aided by resolute and intelligent employés.

A machine- and repair-shop, operated in connection with the railroad and steamboat companies at the borough, under the supervision of the Messrs. Slades, is doing a large business, and is adding largely to the net profits of both companies.

**Ship-building.**—The first ship-builders in this region were Thomas Wells and George Denison. They resided in what is now Westerly, though at the time claimed as a part of the present town of Stonington. Joseph, the son of Thomas Wells, was also a ship-builder.

On the 3d day of January, 1680, Joseph Wells signed a contract to finish up a vessel then on the stocks at Pawcatuck. On the 20th of May, 1680, he signed another contract for the building of a vessel, wherein he describes himself as of Mystic, Conn. He married Hannah Reynolds, of Stonington (Mystic), Dec. 28, 1681, and settled in Groton, where he died, Oct. 26, 1711. Joseph Wells, soon after his location at Mystic, built a ship for Amos Richardson, of Stonington, which ended in litigation. To what extent ship-building was carried on in Stonington from the days of Joseph Wells down to the Revolution it is now impossible to tell, for no known record thereof exists. Several small craft were built at Stonington, Long Point, and on the Mystic River before and during the war of the Revolution, but their owners and tonnage is not certainly known.

Before the Revolution the accumulated wealth of the inhabitants was largely invested in commerce, building most of their vessels. Long before the Revolution, Col. Joseph Pendleton, of Westerly, built a brig on the west bank of the river below Pawcatuck bridge, which was launched and floated down the river with much difficulty. She was sent to New York under command of his son, Capt. Joseph Pendleton, and was loaded with a cargo for the West Indies, which she carried in safety. After discharging and reloading with molasses, etc., she started on the home voyage, after which nothing was heard of the vessel or crew. The General Assembly of Rhode Island, in consideration of his heavy loss and other misfortunes equally as great, gave him a lottery grant of a tract of land, on part of which is now located Lottery village. This land was laid out in one hundred and twenty-six house-lots, and put up in a lottery, each successful ticket-holder drawing a house-lot. The grant was dated Feb. 27, 1750, and was executed by Isaac Sheffield and Elias Thompson, aided by W. Babcock as surveyor.

Near the old Tristram Dickens house, on the west bank of Pawcatuck River, opposite Lottery village, there was built in 1823 the schooner Julia Ann, 60 tons, Capt. Nathan Barber.

The following vessels were built by Mr. George Sheffield, of Pawcatuck:

1818, sloop Connecticut, 50 tons; Capt. Stephens.

1823, brig Rimack, 175 tons; Capt. Basset.

1824, brig Pomona, 225 tons; Capt. Newton.

1825, schooner Phoenix, 150 tons; Capt. Spicer.

1826, schooner William, 175 tons; Capt. Peleg Wilbur.

1829, brig Christopher Burdick, 165 tons; Capt. Burdick.

He built two vessels at Stonington borough.

1821, ship Stonington, 250 tons; Capt. Hull.

1822, brig Pomona, 175 tons; Capt. Barnes.

George Sheffield & Sons built the following vessels:

1830, sloop Caspian, 50 tons; Capt. William C. Pendleton.

1832, sloop New York, 60 tons; Capt. Wilcox.

1833, sloop Pioneer, 75 tons; Capt. Wilbur.

1838, sloop George Eldredge, 75 tons; Capt. Eldredge.

1839, brig George Moon, 250 tons; Capt. Moon.

1840, brig Edward, 275 tons; Capt. Magna.

1842, sloop Pawcatuck, 30 tons; Capt. Ethan Pendleton.

1843, ship Ann Welsh, 450 tons; Capt. Dunham.

1844, sloop China, 40 tons; Capt. Ethan Pendleton.

1845, three-masted schooner Arispa, 100 tons; Capt. Gates.

H. & F. Sheffield built the following vessels:

1847, schooner Phoenix, 80 tons; Capt. James R. Dickens.

1849, schooner Frances, 130 tons; Capt. Hawley.

1850, steamer Water Lily, 75 tons; Capt. J. A. Robinson.

1851, schooner Nebraska, 200 tons; Capt. Blake.

1852, brig Escambrá, 250 tons; Capt. Magna.

1852, steamer Tiger Lily, 100 tons; Capt. J. A. Robinson.

1853, schooner Hannah Martin, 230 tons; Capt. Morgan.

1854, schooner Sarah Starr, 250 tons; Capt. Bunnell.

1856, sloop Tristram Dickens, 70 tons; Capt. J. R. Dickens.

1856, schooner George Sheffield, 260 tons; Capt. Stiles.

The following vessels were built by Mr. John Brown:

1821, sloop Flying Fish, 30 tons; Capt. Brown.

1822, sloop Franklin, 30 tons; Capt. E. Brown.

1825, sloop Fame, 46 tons; Capt. E. Brown.

All three built where C. Maxon & Co.'s carpenter-shop is now located.

1830, schooner Fox, 60 tons; Capt. Elias Brown; built where C. Maxon & Co.'s barn is now located.

1832, sloop John Brown, 50 tons; built for a Mr. John Brown, of Fall River, Mass., on the lot formerly occupied by Hull & Dickinson as a lumber-yard.

1832, schooner Flash, 75 tons; Capt. Elias Brown, built at the same place as the above.

There was framed in the yard in the rear of the late Jesse Breed, West Broad Street, a small sloop named Willie Sheffield, between 20 and 30 tons, which was conveyed to the river and launched in April, 1867, commanded by Capt. N. M. Card.

In 1867, June 12th, there was launched near the residence of Timothy Gavitt the sloop Glide, 24 tons; Capt. Timothy Gavitt.

There were built west of C. Maxon & Co.'s barn, West Street, and launched sideways, the following: 1855, schooner Niantic, 80 tons, Capt. George P. Barber.

1865, schooner Josephine, 50 tons; Capt. Charles A. Maxon.

There were built on the lot formerly occupied by Hall & Dickinson as a lumber-yard, Mechanic Street, by Stephen L. Dickerson, for Oliver D. Wells, the following vessels:

1842, schooner Urbanna, 137 tons; Capt. Small.

1843, schooner Tallahassee, 120 tons; Capt. Oliver Gavitt.

1842, ship Wabash, 500 tons; Capt. Charles T. Stanton. This vessel was built near "Cuff's house," below Pawcatuck Rock.

Christopher Leeds built several small vessels at Upper Mystic after the close of the last war with England, viz.: brig Hersilia, schooner —, and others. He built two small steamboats for Silas E. Burrows, viz.: Cadet and New London.

Messrs. Greemans commenced ship-building at the head of Mystic in 1827, where they built a number of small vessels, mostly smacks and sloops. When they moved down to their present location, in 1838, then called Adam Point, they commenced building fishing-vessels, schooners, and brigs for Southern coasting trade. As business increased, the demand came for larger vessels, and they built a number of ships for European trade, and finally, when the California trade opened, they built several large ships for that and other trades, building for one house in New York fifteen large ships, averaging about 1500 tons each. They have also built quite a number of screw-steamers and side-wheel steamboats, three-masted schooners, yachts, pilot-boats, and, in fact, all kinds and descriptions of vessels, both sail and steam, as many as one hundred and twenty-five in all.

The following is an incomplete list:

Ship Silas Greenman, for Everett & Brown.	Ship Belle Wood, 1854.
Ship William Rathbone, for Everett & Brown.	Ship Leah, <sup>1</sup> 1856.
Ship John Baseon.	Ship Atmosphere, 1858.
Ship E. C. Scranton, for Everett & Brown.	Ship Prima Donna, 1858.
Ship Caroline Tucker, 1853.	Bark Texana, <sup>2</sup> built in 1859.
David Crockett, 1853.	Screw-steamer New London, built in 1859.
	Bark Lucy E. Ashby, built in 1859.
	Bark Helress, built in 1860.

<sup>1</sup> Lost at sea.

<sup>2</sup> Burnt by the rebels on Florida coast.

Brig Belle of the Bay, built in 1860.	Screw-steamer Idaho, built in 1864.
Bark Diadem, built in 1861.	Side-wheel steamer W. W. Colt, built in 1864.
Screw-steamer Blackstone, built in 1861.	Side-wheel steamer Fountain, built in 1864.
Screw-steamer Thames, built in 1861.	Side-wheel steamer City Point, built in 1864.
Screw-steamer Oriole, built in 1861-62.	Steam-tug George, built in 1864.
Side-wheel steamer San Juan, built in 1862.	Brig William Edwards, built in 1865.
Screw-steamer Delaware, built in 1862.	Brig Amanda Gulon, built in 1865.
Side-wheel steamer Escort, built in 1862.	Ship Cold Stream, built in 1866.
Ship Favorite, built in 1862.	Bark Cremona, built 1867.
Screw-steamer Constitution, built in 1862-63.	Ship Frolic, built in 1868-69.
Screw-steamer Weybossett, built in 1863.	Schooner G. P. Pomeroy, three-masted, built in 1872.
Side-wheel steamer Rafael, built in 1863.	Three-masted schooner Nellie Lamper, built in 1873.
Screw-steamer Montank, 1863.	Two steam-lighters, built in 1874.
Side-wheel steamer Ann Maria, built in 1863-64.	Schooner William H. Hopkins, three-masted, built in 1876.
	Side-wheel steamer G. R. Kelsey, and others.

#### VESSELS BUILT BY CHARLES MALLORY, Esq., AT MYSTIC BRIDGE.

Steamers.			
Launched.	Ton.	Launched.	Ton.
Penguin.....	1859 400	Ella, side wheel.....	1864 248
Varuna.....	1860	Ariadne.....	1864 792
Owasco, U. S. gov't.....	1861 575	Euterpe.....	1864 824
Falcon.....	1861 875	Loyalist.....	1864 335
Eagle.....	1861 198	Twilight.....	1865 644
Haze.....	1861 210	A. J. Ingersoll.....	1865 803
Thorne.....	1861 210	Varuna.....	1869 670
Stars and Stripes.....	1861 410	8 Spanish gunboats.....	1869 3174
Union.....	1862 1100	Bolivia.....	1869 509
Oreole.....	1862 1056	City of Galveston.....	1870 1110
Augusta Dinmore.....	1862 727	City of Austin.....	1871 1492
Mary Sanford.....	1862 721	Carondelet.....	1873 1461
Governor Buckingham.....	1863 912	Aurora.....	1874 869
Yazoo.....	1863 1285	Sisson.....	1875 94
Varuna.....	1863 1007	Aeronaut.....	1875 94
Victor.....	1863 1340	Gerett Polhims.....	1875 78
General Sedgwick.....	1864 817	Telegram.....	1876 45
Atlanta.....	1864 1054		

Clipper-Ships.			
Launched.	Ton.	Launched.	Ton.
Eliza Mallory.....	1851 647	Constitution.....	1857 500
Albion.....	1852 918	Twilight (1).....	1857 1482
Pampero.....	1853 1376	Haze.....	1859 800
Hound.....	1853 714	Twilight (2).....	1866 1303
Saturn Willets.....	1854 1300	Annie M. Smull.....	1868 1054
Elizabeth F. Willets.....	1854 825	Part of his whaling fleet.	
Mary L. Sutton.....	1855 1448		

Barks.			
Launched.	Ton.	Launched.	Ton.
Ann.....	1854 700	Tycoon.....	1860 735
Frances.....	1855 600	Galveston.....	1866 622
Lapwing.....	1859 590		

Schooners.			
Launched.	Ton.	Launched.	Ton.
Eliza A. Potter.....	1857 247		

#### VESSELS BUILT BY IRONS & GRINNELL, MYSTIC BRIDGE, IN AND AFTER 1840.

Tonnage.		Tonnage.	
Brig Almeda.....	250	Andrew Jackson, clipper-ship.....	1500
Ship Harriet Hoxie.....	700	Racer, ship.....	500
Ship Charles Mallory.....	800	4 brigs, East, West, North, and South.....	3400
Ship Asa Fish.....	400	6 schooners, names and tonnage not preserved.	
Cavalo, bark.....	300	Ship Montauk.....	400
Electric, clipper-ship.....	1200		
Harvey Burch, ship.....	1500		

Mr. Dexter Irons died in 1858, and a new firm of Hill & Grinnell was established, who carried on the business.

<sup>3</sup> Each.

## VESSELS BUILT BY HILL &amp; GRINNELL AT MYSTIC BRIDGE.

	Built.	Tonnage.
Steamer Linda.....	1864	450
" Relief.....	1865	300
Bark Mary E. Packer.....	1866	800
" Acquidnick.....	1865	350
" Moro Castle.....	1868	450
Five Spanish gunboats.....	1869	200 (each.)
Schooner Nettle M. Rogers.....	1870	50
" Raven's Wing.....	1870	230
Pilot-boat Eclipse, schooner.....	1870	70
Ferry-boat Union.....	1872	125
Sloop-smack Florida.....	1873	60
Bark George Moon.....	1874	1000

## VESSELS BUILT BY MASON C. HILL.

	Built.	Tonnage.
Steamer Gypsy.....	1876	70 (about.)
" Annie L. Wilcox.....	1877	130
" G. S. Allen.....	1877	130
" Manhanst.....	1879	128

VESSELS BUILT AT STONINGTON BOROUGH.—Pelig Brown and Elisha Denison were in their day engaged in ship-building and in the West India trade, but the names and tonnage of the vessels built and employed by them has not been preserved. Mr. Brown, in his will, dated in 1796, provides for finishing a vessel then on the stocks in which he was interested. In 1811, Capt. Nathaniel Palmer and Mr. Morrill built the ship "Volunteer," which was sold in New York. The ship "Cotton Planter" was built by Mr. Giles R. Hallam, which was also sold in New York. Ship "Hydaspy" was built in 1822 by Capt. Edmund Fanning. He also built the ship "Almyra," which was sold in New York. The schooner "George" was built by William Miller. Gen. William Williams built ships "General Williams," "Robert Brown," and "Pomona." Brigs "Seraph," "Othello," and "Bogatar" were built by Captain Edmund Fanning. The brigs "Bunker Hill" and "Dandy" were built by Mr. William A. Fanning.

The following vessels were built by various parties, viz.: Ships, "Charles Phelps" and "Glen." Brigs, "James," "Lawrence," and "Tampico." Schooners, "Joseph Warren," "J. C. Waldron," "Breakwater," "Pacific," "Defence," "Hancox," "James I. Day," and "Williams." Sloops, "Hero," "James Monroe," "Paulino," and "Deacon Fellows." The ship "Betsey Williams" was built by Charles P. Williams in 1846. Schooners, "Juliet" (yacht), by N. B. Palmer; "White Wing" (yacht), by C. P. Williams; "Josephine," "America," 60 tons, "Madgie," 112 tons, "Palmer," 194 tons, "Madgie," 164 tons (yachts), by R. F. Loper; "Nora" (yacht), by N. B. Palmer; and "Juliet" (yacht), by N. B. Palmer (2). There were built at Quimbaug, by Jesse Wilcox, sloops "Hattie," "Inthia," and several others.

Before the Revolution, and when the West India trade was so profitable, vessels of all sorts and descriptions were pressed into the business.

Vessels from fifteen tons and upwards were used, and some of them were framed and set up in the woods where the timber grew, and then taken down, carried to some suitable place on the shore, completed, and launched. Four such vessels were framed in the woods of Deacon Joseph Denison, and two in

the woods of Mr. Jonathan Wheeler, besides others in different parts of the town.

The "Royal Limb," a famous canoe, was made from the limb of a tree so large that a barrel of molasses could be easily rolled on the inside from one end to the other. The butt of the tree from which the limb was taken was forty-eight feet in circumference. The heart rotted out in its old age, leaving an aperture in the south side, and before it fell a score of sheep could easily find shelter from the weather in the cavity of the tree.

**Commerce.**—The license granted by the General Court of Connecticut in 1650 to Thomas Stanton for the exclusive trade of Pawcatuck River for three years laid the foundation of the commercial relations of this town with the West Indies. Parties in New London became interested with Thomas Stanton & Sons, and carried on a successful trade with the Indians and the West Indies, principally with Barbadoes. Trade was also carried on with Boston and the Plymouth colony to a considerable extent. Thomas Hewitt, of Hingham, came into Mystic River in 1656 and bought up the surplus produce of the planters in that region. He subsequently married Hannah, daughter of Walter Palmer, in 1659, bought and built him a house on the grounds of the Elm Grove Cemetery and continued his coasting trade, and left for the West Indies in 1661 and was never again heard of, vessel or crew. The Messrs. Stanton continued and increased their fur trade, and in order to reap all of its advantages Daniel Stanton, one of the firm, went and resided at Barbadoes, where he remained until his death. Edward Denison, son of the ship-builder, George Denison, of Westerly, removed to Stonington and built the house lately occupied by the town clerk's office at the Road in 1714, where he remained until 1752, when he built the first house in Stonington Borough, and that year built the first wharf of the place, and he and his son, John Denison, continued their West India trade, in which they had previously been engaged at Pawtucket.

Samuel Stanton, grandson of Thomas Stanton, soon sold out his real estate at Pawcatuck, and with his son Nathan came over to the borough and built the Polly Breed house, and engaged in the West India trade, which was followed by Capt. Ebenezer Stanton, son of Nathan.

William Williams, living near Mystic, became largely interested in commerce. His son William commanded one of his vessels, and died at sea in 1770. His wife died at home a few days after, leaving two children,—William, the late Maj.-Gen. William Williams, and Eunice, first the wife of Rufus Wheeler, and after his death the wife of the Hon. Coddington Billings, and mother of his sons, Noyes and William, and daughter, Mrs. Eunice Farnsworth, of Norwich, Conn.

Deacon Joseph Denison was also interested in commerce, and later the Haley family participated.

The Revolutionary war almost annihilated commerce. After its close it slowly recovered, but before it had assumed its former proportions the embargo acts of Congress and the complications with European powers prostrated it again.

Then came the last war with England, with a close blockade of our harbor, crippling our commerce.

After the close of the war commerce again revived, and has been prosecuted with great success in almost every department of trade. Fishing and the whaling business very early attracted the attention of our people.

In 1647 the General Court enacted this: "If Mr. Whiting, with any others, shall make trial and prosecute a design for the taking of whale within these liberties, and if upon trial within the term of two years they shall like to go on, no others shall be suffered to interrupt them for the term of seven years." Whether Mr. Whiting engaged in the business or not does not appear.

As early as 1701, and for several years thereafter, whales were taken and brought on shore at Wadawamuck, the oil tried out and sold in Boston and the West Indies. After the close of the Revolution a law was passed exempting all vessel property engaged in the fish and whaling business from taxation. Also the polls of the men employed four months on board a fishing or whaling vessel was exempted from taxation. After 1790 the exemption of the vessel property was repealed, but the exempting of poll-tax was continued. Under the patronage of the State, whaling was carried on principally at and from New London, but nothing of the kind was done here until some time after the close of the last war with England. On and after 1830 several prominent business men in Stonington gave their attention to the whaling business, viz.: Capt. Charles P. Williams, Charles Mallory, John F. Trumbull, Francis Pendleton, Joseph E. Smith, and Moses Pendleton, aided by a most intelligent and able set of captains and subordinates, successfully prosecuted the business, and for several years it was the is most lucrative business of the town. The following a list of the vessels employed in whaling and sealing:

Vessels.	Tonnage.	Owners and Agents.
America.....	464	Charles P. Williams.
Bolton, bark.....	220	" "
Charles Phelps.....	362	" "
Caledonia.....	446	" "
Corvo.....	349	" "
Calumet.....	300	" "
Eugene.....	297	" "
Fellowes.....	268	" "
George.....	251	" "
Herald.....	241	" "
Thomas Williams.....	340	" "
United States.....	244	" "
Mary and Susan.....	392	" "
Autumn.....	220	" "
Betsy Williams.....	400	" "
Cavalier.....	295	" "
Rebecca Groves, brig.....	128	" "
Beaver.....	427	" "
Prudent.....	398	" "
S. H. Waterman, bark.....	480	" "
Uxor, brig.....	100	" "
Francis, brig.....	"	" "
Acato.....	330	" "
Henrietta, schooner.....	139	" "
Colossus, schooner.....	85	" "

Vessels.	Tonnage.	Owners and Agents.
Pacific, schooner.....	96	Charles P. Williams.
Penguin.....	82	" "
Sovereign.....	95	" "
Byron, bark.....	178	John F. Trumbull.
Cabinet.....	305	" "
Cynosure.....	230	" "
Tiger.....	311	" "
Philetus, bark.....	278	" "
Richard Henry, bark.....	137	" "
Tybee.....	229	" "
Sophia and Eliza.....	206	" "
Sarah E. Spurr, bark.....	150	" "
Flying Cloud, schooner.....	100	" "
Toka.....	145	" "
Eronaut, ship.....	265	Charles Mallory.
Bingham, ship.....	375	" "
Blackstone, ship.....	280	" "
Leander, ship.....	213	" "
Romulus, ship.....	365	" "
Vermont, ship.....	292	" "
Coriolanus, ship.....	268	" "
Eleonor, ship.....	301	" "
Leander, ship.....	213	" "
Robinhood, ship.....	395	" "
Prescott, ship.....	341	" "
Vermont, ship.....	292	" "
Bolina.....	200	" "
Tampeco, brig.....	225	" "
Uxor, brig.....	180	" "
Wilmington, schooner.....	100	" "
Lyon, schooner.....	150	" "
Cornelia, schooner.....	150	" "
Frank, schooner.....	200	" "
Mercury, schooner.....	305	Pendleton & Trumbull, and Joseph E. Smith & Co.
Newburyport, schooner.....	341	Pendleton & Trumbull.
Autumn, schooner.....	181	Elisha Faxon, Jr.
Boston, schooner.....	220	" "
Cincinnati, schooner.....	457	F. Pendleton & Co., and Stanton & Pendleton.
Warsaw, schooner.....	332	Pendleton & Stanton.

In July of 1819 the brig "Hersilia" sailed from Stonington on an exploring and sealing voyage under the command of Capt. James P. Sheffield, William A. Fanning supercargo, and Nathaniel B. Palmer mate, for Cape Horn and the South Shetlands and the Antarctic Circle, made a splendid voyage and returned safely to Stonington. The next season a fleet of vessels, consisting of the brig "Frederick," Capt. Benjamin Pendleton, the senior commander; the brig "Hersilia," Capt. James P. Sheffield; schooners "Express," Capt. E. Williams; "Free Gift," Capt. F. Dunbar; and sloop "Hero," Capt. N. B. Palmer, was fitted out at Stonington, Conn., on a voyage to the South Shetlands. They reached a place known as Yankee Harbor, Deception Island, during the season of 1820 and '21, where, from the lookout of an elevated station on a very clear day, the discovery of a volcano in operation was made. To examine the newly-discovered land Capt. N. B. Palmer was dispatched in his sloop "Hero" for that purpose. He found it to be an extensive mountainous country, sterile and dismal, loaded with snow and ice, though it was in the midsummer of that hemisphere, and a landing was difficult. On his way back he got becalmed in a fog between the South Shetlands and the newly-discovered continent, but nearest the former; when the fog began to clear away, Capt. Palmer was surprised to find his little bark between a frigate and a sloop-of-war, and instantly ran up the United States flag.

The frigate and sloop-of-war then set the Russian colors, and sent a boat to the "Hero," and when alongside the lieutenant presented an invitation from his commander for Capt. Palmer to go on board, which he accepted, and found that their ship was on a voy-

age of discovery around the world, sent out by the Emperor Alexander of Russia.

After an interesting interview, followed by an invitation from Capt. Palmer to the Russian admiral to visit Yankee Harbor, where the American fleet lay, where he might procure water and refreshments, which he declined, complimenting Capt. Palmer on the fine appearance of his vessel, adding that he thought he had discovered some new land, but now here we are in the presence of an American vessel. But his astonishment was yet more increased when Capt. Palmer informed him that away in the dim distance might be seen an immense extent of land. Capt. Palmer while on board the frigate was treated in the most friendly manner, and the commodore was so forcibly struck with the circumstances of the case that he named the coast far away to the south Palmer's Land, and by this name it is recorded on the Russian and English charts and maps. The Stonington fleet returned richly laden with fur, and went back again the next season to the same latitude. Capt. Palmer, in the sloop "James Monroe," a vessel of eighty tons or more, traced his new-discovered land, finding the shore barred by fast ice firmly attached to the shore; after coasting eastward he returned to the fleet, and with them to Stonington, richly laden with furs. Soon after Capt. Palmer was joined by his younger brother, Alexander S. Palmer, who accompanied him on several voyages, and both became distinguished navigators.

Capt. Nathaniel Palmer rose to a high position among the importers of New York, and gained their confidence to an unlimited extent, superintending the construction of their ships for the European and China trade, notably the "Great Republic." He was known and respected not only in this country but in Europe.

The sealing business so successfully begun by Capt. Fanning, Capt. Palmer, Charles T. Stanton, and others did not prove to be as profitable as the whaling business.

The following is an incomplete list of the vessels employed by Stonington and Mystic men in the sealing business:

Brig Frederick.....	Capt. Benjamin Pendleton.
" Herallia.....	" P. Sheffield.
" Bogataf.....	" E. Fanning.
" Sarah.....	" "
Schooner Free Gift.....	Charles P. Williams.
" Express.....	" "
Brig Enterprise.....	Stiles Stanton and Joseph E. Smith.
Schooner Eveline.....	Joshua Pendleton.
" Courier.....	Edward Phelps.
" Carolina.....	" "
" Sunnisset, elph. oil.....	Pendleton & Faxon.
" Thomas Hunt.....	Joseph N. Hancox.
" Express.....	" "
Charles Shearer <sup>1</sup> .....	" "
Brig Henry Trowbridge.....	" "
Schooner Montgomery.....	Joseph Cottrell, Agent.
" Plutarch.....	" "

J. E. Smith and Stanton Sheffield owned and successfully operated a marine railway at Stonington

<sup>1</sup> Lost at sea with all her crew.

Borough for several years, and finally sold it to the railroad company for terminal facilities.

**Bridges and Ferries.**—Stonington is the southeast town in the State of Connecticut, and is bounded on the south by Fishier's Island Sound, on the east by Pawcatuck River, separating it from the State of Rhode Island, on the north by North Stonington, and on the west by Mystic River, separating it from the town of Groton. While the sound and rivers furnished the planters with an abundant supply of shell and floating fish, the rivers obstructed the cross town travel and the planters in going east and west, and necessitated bridges and ferries.

As early as 1712, Capt. Joseph Saxton, of Stonington, and Capt. John Babcock, of Westerly, prepared and circulated a brief to raise funds by subscription "for the building a good cart bridge over Pawcatuck River, to be erected and finished within eighteen months."

On the 8th day of April, 1712, the Governor and Council of Connecticut, sitting at New London, gave their consent to this method of collecting money for the erection of said bridge. It is not known when this bridge was completed, but as the conditions of the brief required it to be finished within eighteen months, it doubtless was completed within the time limited, else the subscriptions to the bridge fund could not have been collected. In 1720 this bridge needed repairs, and the General Assembly sitting in New Haven in October passed an order,—

"that there be paid out of the Public treasury the sum of ten pounds towards the good repairing of the one half of the bridge between the towns of Stonington and Westerly, in such manner and species as the rates of this colony for defraying the public charge shall hereafter be paid in, and the remainder of the charge of the repairing of the said half shall be paid by the town of Stonington; and that the selectmen of said town shall take effectual care that the said half part of said bridge be well repaired forthwith.

"And whereas the town of Stonington are at no great charge about the bridges in the county and within their town, in comparison of what many other towns are, 'tis therefore ordered by this court, that after the said half part of the bridge is well repaired, it shall always be maintained, and kept in good repair by the said town, until this Court shall order otherwise."

The town of Stonington not relishing the idea of being compelled to keep the bridge in repair, and believing it to be the duty of the colony and not of the town, neglected to repair it, nor did the colonial authorities move in the matter at all until the October session of the General Assembly of 1721, when they passed this act,—

"Whereas this Assembly has been certified that the bridge between Stonington and Westerly is so far gone out of repair, that the limbs and arms of travellers are endangered thereby, notwithstanding the provision made formerly by this Assembly for repairing it in conjunction with the Government of Rhode Island, upon which nothing has yet been done, and whereas the Governor upon Correspondence with the Government of Rhode Island, for that end has received a letter from Isaac Thompson, Esq., of Westerly, a justice of the peace, signifying that the Assembly of Rhode Island has offered fifteen pounds to be drawn out of the Treasury, of that colony for repairing half the said bridge, and that he has the order of that government to cause the said money to be applied to that service, if this government shall agree to repair the other half of the same. It is therefore ordered that fifteen pounds in the whole shall in



like manner be drawn out of the Treasury of this Colony for the said end, and that it shall be put into the hands of Mr. John Noyes and Mr. Stephen Richardson of Stonington, who are hereby empowered to apply the said money to the said end, in conjunction with the said Thompson, or any other person who shall be employed, to apply the like sum to the repair of the said bridge on the behalf of the Government of Rhode Island.

"And the said Mr. Noyes and Mr. Richardson are hereby ordered to use their best endeavors to cause the said repairs to be made as soon as may be, and in the mean-time to endeavor that the said bridge may be so barricaded at each end as to prevent the hurt which travellers are in danger of."

Though the government of Rhode Island had assumed the liability of repairing one-half of said bridge, yet the colony of Connecticut did not intend by the act of their Assembly to expend more than ten pounds in repairing the bridge, so they supplemented their act of 1721 by the following proviso:

"And whereas it was ordered by this Assembly in October last, that the town of Stonington should be at all the charge for repairing one half of the said bridge above the sum of ten pounds, which was then ordered to be drawn out of the public treasury for that end.

"It is now ordered that instead thereof the townsmen or selectmen of said Stonington, do raise, in the usual manner upon the inhabitants of said town the sum of five pounds in money, and cause the same to be paid into the treasury of this colony at or before the first of May next."

In obedience to the order of 1721, the selectmen of Stonington, acting in conjunction with the Rhode Island authorities, repaired the bridge so as to make it passable. It was a slim concern, barely wide enough for a single ox-team to pass, but as all the travel of those days was on horseback (except by ox-team), it answered very well the purpose for which it was designed. The bridge then repaired lasted for about ten years. The town of Stonington still adhering to their belief that a bridge uniting two colonies should be erected and kept in repair by the colonies, and not by the town, that simply furnished the ground for the abutment thereof to rest upon, so they refused to repair the west end of the bridge, until it became unsafe and almost impassable, when, in 1731, the General Assembly of the colony of Rhode Island passed an act relative to said bridge as follows: "Upon the petition of Capt. Oliver Babcock and Capt. William Clark, setting forth to this Assembly the necessity of rebuilding Pawcatuck bridge, which is now quite gone to decay, and rendered impassable either for man or horse; and praying that a sufficiency of money may be drawn out of the general treasury for rebuilding this government's part thereof. It is voted and enacted that there be allowed and drawn out of the general treasury a sufficiency of money for building the one half of said bridge, in case the colony of Connecticut will build the other half, and that the colony of Connecticut be acquainted therewith." This act of the Assembly of Rhode Island was transmitted to Connecticut, and at the May session of its General Assembly the following act was passed: "Upon consideration had on the act of the General Assembly of the colony of Rhode Island, respecting the building of a bridge over Pawcatuck River, ordered by this Assembly, that the secretary of this colony send a

copy of that act of this Assembly to the secretary of the colony of Rhode Island, made at this session in October, 1720, wherein the town of Stonington is ordered for the future to keep in repair one half of the bridge over Pawcatuck River at their own charge; and that the town of Stonington take notice thereof and conform themselves accordingly." The town of Stonington did not readily yield to the act of the Assembly, nor did they repair the bridge as ordered for several years. They were strengthened in their position by the act of the General Assembly of Rhode Island in assuming the entire expense of one half of the bridge on the part of that colony. They reasoned that if the colony of Rhode Island should build or repair the east end of the bridge, then the colony of Connecticut should build and repair the west end of the bridge; but the colony of Connecticut thought otherwise; they said that because the town of Stonington was subject to less expense than most other towns in the colony on account of bridges that they should build and maintain one-half of the bridge over Pawcatuck River, no matter what the colony of Rhode Island should do in the premises. The town of Stonington still refused to repair said bridge, but the colony of Connecticut was equally determined that they should repair it at their own expense. This state of things continued until 1734, when at the October session of the General Assembly, and after a protracted discussion of the subject-matter, the following preamble and act was passed:

"Whereas this Assembly did at their session at New Haven, in October, 1720, order the sum of ten pounds to be paid out of the public treasury of this Colony toward repairing the half of the bridge between the towns of Stonington and Westerly, and the remainder of the charge thereof to be paid by the town of Stonington, and that the selectmen of said town should take effectual care that said half part of said bridge should be always maintained and kept in good repair by said town of Stonington until this Assembly should order otherwise. And whereas the said selectmen of Stonington have been very negligent in said affair, for want of some suitable provision in said act to enforce it, notwithstanding the little charge they are at to maintain any other bridges on the country roads. Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That in case the said town of Stonington shall not meet and complete the one half of said bridge within nine months next after, any one of their selectmen being duly certified of the readiness of the Government of Rhode Island, or town of Westerly, to join with them in said affair, then the treasurer of this Colony upon due certification thereof shall immediately send forth his warrant directed to the Constable of said Stonington, requiring him to levy and collect of the inhabitants of said Stonington the sum of three hundred pounds, which sum so collected shall be paid to said treasurer by said Constable of Stonington within three months after his receiving said warrant, in order to be improved to the use aforesaid, and in case the said town of Stonington shall not maintain and keep in due repair according to the aforesaid act, the one half of said bridge, after it is thus erected, they shall forfeit the sum of fifty shillings per week, to be collected in manner aforesaid, and it is further enacted that a copy of this act be forthwith transmitted to the Governor of Rhode Island."

This act of the General Assembly of Connecticut settled the matter, and during the years of 1734 and 1735 the said bridge was widened and substantially rebuilt by the colony of Rhode Island and the town of Stonington, stood for a good many years. About ninety-five years ago the Stonington approach was

raised and one of the sluices removed, shortening the wood-work some twenty-five feet. With repairs of timber and plank, the bridge so remained until 1873, when it was widened and sidewalks appended, and in this condition remains at present, subject to occasional repairs.

**MYSTIC BRIDGE.**—During the early settlement of the towns of Stonington and Groton, Mystic River was crossed by ferry-boats from Elm Grove Cemetery, in Stonington, to the Burrows' Half-way House, in Groton. Later, and down to the present century, the crossing was by ferry-boats from Parker's village, in Groton, over the river to Pistol Point, in Stonington. At the General Assembly of 1819 the Mystic Bridge Company was chartered as follows:

"Resolved by this Assembly, That George Halsey, Nathaniel Clift, Jeremiah Halsey, Ebenezer Denison, Manasseh Miner, William Stanton, Ambrose D. Grant, Jeremiah Holmes, and such others as may be associated with them, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, by the name of the 'Mystic Bridge Company,' and by that name may sue and be sued: that said company shall have a clerk, who shall record all votes and by-laws of said company, and be sworn to a faithful discharge of his duty, and who shall be appointed by the president and directors of said company: that the said company shall choose a president and two directors, who, or a major part of them, shall manage all the concerns of said company. The stockholders of said company shall hold their first meeting on the second Monday of July next, at the dwelling-house of Ebenezer Denison, in said Stonington; and said meeting shall be warned by the petitioners before named, by publishing notice thereof in the *Connecticut Gazette*, printed in New London, two weeks successively before said second Monday of July; and when met, the said company shall choose the aforesaid officers, who shall continue in office until others are chosen in their place and accept their appointment, and said company, when so as aforesaid formed, shall immediately raise sufficient money to erect a bridge across said river at the place already designated by the committee who have reported thereon; and when the commissioners on said bridge shall have accepted the same, they shall give the company a certificate of the same, adjust the accounts and all the expenses incurred relative to said bridge, and give them a certificate of the amount due said company; and said company shall continue to keep up and maintain said bridge in good repair; and to reimburse them their expenses, with ten per cent. interest on the sums expended in erecting said bridge, shall have right and they are hereby authorized and empowered to erect a gate on or near said bridge, at which gate said company shall have right to collect for crossing said bridge the following toll, viz.:

	cts.	m.
"For each coach or hack, or other four-wheeled carriage, drawn by two horses abreast.....	25	0
Each additional draft horse.....	3	0
Each chaise, sulkey, or other wheeled carriage drawn by one horse.....	12	5
Additional draft horse.....	3	0
Each wagon drawn by two horses, loaded.....	12	5
"    "    "    empty.....	6	2
Each light wagon drawn by one horse, with two persons or less.....	8	0
Additional horse.....	3	0
Each loaded cart or wagon drawn by four beasts.....	12	5
"    "    "    empty.....	6	2
Additional draft beasts, each.....	2	0
Man and horse.....	5	0
Foot person.....	2	0
Drift horse.....	3	0
Neat cattle.....	2	0
Mules.....	2	0
Sleep or swine, each.....	1	0

"Resolved, however, and it is hereby resolved, that the aforesaid rates of toll shall not be collected from persons traveling to attend public worship, funerals, or town, society, or freemen's meetings, and returning therefrom; officers and soldiers going to or returning from military duty; persons going to or returning from mill for the use of their families; all of which persons shall be exempted from paying toll, as aforesaid.

"Bonds shall be given to the Treasurer of this State to his acceptance on or before the last day of August next, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned that said bridge shall be built by said company

to the acceptance of said commissioners by the first Monday of September next, and in default of such bond this grant shall be void.

"The stock of said company shall consist of fifty shares, which shall be transferable on the books of said company, and each member of said company, present at any legal meeting thereof, shall have power to give one vote for each share standing in the name of such member, and the said stockholders, at any legal meeting, shall have power to direct, by major vote, the amount to be paid from time to time on the shares of said capital stock; provided, that this act may be altered, revoked, or amended at any time hereafter at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

"The road on the west side of Mystic River, leading from the Mystic bridge to the old road, as laid and reported by the committee to this Assembly at the last session, remain as laid by said committee till it comes six rods on the land of Ambrose H. Grant, and be thence discontinued; that the former committee, viz., Moses Warren, William Randall, and John O. Miner, be reappointed to lay out a road from the place last mentioned, where said road is discontinued, to the village at Parker's Ferry, four rods wide, and assess the damages to the owners of the land over which the road may pass, and report to this or some future Assembly."

The bridge was erected under the charter, and maintained by the company as a toll-bridge down to 1854, when the towns of Stonington and Groton, at town-meetings legally warned and held for that purpose, voted to buy the bridge and franchises of the company for eight thousand dollars, two thousand dollars in addition having been subscribed by the citizens of the villages of Mystic Bridge and Mystic River. Deacon B. F. Langworthy and Capt. John Holbridge, the representatives of the town of Stonington for that year, were charged with the management of the matter before the Legislature in connection with the representatives of the town of Groton. During the session of the General Assembly for 1854 the following enabling act was passed, "authorizing the Mystic Bridge Company to sell their bridge:"

"Resolved, That the towns of Stonington and Groton be, and they hereby are authorized to purchase of the Mystic Bridge Company their bridge and drawbridge over the Mystic River, between said towns, at the price of eight thousand dollars; and in case said bridge shall be so purchased, the president of said company shall lodge a certificate to that effect in the office of the Secretary of State. And from and after the time said purchase shall be made, said bridge shall be and remain a public bridge, free for public travel, and shall be forever supported, and maintained by said towns of Stonington and Groton together, with the draw therein, at their joint expense; and said draw shall always be maintained at not less than its present width, and the same facilities shall be afforded for the navigation of said river through said draw at the like joint expense of said towns as are now furnished by said bridge company.

"And after said purchase shall be perfected, and said certificate lodged on file as aforesaid, the said bridge company shall be discharged from all liability for or on account of said bridge, and deprived of all right to collect toll for the passage of the same."

At a town-meeting legally warned and held on the 7th day of August, 1854, it was voted that Asa Fish and Richard A. Wheeler be a committee to join with the selectmen or committee of the town of Groton, appointed for the purpose of receiving the transfer of the Mystic bridge and all of its appurtenances from the Mystic Bridge Company to the towns of Groton and Stonington, in pursuance of a special act of the Legislature for that purpose, and in accordance with the vote of this town, passed May 12, 1854; also that they pay to the said company the sum of four thousand dollars, with interest from the 1st day of April, 1854, deducting the net tolls for the same time, and that

the selectmen are to draw their orders on the town treasurer for the necessary amount to liquidate and pay the liability of the town of Stonington for the purchase of said bridge, and to employ a suitable person in connection with the town of Groton to tend the draw in said bridge and care generally for the same.

## CHAPTER LXXXV.

STONINGTON—(Continued).

### BANKING AND RAILROAD INTERESTS.

THE first effort of the citizens of Stonington to obtain banking facilities was in the year 1805. A few prominent men associated themselves under written articles, which, when approved and adopted by the Legislature, were designed to become the fundamental articles of the constitution of the bank, as follows:

"ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT between the subscribers to the Washington Bank, to be established in Stonington, Connecticut, are as follows:

"ARTICLE 1st.—The capital stock of the bank shall consist of not less than fifty thousand, nor more than one hundred thousand dollars, and shall consist of one thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

"ARTICLE 2d.—The subscription shall be payable in four equal payments, the first to be made on the 1st day of March next, when the subscription shall be closed, the second on the 1st day of May, the third at the distance of three calendar months from the second, and the fourth at the distance of three calendar months from the third, unless the directors shall think best to suspend or postpone the payment of the fourth payment such time or times as the directors may think proper, in which case the directors shall give reasonable notice to the stockholders. The payment to be made in silver or gold coin current in the United States. If there shall be any failure of the first payment on any share, the subscription for such share shall be void. If there be any failure of the second payment, the first shall be forfeited to the bank, and the subscription shall be void; and in case of any failure of the third and fourth payment of any shares, the money paid in previously to such failure on said shares shall be forfeited to said bank and the subscription be void.

"3d.—The capital of the company shall not be employed otherways than in the ordinary course of banking business, and shall not trade in anything except bills of exchange, gold, negotiable notes, or silver bullion, or in sale of goods pledged for money lent and not redeemed in due time, or in lands taken for debts previously contracted, nor shall the corporation take more than at the rate of six per cent. for or upon its loans.

"4th.—The stock of said corporation shall be assignable or transferable only at the bank by the stockholder owning such stock, or by his agent or attorney duly authorized for that purpose, in such way, manner, and under such regulations as may be instituted by the laws of said corporation.

"5th.—The affairs of the bank as to all matters not herein regulated shall be under the management of eight directors, and there shall annually, on the — day of — in each and every year, after the first meeting, be a choice of directors to serve for one year, and the directors, at their first meeting after their election, shall choose one of their number as president, and none but stockholders shall be eligible as directors.

"6th.—The number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled shall be according to the number of shares he may hold, one vote to each share to be given in by himself, or by any person by him legally authorized and appointed for that purpose.

"7th.—Any one stockholder or more who hold sixty shares in said company may call a general meeting of the stockholders for purposes relative to the institution, giving at least one week more notice in the public Gazette, or by giving personal or actual notice under his or their hand to each stockholder, specifying the time, place, and object of said meeting.

"8th.—No director shall be entitled to any compensation for his attendance on the business of the bank, unless allowed him by the stockholders at a general meeting, and not less than three directors shall constitute a board for doing or transacting any business of the bank, and in case of death, resignation, or removal from office of any director, his place may be filled by a new choice for the remainder of the year.

"9th.—Dividends of the profits of the bank shall be made once in every six months of so much thereof as shall appear to the directors advisable, and the state of the bank shall be made known by the directors at a general meeting of the stockholders whenever they are thereto required.

"10th.—Every cashier, treasurer, or clerk employed in the bank shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond with two or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the directors, in such sum as the directors shall order, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 12th day of October, 1805.

"WILLIAM WILLIAMS,  
"CODDINGTON BILLINGS,  
"JOHN DENISON, JR.,  
"THOMAS SWAN, JR.,  
"STILES PHELPS,  
"JONATHAN PHELPS,  
"WILLIAM LORD,  
"ELISHA DENISON."

For reasons not now fully understood the Legislature did not charter the bank provided for in the foregoing articles of association, nor was there any bank chartered and established in this town until 1822, when the Stonington Bank was chartered and located at Stonington Borough. Col. William Randall was in the Senate that year, and it was mainly through his influence that the charter for the bank was obtained. He was elected its first president, and held the office until his health compelled him to resign. He was succeeded in the presidency by Gen. William Williams, who in turn was succeeded by the Hon. Ephraim Williams, followed by Francis Amy, Esq., and James J. Day, Esq. The bank commenced and carried on business successfully until after the close of the Rebellion, when heavy losses compelled it to suspend, and its affairs soon wound up by receivers, paying forty per cent. on the dollar of the original stock.

**Mystic National Bank.**—This bank was chartered by the General Assembly in June, 1833, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars. The stock was assigned, and the officers elected were as follows, viz.: Elias Brown, Elisha Faxon, Elisha Haley, John Hyde, Asa Fish, Latham Hull, Nathan Daball, Stephen Haley, Silas Beebe, George W. Noyes (2), Elias Hewitt, and William H. Woodbridge, directors, who elected Elias Brown, president, and George W. Noyes (2), cashier.

In 1865 this bank was changed into a national institution, under the laws of Congress. The officers at present are John S. Schoonover, Mason Manning, Stephen H. Wheeler, Erastus J. Williams, Nehemiah M. Gallup, and Allen P. Williams, directors; John S. Schoonover, president; Jabez Watrous, Jr., cashier.

**Pawcatuck National Bank.**—This institution was chartered by the Legislature in July, 1849, with a capital of seventy-five thousand dollars. The bank was organized, and elected its officers as follows, viz.:

O. M. Stillman, John Brown, Thomas Hinckley, Jonathan Maxon, Jr., Francis Sheffield, D. C. Pendleton, and Asa Fish, directors; O. M. Stillman, president; John A. Morgan, cashier.

In 1866 this bank was changed under a law of Congress into a national institution, with a capital of eighty-five thousand dollars. The present board of directors are Peleg Clark, Jr., James R. Dickens, Peleg S. Barber, Charles H. Hinckley, and Stanton Hazzard; Peleg Clark, Jr., president; J. A. Brown, cashier.

**First National Bank of Stonington.**—This bank was chartered by the Legislature of 1851 as the Ocean Bank, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. The bank was duly organized under its charter, and the stock regularly assigned. The first board of directors were Charles P. Williams, Gurdon Trumbull, William Hyde, Jr., Stiles Stanton, A. S. Matthews, Latham Hull, Jr., and F. C. Walker; Charles P. Williams, president; W. J. H. Pollard, cashier.

This bank was nationalized Feb. 1, 1865, and its capital increased to two hundred thousand dollars, and the board of directors were reduced from seven to five persons, and at present are as follows: Stiles Stanton, O. B. Grant, Moses Pendleton, William E. Brewster, and Andrew S. Matthews; Stiles Stanton, president; W. J. H. Pollard, cashier; N. A. Pendleton, teller.

**First National Bank of Mystic Bridge.**—This bank was organized Feb. 8, 1864, by articles of association bearing that date, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, which was increased to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with which business was commenced. The first board of directors were Charles Mallory, Charles H. Mallory, David D. Mallory, George W. Mallory, and Benjamin E. Mallory; Charles Mallory, president; Elias P. Randall, cashier. The present board of directors are Charles Mallory, Thomas S. Greenman, John E. Williams, Gurdon Gates, and George W. Mallory; Charles Mallory, president; Elias P. Randall, cashier.

**Stonington Savings-Bank.**—This bank was chartered in 1850, incorporating Charles P. Williams, Gurdon Trumbull, William Hyde, Jr., Ephraim Williams, John F. Trumbull, Stiles Stanton, Hiram Shaw, Oliver B. Grant, Jesse N. Brown, Benjamin Pomeroy, Francis Pendleton, Joseph E. Smith, and Horace L. Niles, under the name and style of the Stonington Savings-Bank. Commenced business, and now holds \$653,196.71 of deposits. The present board of directors consists of Oliver B. Grant, Stiles Stanton, George Hubbard, George S. Brewster, William E. Brewster, Oliver D. Chesebro, Joseph E. Smith, Alanson Brown, Lodowick N. Latham, Thomas Burtch, and Richard A. Wheeler; B. Grant, president; D. B. Spalding, secretary and treasurer.

**Railroads.**—The first railroad in Stonington was incorporated in May, 1832, under the name of the

"New York and Stonington Railroad Company," with the following-named persons as corporators, viz.: Charles H. Phelps, Gurdon Trumbull, Peter Crary, William H. Woodbridge, William W. Rodman, Geo. E. Palmer, Charles H. Smith, William C. Denison, Courtlandt Palmer, N. A. Norton, Joseph Goddard, and their associates, successors, and assigns. The first board of directors were John S. Crary, S. F. Denison, Charles H. Phelps, Gurdon Trumbull, Courtlandt Palmer, F. A. Norton, and Joseph Goddard.

The May session of the General Assembly of this State, in 1833, passed a resolution merging the New York and Stonington Railroad Company in the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, a corporation previously chartered by the State of Rhode Island, to take effect on the 1st day of July, 1833, on condition that the Legislature of that State would before that time pass a similar act of merger of their company with ours; which, when accepted and adopted by such aforesaid corporations, the railroad from Stonington to Providence should be known and operated under the name and title of the "New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company." The State of Rhode Island passed such an act, and both corporations accepted and adopted the merging acts of both States, and the railroad has been so known and operated ever since.

The next and only other railroad company in Stonington was chartered in 1852, under the name of the "New London and Stonington Railroad Company," embodying as corporators Charles P. Williams, Thomas Fitch (2), Charles Mallory, Asa Fish, Frederick R. Griffin, Henry L. Champlain, Nathan G. Fish, Charles C. Griswold, Belton A. Copp, E. E. Morgan, B. C. Baxter, Henry Hotchkiss, William P. Burrall, N. S. Perkins, Jr., F. W. Lawrence, J. Hammond Trumbull, Benjamin F. Palmer, Isaac Randall, Louis Bristol, Matthew Morgan, John W. Hull, John P. C. Mather, and Ralph D. Smith, *et al.* This road was to extend from the river Thames easterly to a junction with the track of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad in Stonington. It was not built for several years, nor was it finished until it was consolidated and merged with the New Haven and New London Railroad Company in 1856, under the name of the New Haven, New London and Stonington Railroad Company, with authority as such to establish a ferry across the river Thames. This consolidation resulted in the completion of the road from Stonington to New London. This extension road, as it was sometimes called, though furnishing the last link of railway communication between Boston and New York, did not prove successful. It became embarrassed, and in the year 1858 the Legislature authorized the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company to lease this road from New London to Stonington for a term of two years, provided such a lease would be acceptable to such corporation.

The next year the General Assembly authorized and empowered these railroads to extend their lease or contract for twenty years, provided it was acceptable to both corporations. The leasing operations did not result in a financial success to the new road, nor were they able to pay the interest on their bonded indebtedness. So the bondholders petitioned for a foreclosure of their mortgages, and while they were pending the aid of the Legislature was invoked to enable the trustees of the bondholders to run, lease, or sell the road for their benefit.

The Legislature finally, in 1864, reorganized the New Haven, New London and Stonington Railroad Company, giving a new charter to the holders of the first mortgage seven per cent. bonds of the old New Haven and New London Railroad Company, under the name of the Shore Line Railway, extending from New Haven to New London. The Legislature the same year also reorganized the old New London and Stonington Railroad Company, embracing the railroad between New London and Stonington, by associating seven corporators to form a new company and buy out the bondholders, and authorizing the trustees to sell or lease their interest in the road; dissolving the connection between the old New Haven and New London and the old New London and Stonington Railroad Companies, formed by the merging act of 1856.

The New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company purchased this railroad, ferry property, and franchises on the 1st day of December, 1864, and has operated it ever since.

In 1875 the Legislature amended the charter of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, so as to enable them to form a connection between their tracts west of the borough of Stonington, and as so arranged it is now in successful operation, being one of the best ballasted, best equipped, and best managed railroads in the United States.

Officers: Samuel D. Babcock, president; David S. Babcock, vice-president; Henry Morgan, treasurer; A. R. Longley, Jr., secretary; A. S. Mathews, engineer in chief; J. B. Gardner, superintendent; Giles F. Ward, assistant superintendent and purchasing agent. Directors: Samuel D. Babcock, New York City; David S. Babcock, New York City; Wm. F. Carey, Jr., New York City; Henry Morgan, New York City; James B. Johnson, New York City; George M. Miller, New York City; Nathan F. Dixon, Westerly, R. I.; John A. Burnham, Boston, Mass.; Charles H. Salisbury, Providence, R. I.; Henry Howard, Coventry, R. I.; A. S. Mathews, Stonington, Conn. Other officers: F. B. Noyes, general ticket agent and paymaster; Joel R. Prouty, freight clerk and ticket agent; J. L. Hayden, clerk for purchasing agent; E. P. Hubbard, clerk for secretary's office; George W. Allen, acting auditor of freight accounts; A. T. B. Hunt and Ira F. Noyes, clerks for general ticket agent; Mat. Baker, messenger-boy.

The Providence and Stonington Steamship Company, incorporated and managed under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island, employ two lines of boats: one from New York to Stonington, connecting with the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad, the other from New York to Providence. Edward C. Denison, agent at Stonington.

## CHAPTER LXXXVI.

### STONINGTON—(Continued).

#### CIVIL AND MILITARY.

THE following is a list of the judges of the County Court, sheriffs, probate judges, assistants, senators representatives, selectmen, and town clerks of Stonington, etc.

#### Judge of the County Court.

Benjamin Pomeroy.

#### Associate Judge.

William Randall, for sixteen years.

#### Sheriff.

Richard A. Wheeler was elected sheriff in 1860, and re-elected in 1863, 1866, and 1869, holding the office for twelve years; then declined.

#### Assistants under the Old Charter.

1683-87, Samuel Mason; 1818, Enoch Burrows.

#### Senators under the Constitution.

1819-21, Enoch Burrows; 1822, William Randall; 1831, Jesse Dean; 1832, Samuel F. Denison; 1838, Asa Fish; 1840, Asa Fish; 1843, William Hyde, M.D.; 1847, Ephraim Williams, Sr.; 1848, Ephraim Williams; 1849, Asa Fish; 1854, Clark Greenman; 1857, Franklin A. Palmer; 1861, Elisha D. Wightman; 1865, Charles H. Mallory; 1867, Ephraim Williams; 1870, Amos B. Taylor; 1870-77, Alexander S. Palmer.

The probate district of Stonington was established in 1767, including the present towns of Stonington, North Stonington, Groton, and Ledyard.

- 1767.—Charles Phelps, M.D., judge; Paul Wheeler, clerk.
- 1770.—June 26th, Einathan Rositer, clerk.
- 1785.—January 4th, Charles Phelps, Jr., clerk.
- 1785.—August, William Phelps, clerk.
- 1788.—August 1st, John Denison (4), clerk.
- 1787.—November 6th, John Denison (3), clerk.
- 1800.—September 1st, Stiles Phelps, clerk.
- 1806.—Latham Hull, Esq., judge; Coddington Billings, clerk.
- 1806.—August 5th, Wm. Lord, M.D., clerk.
- 1806.—Coddington Billings, clerk.
- 1807.—December, Edward Smith, clerk.
- 1810.—Edward Smith, appointed special judge; Alexander G. Smith, clerk.
- 1811.—Coddington Billings, judge; Edward Smith, clerk.
- 1811.—June 4th, Alexander G. Smith, clerk.
- 1814.—Ralph Huriburt, judge; Alexander G. Smith, clerk.
- 1818.—March 17th, Erastus T. Smith, clerk.
- 1819.—Wm. Williams, Esq., judge; George Hubbard, clerk.
- 1831.—Asa Fitch, Esq., judge; Nathan Daboll, clerk.
- 1835.—The town of North Stonington was set off by an act of the General Assembly, and established as an independent district.
- 1836.—Stephen Haley, judge; John D. Noyes, clerk.
- 1837.—The town of Ledyard was set off by an act of the General Assembly, and established as an independent district.
- 1838.—Asa Fish, Esq., judge; John D. Noyes, clerk.
- 1839.—The town of Groton was set off by an act of the General Assembly, and established as an independent district.

- 1846.—Ephraim Williams, Esq., Judge; Wm. H. Woodbridge, clerk.  
 1847.—Asa Fish, Esq., Judge; John D. Noyes, clerk.  
 1860.—Stiles Stanton, Esq., Judge; John D. Noyes, clerk.  
 1863.—Elias P. Randall, Esq.; John D. Noyes, clerk.  
 1864.—Richard A. Wheeler, Judge; John D. Noyes, clerk.  
 1872.—John D. Noyes, clerk.  
 1873.—Moses A. Pemberton, clerk.

### Stonington Representatives.

Under the charter of King Charles II. representatives were elected semi-annually.

- 1664.—William Chesebrough.  
 1665.—Thomas Miner, Samuel Chesebrough, John Gallup.  
 1666.—Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough.  
 1667.—Thomas Stanton, John Gallup, John Miner.  
 1668.—Thomas Stanton, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1669.—Thomas Stanton, Nehemiah Palmer, Elisha Chesebrough.  
 1670.—Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough, Thomas Miner.  
 1671.—Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough, George Denison.  
 1672.—Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough, Thomas Miner.  
 1673.—Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough, Thomas Wheeler.  
 1674.—Thomas Stanton, Nehemiah Palmer, George Denison.  
 1675.—George Denison, John Gilbert.  
 1676.—Nehemiah Palmer, Amos Richardson, Ephraim Miner.  
 1677.—Thomas Miner, Amos Richardson, Ephraim Miner.  
 1678.—George Denison, Samuel Mason.  
 1679.—Thomas Miner, Amos Richardson, Samuel Mason.  
 1680.—Amos Richardson, Thomas Miner, Samuel Mason, Ezekiel Maine.  
 1681.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Amos Richardson, Ephraim Miner.  
 1682.—George Denison, Samuel Mason.  
 1683.—George Denison, Thomas Stanton.  
 1684.—George Denison, Daniel Mason.  
 1685.—George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, John Gallup.  
 1686.—George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, James Avery for New London and Stonington.  
 1687.—George Denison, Steven Richardson.  
 1688.—No sessions were held.  
 1689.—Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Miner.  
 1690.—Ephraim Miner, John Stanton.  
 1691.—Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1692.—Isaac Wheeler.  
 1693.—George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1694.—George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, John Denison.  
 1695.—John Holborn, Nehemiah Palmer, John Denison, Nathaniel Chesebrough.  
 1696.—John Gallup, Joseph Miner, Ezekiel Maine.  
 1697.—John Gallup.  
 1698.—Manasseh Miner, Robert Denison, John Gallup.  
 1699.—Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Henry Stephens.  
 1700.—Nehemiah Palmer, Manasseh Miner, Henry Stephens.  
 1701.—Ephraim Miner, Henry Stephens.  
 1702.—Manasseh Miner, Henry Stephens.  
 1703.—Will. Gallup, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1704.—Ephraim Miner, Samuel Stanton.  
 1705.—Nehemiah Palmer, Manasseh Miner, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Elnathan Miner.  
 1706.—Joseph Miner, Gershom Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Jr., Henerie Hopkins.  
 1707.—Ephraim Miner, Henerie Hopkins, Manasseh Miner, Ichabod Palmer.  
 1708.—Ephraim Miner, Samuel Stanton.  
 1709.—Daniel Eldredge, William Gallup, Ephraim Miner.  
 1710.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Manasseh Miner, William Gallup.  
 1711.—Ephraim Miner, Manasseh Miner, Jr.  
 1712.—Manasseh Miner, William Gallup, Daniel Palmer.  
 1713.—William Gallup, Thomas Noyes, Joseph Miner.  
 1714.—Ephraim Miner, Daniel Palmer, Samuel Chesebrough, Francis West.  
 1715.—William Gallup, Ebenezer Searles, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Nathaniel Miner.  
 1716.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Wm. Gallup, Manasseh Miner, Samuel Stanton.  
 1717.—Manasseh Miner, William Gallup, Thomas Noyes.  
 1718.—Manasseh Miner, Thomas Noyes, John Noyes.  
 1719.—Daniel Palmer, Stephen Richardson, William Gallup, Joseph Stanton.  
 1720.—Joseph Stanton, John Noyes.  
 1721.—Joseph Stanton, Ebenezer Billings, John Noyes, Samuel Prentice.  
 1722.—John Mason, Ebenezer Billings, Ephraim Miner.  
 1723.—William Gallup, Samuel Chesebrough, Daniel Palmer, Ephraim Miner.  
 1724.—John Mason, Samuel Prentice, Daniel Palmer, Ephraim Miner.  
 1725.—Thomas Noyes, Ebenezer Searles, James Miner, William Gallup.  
 1726.—James Miner, William Gallup.  
 1727.—John Williams, Increase Billings, Thomas Noyes.  
 1728.—Daniel Palmer, Increase Billings, Ephraim Miner, John Noyes.  
 1729.—John Noyes, Theophilus Baldwin, Thomas Noyes, Increase Billings.  
 1730.—John Noyes, Theophilus Baldwin, Daniel Palmer, Increase Billings.  
 1731.—John Noyes, Theophilus Baldwin, Joseph Miner.  
 1732.—John Noyes, Increase Billings, Daniel Palmer, Theophilus Baldwin.  
 1733.—Thomas Noyes, Increase Billings, John Noyes.  
 1734.—John Noyes, Increase Billings.  
 1735.—Daniel Palmer, Israel Hewitt, Theophilus Baldwin, John Breed.  
 1736.—Joseph Palmer, Theophilus Baldwin.  
 1737.—Daniel Palmer, Theophilus Baldwin, Increase Billings, John Noyes.  
 1738.—Joseph Palmer, Increase Billings, Joseph Denison.  
 1739.—Joseph Palmer, John Williams, Amos Chesebrough, Simeon Miner.  
 1740.—Joseph Palmer, Joseph Denison, Increase Billings.  
 1741.—John Breed, Simeon Miner, Amos Chesebrough, Joseph Denison.  
 1742.—Joseph Palmer, Increase Billings, John Whiting, Joseph Denison.  
 1743.—Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner.  
 1744.—Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner.  
 1745.—Israel Hewitt, Amos Chesebrough, Joseph Denison, Rufus Miner.  
 1746.—Simeon Miner, John Breed, John Noyes, Joseph Denison.  
 1747.—Joseph Denison, Rufus Miner, Jonas Prentice.  
 1748.—John Williams, Rufus Miner, Joseph Denison, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1749.—Simeon Miner, Joseph Denison, Samuel Prentice, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1750.—Joseph Denison, Amos Chesebrough, Samuel Prentice.  
 1751.—Rufus Miner, Josiah Prentice, Simeon Miner.  
 1752.—Simeon Miner, Joseph Prentice, Jonas Prentice.  
 1753.—John Williams, Simeon Miner, Samuel Prentice.  
 1754.—Simeon Miner, John Williams, Jonas Prentice.  
 1755.—Simeon Miner, Joseph Denison, John Williams.  
 1756.—Simeon Miner, Joseph Prentice, Amos Chesebrough.  
 1757.—Simeon Miner, John Williams, Samuel Prentice, Amos Chesebrough.  
 1758.—Simeon Miner, Phineas Munson, Joseph Denison.  
 1759.—John Williams, John Baldwin, Simeon Miner, Amos Chesebrough.  
 1760.—Simeon Miner, Amos Chesebrough, John Denison.  
 1761.—Simeon Miner, John Williams, Amos Chesebrough, Phineas Stanton.  
 1762.—Simeon Miner, Joseph Denison, Jonas Prentice, Charles Phelps.  
 1763.—Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner.  
 1764.—Joseph Denison, Charles Phelps, Jonas Prentice, Paul Wheeler.  
 1765.—Joseph Denison, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler.  
 1766.—Amos Chesebrough, Paul Wheeler, Henry Babcock, Charles Phelps.  
 1767.—Paul Wheeler, Charles Phelps, Joseph Denison.  
 1768.—Amos Chesebrough, Paul Wheeler, Charles Phelps, Phineas Stanton.  
 1769.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Henry Babcock.  
 1770.—Charles Phelps, Phineas Stanton, Benjamin Clark.  
 1771.—Charles Phelps, John Williams, Daniel Fish.  
 1772.—Charles Phelps, Daniel Fish.  
 1773.—Charles Phelps, Benjamin Clark, Daniel Fish.  
 1774.—John Dean, Nathaniel Miner, Charles Phelps, Samuel Prentice.  
 1775.—Charles Phelps, Nathaniel Miner, William Williams.  
 1776.—John Dean, Charles Phelps, Daniel Fish, Joshua Prentice.  
 1777.—Charles Phelps, Nathaniel Miner, Paul Wheeler.  
 1778.—John Williams, Peleg Chesebrough, Paul Wheeler, John Swan.  
 1779.—Jonathan Palmer, Oliver Smith, Phineas Stanton, Benjamin Clark.  
 1780.—Charles Phelps, Oliver Smith, Henry Babcock.  
 1781.—Gilbert Fanning, Sanford Billings, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner.

- 1782.—Paul Wheeler, Oliver Smith, Henry Miner.  
 1783.—Charles Phelps, Gilbert Fanning, Samuel Prentice, John Randall.  
 1784.—Charles Phelps, William Williams.  
 1785.—William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, Jonathan Palmer.  
 1786.—Jonathan Palmer, Jr., Joshua Prentice, Elisha Denison, John Randall.  
 1787.—Jonathan Palmer, Jr., Charles Phelps, Elisha Denison.  
 1788.—Latham Hull, Jonathan Palmer, Jr., Charles Phelps, Sanford Billings.  
 1789.—Jonathan Palmer, Jr., Latham Hull, Thomas Swan.  
 1790.—Charles Phelps, Jonathan Palmer, Elias S. Palmer.  
 1791.—Charles Phelps, Jonathan Palmer, Latham Hull.  
 1792.—Charles Phelps, Amos Palmer, Edward Swan, Isaac Williams.  
 1793.—Charles Phelps, Latham Hull, Daniel Denison.  
 1794.—Latham Hull, Charles Phelps, Elias S. Palmer.  
 1795.—Latham Hull, Sanford Billings, Amos Palmer, Isaac Williams (2).  
 1796.—Amos Palmer, Charles Phelps, Latham Hull, Elias S. Palmer.  
 1797.—Latham Hull, Amos Palmer, Edward Swan, Elisha Swan.  
 1798.—Latham Hull, Elisha Denison, Thomas Swan, Isaac Williams (2).  
 1799.—Latham Hull, Elisha Denison, Stephen Avery (2), Elias S. Palmer.  
 1800.—Latham Hull, Elisha Denison, Edward Smith, Coddington Billings.  
 1801.—Latham Hull, Edward Smith, Amos Palmer, Sands Cole.  
 1802.—Amos Palmer, Latham Hull, William Williams, Nathaniel Pendleton.  
 1803.—Latham Hull, Nathaniel Pendleton.  
 1804.—Latham Hull, Amos Palmer, Nathan Pendleton.  
 1805.—Nathan Pendleton, Amos Gallup, Latham Hull, Edward Smith.  
 1806.—Latham Hull, Nathaniel Pendleton, Amos Gallup.  
 1807.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Amos Gallup, Amos Palmer.  
 1808.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup.  
 1809.—Amos Palmer, Coddington Billings, Nathaniel Palmer, Jr.  
 1810.—Coddington Billings, Nathaniel Palmer, Amos Palmer, Enoch Burrows.  
 1811.—Coddington Billings, Enoch Burrows, Jesse Dean, Amos Palmer.  
 1812.—Jesse Dean, William Randall, Peleg Denison.  
 1813.—William Randall, Peleg Denison, Amos Denison, Amos Gallup.  
 1814.—Amos Gallup, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, John Hallam.  
 1815.—Enoch Burrows, John Hallam, Jesse Dean.  
 1816.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, Jesse Dean.  
 1817.—Jesse D. Noyes, Enoch Burrows, George Hubbard.  
 1818.—George Hubbard, William Randall, Samuel F. Denison, Amos Williams.

Under the constitution representatives were elected annually in May.

- 1819.—Samuel F. Denison, Amos Williams.  
 1820.—Giles R. Hallam, Asa Fish.  
 1821.—Giles R. Hallam, Asa Fish.  
 1822.—Elisha Faxon, Amos Gallup.  
 1823.—Elisha Faxon, Jesse Dean.  
 1824.—Jesse Dean, Jesse D. Noyes.  
 1825.—Jesse D. Noyes, William Randall.  
 1826.—Jesse Dean, William Williams.  
 1827.—Jesse Dean, William Williams.  
 1828.—William Williams, John Hyde.  
 1829.—John Hyde, Elisha Faxon, Jr.  
 1830.—Ephraim Williams, Jesse Dean.  
 1831.—Asa Fish, George E. Palmer.  
 1832.—Samuel Chesebrough, Elias Brown.  
 1833.—Elias Brown, Gilbert Collins.  
 1834.—Gilbert Collins, John D. Noyes.  
 1835.—John D. Noyes, Charles H. Smith.  
 1836.—Thomas Hinckley, Samuel Chesebro.  
 1837.—Eleazer Williams, Jesse D. Noyes.  
 1838.—Jesse D. Noyes, John F. Trumbull.  
 1839.—George Sheffield, John N. Trumbull.  
 1840.—Gurdon Trumbull, George Sheffield.  
 1841.—Jeremiah Holmes, Stiles Stanton.  
 1842.—Henry Harding, Ezra Chesebro.  
 1843.—Asa Fish, Charles T. Stanton.  
 1844.—Jesse D. Noyes, Elias B. Brown.

- 1845.—Benjamin F. Palmer, Oliver B. Grant.  
 1846.—Benjamin F. Palmer, Charles H. Ailyn.  
 1847.—Charles H. Ailyn, Joseph Noyes, Jr.  
 1848.—Joseph Noyes, Jr., Gurdon Trumbull.  
 1849.—William Hyde, Jr., Noyes Palmer.  
 1850.—William Hyde, Jr., Noyes Palmer.  
 1851.—Gurdon Trumbull, Richard A. Wheeler.  
 1852.—Jeremiah Holmes, Ozseum M. Stillman.  
 1853.—Erastus Wentworth, Benjamin F. Langworthy.  
 1854.—Benjamin F. Langworthy, John Holdridge.  
 1855.—Franklin A. Palmer, Daniel W. Denison.  
 1856.—John F. Trumbull, Thomas W. Russell.  
 1857.—Alexander S. Palmer, Joseph Wheeler.  
 1858.—George E. Palmer, Alexander S. Palmer.  
 1859.—John F. Trumbull, Elias P. Randall.  
 1860.—Joseph Cottrell, Horace N. Trumbull.  
 1861.—Charles Grinnell, Joseph E. Smith.  
 1862.—Horace N. Trumbull, Jesse D. Noyes (2).  
 1863.—Horace R. Hall, George E. Lamphere.  
 1864.—Charles H. Mallory, John F. Trumbull.  
 1865.—Jonathan Maxon, Amos R. Taylor.  
 1866.—Thomas S. Greenman, Gurdon S. Crandall.  
 1867.—George Sheffield, Joseph O. Cottrell.  
 1868.—Giles Babcock, Asa Fish.  
 1869.—David D. Mallory, Benjamin B. Hewitt.  
 1870.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), George S. Brewster.  
 1871.—Henry B. Noyes, De Witt C. Pendleton.  
 1872.—Alexander G. Frink, Nathan S. Noyes.  
 1873.—Giles Babcock, Benjamin F. Stanton (2).  
 1874.—Samuel H. Chesebro, John Forsyth.  
 1875.—Alexander S. Palmer, Charles Perrin.  
 1876.—Joseph S. Williams, Jr., George W. Bliven.  
 1877.—Benjamin F. Lewis, Joseph E. Smith.  
 1878.—Ephraim Williams, George W. Bliven.  
 1879.—Joseph E. Smith, Elijah A. Morgan.  
 1880.—Alexander G. Frink, Elias Williams.  
 1881.—Elijah A. Morgan, Stiles T. Stanton.  
 1882.—Stiles T. Stanton, Alexander S. Palmer, Jr.

### Town Clerks.

#### SOUTHERNTOWN.

In 1658, Capt. George Denison was elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1660.

In 1660, Thomas Miner was elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1662.

In 1662, Capt. John Stanton was elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1684.

#### MYSTIC.

In 1668, Capt. John Stanton was elected town clerk, and held the office for one year.

#### STONINGTON.

In 1668, Capt. John Stanton was elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1669.

In 1669, Thomas Miner was elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1674.

In 1674, Capt. John Stanton was again elected town clerk, and held the office up to 1699.

In 1699, Deacon Nehemiah Palmer was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1702.

In 1702, Elnathan Miner was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1729.

In 1729, Joseph Palmer was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1743.

In 1743, Samuel Prentiss was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1773.

In 1773, Peleg Chesebrough was chosen town clerk, and held the office until 1791.

In 1791, Stephen Avery (2) was chosen town clerk, and held the office until the division of the town in 1807.

In 1807, Jesse Dean was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1831.

In 1831, John D. Noyes was chosen town clerk, and held the office up to 1873.

In 1873, Moses A. Pendleton was chosen town clerk, and has held the office up to the present time, 1881.



### Selectmen of Southertown.

- 1658.—Capt. George Denison, Robert Park, William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Walter Palmer, Thomas Miner.  
 1659.—Capt. George Denison, Thomas Park, Thomas Miner, Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough.  
 1660.—William Chesebrough, Walter Palmer, Thomas Stanton, Thomas Miner, Elihu Palmer.  
 1661.—William Chesebrough, Walter Palmer, Thomas Stanton, Thomas Miner, Elihu Palmer.  
 1662.—Capt. George Denison, William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Samuel Chesebrough, Elihu Palmer.  
 1663.—Capt. George Denison, William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Thomas Miner, Elihu Palmer.  
 1664.—William Chesebrough, Samuel Chesebrough, Elihu Palmer, John Gallup, Sr., Thomas Stanton, Sr.

In 1665 the General Court enacted as follows: Southertown is by this court named Mystic, in memory of that victory God was pleased to give this people of Connecticut over the Pequot Indians.

- 1665.—William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Sr., Samuel Chesebrough, John Gallup, Sr., Elihu Palmer.

In 1666 the General Assembly enacted as follows: The town of Mystic is by this court named Stonington.

- 1666.—William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Sr., Thomas Miner, John Gallup, Samuel Chesebrough, Amos Richardson, and Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1667.—William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, Sr., Goodman Gallup, Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Stanton, Jr.  
 1668.—Thomas Stanton, Thomas Wheeler, Samuel Chesebrough, Nehemiah Palmer, John Gallup.  
 1669.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Thomas Wheeler, Samuel Chesebrough, Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Miner.  
 1670.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Samuel Chesebrough, John Gallup, Sr., Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Miner.  
 1671.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Samuel Chesebrough, John Gallup, Sr., Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Miner.  
 1672.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Capt. George Denison, Samuel Chesebrough, Nehemiah Palmer, Amos Richardson.  
 1673.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Samuel Chesebrough, John Gallup, Sr., Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer.  
 1674.—Thomas Stanton, Sr., Nathaniel Chesebrough, George Denison, Sr., Samuel Mason, John Denison.  
 1675.—Nehemiah Palmer, Samuel Mason, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, Jr., Ephraim Miner.  
 1676.—Nehemiah Palmer, Samuel Mason, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, Jr., Ephraim Miner.  
 1677.—James Pendleton, Nehemiah Palmer, Tobias Sanders, Ephraim Miner, Capt. George Denison.  
 1678.—James Pendleton, Amos Richardson, Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner.  
 1679.—James Pendleton, Amos Richardson, Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner.  
 1680.—Samuel Mason, Capt. George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, John Denison, Ephraim Miner.  
 1681.—John Baldwin, Thomas Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, John Gallup.  
 1682.—Samuel Mason, Thomas Miner, Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, John Denison.  
 1683.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, John Denison, Thomas Stanton.  
 1684.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.  
 1685.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.  
 1686.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.  
 1687.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.  
 1688.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.

- 1689.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Stanton, John Denison.  
 1690.—Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, John Denison, Moses Palmer, John Gallup.  
 1691.—Fergus McDowell, Daniel Mason, Gershom Palmer, Robert Stanton, James Dean.  
 1692.—Capt. George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, William Billings, Sr., Ephraim Miner, John Gallup.  
 1693.—Capt. George Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, William Billings, Sr., Ephraim Miner, John Gallup.  
 1694.—Deacon Nehemiah Palmer, Thomas Stanton, Sr., Joseph Miner, John Denison, Isaac Wheeler.  
 1695.—Deacon Nehemiah Palmer, Joseph Miner, Isaac Wheeler, John Gallup, Nathaniel Chesebrough.  
 1696.—Deacon Nehemiah Palmer, Joseph Miner, Joseph Saxton, Henry Stevens, Benadum Gallup.  
 1697.—Deacon Nehemiah Palmer, Joseph Miner, Joseph Saxton, Henry Stevens, Benadum Gallup.  
 1698.—Deacon Nehemiah Palmer, Joseph Saxton, Joseph Miner, Henry Stevens, Benadum Gallup.  
 1699.—Ephraim Miner, Sr., Henry Stevens, Joseph Saxton, Manasseh Miner, Nathaniel Chesebrough.  
 1700.—Ephraim Miner, Joseph Saxton, Gershom Palmer, William Denison, Nathaniel Chesebrough.  
 1701.—Ephraim Miner, Sr., Gershom Palmer, Joseph Saxton, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Manasseh Miner.  
 1702.—Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Henry Stevens, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Joseph Saxton.  
 1703.—Samuel Mason, Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Henry Stephens, Nathaniel Chesebrough.  
 1704.—Ephraim Miner, Sr., Nathaniel Chesebrough, Joseph Miner, Sr., Henry Stephens, Benadum Gallup, Gershom Palmer, William Bennet.  
 1705.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Ephraim Miner, Robert Denison, Daniel Palmer, Ebenezer Searle, Ebenezer Billings, William Bennet.  
 1706.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Daniel Mason, John Gallup, Isaac Wheeler, Ebenezer Searle, Samuel Richardson, Ebenezer Billings.  
 1707.—Nehemiah Palmer, Henry Stephens, Joseph Saxton, Benadum Gallup, Benjamin Hewitt.  
 1708.—Nehemiah Palmer, Daniel Eldredge, Nathaniel Chesebrough, Deacon Manasseh Miner, Benjamin Hewitt.  
 1709.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Joseph Miner, Sr., William Gallup, Samuel Frink, Ichabod Palmer, Benjamin Hewitt, William Bennet.  
 1710.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Joseph Miner, Sr., Robert Denison, Ephraim Miner, Joshua Holmes, William Gallup, Benjamin Hewitt.  
 1711.—Manasseh Miner, John Gallup, Thomas Noyes, Benjamin Hewitt, Samuel Stanton, Sr., Samuel Frink, Joshua Holmes.  
 1712.—Nathaniel Chesebrough, Deacon Manasseh Miner, Ephraim Miner, Daniel Palmer, William Gallup, Benjamin Hewitt, Joshua Holmes.  
 1713.—Ephraim Miner, Daniel Palmer, Benjamin Hewitt, Joseph Miner, Ichabod Palmer, William Bennet, Sr., Samuel Chesebrough, Sr.  
 1714.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Lieut. William Gallup, Thomas Noyes, David Hilliard, Isaac Wheeler, Ichabod Palmer, Josiah Grant.  
 1715.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, William Gallup, Thomas Noyes, David Hilliard, Isaac Wheeler, James Miner, Moses Palmer.  
 1716.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, William Gallup, Thomas Noyes, Isaac Wheeler, Benjamin Hewitt, James Miner, Moses Palmer.  
 1717.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, William Gallup, Thomas Noyes, Daniel Denison, Stephen Richardson, Samuel Prentiss, Benjamin Hewitt.  
 1718.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Manasseh Miner, John Gallup, Stephen Richardson, Daniel Denison, Samuel Prentiss, William Bennet.  
 1719.—Ichabod Palmer, Benjamin Hewitt, Adam Gallup, Joseph Denison, James Miner, Samuel Chesebrough, Sr., Joshua Holmes.  
 1720.—Deacon Manasseh Miner, Joseph Stanton, Stephen Richardson, John Noyes, Samuel Prentiss.  
 1721.—Ichabod Palmer, Elihu Chesebrough, Joseph Denison, James Miner.  
 1722.—Capt. John Mason, Thomas Noyes, James Miner, Samuel Prentiss, Joshua Holmes.  
 1723.—John Mason, Thomas Noyes, James Miner, Daniel Denison, Elihu Chesebrough.  
 1724.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Capt. Thomas Noyes, Daniel Palmer, James Miner, Samuel Prentiss.  
 1725.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Ephraim Miner, Thomas Noyes, Isaac Wheeler, John Frink.

- 1726.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Daniel Denison, Thomas Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Samuel Prentiss.
- 1727.—Capt. Daniel Denison, Joseph Stanton, Ephraim Miner, Samuel Prentiss, Israel Hewitt.
- 1728.—Capt. Nathaniel Chesebrough, Joseph Stanton, Daniel Denison, Daniel Palmer, Israel Hewitt.
- 1729.—Daniel Palmer, Joseph Miner, Deacon John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings.
- 1730.—Jos. Miner, Daniel Palmer, John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, I. Billings.
- 1731.—Joseph Miner, Ichabod Palmer, Daniel Palmer, John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings, Mathew Randall.
- 1732.—Joseph Miner, Ichabod Palmer, Daniel Palmer, John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings, Mathew Randall.
- 1733.—Daniel Palmer, Joseph Miner, John Noyes, Samuel Hinkley, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings, John Williams.
- 1734.—Daniel Palmer, Joseph Miner, John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Samuel Hinkley, Increase Billings, Thomas Miner.
- 1735.—Daniel Palmer, Jr., John Noyes, Capt. Israel Hewitt, Samuel Hinkley, Increase Billings, Daniel Brown, Silas Greenman.
- 1736.—Daniel Palmer, Jr., John Noyes, Capt. Israel Hewitt, Samuel Hinkley, Increase Billings, Daniel Brown, Silas Greenman.
- 1737.—Daniel Palmer, Daniel Denison, Israel Hewitt, Samuel Hinkley, Increase Billings, John Denison, Silas Greenman.
- 1738.—John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Capt. John Williams, Increase Billings, Nathan Chesebrough, Simeon Miner, John Denison.
- 1739.—John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Increase Billings, Nathan Chesebrough, Simeon Miner, John Denison.
- 1740.—John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings, Nathan Chesebrough, John Breed, George Denison, Simeon Miner.
- 1741.—John Noyes, Israel Hewitt, Increase Billings, Nathan Chesebrough, John Breed, George Denison, Simeon Miner.
- 1742.—Capt. Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, George Denison, Thomas Wheeler, John Whiting, Nehemiah Palmer, Daniel Brown.
- 1743.—Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, John Williams, Increase Billings, Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner, Nehemiah Palmer.
- 1744.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Thomas Wheeler, Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner, John Holmes.
- 1745.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Thomas Wheeler, Joseph Denison, Simeon Miner, Clement Miner.
- 1746.—Capt. John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Daniel Brown, William Denison, John Holmes.
- 1747.—John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Daniel Brown, William Denison, John Holmes.
- 1748.—John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, Daniel Brown, John Palmer, William Denison, John Holmes.
- 1749.—John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Joseph Denison, William Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, John Holmes, John Randall.
- 1750.—Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, Joseph Hewitt, Jonas Prentice.
- 1751.—Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, Jonas Prentice, Joseph Stanton.
- 1752.—Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, Jonas Prentice, John Hallam.
- 1753.—Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Rufus Miner, John Palmer, Jonas Prentice, Daniel Brown, John Hallam.
- 1754.—Maj. Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Thomas Wheeler, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, Jonas Prentice.
- 1755.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Daniel Brown, John Palmer, Jonas Prentice, John Hallam.
- 1756.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, John Hallam, Jonas Prentice.
- 1757.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, John Palmer, Daniel Brown, Jonas Prentice, John Hallam.
- 1758.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Daniel Brown, John Palmer, Jonas Prentice, Phineas Stanton.
- 1759.—Israel Hewitt, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Daniel Brown, Jonas Prentice, Phineas Stanton, John Denison.
- 1760.—Maj. Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Jonas Prentice, Phineas Stanton, Benjamin Clark, Robert Stanton, John Williams.
- 1761.—Maj. Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Jonas Prentice, Phineas Stanton, Benjamin Clark, John Williams, James Noyes.
- 1762.—Jonas Prentice, Benjamin Clark, John Williams, James Noyes, Samuel Miner, Amos Denison, Capt. Samuel Hubbard Burdick.
- 1763.—Jonas Prentice, John Williams, James Noyes, John Breed, Amos Denison, Paul Wheeler, Daniel Brown.
- 1764.—Jonas Prentice, John Williams, James Noyes, John Breed, Paul Wheeler, Daniel Brown, John Dean.
- 1765.—Simeon Miner, Paul Wheeler, Henry Babcock, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, George Denison, Thomas Prentice, Edward Hancox.
- 1766.—Paul Wheeler, John Denison (2), Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Edward Hancox, Joseph Page, Joseph Palmer.
- 1767.—Paul Wheeler, John Denison (2), Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Edward Hancox, Daniel Denison, Joseph Palmer.
- 1768.—Paul Wheeler, John Denison (2), Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Edward Hancox, Joseph Palmer, Daniel Denison.
- 1769.—Charles Phelps, Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Joseph Palmer, William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, Simon Rhodes.
- 1770.—Charles Phelps, Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Joseph Palmer, William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, Elnathan Rosetter.
- 1771.—Charles Phelps, Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Joseph Palmer, William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, Elnathan Rosetter.
- 1772.—Charles Phelps, Thomas Prentice, Samuel Hubbard Burdick, Joseph Palmer, William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, Elnathan Rosetter.
- 1773.—Charles Phelps, Avery Denison, Cyrus Wheeler, Joseph Palmer, William Williams, Nathaniel Miner, John Breed.
- 1774.—Charles Phelps, Avery Denison, Cyrus Wheeler, Nathaniel Miner, Joseph Palmer, Elnathan Rosetter, John Breed.
- 1775.—Charles Phelps, Cyrus Wheeler, Joseph Palmer, Nathaniel Miner, John Breed, Jr., Elnathan Rosetter, Joshua Prentice.
- 1776.—Charles Phelps, Joseph Palmer, Nathaniel Miner, John Breed, Jr., Elnathan Rosetter, Joshua Prentice, Samuel Mason.
- 1777.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, John Williams, Peleg Chesebrough, Jonathan Palmer, Christopher Brown, Joseph Smith.
- 1778.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, John Williams, Peleg Chesebrough, John Denison (3), Joshua Prentice, Jonathan Palmer.
- 1779.—Charles Phelps, Jonathan Palmer, Christopher Brown, Paul Wheeler, James Rhodes, Henry Miner, John Davis (2).
- 1780.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner, James Rhodes, John Davis, Joshua Prentice, Gilbert Fanning.
- 1781.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner, James Rhodes, Joshua Prentice, Gilbert Fanning, Elisha Denison (2).
- 1782.—Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner, James Rhodes, Joshua Prentice, Gilbert Fanning, Elisha Denison.
- 1783.—Charles Phelps, John Randall, William Williams, Christopher Brown, John Swan, Joseph Denison, Joshua Prentice.
- 1784.—John Randall, William Williams, Paul Wheeler, Joseph Denison, John Swan, Joshua Prentice, Christopher Brown.
- 1785.—John Randall, Jonathan Palmer, Joshua Prentice, Nehemiah Mason, Christopher Brown, Sanford Billings, John Holmes.
- 1786.—John Randall, Jonathan Palmer, Joshua Prentice, Nehemiah Mason, Christopher Brown, Sanford Billings, John Holmes.
- 1787.—John Randall, Jonathan Palmer, Joshua Prentice, Nehemiah Mason, Christopher Brown, Sanford Billings, John Holmes.
- 1788.—Charles Phelps, Jonathan Palmer, Lathan Hull, Thomas Swan, John Holmes, William Woodbridge, William Chesebrough.
- 1789.—Lathan Hull, John Palmer, William Woodbridge, John Holmes, Christopher Brown, Thomas Swan, Ichabod Ecclestone, Jr.
- 1790.—Lathan Hull, Jonathan Palmer, Samuel Stanton, John Holmes, William Woodbridge, Thomas Swan, Charles Phelps, Jr.
- 1791.—Lathan Hull, Daniel Denison, William Woodbridge, Elias S. Palmer, Rufus Wheeler, Daniel Main, Amos Palmer.
- 1792.—Lathan Hull, Daniel Denison, Amos Palmer, Rufus Wheeler, Elias S. Palmer, Daniel Main, James Dean.
- 1793.—Lathan Hull, Daniel Denison, Amos Palmer, Elias S. Palmer, Daniel Main, James Dean, Samuel Palmer.
- 1794.—Lathan Hull, Esq., Daniel Denison, Capt. Amos Palmer, Elias S. Palmer, Daniel Main, James Dean, Capt. Thomas Noyes.
- 1795.—Lathan Hull, Elias S. Palmer (2), Edward Swan, Nathan Brown, William Woodbridge, Joshua Swan, Elisha Denison.
- 1796.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Noyes Palmer, Edward Swan, Elias S. Palmer, Stephen Hull, Edward Smith.
- 1797.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Edward Swan, Edward Smith, Stephen Avery, Stephen Hull, Elias S. Palmer.
- 1798.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Edward Smith, Edward Swan, Stephen Hull, Gabriel Rogers, Nathan Pendleton.
- 1799.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Edward Smith, Edward Swan, Stephen Hall, Nathan Pendleton, Luther Avery.
- 1800.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Nathan Pendleton, Edward Smith, Luther Avery, Chester Smith, Gershom Palmer.
- 1801.—Lathan Hull, Elisha Denison, Nathan Pendleton, Luther Avery, William Williams, Chester Smith, Gershom Palmer.

- 1802.—Latham Hull, Elisha Denison, Nathan Pendleton, Luther Avery, William Williams, Chester Smith, Gershom Palmer.
- 1803.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, William Williams, Chester Smith, Gershom Palmer, Coddington Billings, William Stanton.
- 1804.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Chester Smith, Oliver York, Amos Gallup, Jeremiah York, John Davis.
- 1805.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Chester Smith, Amos Gallup, John Davis, Jeremiah York, Coddington Billings.
- 1806.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Chester Smith, Amos Gallup, John Davis, Coddington Billings, David Coats.
- 1807.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Chester Smith, Amos Gallup, John Davis, Jeremiah York, Coddington Billings.
- 1808.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup, Enoch Burrows, William Randall, Amos Denison, Adam States, Richard Wheeler.
- 1809.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup, William Randall, Elisha Faxon, Amos Denison, Nathaniel Clift, Adam States.
- 1810.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup, William Randall, Elisha Faxon, Amos Denison, Nathaniel Clift, Adam States.
- 1811.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, Nathaniel Clift, Adam States, Lodowick Niles.
- 1812.—Coddington Billings, Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, John Brown, Nathaniel Clift, Adam States.
- 1813.—Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, Adam States, George Haley, Jesse Breed.
- 1814.—Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, Jesse Breed, Adam States, Jeremiah Holmes.
- 1815.—Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, Adam States, Jesse Breed, Joseph D. Mason.
- 1816.—Amos Gallup, William Randall, Amos Denison, Enoch Burrows, George Hubbard, Joseph D. Mason, Elias Cheesbrough.
- 1817.—William Randall, Amos Denison, George Hubbard, Elias Cheesbrough, Samuel Stanton (2), Amos Williams, Alexander Bradford.
- 1818.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Samuel Stanton (2), Amos Williams, Alexander Bradford.
- 1819.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Amos Williams, Alexander Bradford, Thomas Palmer.
- 1820.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Amos Williams, Thomas Palmer, John Davis.
- 1821.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Asa Fish, Thomas Palmer, John Davis.
- 1822.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Jesse D. Noyes, Thomas Palmer, Asa Fish.
- 1823.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Elias Cheesbrough, Henry Harding, Thomas Palmer, Asa Fish.
- 1824.—William Randall, Amos Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Thomas Palmer, Elias Cheesbrough, John Davis, Henry Harding.
- 1825.—William Williams, Elisha Faxon, Jasper Latham, Nathaniel Clift, David C. Smith, Denison Palmer, Thomas Hinckley.
- 1826.—William Williams, Elisha Faxon, Jasper Latham, Nathaniel Clift, David C. Smith, Denison Palmer, Thomas Hinckley, Jr.
- 1827.—William Williams, Reuben Cheesbrough, Jasper Latham, John D. Noyes, David C. Smith, Denison Palmer, Nathaniel Clift.
- 1828.—William Williams, Elias Cheesbrough, Benjamin F. Babcock, Jasper Latham, John D. Noyes, Thomas Hinckley, Jr., John Davis.
- 1829.—William Williams, George E. Palmer, Joseph D. Mason, John Davis, Thomas Hinckley, Jr.
- 1830.—Elias Brown, George E. Palmer, Joseph D. Mason, George Sheffield, Denison Palmer.
- 1831.—Elias Brown, George E. Palmer, Joseph D. Mason, Mason Manning, Thomas Hinckley.
- 1832.—Jesse Dean, Mason Manning, Thomas Hinckley, Gilbert Collins, Jesse York.
- 1833.—William Randall, Mason Manning, Gilbert Collins, Thomas Hinckley, Denison Palmer.
- 1834.—William Randall, Mason Manning, Thomas Hinckley, Eleazer Williams, Charles Bennet.
- 1835.—Thomas Hinckley, Eleazer Williams, Charles Bennet, Samuel Cheesbrough, Daniel Bentley.
- 1836.—Thomas Hinckley, Eleazer Williams, Charles Bennet, Samuel Cheesbrough, Daniel Bentley.
- 1837.—Asa Fish, J. D. Noyes, C. H. Smith, W. C. Moss, Gilbert Collins.
- 1838.—Asa Fish, Jesse D. Noyes, Charles H. Smith, William C. Moss, George W. Noyes.
- 1839.—Asa Fish, Jesse D. Noyes, Charles H. Smith, George W. Noyes, Daniel Bentley.
- 1840.—Asa Fish, Jesse D. Noyes, Charles H. Smith, George W. Noyes, Daniel Bentley.
- 1841.—Charles T. Stanton, George W. Noyes, Daniel Bentley, Benjamin F. Langworthy, Elias B. Brown.
- 1842.—Charles T. Stanton, Elias B. Brown, Benjamin F. Langworthy, Francis Sheffield, John Davis.
- 1843.—Ephraim Williams, Elias B. Brown, Benjamin F. Langworthy, John Davis, Henry Noyes, Oliver B. Grant.
- 1844.—Ephraim Williams, Elias B. Brown, John Davis, Oliver B. Grant, Henry Sheffield, Ezra Miner.
- 1845.—Elias B. Brown, Oliver B. Grant, Benjamin F. Palmer, Henry Sheffield, Richard A. Wheeler.
- 1846.—Ephraim Williams, Benjamin F. Palmer, Henry Sheffield, Richard A. Wheeler, Hiram Shaw, Perez Wheeler, Giles C. Smith.
- 1847.—Benjamin F. Palmer, Hiram Shaw, Perez Wheeler, Giles C. Smith, John W. Hull, Francis Sheffield, Samuel Copp.
- 1848.—Hiram Shaw, Giles C. Smith, John W. Hull, Samuel Copp, Elias P. Randall, Pitts D. Frink, Henry Harding.
- 1849.—Giles C. Smith, Elias P. Randall, Pitts D. Frink, Peleg Noyes, Daniel P. Collins, David N. Prentice, George D. Hyde.
- 1850.—Giles C. Smith, Pitts D. Frink, Peleg Noyes, David N. Prentice, Ezra Cheesbro.
- 1851.—Giles C. Smith, Pitts D. Frink, Peleg Noyes, David N. Prentice, Ezra Cheesbro.
- 1852.—Giles C. Smith, Pitts D. Frink, Peleg Noyes, David N. Prentice, Ezra Cheesbro.
- 1853.—John W. Hull, Elisha D. Wightman, Ezra Cheesbro.
- 1854.—John W. Hull, Clark Greenman, Henry Sheffield.
- 1855.—Henry Sheffield, Harris Pendleton, Mason C. Hill.
- 1856.—Henry Sheffield, Harris Pendleton, Jr., Mason C. Hill.
- 1857-58.—Alexander S. Palmer, William C. Moss, Leonard C. Williams.
- 1859-60.—Horace K. Hall, William S. Noyes, Franklin Williams, Leonard C. Williams, Benjamin B. Hewitt.
- 1861.—Horace B. Hall, William S. Noyes, Leonard C. Williams, Benjamin B. Hewitt, Harris Pendleton, Jr.
- 1862.—Horace R. Hall, William S. Noyes, Leonard C. Williams, Benjamin B. Hewitt, Thomas E. Swan.
- 1863.—Horace R. Hall, William S. Noyes, Benjamin B. Hewitt, Thomas E. Swan, Benjamin F. Stanton (2).
- 1864-65.—Horace R. Hall, Benjamin B. Hewitt, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Gurdon S. Crandall, Charles H. Denison.
- 1866.—Horace R. Hall, Benjamin B. Hewitt, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Gurdon S. Crandall, Charles Grinnell.
- 1867.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Gurdon S. Crandall, Charles Grinnell, Nathan G. Wheeler, Charles H. Rhodes.
- 1868.—Horace R. Hall, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles Grinnell, George S. Brewster, Nathan G. Wheeler.
- 1869.—Horace R. Hall, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles Grinnell, George S. Brewster, Nathan G. Wheeler.
- 1870.—George S. Brewster, Charles Burch, Joseph S. Williams, Sr., Charles S. Bennett.
- 1871.—Leonard C. Williams, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles Grinnell, Amos B. Taylor, Samuel H. Cheesbro.
- 1872.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles H. Rhodes, Joseph S. Williams, Nathan G. Wheeler, William E. Brewster.
- 1873.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles H. Rhodes, Joseph S. Williams, Nathan G. Wheeler, William E. Brewster.
- 1874.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles H. Rhodes, Joseph S. Williams, Nathan G. Wheeler, William E. Brewster.
- 1875.—Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Charles H. Rhodes, Joseph S. Williams, William E. Brewster, Leonard C. Williams.
- 1876.—John Forsyth, Samuel H. Cheesbro, Abel H. Hinckley, George W. Bliven.
- 1877.—Elijah A. Morgan, Charles Grinnell, Samuel H. Cheesbro, John Forsyth, George W. Bliven.
- 1878.—Elias Babcock, Joseph S. Williams, Jr., Elijah A. Morgan, Charles Grinnell, George W. Bliven.
- 1879.—Elias Babcock, Alexander G. Frink, Joseph S. Williams, Jr., Joseph E. Smith, Benjamin F. Stanton (2).
- 1880.—Elijah A. Morgan, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Elias Babcock, Joseph S. Williams, Jr., Laughlin Harty.
- 1881.—Elijah A. Morgan, George S. Brewster, Laughlin Harty, Benjamin F. Stanton (2), Joseph S. Williams, Jr.

Stonington Borough was organized as such by a charter in 1801, making all needful rules and regulations for the government thereof. It was organized with the Hon. Charles Phelps, warden; Nathaniel

Miner, Esq., Capt. Amos Palmer, Mr. Edward Smith, Elijah Palmer, Esq., Col. Joseph Smith, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Jubish Holmes, Capt. Nathan Smith, burgesses; Dr. William Lord, treasurer; Capt. Nathaniel Fanning, clerk; Mr. Oliver York, bailiff.

**Custom-House Officers.**—The Stonington district was established in 1842, since which the following persons have held the office of collector: Giles R. Hallam, Oliver York, Ezra Chesebrough, B. F. States, Ephraim Williams, Franklin A. Palmer, Horace H. Trumbull, George Hubbard. At present William Williams is deputy collector in charge.

#### WAR OF 1861-65.

Stonington was largely interested in commerce before the war of 1812, which revived after its close. Manufacturing was introduced and successfully pursued on a large scale in the State of Connecticut, this town having a full share. Nothing of importance beyond the yearly routine of town and State elections, with a Presidential election every four years, happened in our midst to attract particular attention until the Mexican war. But that did not materially affect our interests; it only served to stimulate the politics of the day. Later on the acquisition of territory resulting from the war brought to the surface again the irrepressible conflict between slavery and freedom. The conflict of opinions between the North and the South began to assume a more violent form, and finally culminated in open rebellion.

After the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States, in 1860, and the Southern States began to secede, this town favored coercive measures at once, and sent to our armies many of her best and bravest sons. The following list shows the men who enlisted from this town, not the men who made up the quota that we were required to fill:

#### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

##### Infantry.

##### FIRST REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY G.

James B. Anderson.

##### SECOND REGIMENT.

###### RIFLE COMPANY B.

Peter McEwen.

###### RIFLE COMPANY C.

James H. Lathan, William W. Latham, Herbert E. Maxson, Theodore C. Smith, Robert P. Wilbur.

##### THIRD REGIMENT.

###### RIFLE COMPANY D.

Charles J. Edwards.

##### FIFTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY G.

Albert L. Gavitt (sergt.), George W. Wilcox, Albert C. Burdick, Albert C. Andrews, John C. Briggs, Charles C. Brightman, George Bedford, Wm. H. Noyes (pro. 1st lieut.), Isaac E. Norman, Frank Vanaken, Francis Alvey.

###### COMPANY K.

Joseph N. Banks, Edward L. Cordner, John H. Nye, Erastus D. Smith, Nathaniel P. Wolf.

##### EIGHTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY D.

Horace Burton.

###### COMPANY E.

Capt. Thomas D. Sheffield (pro. Heut.-col.), Lafayette Starr.

###### COMPANY G.

1st Lieut. Thomas D. Sheffield (pro. capt.); 2d Lieut. Henry E. Morgan (pro. 1st lieut.); Sergeants Andrew M. Morgan (pro. capt.), Joseph C. Langworthy; Corporals Leonidas A. Barter, Wm. H. Lamphear, Francis V. D. Sloan, Thos. C. Curtis, John H. Smith, Oscar W. Hewitt; John B. Averill, Franklin H. Crumb, James A. Peabody, Isaac Allen, George H. Barney, Charles Balrd, Thomas Bedford, Henry Brunnan, Thomas Brannan, Sanford P. Burdick, Horace Burton, David S. Bryant, Thomas Casey, Charles W. Clarke, William P. Clarke, Patrick Conlon, Ethan A. Collins, James P. Conlan, Charles H. Culver, Benjamin Crossley, Alpheus G. Davis, Alfred Dixon, Oliver A. Eccleston, Albert S. Edwards, Charles J. Edwards, John L. Edwards, George W. Foster, Marius E. French, Edward Gavin, Dennis Geary, Wm. Geary, Charles W. Hall, Henry Hallum, Hazzard Holland, James E. Holdredge, Francis Jager, Henry G. Knowles, Charles D. Lamphear, Clark F. Lamphear, Wm. Lamphear, Michael Lombard, Thomas H. Lord, John McCarthy, Franklin Mason, John M. Maynard, Erastus D. Miner, Joseph D. Nye, Stephen F. Nye, Jerome A. Palmer, Wm. R. Palmer, Wm. H. Potter, David W. Price, Jr., Wm. Reed, Ebenezer Rose, Patrick Shay, Horace Slocum, Henry Stuplin, George H. Shepard, Charles Stebbins, Wm. Terwilliger, Nehemiah D. Tinker, George Usher, Charles B. Wilcox, John Walker, Wm. D. Wilcox, Edward Willis, John F. Cory, Courtland H. Durfee, Michael Farly, John C. Knowles, Benjamin A. Kempton, Ebenezer Rose, Ebenezer Rose, Jr., George Randall Jr., Barney Sisson, Henry E. Wells.

John Miner, Joseph Milners, Wm. C. Macomber.

##### NINTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY G.

Oswald Reed, Thomas McGregor.

###### COMPANY H.

Corporal Dudley Lewis.

##### TENTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY F.

Samuel Bentley.

###### COMPANY H.

William Pond.

##### TWELFTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY K.

1st Lieut. James D. Roach (pro. capt.); Sergeants William B. Lucas, George W. Stedman (pro. 1st lieut.); Stanton Allyn, Gurdon Green, Patrick Barues, Charles W. Bicknell, Cornelius Burgoyne, William Butterworth, Ori E. Chapman, Levi A. Clarke, Charles H. Comstock, Edmund Congdon, James Crowley, Nathan Davis, George Fitzgerald, Richard Lever, John Lucy, Felix McArdle, Hugh McColligan, John Murphy, Henry B. Pinney, Michael Ryan, William H. Reynolds, William Scott.

##### THIRTEENTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY K.

Clarence D. Payne, John E. Wheelock.

##### FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.

###### COMPANY A.

William Brown, Charles F. Chester, George H. Snyder.

###### COMPANY B.

Thomas Holt, George Harris.

###### COMPANY D.

Andrew Lovejoy, James Needham.

###### COMPANY E.

Samuel Steele.

###### COMPANY F.

Michael Henderson.

###### COMPANY G.

Thomas Kain, George W. Starr.

###### COMPANY H.

Charles Duncan, Charles E. Jones, John McDonald.

###### COMPANY I.

1st Lieut. William Thompson.

## COMPANY K.

Corporal Paul P. Noyes, Frank Coleman.

## EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY K.

John Loonnun, George Williams.

## TWENTIETH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY A.

Joseph Lombra.

## COMPANY G.

Maurice L. Nunan.

## TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

## COMPANY E.

Capt. Charles T. Stanton, Jr. (pro. maj.); 1st Lieut. Henry R. Jennings; 2d Lieut. Franklin H. Davis; Sergeants James B. Vanderwater, James H. Carter, Howard E. Muer, John F. Trumbull (pro. 1st Lieut.), Walter P. Long (pro. capt.); Corporals Seth Slack, John L. Hill, William R. Targee, Jr., Charles H. Crumb, Nelson Wilcox, John J. McMillen, Joseph H. Newberry, Erastus Holmes; Charles G. Avery, Jesse Bennett, William C. Burdick, Oliver A. Brown, Alfred L. Burdick, Joseph L. Burdick, Denison Brightman, Joseph W. Carpenter, William W. Crandall, William Conway, Charles L. Corder, William Dunham, John C. Douglas, Samuel Denison, Elias N. Davis, George Eccleston, George W. Eldridge, George W. Frazier, Jr., William H. Frazier, Arvine A. Frazier, Lewis H. Gerry, Lyman Greene, William Gardner, John Hevy, Amos F. Heath, William F. Hancox, Amos S. Hancox, Albert F. Harris, Joseph E. Harrington, Palmer Hulet, Ranson Jackson (pro. 1st Lieut.), Robert Kulbeck, Leonard O. Lamphere, Richard Lever, Patrick H. Mulligan, Benedict W. Morgan, Charles L. Miner, Francis J. Musgrave, George R. Newberry, Nathan Noyes, Wait W. Riddabock, George Root, William H. Robinson, Henry D. Smith, Gardner B. Smith, Charles Smith, Daniel D. Tift, John L. Tift, Frederick O. Tucker, Charles H. Taylor, Abram Vanauken, Leonard Wilcox, Harlem H. Wilcox, Rufus O. White, Charles H. Williams.

## COMPANY F.

Stafford Holland.

## COMPANY G.

Robert Sutcliffe.

## COMPANY H.

Charles F. Brown.

## COMPANY K.

Alexander Buchanan.

## TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY H.

Capt. David Champlin; 1st Lieut. John F. Jencks; 2d Lieut. Samuel K. Tillinghast (pro. 1st Lieut.); Sergeants Henry H. Packard, John H. Morgan, Thomas W. Grace, William M. Sherman, Thomas W. Gardiner; Corporals George E. Brayton, Frank W. Gard, Jacob R. Lockwood, Charles H. Burdick, George D. Edwards, Charles Bennett (2), George H. Burgess, Andrew H. Brown; Elias L. Maynard, Pardon L. Babcock, John R. Prentice, Erastus D. Appleman, Elias Babcock, Jr., Richard A. Brown, Horace F. Burdick, Amos D. Barnes, Thomas H. Brown, Orville M. Briggs, Henry L. Babcock, Amos A. Crandall, Joseph W. Coleman, Thomas Crowley, William F. Eccleston, Samuel R. Eccleston, Alexander B. Frazier, Charles H. Gladding, John E. Holberton, Shubael Holmes, Philip A. Irons, George A. Latham, Christopher A. Lyman, James A. Lord, David S. Merritt, John C. Moore, Stephen D. Merritt, Jr., Charles A. Miller, John M. Mosher, Samuel M. Macomber, John Nye, Avery E. Parkes, Chauncey D. Rice, Elisha K. Rathbun, Edwin N. Shirley, Nathan S. Sheffield, James W. Targee, Warren P. Thompson, James O. Thompson, Charles W. Taylor, Thaddeus M. Weems.

## TWENTY-NINTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY D.

Isaac J. Hill.

## COMPANY H.

Isaac H. Antone.

## THIRTIETH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY A.

Corp. Courtland Thomas, Henry Demarest, James W. Darrell, George Fisher.

## COMPANY B.

Henry Hall.

## COMPANY C.

Augustus Jackson.

## Artillery.

## FIRST REGIMENT.

## COMPANY C.

Ichabod B. Slates, Chas. E. Staplia.

## COMPANY D.

Courtland F. Hall, Joseph H. Pendleton, John P. Trant.

## COMPANY F.

John Merkle.

## COMPANY G.

Elias Babcock, Jr., Dennis S. Gilmore, James McCaffrey, Hiram P. Shaw.

## COMPANY H.

George Walker.

## COMPANY I.

2d Lieut. William C. Faxon (pro. capt.).

## SECOND REGIMENT.

David Bradford.

## Cavalry.

## FIRST REGIMENT.

## COMPANY C.

Capt. William S. Fish (pro. col.); 1st Lieut. Charles P. Williams, Jr., died; Q.-M. Sergt. William T. Cork (pro. 1st Lieut.); Sergt. Edwin W. French (pro. capt.); Corporals George H. Lord, John G. Williams, William C. Harris (pro. q.-m.); John Bentley, George Braman, John H. Bliven, Isaac T. Bliven, Henry D. Bennett, Alfred V. Barnum (pro. 1st Lieut.); James L. Eggleston, Charles W. Sheffield, James A. Edwards, John O'Rourke, Joshua Perkins, Thomas I. Price, Christian Pfau, Zachariah Patterson.

## COMPANY D.

John McGovethy, Peter Malnes.

## COMPANY I.

Peter Wright, Reuben G. Weeks.

## COMPANY K.

Lyman Doolittle, John N. Mitchell.

## COMPANY L.

Myron H. Crandall.

## COMPANY M.

John Smith, Michael Begg, John Burgan.

Since the close of the Rebellion our town has suffered its full measure from the inflation and contraction of the currency. Since specie payment has been resumed business has revived and confidence in business circles has been established.

Thus the town of Stonington, where William Chesebrough first built his forest home in 1649, has grown to be a community of 7353 inhabitants, with a grand list of \$5,390,130. The people, for intelligence and enterprise, are the equal of any township in the State. The soil is strong, rugged, and hard to cultivate, but when properly cared for yields remunerative crops.

## CHAPTER LXXXVII.

## STONINGTON—(Continued).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

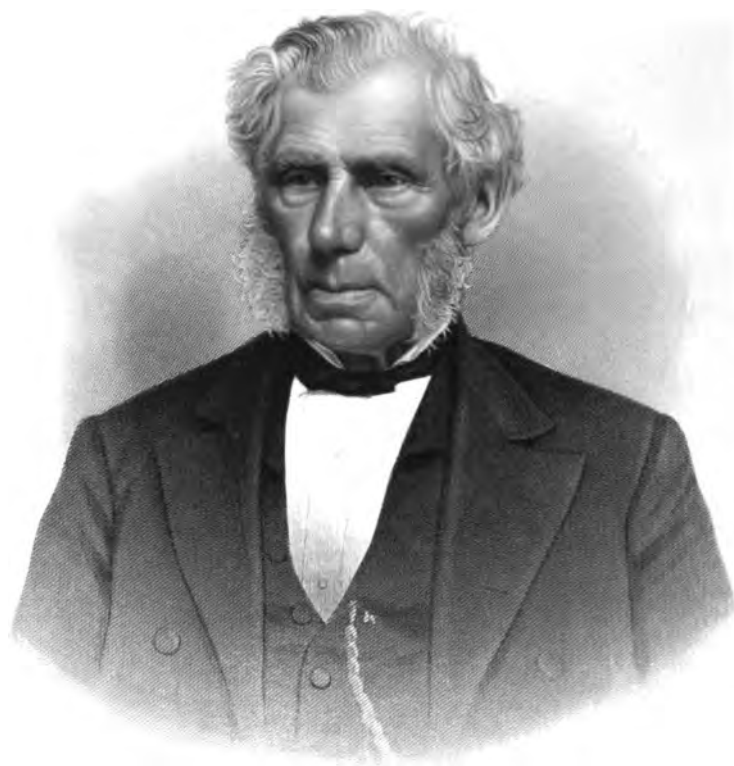
**Hon. Richard A. Wheeler**, the subject of the following notice, was born Jan. 29, 1817. He is the son of Richard Wheeler and Mary Hewitt Wheeler. His mother was from one of the best families of North

NOTE.—The Biographical Sketch of the Hon. Richard A. Wheeler was prepared by Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D.



*Engraving by J. H. Johnson*

*Richard A. Whittier*



Chas. Massey



Stonington. His father was an industrious, thrifty farmer, and so his boyhood was under the discipline of the typical "New England home," which has furnished some of the best specimens of American manhood. The period of his minority was divided between the industries of the farm during the spring, summer, and autumn and the educational culture of the common school for the winter.

The range of studies in these "seminaries" at that time was very limited, Webster's Spelling-Book, Daboll's Arithmetic, Morse's Geography, Murray's English Grammar, and Murray's English Reader being the exclusive text-books. But the teaching and discipline were often severe, and the scholarship had a corresponding value of thoroughness and solidity for all practical ends.

Judge Wheeler's industrious use and improvement of the common school is seen in the fact that this rudimental education has been equal to all the varied positions of responsibility he has, during his opening and ripening manhood, filled with so much credit to himself, with honor to his town, and to the full satisfaction of his friends and fellow-citizens. Early called to important civil trusts, he has attained to a degree of legal culture that gives to his counsel great weight and value, and often renders his rulings decisive and final. In genealogical lore Judge Wheeler has no rival and few if any equals. His researches here are thorough and fearless, dispelling many a beautiful tradition, but fixing the plain prosaic truth by figures and data that will not lie. His discourse at the late Palmer reunion at Stonington, a masterly grouping of events scattered over a period of two hundred and fifty years, held the attention of a large and promiscuous crowd to its close.

Judge Wheeler has been twice married,—first to Miss Frances M. Avery, of North Stonington, Jan. 12, 1843, and second to Miss Lucy A. Noyes, of Stonington, Nov. 5, 1856. He is descended from the following New England families: Wheeler, Park, Thompson, Kayson, Tilestone, Elliott, Burrows, Culver, Latham, Hubbard, Gore, Draper, Denison, Prentiss, Gallup, Lake, Stanton, Burch, Fanning, Breed, Chaplin, Hewitt, Lord, Borodel, Short, Palmer, and others.

In 1838, when twenty-one years old, he was one of the society committee of the Road Church, and has held that office for forty-three years to the present time. He was chosen selectman in 1847 and '48; representative to the Legislature, 1851; sheriff of New London County, 1860; re-elected 1863, '66, and '69, and holding the office until 1872, when he declined re-election. In the spring of 1864 he was chosen judge of probate, and by successive re-elections has held the office until the present time.

The above are the principal events of Judge Wheeler's active and varied life. He has a fine physique, an open countenance, pleasing address, and genial manners. Besides, he has an inexhaustible fund of genealogical anecdotes, can tell a good story

of olden or modern times, and excite and enjoy an honest, hearty, healthy laugh.

The proverb "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" is not applicable to Judge Wheeler, for nowhere is he more popular than among his own townsmen, and by none more highly esteemed than by his own immediate neighbors.

**Charles Mallory**, son of David and Amy (Crocker) Mallory, was born in Waterford, Conn., on the Lyme turnpike, Feb. 24, 1796. His father was a native of Milford, Conn. When but sixteen David took the place of his father, who was drafted for six months in the Continental army, and after serving his time enlisted for service during the war. He served three years under Washington, and was in numerous engagements. While the army was marching through Connecticut his captain told him he was going to resign on reaching Milford. David told him if he left he, David, would do the same. At Milford the captain resigned, his resignation was accepted, and David "resigned," as he had said he would do, went to New London, and shipped under a fictitious name as sailor on a privateer. In nine days he was a prisoner on a Jersey prison-ship. After some time he was exchanged, shipped again, and was again captured. Three times in all he was a prisoner on the prison-ships, and three times was exchanged. On arriving at Waterford, on one of the first of these exchanges, being then about twenty years old, he married, and again shipped on a privateer, had a fight off Long Island, and spent most of his honeymoon a prisoner. The fourth time he shipped he returned with prize-money. His share was paid him in goods. As an evidence of his devotion to the American cause, we will say that although during Gen. Arnold's march to New London David was secreted to keep him from the American army, there were some Hessians who came to him for a drink, and leading one of them to a case of gin, he secured his gun while he was drinking, made him his prisoner, and marched him to the American line and surrendered him. This occurred the same day New London was burned. After the war David worked at farm labor and at butchering. He had ten children,—Frances; Sally, who married Nathan Beebe, a sail-maker of New London; Rebecca, who married a Mr. West, and went West soon after; David; Amy, who married John Rogers, a caulker of New London; Richard, who was a cooper, and sailed many years for Charles; Amos; Charles; Benajah; Nathan, who served his time at sail-making with Charles, and died at twenty-eight years of age.

David Mallory had a strong physical nature, and lived till he was about seventy-nine. His wife survived him, and was taken care of by Charles until her death at the very advanced age of ninety-three.

Charles Mallory inherited a strong constitution and a persistency of purpose from his parents. These have enabled him to commence at the lowest round of the ladder, and step by step rise to the top, a

true type of a successful, self-made man. He lived with his parents till he was twelve years old, having common-school advantages for education, then was placed at service for six months at three dollars and fifty cents per month. In this employment he remained two years, receiving, however, four dollars per month the second year, and six months' schooling each year, but could never arrive at the school till 10 A.M.

When he was fourteen years old Charles was indentured for seven years to his brother-in-law, Nathan Beebe, to learn the sail-making trade. His was not an easy life, and Charles ran away twice, but voluntarily went back, and Mr. Beebe told him if he would stay till he was twenty he would release him. The qualities of thoroughness, self-reliance, and integrity which have characterized Mr. Mallory through life were shown at that early age, and at eighteen we find him the foreman of Mr. Beebe's establishment. He continued in this capacity till the expiration of his time, and for six months thereafter, receiving then for his services one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, twenty-five cents more than ordinary pay. He boarded with Mr. Beebe, and in the six months' time had only taken up two dollars in cash, and of this had loaned Mr. Beebe seventy-five cents. On settling Mr. Beebe claimed to have paid this amount, and accused Charles of falsehood, and said he never would employ him again. Charles indignantly responded that he would never work for him again, and he kept his word, although Mr. Beebe endeavored afterwards to retain him. Christmas morning, 1816, the young man crossed Groton Ferry, *en route* for Boston and walked to Mystic, carrying all his worldly goods and tools for his trade upon his back. On crossing the ferry over the Mystic River his cash capital was one dollar and twenty-five cents. Finding an amount of work to do here on a vessel, he engaged the same, and Jan. 1, 1817, commenced his long, active, and remarkable business career in Mystic. His sail-loft was a small room, unclapboarded and exposed to the weather. To make himself comfortable it was suggested that he get a stove (almost an unknown thing then), and some one told him Mr. Dennison, at the head of the river, had one for sale. Mr. Mallory went up, saw the stove—a sheet-iron one—and asked its price. Mr. Dennison told him "Two dollars and a half." "Well," says Mr. Mallory, "there is something else." "How is that?" responded Mr. Dennison. "If the stove suits you, and the price is not too high, what else can there be?" "I have not the money to pay for it," said Mr. Mallory, and stated his circumstances. "How were you going to get the stove down to your room?" "Carry it down on my back." "If that's the case I will wait on you for payment." And Mr. Mallory carried his stove three miles, through snow six inches deep. From this small beginning have the extensive interests of Mr. Mallory grown. Work continued to come in, and when sail-making

was not brisk the young man was ready to turn his hand to any honest industry, and would often scow wood down the river.

Feb. 22, 1818, Mr. Mallory married Eliza, daughter of John and Hannah Rogers, of New London. Her ancestors were from England, and trace their lineage back through John Rogers, the martyr, to an honorable family of Wiltshire.<sup>1</sup> For sixty-three years this worthy couple walked hand in hand through life, in good health and in the enjoyment of life, and in the latter years with three generations of descendants to do them honor, until the sudden death of Mrs. Mallory, Sept. 4, 1881. Their children now surviving are Charles Henry (senior partner of the large house of C. H. Mallory & Co., New York City), David D., George W., Franklin O., and Benjamin E.

Mr. Mallory engaged in sail-making until he was about forty years old. For the sake of getting the making and repairing of their sails, he became interested in a small way in numerous vessels, at one time having an interest in thirty. From this he invested more and more in vessels, and owned at one time ten whalers. They were all successful. About 1848, Mr. Mallory purchased the lease of the Mystic ship-yard from Capt. Forsyth, and engaged extensively in ship-building. He built fifty steamers and many sailing vessels. A great many of them were sold to the United States, and became historic from the part they contributed to the annals of the late civil war.

At present Mr. Mallory has given up much of his business, but, among others, retains an interest in the New York and Galveston and New York and Ferdinandina Steamship Companies.

When the Mystic River Bank was organized Mr. Mallory was made its president, and occupied that position for many years. On the inauguration of the national banking system, Mr. Mallory founded the First National Bank of Mystic Bridge, and owned the entire stock of one hundred thousand dollars. This is still retained in the family, but to accommodate other friends fifty thousand dollars was added to the capital.

From the time he came to Mystic, Mr. Mallory has been prominently identified with all departments of its development and growth, and in this necessarily brief sketch it is impossible to do more than to trace the outlines of a busy life. In all his varied interests Mr. Mallory has been an advocate of peace. He has never in any of his dealings on his own account been sued or sued any one. He was an "Old-Line Whig," latterly a Republican, and gave his heartiest co-operation and assistance to the government in putting down the monster Rebellion.

Since 1817 both Mr. Mallory and wife have been members of the First Congregational Church of Mystic Bridge, and their aid has never been withheld

<sup>1</sup> For full history of Rogers family, see History of Litchfield County, town of Cornwall.



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from all deserving causes. He has never held office, but, as a private citizen, has always taken an interest in everything tending to the betterment of his town and village, and throughout the world-wide range of his acquaintances there will be nowhere found a tongue to whisper aught against his integrity or his broad Christian charity. It is the universal expression of all who knew him that "Charles Mallory is an honest man."

Quiet, unostentatious, and modest, with all his caution and far-seeing sagacity in business, Mr. Mallory can, at the close of an unusually long life of unintermitting toil, look back through memory's book, without a wish to blot out one entry made therein, and forward with a clear conscience to the lifting of the veil shutting out the view "over the river."

An event of his life, the purchase of the place in Waterford where his father resided in his old age, illustrates too well his character and that of his wife to be left out of this record. When ten or eleven years old, while playing with the Sistare boys, whose father owned the little place of six acres, he told them that if he lived and that lot of land was for sale he would buy it for his father as a home. After their father's death (Mr. Mallory, then a young man of twenty-eight, struggling by hard work to keep "the wolf from the door") the Sistare boys reminded him of the remark (doubtless often repeated), and told him he could have it for thirty dollars per acre, one-half down, and note for balance for one year, secured by mortgage. He accepted their offer, and set a day to transact the business in New London. As the day drew nigh the amount seemed so immensely large that he became despondent, and thought he could never pay it. It seemed a gigantic load. It weighed him down heavily, so that he could hardly work. On going to his dinner he told his wife his trouble, and said that he "could never pay for the place in the world." She told him to dismiss his fears, and by all means buy it; also saying, "You are smart, and I can do a great deal of work myself to help you." She encouraged him, and he concluded to try, ate his dinner, and went to work. In an hour's time the same deep despondency again came on him. He felt so badly and so appalling seemed the effort that he pulled off his overalls, and without a word to his wife started for New London on foot, to tell them that he could not take the land, for he never should be able to pay for it. He had gone about half his journey, when something stopped him suddenly, and an apparent voice told him, "You can pay it." Although walking very fast, he was stopped instantly. He returned to Mystic and to work, and the next day went to New London and bought the place. It took about every dollar he could raise to pay the first half, and where the money to pay the note for the balance and lift the mortgage was coming from was entirely unknown. Shortly after a very profitable and

unexpected job came in, enabling him to take up his note and give his father the very home so many years thought of. In a few years' time an acre of this land was sold off for building-lots for \$200. This Charles told his father to use for himself. Another sale of two or three hundred dollars was made afterwards from the same lot, and yet it kept a cow, furnished a garden, and enough money for the old gentleman,—as he said, "all he needed." This was his home until his death, and there his widow resided for several years. After her ceasing to occupy it, Charles sold the remainder for more than enough to pay compound interest on the purchase-money, and he calls it "the best investment I ever made."

**C. H. Mallory.**—Among the representative and successful business men of the United States who claim New London County as the place of their nativity none are more worthy a passing notice than Charles Henry Mallory. He was born at Mystic Bridge, Stonington, Conn., Sept. 30, 1818. His childhood was passed in Mystic, where he received an excellent common-school education, which was improved by one year's attendance at the private school of John Kirby, one of the best teachers of his day, at Stonington. Charles Mallory, his father, early taught his children the value of labor, and trained them in those habits of patient industry and thoroughness of execution which were so marked characteristics of his own successful life. Thus Henry was early taught the sail-maker's trade by his father, and worked with him until September, 1833, when, at fifteen years of age, he went to sea. He rapidly passed through the various grades of promotion, and in 1839, before he was of age, became master of the brig "Appalachicola." From this time to 1846 his life was passed on the water, undergoing the various changes and vicissitudes incident to a maritime life. At this time Charles Mallory was in full tide of his business career, and the magnitude of his business and its many and varied interests demanded a competent and confidential manager in New York City. Henry was selected for this position, and leaving the water, he was for the greater part of the time until 1865 in New York, conducting his father's affairs, to the full satisfaction and monetary advantage of his principal.

In 1865 the firm of C. H. Mallory & Co., a shipping and commission house, was established. The original members were C. H. Mallory and Elihu Spicer, Jr., and the firm continued thus until about 1870, when Charles Mallory (2) and Henry R. Mallory, sons of C. H. Mallory, were admitted members. This firm has been very prosperous, and stands among the leading houses of the metropolis. In connection with other interests, C. H. Mallory & Co. own and run three steamship lines,—one to Texas, one to Florida, one to Nassau and Matanzas, Cuba,—and they also for three years ran one to Brazil, but that is now temporarily discontinued.

Mr. Mallory married, July 25, 1841, Eunice Deni-

son, daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice (Denison) Clift. She is descended from two old and honored families of Stonington. Their children are Charles, Fanny (Mrs. C. P. Williams), Henry R., Kate, and Robert.

Whig and Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Mallory was elected as such to represent Stonington one term in the Connecticut Legislature, and also to represent his district one term as senator in the same body. He was pronounced in opposition to the great Rebellion, and did much to sustain the government in the long civil war that ensued. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, uniting with it in 1842.

Although his life has been one of incessant business activity, he has not remained a silent observer of events, or of the growth of his town or prosperity of his city, but has borne a conspicuous part in all works intended to promote the causes of morality, religion, and education, to further the interests of society, and to advance the sway of law and the prevalence of order.

Mr. Mallory possesses a strong and vigorous mind, with integrity of purpose and great firmness of character. He has discharged the duties of important public trusts with conceded ability. As a citizen, he enjoys universal confidence and esteem. He has always acted upon the principle that whatever is worth doing at all should be done thoroughly and well. Without pretension as a speaker or writer, few men are able, either orally or in writing, to present reasons and arguments more forcibly or tersely. In every work committed to his hands, in public or private life, Mr. Mallory has labored with diligence, perseverance, and efficiency, and wholesome practical results testify to the value of his services.

**Williams Family.**<sup>1</sup>—It will not be inappropriate in this work to give a short account of the ancestors of those Williamses whose portraits and biographies are here presented, and of some of their kindred, pioneers and settlers elsewhere, brothers of the first settlers in Stonington of that name, and their descendants, who for several generations, when there were few facilities to travel, were far distant from each other by land, but were not far distant from each other either by blood or good deeds.

Robert Williams, from whom are descended all of that surname in this part of New London County, came from Norwich, England, and settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637; was made a freeman there in 1638; reached the great age of one hundred years, having been born in 1593, and died at Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1693.

Farmer, in his genealogy, says, "Robert Williams, of Roxbury, was the common ancestor of the divines, civilians, and ancestors of the name who have hon-

ored the country of their birth." It is also related that his wife, Elizabeth Stratton, who died July 28, 1674, aged eighty, was very reluctant at first to come to this country, but being impressed by a strange dream that if she did so she would become the mother of a long line of ministers, was encouraged to leave her old home, to find a new, amid the perils and discomforts of the Pilgrims. And it is certain that for several generations after her arrival here there were more in New England eminent in that profession of her lineage than of any other, and the record of her offspring for a long period embraced a considerable portion of the history of New England if not of the United States. There was scarcely a battle of importance fought, particularly in the northern section of the country, either with the Indians or with a foreign enemy, in which one or more of the name does not appear. On Groton Heights, among the martyrs for their country's independence (whose self-sacrifice and patriotism the State and nation ceremoniously and grandly commemorated on the centennial anniversary of their massacre at Fort Griswold), in the sublime language written on the monument there, John, Henry, Thomas, Daniel, "were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field." Roger Williams probably rendered more efficient services to Capt. Mason than any other man, by aiding the Massachusetts troops with provisions, advice, and even attendance on a part of the route of these troops in that signal engagement near Mystic, in this county, when nearly seven hundred Pequot Indians were destroyed and their power completely broken.

Robert had three sons,—Samuel, Isaac, and Stephen. The sons of Samuel and Isaac came to this town about 1685, consequently this sketch will trace partially their line of descent only, and to make it more easily followed Samuel and Isaac will be numbered as of the second generation, and so in order.

Samuel (second generation), eldest son of Robert, was born in England in 1632; became a freeman in Roxbury, Mass., in March, 1658. He was a man of considerable repute, and held the office of deacon in the church in that place for many years, which was then considered a distinguished honor. He married Theoda Park, sister to Martha, who married his brother Isaac, daughters of Deacon William Park, of Roxbury, who was a man of note and represented the town in General Court for many years. Ebenezer (third generation), his son, born Dec. 6, 1666, died Feb. 13, 1746-47, came to Stonington about 1685, and lived upon land purchased of Owaneco, an Indian sachem, near Mystic, and I am told that a portion of that tract is now owned by some of his descendants. He married, Jan. 24, 1687, Mary Wheeler, daughter of Isaac, whose wife was Martha Park, cousin to the Martha Park who married Isaac Williams the same day that his cousin, John Williams, married Martha, sister to Mary.

<sup>1</sup> This sketch was compiled and written by Hon. Ephraim Williams, of Stonington. The facts of record were mostly taken from the history of the Williams family, published over thirty years ago by Dr. Stephen West Williams.

Rev. John (third generation), son of Samuel, born at Roxbury, Dec. 10, 1664, died June 12, 1729, was the first minister at Deerfield, Mass., in 1686. The vote of the town upon his settlement was "That they would give him sixteen cow-commons of meadow-land, with a home-lot that lyeth on the Meeting-house Hill; that they will build him a house forty-two feet long, twenty feet wide, and a linto on the back side of the house; to fence his house-lot; and within two years after this agreement to build him a barn and break up his ploughing-land. For yearly salary to give him sixty pounds a year for the present, and four or five years after this agreement to add to the salary and make it eighty pounds."

He was taken captive by the French and Indians Feb. 29, 1703-4; his two youngest sons were murdered at the time. The town was attacked by two hundred French and one hundred and forty-two Indians from Canada, under command of Maj. Hertel De Rouville. There were then no settlements between Deerfield and St. John's, in Canada. The prisoners with Mr. Williams numbered one hundred, fourteen of whom, with his wife, were murdered on the journey, and two starved to death among the savages at Coo's, in Vermont. After a journey of twenty-five days the captives reached Shamblee. He was a prisoner in Canada for a year and nine months, when he was redeemed, and left Quebec Oct. 25, 1706, arriving at Boston November 21st, with fifty-seven others, among whom were two of his sons. His daughter Eunice and others were left behind. An account of this attack and their captivity may be found in the "Redeemed Captive," published by him. He is represented by his cotemporaries, who have witnessed his efforts before the most enlightened and powerful auditories in the province, as a powerful and affecting preacher. His daughter Eunice died in captivity at the age of ninety. Though a mere child, no efforts could procure her redemption. She forgot the English language, became an Indian in her habits, and married an Indian. Her daughter Sarah married an English physician by the name of Williams in 1758, who was a son of the Bishop of Chester in England; they had a son Thomas, who married a Frenchwoman, and were the parents of the Rev. Eleazer, born about 1790, the reputed "Lost Prince," a missionary among the Green Bay Indians. He married May Hobart Jourdan, a relative of Louis Philippe, king of France, and their son John was staying with him about the time he abdicated the throne.

Park (third generation), son of Samuel, born Jan. 11, 1676, died 1757, settled in Lebanon, Conn.; had a son, Col. John, who moved to Sharon, Conn., in 1744; died there March 14, 1774, aged sixty years. He was chief judge of the County Court of Litchfield County, and a representative of the town of Sharon twenty-seven times, and commanded a regiment of colonial militia.

Deborah (third generation), a daughter of Samuel,

born Nov. 20, 1668, married Joseph Warren, and was grandmother of Gen. Joseph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

Rev. Eleazer (fourth generation), a son of Rev. John, of Deerfield, born July 1, 1688, graduated at Harvard in 1708, was absent from Deerfield when his father and family were captured. He was ordained minister at Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 10, 1710. The following quaint inscription is on his monument there:

"Here lies the body of ye Rev. Mr. Eleazer Williams, pastor of ye Chh. in Mansfield, descended from venerable ancestors, but more nobly born from above, and with faithfulness, prudence, zeal, and courage improved the gifts and graces his Divine Lord had entrusted him with, in ye work of the ministry here, being found with his loynes girt and looking for the mercy of the Lord Jesus to eternal life, at his Master's call he quietly fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 21, 1742, in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of his age and ye 32<sup>d</sup> year of his pastoral work. Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Rev. Stephen (fourth generation), son of Rev. John, of Deerfield, born May 14, 1693, was taken captive with his father and carried to Canada; was redeemed, and returned to Boston Nov. 21, 1705. He wrote, when a boy, a long narrative of his captivity soon after his return, which is curious and interesting. He graduated at Harvard in 1713, was a chaplain for the armies in the campaigns at Cape Breton in 1745, at Lake George in 1755 and '56, in the regiment of Col. Ephraim Williams, and the day before he was killed, being Sunday, preached to the troops from the text, "Which remain among the groves and lodge in the mountain." In 1756 he was chaplain in the regiment commanded by Dr. Thomas, brother of Col. Ephraim. He settled at Longmeadow, and had sons—Rev. Stephen, Rev. Warham, and Rev. Nathan—all graduated at Yale College. The first settled at Woodstock, Conn., the second at Northfield, Conn., and the Rev. Nathan at Tolland, Conn.

Rev. Warham (fourth generation), another son of Rev. John, of Deerfield, was taken captive to Canada with his father. Born Sept. 16, 1699; graduated at Harvard in 1719; died June 22, 1751; settled and remained for twenty-nine years, until his death, a minister at Waltham, Mass. On his gravestone is engraved:

"Here lie the remains of the excellent, pious, and learned divine, the late Rev. Warham Williams, the first and beloved Pastor in the church at Waltham. He was indeed a burning and shining light of superior natural power and acquired abilities, diligent in study, apt to teach, fervent in prayer, accurate and instructive in preaching, prudent and faithful in discipline, tender and skillful in comforting, grave in his deportment, agreeable and edifying in conversation, meek towards all men, constant and candid in friendship, endearing in every relation, resigned in adversity, a bright example in behavior and doctrine, universally esteemed, and died greatly lamented."

He had a son, the Rev. Samuel, born at Waltham, April 23, 1743; graduated at Harvard in 1761; died June 1, 1817, a very talented and learned man. While at Harvard as a professor received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Yale College, and also from the University of Edinburgh; was an active member of the American Academy of Arts and

Sciences, a member of the Meteorological Society of Mannheim, Germany, and of the Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, and was the author of many valuable works; and his son, Gen. Charles Kilbourne Williams, born Jan. 24, 1782, graduated at Williams College in 1800, was at one time chief justice of the State of Vermont.

Maj. Elijah (fourth generation), son of Rev. John, of Deerfield, by his second wife, born Nov. 13, 1712, graduated at Harvard in 1732, died July 10, 1771, was an able magistrate and one of the judges of the County Court; he inherited his father's mansion and home-lot at Deerfield, where he lived, and he had a son John, born Jan. 6, 1751, graduated at Harvard, 1769, died at Deerfield in 1816, who was a member of the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts, one of the trustees of Williams College, one of the founders of the Deerfield Academy, and at his death left several thousand dollars to that institution.

Rev. Ebenezer (fourth generation), a grandson of Samuel (second generation), of Roxbury, born Aug. 12, 1690, graduated at Harvard, 1709, was ordained minister at Pomfret, Conn., Oct. 26, 1715, and died March 28, 1753, was also a very distinguished divine. His daughter Hannah married Gen. Huntington, and was the mother of Gen. Ebenezer and Zachariah Huntington, and grandmother of Hon. Jabez W. Huntington, of Norwich, who was a United States senator from Connecticut. The Rev. Ebenezer had sons,—the Rev. Chester and Col. Ebenezer. The Rev. Chester, born 1719, died Oct. 13, 1755, graduated at Yale, was a minister at Hadley, Mass. Upon his gravestone is inscribed:

"Here rests the body of the Rev. Mr. Chester Williams, in whom bright parts, solid learning, unfeigned piety, happy elocution, universal benevolence, hospitality, and Christian love combined to form the exemplary Pastor, the kind husband, the tender parent, the delightful companion, and the faithful friend, who departed this life 13th October, 1755, aged 36."

His son, the Rev. Nehemiah, was for nearly twenty-two years a minister at Brimfield, Mass.; graduated at Harvard, 1769; distinguished for the energy and pathos with which his sermons were delivered, and was an able advocate of the doctrines held by the strict Calvinists, and one of the first members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Col. Ebenezer (fifth generation), son of Rev. Ebenezer, born Nov. 22, 1723, died in Pomfret, 1783, often represented the town in General Court; was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and had a command at Fort Edward in 1757. His son, the Hon. Elisha (sixth generation), of Hudson, N. Y., born Aug. 29, 1773, died in New York, June 29, 1833, was one of the ablest lawyers in his State of his time. Chancellor Kent says of him, "When I was judge, until 1814, he frequently tried cases before me at the circuit, and he was eloquent, ingenious, and impressive, and showed especially his sagacity and judgment in the examination of witnesses; and his addresses to the

juries were always forcible, witty, argumentative, and singularly attractive, and heightened by a volubility of his language and melody of his voice, and his commanding eye and dignified and attractive person." At a sitting of the Supreme Court this resolution was adopted, among others, by members of the bar:

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to consider and report to a meeting of the bar at the next October term of the Supreme Court of the expediency of some permanent memorial of our regard for the public and private character of our deceased brother, the Hon. Elisha Williams."

The committee were Messrs. Benj. F. Butler, Marcus T. Reynolds, Ambrose I. Jordan, Aaron Vanderpoel, and John C. Spencer.

Another descendant of Samuel (second generation) was John Chandler Williams, born at Roxbury, Aug. 6, 1755; graduated at Harvard, 1777; settled at Pittsfield; a distinguished lawyer and an accomplished scholar. He joined the American forces, and was at the battle of Lexington, and employed, as appears by the journals of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, 1774-75, by the Committee of Safety on some secret service. "The service was to discover the letter-book and other public records of Governor Hutchinson," and was successful.

Having thus given some of the prominent descendants of Samuel, we will now revert to his brother Isaac, whose sons, John and Eleazer, came to Stonington about 1685, and about the time that Samuel's son Ebenezer did, as referred to.

Isaac Williams, second son of Robert, was born at Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1638; died there Feb. 11, 1707; married Martha, a daughter of Deacon William Park; settled at Newton; represented the town in General Court five or six years, and commanded a troop of horse. Of his children we will follow William, John, Eleazer; and by his second wife, Judith Cooper, Ephraim, and a few of their descendants.

William (third generation) was born Feb. 2, 1665; graduated at Harvard, 1683; died Aug. 29, 1741; settled a minister at Hatfield, Mass., in 1685, and possessed remarkable talents. Dr. Chauncey, in his sketch of eminent men in New England, in a letter to the Rev. Dr. Stiles, of New Haven, May 6, 1768, says of him, "I have read all Rev. Solomon Stoddard's writings, who, says Elliot, has always been considered one of the greatest divines of New England, but I believe Mr. Williams, of Hatfield, his son-in-law, to have been the greater man."

President Edwards, in a sermon at his funeral, said, "He was a person of unnatural common abilities and distinguished learning; a great divine, of very comprehensive knowledge, and of a solid, accurate judgment. Judiciousness and wisdom were eminently his character. He was one of eminent gifts, and there followed a savor of holiness in the exercise of these gifts in his public and private life." He had sons,—Rev. William, of Weston; Rev. Solomon, of Leb-



anon; Rev. Elisha, president of Yale College; and Col. Israel, of Hatfield.

The Rev. William (fourth generation), born May 11, 1688; graduated at Harvard, 1705; died March 6, 1760; ordained minister at Weston, 1709; was esteemed a fine scholar and excellent sermonizer; was widely known from his artillery election sermon in 1737, and the general election sermon of 1741, both of which were published; also sermons on the ordination of Dr. Hall Sutton, on the execution of P. Kennison for burglary, 1738, on saving faith, 1741, and on the death of Caleb Lyman, 1742. He had son, Col. William, of Pittsfield, born 1713, died June, 1788, one of the first settlers there, who was an officer in the French and Indian war, and took part in the attack on Ticonderoga, July 5, 1758, and a judge of the court in Berkshire County.

Rev. Solomon (fourth generation), son of Rev. William, of Hatfield, born June 4, 1700; graduated at Harvard, 1719; died 1776; ordained minister at Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 5, 1722; was one of the learned divines of the day. Many of his works were published, among which were "Christ the Living Witness of the Truth," 1744; "A Vindication of the Scripture Doctrine of Justifying Faith," in answer to Andrew Crosswell, 1746; and "The True State of the Question Concerning the Qualifications for Communion," in answer to Jonathan Edwards. He had sons,—the Rev. Eliphalet, Ezekiel, and the Hon. Williams.

The Rev. Eliphalet (fifth generation), born Feb. 24, 1727, died 1803; settled at East Hartford; married a daughter of Rev. Elisha, president of Yale College, and had sons,—Rev. Elisha, born Oct. 7, 1757; graduated at Yale, 1775; died 1845; settled in New Hampshire; and the Rev. Solomon, born 1752; graduated at Yale, 1776; died Nov. 9, 1834. Minister at Northampton, Mass., for fifty-five years; was a strong preacher, and at the time of his death had one of the largest congregations in Massachusetts.

Ezekiel (fifth generation), son of Rev. Solomon, was born May 4, 1729, died Feb. 12, 1818; was a distinguished civil and military officer during the American Revolution; was commissary of provisions for the State of Connecticut, sheriff of Hartford County for twenty-two years, and deacon for many years of the church in Wethersfield, and is noticed in Hinman's "History of the Actors of the American Revolution." He had sons,—Samuel P., John, Thos. Scott.

Samuel P. (sixth generation), son of Ezekiel, born 1779, graduated at Yale, 1796; was an able minister at Mansfield, Conn., and afterwards at Newburyport, Mass. John (sixth generation) was born at Wethersfield, Sept. 11, 1762, died 1840; graduated at Yale, 1781; studied law in the office of Judge Chauncey, in New Haven. He had a comfortable fortune, and gave up the practice of law and devoted himself to the study of theology and general literature. He was an ardent patriot, and to an uncommon fine personal

appearance he added the courtliness of manner and dress of the Revolutionary age. Thomas Scott (sixth generation), the last maternal son of Ezekiel, was born at Wethersfield, June 26, 1777; graduated at Yale, 1794; represented the town of Hartford in the Legislature; member of Congress from 1817 to 1819, and was chief justice of Connecticut.

Hon. William (fifth generation), son of Rev. Solomon, of Lebanon, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born at Lebanon, April 8, 1731; entered Harvard at the age of sixteen, honorably graduated, and for a time devoted himself to theological subjects under direction of his father; was on the staff of Col. Ephraim Williams at the battle of Lake George, September, 1755. In 1756 was chosen town clerk of Lebanon, and held the office for forty-five years, and during that time often represented the town in the Legislature; frequently chosen its clerk, and also Speaker; was annually elected an "assistant" from 1776 to 1780, and from 1784 to 1803. The session was then semi-annual, and for more than ninety sessions he was scarcely absent from his seat, except when a member of the Continental Congress in 1776-77. At the age of forty-one he married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Trumbull, at that time Governor of the State. He died, and was buried at Lebanon, Aug. 2, 1811. It will be remembered that Rev. William, of Hatfield, had two other sons,—Elisha and Israel.

Rector Elisha (fourth generation), born Aug. 26, 1694; graduated at Harvard, 1711; died July 25, 1755; ordained minister at Newington, Conn., Oct. 22, 1722. He studied law, and for several years was member of the Legislature from Wethersfield. In 1726 was chosen president of Yale College; resigned in 1739 from ill health; was again returned to the Legislature, and appointed a judge of the Superior Court. Afterwards was chaplain of the regiment sent by the State to Cape Breton, and soon after commanded a regiment raised for the reduction of Canada. He was sent to England to raise money for the troops in December, 1749; left on his return in 1751; narrowly escaped shipwreck, and after spending some months in Antigua, arrived home in April, 1752. This is a copy of the memorial on his tomb:

"The Hon'ble Col'l. Elisha Williams shin'd in excell'g Gifts of Nature, Learning and Grace, in Benevolence universal. Firm in Friendship, in Conversation pleasant and Instructive. In Religion Sincere, unaffected cheerful; Truly Humble, of Conjugal & Parental Affection and Humanity, A Wise, Great & Good Man. 5 Years he was an Hon'r to the Sacred Ministry, in Newington. 13 years Yale College flourish'd under his Pious, Learned & Faithful Instruction and happy Govern't; the Glory of ye college & Ornament of his Country. He often fill'd & adorn'd several Civil & Military characters. Heaven claim'd what was Immortal that Glad obey'd & dross'd here the Dust to Rest till Jesus comes.

"Obit 25th July 1755, Ætates 61 yrs."

Dr. Doddridge, who knew him in England, said, "I look upon Col. Williams to be one of the most valuable men upon earth. He has joined to an ardent sense of religion, solid learning, consummate

prudence, great candor and sweetness of temper, and a certain nobleness of soul capable of containing and acting the greatest things without seeming to be conscious of having done them."

Col. Israel (fourth generation), of Hatfield, son of Rev. William, born Nov. 30, 1709; graduated at Harvard, 1729; died in 1789; was an officer in the French and Indian wars of 1744 and 1755. Had command of the forces on the western frontiers of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and as Hoyt says in his "Antiquarian Researches," "to whom the early settlers in that section were much indebted for long and able service."

These were descendants of the Rev. William, of Hatfield. We will glance at a few of the descendants of his brother Ephraim, of Stockbridge.

Ephraim (third generation), a son of Isaac, born Aug. 21, 1691; died 1754; settled in Stockbridge, Mass., June, 1739. There were no roads except horse-paths between the Connecticut River and Stockbridge at that time. The country was a wilderness, and only three families with him then settled what is now that town. He is spoken of by the Rev. Dr. Colman as a worthy man; was appointed by the government to survey and apportion plots of land to the Indians, and was made a colonel. He had sons,—Col. Ephraim and Dr. Thomas.

Col. Ephraim (fourth generation), born Feb. 24, 1715; killed at Lake George, Sept. 8, 1755. He made several voyages to Europe, visiting England, Spain, and Holland; was a representative to the General Court from Stockbridge, and afterwards deputy sheriff under Col. Oliver Partridge. He possessed brilliant military talent, served in the Canada expedition, and was in constant service during the French and Indian wars. He was killed near the post-road from Glen Falls to Caldwell, at the head of Lake George. A large rock, upon which was cut E. W., and upon which was afterwards placed a marble monument, is marked as near the spot. He never married, and left provisions by his "Will" which founded Williams College. The will was made at Albany, July 22, 1755. The executors were Israel Williams, of Hatfield, John Worthington, of Springfield; witnesses, William Williams, Noah Belding, Richard Cartwright.

Dr. Thomas, his brother, born April 10, 1718, died Sept. 18, 1775, was a surgeon in the army, and in 1756 lieutenant-colonel of a regiment at Lake George. Was with Ephraim when he was killed. He had sons,—Dr. William, Col. Thomas, and Ephraim. Dr. William Stoddard Williams (fifth generation), born Oct. 11, 1762, died Jan. 8, 1828, was an eminent physician, and had a son, Dr. Stephen West Williams, a very learned man and author of many works and essays. Col. Thomas (fifth generation), son of Dr. Thomas, born May 5, 1746, died July 10, 1776, was a lawyer in Stockbridge in 1770-71. In 1775 went to Cambridge in command of a party of minute-men, and volunteered to follow Col. Arnold up the Ken-

nebec River to Quebec. The next year was made lieutenant-colonel, and ordered to Canada. On his way fell sick, and died at Skenesboro', now Whitehall, N. Y.

Ephraim (fifth generation), son of Dr. Thomas, born Nov. 19, 1760, at Deerfield, died Dec. 27, 1835, was considered one of the first and best counselors in Massachusetts, frequently elected to the Legislature, a member of the Senate, and counselor to the Governor. He was gifted with intellectual powers of a high order, and his mantle has worthily fallen upon his son John, the present Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut.

I have thus sketched some of the family not of this town who were conspicuous in the history of the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies at and for a few generations after the coming of Ebenezer, son of Samuel (second generation), and John and Eleazer, son of Isaac (second generation), to Stonington.

Their descendants did not furnish as many professional men as did those of the other sons of Samuel and Isaac we have noted. They were located where there were less opportunities for study and education and the public display of acquired powers, but in business occupations they exhibited eminent qualities and those inherited natural abilities which were more necessary here during that time to develop the resources of the land, originate industries and improvements, and earn, by toil and financial operations, property for themselves and others than the wisdom of colleges or the pursuits and accomplishments of the learned professions. And it would be to the general advantage now if we had more old-fashioned impressive integrity and hard-headed business method in public affairs, and less new-fangled notions, "vain babblings and pettifogging oppositions of science, falsely so called."

John (third generation) was born Oct. 31, 1667; died Nov. 5, 1702; married, Jan. 24, 1687, Martha Wheeler, granddaughter of Thomas, the first in Stonington of the name, who came in 1664, and sister of May, who married his cousin, Ebenezer Williams. John's mother and Martha's were also cousins. He and his brother Eleazer (born in 1670, died March 19, 1725) took up land adjoining about 1685. Their residences were in sight of each other, Eleazer's being on the hill called Williams' Hill, commanding a most beautiful view of Long Island Sound, picturesque islands, the Mystic River valley, and the bold country surrounding, and was near the burying-ground where many of the family are buried. The burying-ground is near the fort which was taken by Capt. Mason from the Pequots in 1637, and a portion of the land has been in the almost uninterrupted possession of an Eleazer Williams in a direct line until a few years ago, when the last died, and it now remains in the occupancy of some of the descendants; and among them and also those of Ebenezer there have been many substantial, prominent men, useful where they lived, filling many important offices, suc-

cessful in various business vocations, and influential contributors in the forming and progress of social, civil, and religious society. John "promised subjection to ye Government of Christ in this (the First Congregational) Church, Rev. James Noyes, pastor, April 18, 1689. His wife, Martha, ye June 16th following." He died at the early age of thirty-five. On his gravestone, erected by Gen. William Williams, of Norwich, is written :

"To the Memory of John Williams, who came from Roxbury, Mass., settled at Stonington, and married Martha, daughter of Isaac Wheeler, one of the ancient proprietors of this town; died Nov. 15, 1702, aged 35 years. His father, Capt. Isaac Williams, died in Massachusetts, Feb. 11, 1707, aged 69. His grandfather, Robert Williams, came from Norwich, England, and died in Roxbury in 1693."

John and Martha had eight children, viz.: Isaac, John, Martha, Deborah, William, Nathan, Eunice, and Benaiah, of whom Col. John (fourth generation, born Oct. 31, 1692, died Dec. 30, 1761) married, Feb. 19, 1711, Desire Denison. From this time down to the present the blood of these families has frequently intermingled, and mention of her ancestry will be appropriate. She was the daughter of George and Mercy Gorham Denison. Mercy's mother was Desire Howland, the daughter of John, the last male survivor of the Pilgrim Fathers who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620. Her father, Capt. John Gorham, died in command of a company in Philip's war, at Swanze, Mass. George was the son of Col. George and Ann Borradell Denison, the first of the name who settled in Stonington in 1654. His father, William, came to Roxbury, Mass., in 1631. Col. George, after the death of his first wife, Bridget Thomson, by whom he had two daughters, returned to England, served under Cromwell as colonel of cavalry, and was wounded at the battle of Naseby. He remained in England six or seven years, and visited Ireland to renew his acquaintance with Ann Borradell, between whom a romantic attachment had formerly existed, but at the time she was unwilling to join her fortunes with his and come to this country. His visit at this time, however, was more successful, and he returned here with her as his wife.

Col. George was a brave and experienced soldier, and took an active part in warfare against the Indians. Miss Caulkins, in her history, says, "Our early history presents no character of bolder and more active spirit than Capt. George Denison: he reminds us of the bordermen of Scotland." He was the first representative of the town in General Assembly at Hartford, and died while attending its session, and lies buried there in the ground of the First Congregational Church, on Main Street. His wife was always called "Lady Ann," by virtue of her father, who was Lord John of Ireland.

Col. John Williams was left at the age of ten without a father, "to make or mar a man" out of his own resources and capabilities, in a rugged time, when wealth and even the necessities of life were dependent

solely on the fruit of the ground, and he met the stern necessities and emergencies of those primitive days, and proved the stuff that was in him by working out a life of usefulness and honor. At a period when such positions were won by the sword that was brave and true, and not by luck, he cut his way up to the rank of colonel, represented the town in the Legislature, and was frequently intrusted by his townsmen to discharge the duties of some of the highest civil offices they had to bestow. Out of him grew sons and daughters who, under more favorable circumstances, enjoying the benefits of his labors, well maintained the dignity of his reputation. They were Desire, John, William, Thankful, Mercy, Thomas, who was killed at Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781, Robert, and George; and by his second wife, Mary Helme, Mercy, and Edward, who died on board the prison-ship at Newport, R. I. William (fifth generation), son of Col. John and Desire, born May 1, 1716, died July 27, 1801, married, Feb. 15, 1738, Martha, daughter of William Wheeler, brother to the Martha who married John Williams (third generation). William was a highly respectable citizen, held many offices, selectman and others, and represented the town in the Legislature; he acquired considerable property, and was a liberal supporter of the church to which he belonged. He and Martha had William, Benadam, Martha, John, Esther, Ephraim, Desire, Hannah, and Isaac.

William (sixth generation), born Aug. 14, 1740, died at sea, Oct. 25, 1770; married Eunice Prentice; they had William (see portrait and sketch) and Eunice, born Jan. 3, 1767, died Aug. 5, 1811, who married Coddington Billings, and were parents of Hon. Noyes Billings, Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, and William W. Billings, now living in New London.

John (sixth generation), born Dec. 23, 1744, married Keturah Randall; they had nine children, and were grandparents of Joseph S. Williams, a worthy farmer, who has been selectman a number of times, and his sons, Elias and Joseph, representatives of the town in General Assembly. Joseph has also been and now is one of the selectmen of the town.

Ephraim (sixth generation), born May 31, 1756, died July 6, 1804, married first Sarah Potter, of South Kingston, R. I.; they had no children; married afterwards, Dec. 23, 1787, Hephzibah Phelps, daughter of Dr. Charles and Hannah Denison Phelps, a descendant of Col. George and Ann Borradell Denison by their son John. Capt. Ephraim was a large landowner and of well-known business reputation, and devoted himself principally to the enjoyment and increase of his estate. He held offices, civil and military, and was captain of a company. He and Hephzibah had Ephraim (see portrait, etc.), Charles Phelps (see portrait, etc.), and Sarah, born July 15, 1802, died July 24, 1824, unmarried. His sister Hannah, born June 17, 1753, died July 19, 1829, married, July 3, 1777, Amos Denison, a descendant of Col.

George and Ann through their son George; and their daughter, Hannah Eliza, born Jan. 11, 1799, died June 20, 1877, married, April 13, 1815, Ephraim, his son.

Col. Isaac Williams (sixth generation), born March 23, 1758, died Oct. 10, 1844, married, Dec. 13, 1780, Phebe, daughter of Warham Williams, whose father, Isaac, the son of John the first settler, married Sarah, daughter of John Denison, a son of Col. George and Ann. Col. Isaac was a highly respectable man, represented the town in the Legislature, held many civil and military offices, was a colonel of commanding presence, and an intelligent farmer of sound judgment and unusual business capacity. Some of his grandchildren live on the homestead.

**Maj.-Gen. William Williams.**—Maj.-Gen. William Williams (seventh generation), son of William and Eunice Prentice, was born June 30, 1765, died May 15, 1838, married Mercy Wheeler; they had Gen. William, of Norwich, and Maj. Thomas W., of New London. Maj.-Gen. William, of Stonington, was prominent in business and also in public affairs, was of powerful frame, and had great individuality of character. He was a large land-owner, and for a time, at New London, was engaged in the West India trade. He returned to Stonington, and after residing a time on one of his farms, adjoining that of Mr. Billings, who married his sister, he built a fine residence on a tract of land near the village, where he died. Few men have been more active, enterprising, or useful. For more than thirty years he was extensively engaged as a shipping merchant. As a landholder, he was always a promoter of the interests of agriculture, as well as of manufactures.

He held various town offices, was a selectman for six years, often a representative in the Legislature, president of the Stonington Bank from 1827 to 1835, when he resigned. He took an active part in the preliminary steps which opened through Stonington the steamboat and railroad communication between New York and Boston. He rose from the command of a troop of cavalry, through the various grades of office, to the rank of major-general of the Third Division of Connecticut militia. He held that office in war and in peace, and always had the confidence and respect of those under his command.

A notice of his death by the editor of the *New London Gazette*, to whom he was politically opposed in several severely contested elections, justly outlines his sterling character:

"Gen. Williams was a man of uncommon character. Starting in life with no other reliance than his own resources, he was the architect of his own fortune. He was a man of great and enterprising sagacity and indefatigable perseverance, which qualities commended him to the esteem of a numerous circle of friends. He was more extensively and variously concerned in business than any man in New London County. In commerce, agriculture, and manufactures he gave employment to many, to their own satisfaction and his own success. He had frequently received high offices from his fellow-citizens, and died greatly lamented, with the cheering assurance of a well-grounded hope to himself and his family of receiving that inheritance which is beyond value or vicissitude."

His second wife was Rhoda Babcock; no children. His third, Ann Babcock, by whom children now living are Franklin, postmaster in Stonington, which office he has held through both party administrations, and for a longer time than the like office has been held by any one in the United States, and Ellen, who married Dr. William Hyde (see portrait, etc.).

I have thus endeavored as briefly as I could in this imperfect delineation of their character to trace down to within the memory of a few now living the lineage of those whose lives and influence largely contributed to the growth and prosperity of this county. They were worthy descendants of a respectable ancestry, and their record all along forms no inconsiderable part of the history of the towns in which they settled and made their homes. Of some of these, who have rested from their labors, immediately preceding those now acting their part in life, the recollection is too near and dear; affection, respect, and the ties of blood pulsate too closely and warmly, at least towards one whose bodily presence, though twenty years have passed over his grave, seemed of yesterday, for this pen to attempt a portraiture of either his public or private character. That is gratefully done by the venerable hand<sup>1</sup> of one who knew him well and kindly requested the privilege of paying that tribute to his memory, whose years, though numbering fourscore and more, have in nowise dimmed the mental eye nor abated the force of a vigorous, scholarly pen, and whose attainments in the classics and skill in special branches of mathematical science, known and respected by masters in this country and in Europe, give sure warrant that his exactness, habit, and pureness of thought would not permit him to set down aught in praise of a friend that was not justly due.

**Hon. Ephraim Williams**<sup>2</sup> was born in Stonington, July 3, 1791. When a young man he was engaged in buying and selling produce for the New York market, which business he followed several years. In 1817, Capt. Edmund Fanning, of New York, but formerly of Stonington, an old and experienced shipmaster and sealer (having already made several voyages to the southern coasts of South America and the islands adjacent), began to fit out vessels at Stonington for the prosecution of the seal-fishery in those regions, and soon after at New South Shetlands, which had been discovered a short time previous by Capt. — Smith, an Englishman.

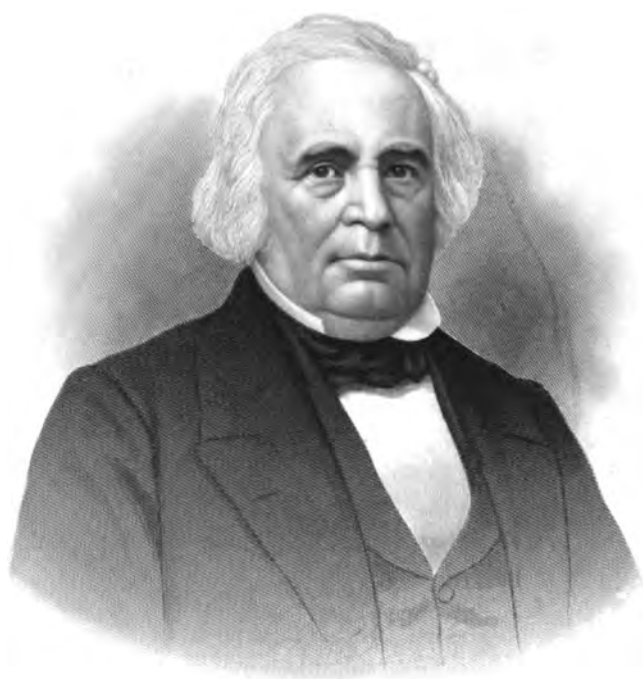
Among the first to embark capital in the sealing business was Mr. Williams. In 1820 (July 31st) he sailed from Stonington as captain of the schooner "Express," and after an absence of nine months returned with a full cargo of sealskins, having made one of the most successful voyages in that line on

<sup>1</sup> By Dr. D. S. Hart.

<sup>2</sup> By Dr. David Sherman Hart, son of Rev. Ira Hart, a noted classical and mathematical scholar, and sometime a private teacher, who has fitted many of our boys for college, and imparted instruction to many others, by all of whom he is affectionately remembered.



*Wm Williams*



WILLIAM L. GILLES

*Edmund Williams*



*By J. H. Russell*

*Chas. Williams*



record. He did not go to sea again, but engaged in the sealing business, which at that time was so profitable that in 1823 twenty sealing vessels were owned here, more than at any other port in the United States.

Mr. Williams was president of the Stonington Bank from 1835 to 1859, when he resigned; and when the Stonington Cemetery Association was incorporated, in 1849, chiefly through his exertions and those of Dr. William Hyde, Jr., he was elected its first president, which office he retained during his life. He held the office of selectman, and was on the board of relief in this town. He was also for a time judge of probate, having for his clerk Mr. Wm. H. Woodbridge, to whom he generously gave the avails of the office. In 1830 he was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature of Connecticut from this town, and in 1847 and 1848 he was elected to the Upper House from the Seventh senatorial district.

When the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company was chartered by the Legislatures of Connecticut and Rhode Island, in 1836, three appraisers of the lands needed by the company were appointed on the part of Connecticut, and also two commissioners for the purchase of the lands. Mr. Williams was one of them, and by skillful management and fair dealing he succeeded in purchasing lands at prices satisfactory to the owners where others had failed.

Mr. Williams was a man of strict integrity and honor in his business transactions, and by his prudence and sagacity acquired a handsome estate. He possessed a genial disposition, was a kind and affectionate husband and father, a good neighbor, and an estimable citizen. He was a man of excellent judgment, a wise counselor, and liberal and judicious in his benefactions. The writer of this memoir can bear testimony to his kindness to him personally, having by his advice been saved from pecuniary loss. He died March 23, 1861, aged sixty-nine years and nearly nine months, regretted not only by his family but by every one to whom he was known.

Mr. Williams was married by Rev. Ira Hart, April 13, 1815, to Hannah Eliza, daughter of Amos and Hannah (Williams) Denison. They had nine children who reached a mature age:

1. Hephzibah Phelps, born Feb. 9, 1816; married, March 2, 1836, Dr. William Hyde, Jr., and died May 2, 1841.

2. Elizabeth, born Nov. 16, 1817; married, Sept. 9, 1841, Cortlandt P. Dixon.

3. Sarah Potter, born May 1, 1825; married, Oct. 21, 1846, William L. Palmer, and died May 18, 1877.

4. Ephraim, born Dec. 1, 1826; married first, Oct. 19, 1849, Pauline Denniston, who died Nov. 26, 1870, and second, July 3, 1873, Mary Denison Babcock.

5. Emeline P., born March 18, 1832; married, Oct. 23, 1855, Jabish Holmes.

6. Amos Denison, born June 30, 1834; married, Dec. 24, 1860, Elizabeth Fitch.

7. Joseph Phelps, born Aug. 8, 1836; married, Oct. 24, 1866, Elizabeth Towne.

8. Jane, born July 27, 1838; married, Sept. 9, 1868, John H. Hunter.

9. Charles Phelps, born Aug. 19, 1840; married, Oct. 28, 1868, Fanny Mallory.

Mrs. Hannah Eliza (Denison) Williams, born Jan. 11, 1799, died June 20, 1877.

**Charles Phelps Williams** was born at Wequetequo, in the town of Stonington, Conn., June 11, 1804. He was the youngest child of Ephraim Williams and Hephzibah Phelps, his wife. On both sides his parentage connected him with the oldest families of the town. His mother was the daughter of Dr. Charles Phelps, a physician who in those days, when a liberal education and professional acquirements were much more rare than now, wielded great influence in the section where he lived and practiced.

Mr. Ephraim Williams died shortly after his son's birth, and the family removed to the borough of Stonington, a place even at that time somewhat interested in foreign commerce, and here Mr. Williams passed his boyhood. He displayed at an early age marked business capacity, and in 1821, before he was seventeen, he sailed to Bilboa, Spain, as supercargo of a vessel. Developing unusual capacity in this position, he sailed again to the same port, and before he was twenty made a voyage to the African coast as master of what in those days was a large vessel. At this time the sudden rise to importance of the seal-fisheries attracted his attention. He established himself permanently in the village of Stonington, and became interested in them, laying, before he abandoned them, the foundation of his large fortune. On their decay he entered into the whaling business, and during the prosperous period in which New England gained wealth and renown he was one of the largest individual ship-owners engaged in that important pursuit. With its decadence he withdrew from active commercial life, and was one of the first corporators under the State laws of the Ocean Bank of Stonington, of which he was elected president, and whose immediate and continued prosperity was largely due to his admirable management. In 1856 he went to Europe with his family, and resigned the presidency, but on his return he was elected first director, a position which he retained in the reorganization of the bank as the First National.

Mr. Williams took an active part in the building of the Providence and Stonington Railroad, and was for many years president of that corporation.

His keen business foresight had at an early period in the development of the West convinced him of its importance and future greatness, and he became largely interested there. The management of his accumulating property occupied the later years of his life, and he withdrew entirely from active business. In 1878 the severe strain of a life of intense mental activity culminated in failing health, and on Oct. 28,

1879, he died of a rupture of a blood-vessel in the brain.

To give more than a sketch of his life would be to give a history of the business interests of the county for half a century, for in his long and active career he was prominently connected with many and widely-deviating enterprises. No man in Eastern Connecticut was better known in business circles throughout the country, and his wide experience and unvarying success gave pre-eminent value to his judgment and opinion on all matters of finance. In this respect he was a counselor among counselors, not only with contemporaries, but in his younger days with men older in years and experience than himself, and his remarkable sagacity rarely erred.

One of the most marked features of his personal character was the thorough simplicity of his life. He never sought office of any kind. A man of distinguished and commanding presence, of most courteous and polished manners, he was averse to all ostentation and avoided public life. His integrity was spotless, and in the management of all the vast interests which he controlled, with the innumerable attendant possibilities of error, his reputation stood always above reproach. A man of generous impulse, his charities were as unostentatious as his life, and in his death the poor lost a true and a liberal friend, and the State an upright and valued citizen.

**Maria Stanton.**—Humanity is one and manifold; in the constituted whole there is a place and use for every one. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself, and yet there is infinite diversity in the kind and degree of individual actions and influence. Many glide along quietly and unostentatiously in their spheres, are good and useful and happy, but make no popular demonstration. They pass away not indeed unknown and unremembered within their circles of friendly intimacy.

There are those so constituted, predisposed, and conditioned that they become organizing and controlling forces in society, they make their mark early, they stand out distinct in their individuality, they assume and have conceded to them place and power. It is so in the family, in the school, and in the neighborhood. The future is foreshadowed in the present and the passing.

As time moves on they become more prominent and efficient in social life. The widening sphere of opportunity reveals to themselves and others increasing power of adaptability and beneficent enterprise. They are ready, and others are ready, to have them launch out into new and larger schemes of reforming experiment and accomplishment. Of this class was Miss Stanton; she was from early life a person of quick discernment, positive convictions, honest purpose, and prompt action. Her natural gifts, properly developed and trained at home and in the public school, were early swayed by Christian convictions and consecrated to Christian life and activity in the best and broadest

sense, as conditions and opportunity might present. She was a Christian by profession and a Christian in fact, the fact giving credit to the profession. Her Christianity was acknowledged, and the practical evidences were expected and given. They were given whenever she was called upon to act. Her idea of Christian life was to task all her powers in obedience to Christ in all relations and conditions. She aimed by skillful management and fidelity to make a happy and a prosperous home; and in this her wise counsels and efficient co-operation were fully appreciated. When the Sunday-school commenced in the Road Church she became a member, and continued to be till the day of her death. She was an industrious, enthusiastic, and skillful teacher. She was not content with routine duties, but was earnest and inquisitive to devise ways and means to give energy, life, and progressive movement to the school. She was studious herself and incited her scholars to be studious. She was intent to have them understand and appreciate their lessons. She prepared many to be teachers, and many more she led to Christ, even the most that were in her class at different times, and will have them as jewels in her crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. By her own written articles, and by stimulating the scholars to write, she gave intellectual and spiritual character to the concerts.

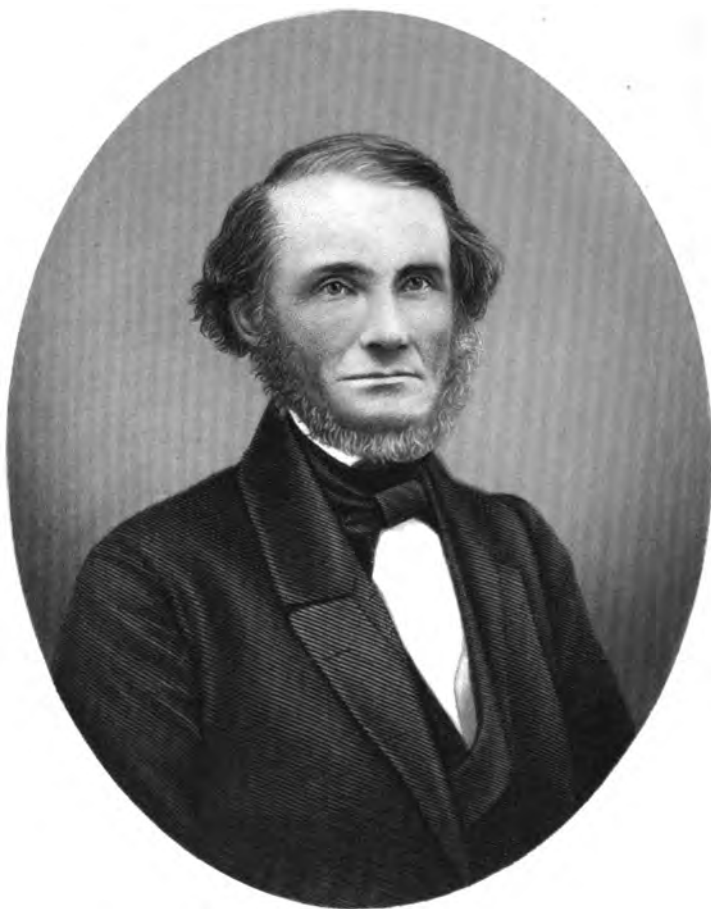
She was indefatigable in the collection and care of the library, and in stimulating the young to reading habits, and in every way the prosperity of the school was largely the result of her sagacious and untiring labors.

As in the Sunday-school, so in the church, her will to co-operate for its welfare was prompt, discreet, and persistent. She was always in her place, and always ready to act and give her reasons for acting. She was a leader from the clearness of her judgment, the warmth of her feelings, and the earnestness of her purpose to have things done and well done; and she was a leader by the assent, cheerful consent, and co-operation of those who appreciated her ability to plan and execute. The Road Church was dear to her,—its unity, its numerical and spiritual growth, and its usefulness. This was manifest, and manifested in such ways that everybody knew it, felt it, and was encouraged. Even in the affairs of the society her mind and hand were visible. In the improvement of the meeting-house—in its internal arrangement, and in its exterior and surrounding adornments—her skill and taste and power of accomplishment are most obvious.

In the memorable bi-centennial of the church she was not only one of the managers, but was so wise, so earnest, and so practical that the marked success of the celebration was in a great measure due to her, and so acknowledged by the people. Not long afterwards, in memory of her services on this occasion, and her long and varied activity for the church, she was presented with a large silver salver and tea-ser-



*Miss Maria Stanton*



*William Hyde*

vice and coffee-urn. But more precious memorials of her are in the hearts of the people. Though dead, she yet speaketh in the Road Church. A marked characteristic and habit of hers was a generous sympathy with the afflicted, and abundant kind and judicious ministrations for their relief. Quick to hear, of a tender heart and a helping hand, she was at home in the families tried and saddened by sickness, pain, and bereavement. Any call for help had a quick response. But she did not wait to be called. She was in scenes of suffering and sorrow in fulfillment of a ministry which she had received of the Lord Jesus to raise up the bowed down, to comfort those that mourn, to bind up the broken-hearted, to soothe the aching head and wipe away the falling tear. She was really a Sister of Charity, a Dorcas in good works.

Miss Stanton's tact and ability in the management of public affairs became so well known and acknowledged that she was appointed lady manager of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union for New London County, to raise money to purchase the house and grave of Washington; therefore she felt a special interest in visiting Mount Vernon with a party of ladies from the Baltimore Convention in 1878. It was at her suggestion and due to her efforts that a tree was planted near the grave of Washington, and it is especially gratifying to her friends that the Women's National Christian Temperance Union, at their last session in Washington, visited Mount Vernon and held a memorial service around the tree in honor and memory of Miss Stanton, and unanimously resolved to place a tablet by the tree, to carry down the ages the memory of Miss Stanton, whose hand set and held the tree while the other ladies filled in the soil around it.

Looking away from home and abroad upon the great world so greatly stirred with Christian sentiment, so prolific in schemes of Christian enterprise, and so intent in their accomplishment, she felt that she was one in the great host of Christian philanthropy. She was interested in the many forms of evangelizing effort, glad in their success, and glad in the contributions of aid which she was permitted to make and prompt others to make.

During her later years the women's temperance crusade struck a chord in her heart of quick response. Of life-long temperance habits, and bidding God-speed to all discreet and earnest measures of reformation, she hailed this new women's enterprise as opening to her the field in which to work, and she at once girded herself to the work. Her neighbors felt her inspiring influence, and gave her her place, and co-operated heartily with her. As she moved out from the home circle and found companionship in the larger county, State, and national associations, she was soon and extensively felt to be an acquisition of deliberative wisdom and executive power, and was honored with place and opportunity to give scope to

her aspirations, and to combine with the wisest and best of her sex in their assault upon the strongholds of intemperance, in their warfare, not with flesh and blood merely, but with principalities and powers, with the rulers of the darkness of this world, with spiritual wickedness in high places, in their God-appointed labors to emancipate their suffering sisters from a cruel and degrading bondage, and to promote the home-training of children now hungry and ragged and exposed to vicious habits, that, instead of being a curse to the world and fuel for the never-ending fire, they may be blessings to the world and heirs to an eternal inheritance of glory and blessedness. This was to her a promising field of labor. Her mind and her heart seemed to enlarge with her opportunities, and her future to grow bright with promise. Her associates thought she was the right person brought forward at the right time.

But He that doeth all things well had another purpose. He who (as she was wont to say) never makes mistakes called her away from earth to go up higher and serve Him in his immediate presence. Those who esteemed and loved her most will say that what is their loss will be her eternal gain.

**William Hyde**, son of Dr. William and Rhoda (Palmer) Hyde, was born in Stonington, Conn., Oct. 27, 1808. His early life was passed in that quaint village. He received his education at Partridge's noted military school at Middletown, Conn., where he was a classmate of the distinguished Governor Thomas H. Seymour. He studied medicine with his father, and was graduated at the Medical Department of Harvard University in 1830, when he returned to Stonington and commenced practice with his father, who was a physician of celebrity, enjoying a large practice. From that time till his death, Sept. 25, 1873, he was in active and unceasing practice, and although of a frail organization and for years in poor health, never neglected a case, nor refused to go to the relief of the suffering, and perhaps there never was a physician more popular in his community than he, or one who had so large a number of warm, loving friends. His time was too much engrossed in his profession to often admit of his acceptance of public trust. At the earnest solicitations of his fellow-citizens he consented to be placed in candidacy, and was elected to represent Stonington in the Legislatures of 1849 and 1850.

It was through Mr. Hyde's instrumentality that the Stonington Savings-Bank was chartered. He was elected its president, and held that office during his life. The able management of this institution will illustrate his financial as well as professional ability, for the bank is one of the most reliable and prosperous savings institutions in the State. The following preamble and resolutions, passed at a meeting of the corporators of this bank, give a just tribute to his memory, and show the opinion of his worth of those who knew him best and most intimately:

"Whereas, God, in his good Providence, has seen fit to remove from among us Dr. William Hyde, who was not only the founder of this bank but the first and only president of this corporation, therefore,

"Resolved, That it is peculiarly our duty, as well as our grateful privilege, to express at this time our high appreciation of the great benefits he was the prime means of conferring upon this community by his action in securing the charter of this bank, and by his earnest and arduous labors for its prosperity and success; and recognizing the wide-extending influences of his work, we regard with pride this monument he has builded to himself in its beneficial effects, and which, while prudence, economy, and thrift remain to be encouraged, shall be the fairest man can build.

"Resolved, That no loss as his colleagues in office than as individuals is his death our affliction. A man of sterling integrity, whose action in any and everything we regarded as the stamp of candor and honesty, whose rare judgment was never warped by personal interest or misled by fraudulent pretence, and withal a man of generous heart and warmest sympathies, whose only leaning was towards humanity,—these were qualities which rendered him invaluable in counsel, and which, in the simplest and most intricate transactions of business, we had learned to honor and to respect.

"Resolved, That our personal loss is one which is irreparable. We feel that words can but feebly express the sense of bereavement which we bear. But while we sorrow, we rejoice that in the good providence of Him who doeth all things well our friend has finished his course as he has, that his pathway through life is still fragrant with his deeds of kindness and of love, and that, though dead, he still lives in the affectionate remembrance of those for and with whom he lived and worked, and who will keep his memory forever green."

Words of eulogium can but feebly express the esteem and affection with which Dr. Hyde was regarded by the whole community. Early in life he united himself with the Congregational Church, and was a constant attendant and liberal supporter of it. His was truly a life of an unspotted Christian and an unsullied moral character. As a physician, he excelled in diagnosing a case. Intuitively he knew at once the exact disease, the extent of its ravages, and the proper remedial agencies to use. His judgment was clear and comprehensive, and he was soon in the front rank of his co-laborers, and won a warm place in the hearts of his patients.

During the session of 1849 he secured the incorporation of the Stonington Cemetery Association, and was its president for twelve years. The choice selection and arrangement of flowers and shrubbery, and some of the finest specimens of monumental architecture in this most beautiful resting-place of the dead, were the results of his cultured taste.

Dr. Hyde married, March 2, 1836, Hephzibah P., daughter of Hon. Ephraim Williams, of Stonington. She died May 2, 1841. Of their four children one only, William Williams Hyde, approached maturity, and he died aged only nineteen years. Sept. 11, 1843, he married Ellen, daughter of Gen. William Williams, of Stonington, who survives him.

**Hon. J. F. Trumbull.**—Among the old families of honorable English lineage in New England, and in every generation distinguished in art, literature, or public affairs, we find the Trumbull family. The historian pauses for a short period from the record of events to give an appropriate sketch of one of that name long identified with Stonington and its interests, and without which its history would be incomplete.

John Franklin Trumbull, youngest child of John and Lucy (Springer) Trumbull, was born July 21, 1796, at Norwich, Conn., where his father published the *Norwich Packet and Country Journal*, the first paper printed at that place. When but fifteen years old he came to Stonington, and commenced his business career in the store of his brother, Gurdon Trumbull. There he remained but a short time, but went to New York, where he in a few years engaged in mercantile pursuits with marked success. When the whaling business was in its prime he returned to the village of Stonington and became largely interested in the whaling interests of that place, and was the head of one of the largest firms engaged therein. This becoming unprofitable, in 1851 Mr. Trumbull built the large stone factory adjoining the break-water, and for several years was manufacturing machinery. He was always an apparently frail man, and ill health caused his withdrawal from business several years previous to his death, which occurred at Stonington, Oct. 28, 1874. Mr. Trumbull married Eliza M., daughter of Lodowick and Betsey Niles, of Stonington, Nov. 25, 1823. She was born Dec. 28, 1798, and died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 29, 1828. Their children were Horace N. and Eliza M., who died in infancy. Mr. Trumbull's second wife was Ann Eliza, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Smith, of Stonington. She was born Nov. 22, 1809, at Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y., and was married Sept. 21, 1829. Of their fourteen children the following survived their father: Edwin B., Eliza N. (Mrs. H. C. Robinson, of Hartford), Harriet (Mrs. Ira H. Palmer), Lucy (Mrs. D. W. Hakes, of Framingham, Mass.), Stiles S., James Van Alen, and Maria B.

Mr. Trumbull was always a leader. In business enterprises, in improvement of his village and matters of public interest, he was one of the first to assist, and whatever his hand found to do was done with all his might. To his liberality and energy much of the growth of Stonington was due. Politically he was well known in State and county circles, represented Stonington in the General Assembly in 1859 and 1864, and was honored with many other important trusts by his people, which were discharged without fear or favor, and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Long before the organization of the Republican party his speeches in Whig State conventions were among the most notable and pleasing events of those occasions. He was a candidate for Presidential elector on the Whig ticket in Gen. Scott's campaign. He went into the anti-slavery movement with zeal, and assisted in the nomination of at least half of the Republican State tickets from 1856 till his death. His campaign speeches will be long remembered by older people throughout this section of the State. He was a man of no little humor, with a fund of anecdote, and a quaint method of expression that won the attention and promoted good nature. He was in many respects not unlike Abraham Lincoln,



*John M. Hubbard*





*A. S. Mathews.*

for whom he cherished an ardent friendship, and with whom he corresponded. They had the same qualities of story-telling and strong, positive action, coupled with original and scintillating wit, and in their speeches there was the same hard, practical common sense, illumined by off-hand humor, and the same faculty of always saying a good thing to point a moral. He was an effective temperance worker and speaker. In all his dealings he was honorable, in his friendships true and loyal, in his family a kind husband and a loving father, and when his life closed the whole community and a broad range of acquaintance were shrouded in gloom. He was for many years a consistent member of the Second Congregational Church of Stonington, and was deeply imbued with the spirit of practical Christianity, and generous in its support.

**A. S. Mathews.**—The history of the Providence and Stonington Railroad is one of marked interest to this section of the State, and also to Rhode Island. No history, however, would be complete nor give a correct description without a personal sketch of one so long and so closely identified with its construction, management, and interests as Andrew S. Mathews.

He was born at Elk Ridge, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Sept. 1, 1814. His father, Dr. Wm. P. Mathews, was a native of Ireland, was educated and graduated at the University of Dublin, and shortly after emigrated to America, where he married Eliza Sterritt, of an old and honorable Maryland family, and at once took a high rank in his profession. They had seven children, of whom Andrew was sixth. His parents dying when he was but seven years old, Andrew went to reside with an elder brother, but early commenced to take care of himself. He was educated at Same's Seminary, at Ellicott City, Md. He left school, however, when but twelve years of age, and went on a railroad to work with his brother Charles, who was a large railroad contractor. When he was sixteen years old he was in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company as assistant to a civil engineer, and continued in that capacity two years. He next went to work on the Harlem Railroad, in New York, as superintendent of a gang of hands who were working for his brother Charles, who had a contract for grading that road. During the same time he was in the same employment for his brother on the Paterson and Hudson Railroad, and was on these roads about eighteen months. As he advanced in years he was advanced rapidly to responsible positions. He went to Boston and took a position as civil engineer in the service of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, and occupied it three years. During that time he was also employed by the Taunton Branch Railroad Company as civil engineer in constructing that road. In the summer of 1836, Mr. Mathews entered the service of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad, more generally known as the Providence and Stonington Railroad, and from

that time to the present has been in some highly responsible position connected therewith. His first capacity was assistant engineer, in which he was two years. In November, 1837, the road was completed to Stonington, and Mr. Mathews was chosen chief engineer and road-master. During the year 1840 he was for most of the time assistant engineer on the Boston and Albany Railroad, retaining, however, his positions on the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad. From 1840 to 1848 he was acting superintendent and master of transportation on same road. In 1848 he was appointed general superintendent, holding that position until his resignation, Nov. 15, 1878, on account of ill health. He was at that time the oldest railroad superintendent of New England. He was immediately appointed chief engineer, and still holds that position. All the engineering done on the road since its opening in 1837 has been done by Mr. Mathews, and the freedom his road has enjoyed from accident is one tribute to the honest efficacy of his labor. The following expression of the board of directors of his road is an appropriate testimony to his worth from those who in an official character knew him more thoroughly than any others could do:

"In accepting the resignation of Superintendent Mathews, the board of directors of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company desire to place upon the minutes of their proceedings a formal expression of their regard in losing the services of Mr. Mathews as superintendent, of their regard for him personally, and of their high appreciation of the value of his continuous connection with the affairs of the company as engineer and superintendent for over forty years, and therefore

"Resolved, that although, because of the condition of his health no longer permitting him to attend to its active duties, we are constrained to accept Mr. Mathews' resignation, we do so with much regret, both on account of the cause which compels it and because his withdrawal from the position he has occupied from the infancy of the company will deprive us of a superintendent who combined with his ability and conscientious attention to duty a knowledge of everything relating to the structure of the road and the growth and management of our business, which it will be almost impossible to find in another.

"Resolved, That Mr. Mathews' present salary, ———, be continued to him as chief engineer of the company.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be sent to Mr. Mathews by the secretary.

"Signed, J. P. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

"New York, October 31, 1878."

The success of the road is due in a large measure to the watchful interest of Mr. Mathews, and his intelligent supervision of the affairs of the concern has satisfactorily met the most exacting demands of his employers.

Mr. Mathews married, March 15, 1836, Eliza A., daughter of Garius Smith, of Marlboro', Mass. Her birthplace was Medbury, Mass. They moved to Stonington, Conn., in 1837. Their children are Charles Andrew (now of Providence, R. I.), William Alexander (a postal clerk in the New York and Boston postal service, residing at New London), and George Whistler, of Stonington. In politics Mr. Mathews has always been identified with the Whig and Republican parties, but has not held any civil office. He is

a member of the Episcopal Church, and was at one time vestryman of Calvary Church, Stonington.

For nearly half a century Mr. Mathews has been a resident of Stonington, and from the high positions he has held he has been among the observed of all observers, yet he is found to-day, as then, the same conscientious, vigilant, honest man, a warm and faithful friend, a genial, social companion, and an efficient and capable holder of important trusts. He has the satisfaction of knowing that although his life has been an open book, none stand higher than he in the estimation of the community where he has been so long resident, and also that his children occupy a high position in the regards of a large circle of the best people of the country, and are worthily and honorably discharging their several duties in life.

This article, from Hon. E. H. Hazard, in the Providence (R. I.) *Journal* of May 14, 1873, is not out of place here:

#### "STONINGTON RAILROAD.

"I often think how little the present generation appreciates its mode of travel and transportation. I saw the first steamboat that ever passed Point Judith, as she slowly steamed around it, and Dr. Weeden, of Westerly, and his brother George, of Shannock, will tell you with what interest they watched for her coming while delving on the farm at the Backside. We had the *Newport Mercury* once a week, and it was rumored that such a thing was to be. I soon after went on board of her, and a queer-looking tub she was. My father, who was a practicing physician, came twice a year to Providence to buy medicines, and his boys had their turns to come with him. My turn came in 1822. It took a portion of three days to make the journey. Leaving South Kingstown after an early breakfast, we dined at Updike's, in Greenwich, and arrived at old Nick Gardner's, near the Merchants' Bank, at early evening; the next day we did the business, and the third day journeyed home. I can leave the same place now at five o'clock in the morning, and reach Montreal at nine the same evening.

"After the business of the day was over, my father said to his neighbor, John B. Dockray the elder, 'Let us go down and see this fire-ship,' and I followed on like '*parvus Julius non passibus æquis*.' She was lying on the east side, a long way above Fox Point, at what I have since ascertained to be Bishop's wharf. She was the 'Connecticut,' commanded by Capt. Elihu Bunker, an old shipmaster from Nantucket, who had been running her between New Haven and New York before he came here. Many of our older citizens will remember Capt. Bunker. The 'Connecticut' was about three hundred and fifty tons burthen, and had an engine of from fifty to sixty horse-power. It took her from sixteen to eighteen hours to go to New York. She left the wharf in Providence at twelve o'clock noon, and arrived at Hell Gate the next morning. Our much-respected fellow-citizen, Capt. William Comstock, whom everybody in Providence knows, took command of the old 'Fulton' in January, 1824, and continued on the Sound for sixteen years, during which time he superintended the building of and commanded the 'Boston,' 'Massachusetts,' and 'Rhode Island.' He had previously commanded a sailing-packet for seventeen years between Providence and New York.

"The steamers afterwards landed for many years at Fox Point, where the eastern passengers were taken in stage-coaches to Boston, and so on to Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. I have seen twenty coach-loads leave there at a time. When Congress and the Supreme Court adjourned, I always went down from college to see Mr. Webster, Judge Story, and the other great men of the nation. Joel Blaisdell, whom many of my readers must remember, was as intimately connected with the line of coaches as were Capt. Bunker and Capt. Comstock with the steamboats. He was an excellent business man, and liked a good time. He was drowned in Dutch Island Harbor while on a fishing excursion, some five and twenty years ago.

"After the Providence and Boston Railroad was built the steamers landed at India Point. Prior to 1822 most of the travel between Boston, Providence, and New York was by sailing-packets from Providence. The Boston passengers came in coaches to Providence, and took the packets, engaging their passages in advance. The packets were fitted up to accommodate about twenty passengers, but eight or ten was con-

sidered a good freight; and the time occupied was from twenty hours to a week according to the weather. Some went inland, through Hartford and Plainfield. The New London turnpike was built, I think, in 1820, and was considered a great improvement. It was a popular line to New London, where they took steamer. I have seen the coaches many a time in my youth drawn up in front of the tavern in Hopkinton City kept by Joseph Spicer, father of our Alderman Spicer. Such was the mode of travel from Eastern New England to New York up to the fall of 1837, when the Stonington Railroad was opened.

"The people of Rhode Island cannot overestimate the advantages which they have derived from the Stonington Railroad. It has done more than all other public improvements for the advancement of the interests and development of the resources of the State, and we are indebted for its construction almost wholly to those two good men and public-spirited citizens, the late Hon. Nathan F. Dixon, of Westerly, and Samuel F. Denison, Esq., of Stonington. They conceived the project, and having rich relations and friends in New York, were enabled to carry it into execution. The charter was applied for, I think, in 1832. The late Hon. Elisha B. Potter said in the General Assembly, 'Give them the charter, but they can never build the road.' He did not live to see it completed. He died in 1836. It was built in 1835, 1836, and 1837. The engineers were Gen. William Gibbs McNeal and his brother-in-law, Maj. Whistler, two graduates of West Point, and first-rate engineers of the old school. Maj. Whistler went from this road to Russia, where he was employed by the Czar to construct the road from St. Petersburg to Moscow. There is no more thoroughly and well-built railroad in the United States, although it was among the very earliest constructed. No expense was spared in any department. All its bridges and causeways, built nearly forty years ago, stand to-day as firm as when they were put up, master-pieces of masonry. Look at the one in the village of East Greenwich, which forms the passage from the town to the wharves, so situated that it is open to the inspection of everybody. Not one stone in abutment or arch has moved a line in all this period, and this one is a fair sample of all the rest.

"Gen. William Gibbs McNeal was in many respects a very remarkable and extraordinary man. He was in his prime when he built the Stonington Railroad, and a more elegant gentleman in person, manners, and address it would be hard to find in this country or in England. He was at this period consulting engineer for many other railroads and public works, and his aggregate yearly salaries amounted to more than that of the President of the United States, and he had with him a most reliable and invaluable assistant, who helped build the road, and has been its Nestor ever since. He is to-day its superintendent.

"A. S. Mathews came here in 1835 from Maryland, where he was born, to join McNeal in the building of this road. He had been his assistant engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad previously. The people of Rhode Island and the whole travelling public can never know the debt of obligation and gratitude they owe this faithful public servant for the preservation of life and limb for the last thirty-six years over this great thoroughfare,—as perfect master of his business, from the building and equipping of the road down to the minutest duties of a brakeman, as was Napoleon of the art of war. By nature cold, phlegmatic, incapable of excitement, firm as a rock, and strictly conscientious, his whole active life, by night and by day, in sunshine and storm, in health, and, I may add, in sickness too, has been given to the security of the lives of the traveling public. I am not writing an obituary now, and know the truth of what I affirm.

"On the first week of November, 1837, the General Assembly held its October session at Kingston, under the old charter. George Rivers and myself were elected clerks of the House. All the members from the north part of the State came to Kingston in their private carriages. I was a student at the time with Mr. Updike, and well remember standing beside him in his office-door and listening to his comments upon the different members as they drove past. I shall never forget with what discriminating praise he directed my attention to James F. Simmons.

"On Saturday, when the General Assembly adjourned, the railroad commenced running for the first time, and I came up to Providence with George Rivers on it. I would be here now! From that time to the present day I have rode over it almost weekly, and in the summer-time daily. Therefore it is that I claim to know something about the Stonington Railroad, and I challenge contradiction when I affirm that no other road in this country, for this long period of time, or anything like it, has been managed with any more regard for the safety of human life than has the Stonington Railroad."

Deacon Oliver Burrows Grant was born in that part of Stonington now included in North Stoning-



*O. B. Grant*



*Eliza G. Strong*



*Ira Hart.*

ton, Oct. 13, 1804, and was the second of four children, himself and three sisters. His parents were engaged in farming, and were rearing their children to farm-life. But before the son had reached nine years his father died, leaving his family dependent upon the exertions of the son and his mother, who labored together for the family up to his manhood, hiring and successfully improving farms in Lisbon and North Stonington, and by good judgment and wise economy they accumulated a competence.

Fortunately for the son, in childhood and in manhood he was blest with a noble mother of the New England type, whose interest in and affection for him knew no bounds, and well did he requite her devotion by the tenderest ministrations of thoughtful, attentive, loving care, until the sunset signal summoned her away at the age of seventy-eight years. Nothing that he could do was ever left undone that would promote the comfort and happiness of his mother and sisters. Their early bereavement and struggles bound them to each other with bands of steel, broken only by the fell destroyer.

Deacon Grant successfully followed farming until 1839, when he sold out and removed to Stonington Borough, and engaged in the grocery business, which he followed successfully for eleven years. Selling out in 1850, with the design of engaging in business in New York, he was about to remove to the city, when his friends induced him to forego his plans and accept a place in the management of the Stonington Savings-Bank, of which he had been made a corporator by the provisions of the charter.

The bank was organized in 1850, and he was elected one of the directors, and its secretary and treasurer, which offices he held with unquestioned integrity and ability until 1876, when, in honor of the character he had established in the community, he was unanimously elected president of the bank, which position he has held by successive annual elections until the present time.

For twenty-five years he has been a director in the Ocean and First National Bank of Stonington.

When Capt. Charles P. Williams' failing health induced him to retire from the vice-presidency of this bank, in view of the fidelity and financial ability of Deacon Grant he was elected vice-president thereof, which position he now holds.

In early life Deacon Grant became interested in the subject of religion, and united with the Baptist Church in Preston City, which relation was severed and taken up in the Baptist Church in Stonington Borough when he commenced business here.

Twenty-eight years ago he was chosen deacon of this church, holding that position continuously to the present time, becoming an honored father of the church.

He has held various town offices very acceptably, and was elected representative to the General Assembly from Stonington in the year 1845.

Paternally, Deacon Grant descends from Deacon Mathew Grant, who came to this country in 1630, settled first at Dorchester, Mass., removed to Windsor, Conn., in 1636, where he became a prominent man, and after a long life of usefulness died Dec. 16, 1681, being the ancestor of Gen. U. S. Grant.

Maternally, Deacon Grant is connected with some of our best Stonington families, viz.: Stanton, Denison, Palmer, Miner, Wheeler, Burrows, and Gallup.

**Elder Elihu Chesebrough** was born March 26, 1769. His first wife was Lydia Chesebrough, to whom he was married March 20, 1791. His second wife was Mary Fish, to whom he was married Oct. 10, 1843.

He was ordained at Stonington, Conn., March 31, 1810, and held the pastorate of the First Baptist Church there for twenty years.

Elder Chesebrough by genealogy and birth belonged to the Congregational order, and up to his conversion recognized that relation. He had, however, under the preaching of Murray and Elnahan Winchester, embraced the theory of universal salvation, but was ill at ease and soon shaken from his security. His conversion was of the New Light type, strongly marked by the searching power of the law of God in the conscience, by a withering sense of guilt, and by the brooding horrors of a great darkness shutting out the hope of pardon and heaven. But when deliverance came it came with corresponding light and joy and peace. This experience was the inspiration of his ministry. He immediately began to tell how great things God had done for him.

His education was simply such as the common school of that period afforded. He had neither rapidity of thought, readiness of speech, or smoothness of utterance, and yet when his soul was stirred with the love of Christ he would preach with an unction and power that made sinners tremble and saints rejoice.

He died April 29, 1868, aged ninety-nine years eleven months and three days.

**Rev. Ira Hart** was born in Farmington, Bristol Society, Hartford Co., Conn., Sept. 18, 1771. His occupation was that of a farmer, but in 1791 he began his preparatory studies for college, under the instruction of his pastor, Rev. Giles H. Cowles, and entered Yale College as sophomore in 1794. He graduated in 1797, and continued his theological studies, which he had commenced while an undergraduate, under the direction of Rev. Timothy Dwight, LL.D., president of the college and pastor of the College Church. He united with that church in 1795, and ever regarded its pastor with reverence and filial affection. In 1798 he was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association, and immediately began his labors as a candidate for settlement at Middlebury, a society of Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn. In November, 1798, he was ordained pastor of the church and society in that place. When Middlebury Society was constituted a town, in 1807, he delivered an address to the



freemen on the new relations they had assumed, and their duties in consequence thereof, which was well adapted to the occasion and called forth much commendation. Twice during his pastorate he was sent by the Connecticut Missionary Society to labor in the destitute settlements of Northern New York. Here he did much good in breaking up ground and forming *nuclei* of churches, thus facilitating the labors of succeeding missionaries. The church during his absence was supplied by the neighboring ministers. Three revivals of religion occurred during his ministry here, and there were many accessions to the church. A particular account of the first of these revivals was published in Vol. III. of the "Connecticut Evangelical Magazine," and was written by the pastor.

Mr. Hart received the small annual salary of four hundred dollars, which he was obliged to supplement, partly by teaching a public school, but chiefly by fitting young men for college or business. Some of his pupils in after-life filled distinguished positions. One of them was Hon. Garrick Mallory, LL.D., judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; another was Rev. Bennett Tyler, D.D., president of Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H.

After a pastorate of ten and a half years, Mr. Hart was dismissed by a Council, April, 1809, and received from it high testimonials to his ministerial character and ability. He immediately proceeded to labor among some of the many churches in Eastern Connecticut which were destitute of a stated ministry. He went first to North Stonington, where the church had been destitute since the death of its last pastor, Rev. Joseph Fish, a period of twenty-eight years. Here he labored successfully for four months, and, at the urgent request of the church and society, would have become their pastor had they been able to give him an adequate salary. He finally accepted a call from the church and society in Stonington, and was installed in December, 1809, as their pastor. Here he labored for twenty years, in season and out of season, instant and prompt to act where duty called him. He was truly a Barnabas, a son of consolation to the sick and afflicted. In these pastoral ministrations but few equaled, none surpassed him. In attending funerals and performing marriage ceremonies he was frequently called upon to officiate in the adjacent towns, and especially in North Stonington, his first field of labor. When his brethren in the ministry called for his advice and assistance in circumstances of difficulty they were cheerfully given, and often with good effect. He devoted much time to building up the waste places, and was instrumental in the settlement of ministers in Groton, North Stonington, and West Kingston, R. I. During the war of 1812 he was chaplain of the Eighth Regiment of Connecticut Militia, Col. William Randall commanding, performing the duties of his office acceptably to both officers and soldiers. When Commodore Hardy attacked Stonington Borough, Aug. 10, 1814, and allowed the

non-combatants one hour to leave their homes, there was much crying and lamentation among the women and children, the greater part of whom took up their temporary abode at and near the residence of Mrs. Joseph Phelps, one mile distant. Mr. Hart spoke words of comfort to these mourners, held meetings for prayer with them, and succeeded in some measure in allaying their fears.

As his salary, from the pressure of the times, had been much diminished, he was obliged, as at Middlebury, to eke out a support by teaching. He was preceptor of Stonington Academy for about nine years, during which time he had many young gentlemen and ladies as his pupils from Stonington and the adjoining towns. Besides these, he had a few young men to prepare for college under his direction. As a preacher he was earnest and popular; his mind was active and ready, no exigency finding him unprepared with thoughts and language adapted to the occasion. Many of his extempore efforts were as good as his best-prepared discourses.

He married, December, 1798, Miss Maria Sherman, of New Haven, Conn., a daughter of Mr. John Sherman, merchant in that city, and granddaughter of Hon. Roger Sherman, of Revolutionary fame. They had five children, the sole survivor of whom is the eldest.<sup>1</sup> His second son, Charles Theodore Hart, died Oct. 13, 1819, while a member of the sophomore class, Yale College. He was a pious youth of great promise. The health of Mr. Hart, which, through his very arduous and exhausting labors, had been gradually failing for some years, at length completely broke down, and he passed from earth Oct. 29, 1829, aged fifty-eight years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

**Capt. Nathaniel Brown Palmer** was born in Stonington, Conn., Aug. 7, 1799. On both his father's and his mother's side he came from a distinguished ancestry, the one being a descendant in direct line of Walter Palmer, one of the original settlers of Stonington, and the other of Capt. George Denison, a man of eminence and wealth in the earlier colonial period. At the time of his birth his family was one of much consequence in the town. His grandfather's only brother fell at the battle of Groton Heights, in Fort Griswold, in 1781. His own father was a lawyer and a merchant, and a man of ability. On his mother's side his connections were numerous and influential. Under these circumstances, as the eldest son, the choice of the gentler professions of civil life lay open to him. But born and bred as he was on the shore of the ocean, and in constant association with the bold and adventurous seamen of that day, its mysterious charm possessed him, and decided his remarkable career.

When only fourteen years of age he shipped on a coasting vessel, and what is called in common phrase his education (which had been limited to the common

<sup>1</sup> David S. Hart, M.D., A.M., writer of this memoir.



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schools of the town) was ended so far as books go. He continued in the coasting trade, along the New England coast from Maine to New York, till he was eighteen, when he was made second mate of the brig "Herselia," bound to Cape Horn for seals.

It was a period of great competition in these fisheries. Stonington, New London, New Bedford, and Nantucket were rival ports, and the skill and daring of a race of pre-eminently daring and skillful men were constantly called upon and pitted against each other in their pursuit. It was, too, a period of romance and mystery. Little was known of the seas south of Cape Horn, and a sealing voyage was also a voyage of discovery. In all the ports mentioned there were rumors of mythical islands east of the Horn called the Auroras; the air was filled with sailors' stories of Southern wonders; and although little was actually known, hardly any tale of those marvelous seas, where nature seemed to have expended its forces in currents and storms, was too incredible for belief.

The commander of the "Herselia," Capt. J. P. Sheffield, touched at one of the Falkland Islands, and then, like all the commanders of the period, sailed in search of the fabulous Auroras. At the former place he left "Young Nat," as he was universally known, and a sailor, to kill bullocks for provisions. A short time after the departure of the brig a ship hove in sight, and young Nat piloted her into the harbor and supplied her with fresh meat. She proved to be the "Esprito Santo," from Buenos Ayres, and before she sailed her captain informed the young American that he was on his way to a place where there were thousands of seals, and where a cargo could be secured almost without effort, but refused to divulge its situation or direction. Three days after the stranger sailed the "Herselia" returned from a fruitless search for the Auroras, as hundreds had returned before her. Young Nat related to his commander what he had learned, and boldly said that he believed that he could follow and find the "Esprito Santo." Capt. Sheffield had great confidence in his young mate, and following his advice, in a few days discovered the South Shetlands, at that time unknown on the Northern Continent of America, and ever since famous sealing islands. The crew of the Buenos Ayres vessel, which was anchored there, were much surprised to see the brig, but their admiration for young Nat's skill was so great that they even assisted in loading her, and she returned with 10,000 of the finest skins.

The story of young Nat's exploit spread through all the sealing ports, and the next year, at the age of twenty, secured for him his first command and the title of "Capt. Nat," by which he was subsequently everywhere known, and which clung to him for life, his family name being as completely eliminated as if it were recognized as impossible that nature could produce another. The vessel was the sloop "Hero,"

and in this little craft, of only forty-five tons burden, he sailed again for the South Seas, as tender to the "Herselia" and three other vessels. A mere boy at the time, an incident may be given here of the daring spirit, the keen appreciation of circumstances, and the determination which characterized his entire life. The Southern waters being at that time but poorly charted, the larger vessels remained in snug harbors, and the tenders were sent to cruise for seal, killing them on distant grounds, and bringing the skins back to the ships. At one time Capt. Palmer and the ship to which he was tender were so situated that unless a narrow passage between two islands was navigable a long and tedious sail was before him. He tried the passage, but his vessel touched and he abandoned the attempt as useless. But while he was repairing the damages he noticed a whale pass through an opening where he had believed a reef to lie, and reasoning that where a whale could go his little vessel would float, without a moment's hesitation he got under way and followed its course, passing through in safety.

The seals at the newly-found South Shetlands were soon exterminated, and after circumnavigating the islands, Capt. Nat sailed again for the South on a voyage of exploration, which resulted in the discovery of the land which bears his name on every map and chart of the world.

Through the kindness of the Hon. Frederic Bush, for many years United States consul at Hong Kong, who furnishes it to the Hon. Alexander S. Palmer, we are enabled to give Capt. Nat's own account of this famous event.

"It was," says Mr. Bush, "at the time of his second voyage to China. He was in a clipper-ship, the 'Honqua,' a vessel of his own designing, and owned by A. A. Low & Brothers and himself. He was my guest at dinner in Hong Kong, and after much persuasion I heard him repeat the following to Admiral Sir John Francis Austin, to whom he was presented by myself as the discoverer of Palmer's Land, the southern point of the globe. I pass over his account of the voyage in the 'Hero' to the South Shetlands, the scarcity of seal there, and his determination to seek better hunting-grounds; but I can never forget the enthusiasm he manifested when he said, 'I pointed the bow of the little craft to the southward, and with her wings spread, mainsail abeam, and jib abreast the opposite bow, she sped on her way to new sealing-grounds like a thing of life and light, and she was light; with her flowing sheet she seemed to enter into the spirit which possessed my ambition, flew along the wave and over billow, until she brought us in sight of land not laid down on my chart. I cruised for several days in order to satisfy myself it was not an island. I ran into several bays without meeting with seal, and headed northward, drifting along under easy canvas, "laying to" at night, which consumed the majority of the day, most of the time the mist so dense I could not see the lookout on the fore-castle. One night I came on deck at midnight, relieved my mate, and took the watch. I struck one bell, which brought a response that startled me; but I soon resumed my pace, turned my thoughts homeward, and applied myself to the occupation of building castles in the air till the binnacle time-keeper told the first hour of the day. I struck two bells, that were answered by a human hand, though I could not credit my ears, and thought I was dreaming, except for the screeching of the penguins, albatross, pigeons, and Mother Cary's, I was sure no living object was within leagues of the sloop. But the sound of bells continued until the sun lifted the fog. My chief officer, who laughed at the idea of a human soul being close on board, insisting that sound was "tricky," called me at seven bells, during his watch, saying that voices were heard, and before the trencher board was laid the fog lifted, presenting to our view a frigate on the starboard bow and a

sloop-of-war on the lee quarter with Russian colors flying. Close alongside was a boat with an officer in full uniform, who stepped into the waist of the sloop and gave me a message from Admiral Krustenstien, of his Russian Majesty's frigate "Rostok," requesting that I would repair on board of his ship. I assented, at once entered the boat, was laid alongside, mounted on deck, and with sou'wester on my head, and a sealskin coat and boots, I was ushered into the presence of the venerable commander, who was sitting at the table in his cabin, himself and a group of officers in full dress. The gray-headed mariner rose, took me by the hand, saying, through the medium of his interpreter, 'You are welcome, young man: be seated.' He placed a chair by his side, and put the following questions to me:

"What is your name?"

"Nathaniel B. Palmer."

"Where are you from?"

"Stonington, Conn., U.S.A."

"The name of your boat?"

"The 'Hero,' sir."

"What are you doing here?"

"On a sealing expedition."

"What success?"

"I gave him an account of my voyage, tonnage of sloop, number of men, and general details, when he said, 'How far south have you been?' I gave him the latitude and longitude of my lowest point, and told what I had discovered. He rose, much agitated, begging I would produce my log-book and chart, with which request I complied, and a boat was sent for it. In the mean time luncheon was served, many questions put concerning the seal-fishery, population of my halting-port, etc. When the log-book and chart were laid upon the table he examined them carefully without comment, then rose from his seat, saying, 'What do I see and what do I hear from a boy in his teens—that he is commander of a tiny boat of the size of a launch of my frigate, has pushed his way to the pole through storm and ice and sought the point I, in command of one of the best-appointed fleets at the disposal of my august master, have for three long, weary, anxious, years searched day and night for.' With his hand on my head he added, 'What shall I say to my master? what will he think of me? But be that as it may, my grief is your joy. Wear your laurels, with my sincere prayers for your welfare. I name the land you have discovered, in honor of yourself, noble boy, Palmer's Land.'

"And to my old and loved friend," adds Mr. Bush, "is due the honor of this discovery, though England, I am sorry to say, through one of her naval officers, attempted to steal the thunder, which Admiral Austin assured (Capt. Palmer that he would endeavor to correct and give to him the proper credit."

Such were the opening incidents in a life marked to its close by exceptional ability and invincible determination. Filled with daring and adventure, its story reads like a romance, and it is to be deeply regretted that the narrow limits of this brief sketch preclude more than an outline of a remarkable and successful career.

Capt. Palmer's discovery had made him famous, and the following year he sailed again for the South Shetlands with a fleet of six vessels, among them the brig "Alabama Packet," commanded by Capt. William A. Fanning, a celebrated navigator, with whom Capt. Alexander S. Palmer, of Stonington, scarcely less well known in later years than his famous brother, made his first voyage. Capt. Nat, returning from this cruise, sailed from New Haven to Santa Cruz, making the round trip in thirty-one days. He then took command of the schooner "Cadet," owned by Messrs. Silas E. Burrows and Baldwin & Spooner, of New York, and sailed for the Spanish Main, Capt. Alexander Palmer accompanying him on the second voyage of the "Cadet" as mate. It was at the period of the rebellion of Venezuela and Colombia against

Spanish rule, and the "Cadet" was employed by the Colombian government to transport a part of Bolivar's army from Carthagena to the river Chagres, carrying on her return trip a number of Spanish prisoners to Santiago de Cuba. On her second voyage the "Cadet" was cast away off Long Branch. Capt. Alexander Palmer and a sailor started for the beach in the long-boat with a rope; but the boat capsized, and they swam ashore with the rope, saving the lives of the passengers and crew.

In 1826, Capt. Nat took the brig "Tampico" to Carthagena, and on his return, on December 7th, married Eliza T., daughter of Maj. Paul Babcock, and quit the sea for a time; but his early inclinations were overpowering, and he took the brig "Francis" several trips to Europe. In 1829 he was in command of the brig "Anawan," after seals and new sealing-ground, reaching Staten Land. On his second voyage in the "Anawan," he stopped at the island of Juan Fernandez (immortalized as the scene of De Foe's "Robinson Crusoe") for provisions and water. It was at the time a Chilean penal colony, and the convicts had risen in revolt and obtained control of the island. Unsuspicious of danger, Capt. Nat landed, and was immediately captured with his boat's crew. The convicts demanded that he should land them on the main coast of South America, and making a virtue of necessity he consented to do so. That his life was spared was due, he always maintained, to the circumstance that he was a Freemason, and indeed he was told that his death had been settled upon when it was accidentally discovered that he belonged to the great brotherhood. His wife had accompanied him on the voyage, and he was overwhelmed with anxiety for her safety, but he managed to send word to her of her danger and she secreted herself in the hold. There she remained for ten days while the convicts were in possession of the ship, till, failing in his purpose to hand them over to the authorities, he landed them at an obscure point on the Chilean coast, and she emerged from her hiding-place, both husband and wife nearly crazed with the ordeal they had undergone.

By this time Capt. Nat was famous, not only locally, but in seafaring circles throughout the country, and many advantageous offers were made him. In 1833 he withdrew from the seal-fisheries and took command of E. K. Collins' packet-ship "Huntsville," in the New York and New Orleans trade. After two or more years he made one voyage to Liverpool, and then took the "Hibernia" to Rio Janeiro. He was in this ship for one or two voyages, when he was made captain of the well-known ship "Garrick," of the Collins Line, and sailed for Liverpool. He subsequently commanded the "Siddons," of the same line, his brother, Capt. Alexander S., succeeding him in the "Garrick." He continued in this vessel till about 1841, when he took the "Paul Jones" to China, and subsequently built the clipper-ship "Honqua" for Messrs. A. A. Low & Co., of New York, and carried

her to Canton and back, his brother, Capt. Alexander S., again succeeding him in command.

About this time there was much competition in the tea trade. Speed was a desideratum, and some of the finest sailing-vessels of the century were built. Capt. Nat possessed great constructive and mechanical ability, and modeled some of the fastest clipper-ships the world has ever known, making the United States pre-eminent in the carrying trade on the sea. Under his direction were successively built the clipper-ships the "Sam Russell," the "Oriental," the "David Brown," and the "N. B. Palmer," and he commanded in turn the "Sam Russell" and the "Oriental" in the China tea trade. In the last vessel, so celebrated was she for speed, that while the ruling rates for freight at Whampoa were £3 10s. a ton, he secured a cargo for England at £6, and beating down against the southwest monsoon in the China Seas, to the utter astonishment of the merchants in England, reached London in the unprecedented time of ninety-seven days. In 1848, Capt. Nat retired from the tea trade and took the steamer "United States" to Germany, and in 1849 he retired entirely from active service.

It was impossible, however, for a man of his habits and character to remain inactive, and his energetic disposition displayed itself in many ways. He became deeply interested in the modeling of vessels and in improving the lines of pleasure craft, building and owning no fewer than seventeen yachts. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and was one of the founders of the New York Yacht Club, and the seventh man to sign its roll. He built many fine yachts, and sailed many races, and wherever yachtsmen were his name and opinions were held in highest reverence.

An ardent sportsman, he was for many years a member of the Currituck Club, and at the age of seventy-eight, on his annual cruise to the Thimble Islands for duck-shooting, few men held as steady a gun or could endure the fatigue and exposure of which he seemed to think nothing. He was a marvelous pilot, and it was said of him that he could judge of the bottom by the appearance of the surface of the water. It was he who corrected the United States coast survey chart for the harbor of Stonington, probably as perfect a piece of work as was ever done.

Capt. Palmer's instincts naturally connected his business interests with the element he loved. He was one of the founders of the Neptune Line, and had more or less the supervision of building nineteen steamers for it, but lost heavily by that disastrous enterprise. He bought the largest sailing-ship ever built, the "Great Republic," which took fire and sunk in New York Harbor after one trip to Liverpool. He raised her and took her to England, subsequently chartering her to the French government. In the war of the Rebellion he rendered most valuable service to the government in furnishing transports

and devising means for the protection of American shipping in a cause in which all his sympathies were enlisted. During the latter years of his life he withdrew from business speculation, and spent his time almost entirely in sporting on the water and on shore, and about his home and elsewhere. He held no civil office, but was a warden of Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington, and an earnest Freemason.

Capt. Palmer had no children. In 1876 he accompanied his nephew, Nathaniel B. Palmer (second named after him), and his brother Alexander's oldest son, who was in feeble health, to Santa Barbara, Cal. The latter derived no benefit there, and they went to China in a sailing-vessel. His health continuing to fail, they left Hong Kong on the steamer "City of Pekin" on May 15th, and when one day out Mr. Palmer died. The death of one to whom he was so devotedly attached was a terrible blow to Capt. Nat, and one from which he never recovered. He was compelled to take to his bed on reaching San Francisco, and though sympathetic and loving friends gave him every care, he died there on the 21st of June, 1877. On July 5th the remains of the devoted uncle and nephew, surrounded by those they loved, were laid away together in the beautiful cemetery at Stonington.

So ended the remarkable life of a remarkable man. He was the eldest of four sisters and five brothers, —Lambert, Alexander S., William L., and Theodore D.,—all of whom attained eminence in their callings. Capt. Palmer himself had the look of one born to command. He was over six feet in height and weighed more than two hundred pounds, and wherever he was men recognized in him a master-spirit. On his last voyage, in the "City of Pekin," though merely a passenger, he seemed to be the natural commander of the vessel, and her master, Capt. Tanner, said, with much amusement, that he felt that he was merely a subordinate officer.

Though a strict disciplinarian on shipboard, there was never a man to whom the gentler ties of family and domestic life were dearer. Though his nature was rugged and his determination invincible, his heart was as tender as a child's, and those who knew him best loved him best. This was not only true of his home but of all the world, for he was a genuine cosmopolitan. "My home," said his brother, the distinguished sailor, Capt. Alexander S. Palmer, "is in Stonington, but his home was the world." Everywhere, where American vessels went and American sailors were known, his name was held in highest respect and esteem. Wherever he landed, whether in Stonington, or New York, or London, or Hong Kong, he was sure of finding a warm welcome and the cordial reception of loving friends. He knew intimately most of the leading men of the United States, and counted among his acquaintances some of the most distinguished people in Europe. His fame as an explorer was world-wide, he was eminent as one who had

done great things for the improvement of American shipping, circumstances which gave him exceptional social advantages in foreign countries. The Hon. Mr. Bush, to whom allusion has been already made, one of his contemporaries and for many years his firm friend, writes of him as follows:

"My first introduction to Capt. Nat was at the Astor House in 1838, at the hands of Capt. Charles Mansfield, then in command of the ship 'Robert Bowne,' the ship I was about to embark in for the Cape of Good Hope.

"Capt. Nat was at that time in command of the Liverpool packet 'Garrick,' or 'Siddons,' I am not positive which, and though in tender years, he made a lasting impression upon me that clings as closely as the indelible print. Tall in figure, of commanding physique, courteous in address, and modest withal, he was the central figure on all occasions, whether on the deck of his ship, at the mess-table, or in the hall of the hotel. Civilians as well as mariners sought his ear, advice, and assistance too, which latter he never refused. In truth, he was a great and deserved favorite, the equal of any man it has been my good fortune to meet with on life's cruise, and in saying that I have had the good luck to enjoy the confidence, friendship, yes, love of noble men, who have made proud records in history, their names recording noble deeds on the lasting tablet. I profess to know the man that he was. He was possessed of all the endearing traits to make one valued in companionship, a fast friend and generous enemy. Master of his chosen profession, there was never a braver, more accomplished sailor trod the deck, while he was a rare sportsman and genial gentleman at home, at court, or in the domestic circle."

Mr. Bush's epitome of his character is well and justly made. No better type of the American seaman was ever shown to foreigners, uniting as he did the thorough knowledge of his calling with the dignity and agreeable qualities of more polished and gentler professions. He helped to make his country and his native town famous, and they may well take pride in his career. In his death they sustained an irreparable loss, though they hold his name in affectionate and honored remembrance. "No man," said the greatest of the heathen philosophers, "can deserve well of his country without doing good," and the gallantry and daring of Capt. Nat, no less than his generous qualities of heart and his broad and liberal spirit, will have their influence for all time. His life of strange experiences and his death, full of years and honors, are constant incentives and inspiration. Of no one can it be more truly said that though he rests from his labors his works do follow him.

Nathaniel Brown Palmer, son of Capt. Alex. Palmer, and nephew of Capt. N. B. Palmer, was thirty-seven years of age at the time of his death, and was in many ways a remarkable man. His mother's family, the Dixons of Rhode Island, have for years been prominent as lawyers and public men. His grandfather represented Rhode Island in the United States Senate. Mr. Palmer's uncle was nearly a fifth of a century in Congress. The oldest member of the third generation is United States District Attorney for Rhode Island. Mr. Palmer wished to follow the sea, like his father, but was persuaded at the age of sixteen to enter the hardware house of Messrs. Bruff Bros. & Seaver, New York. When the firm opened a branch house in New Orleans he became the head salesman there. He came North when the war was

begun, and was given control of the firm's manufacturing of muskets and pistols under the Joscelyn patent. A large manufactory was established in Stonington. In 1865 he became a member of the firm of Messrs. Phelps, Dodge & Co., extensive manufacturers and dealers in boots and shoes in Chicago, and was an active worker. In the summer of 1871 he contracted a severe cold, which attacked his left lung. He spent the winter in Southern France, returned to this country much improved in health, and was married in October, 1872. In November, 1876, he went to Santa Barbara, Cal., with his uncle, Capt. Nat. The climate disagreed with him, and he and his uncle went to China in a sailing-vessel. The young man's health rapidly failed, and he sailed for San Francisco with Capt. Nat in the "City of Pekin" on May 15th. When one day out Mr. Palmer died, May 16, 1877. He kept his inherited love for the sea to the last.

**Alexander Smith Palmer**, son of Nathaniel and Mercy Palmer, was born at the site of his present home (called Pine Point), at Stonington, Jan. 26, 1806. When an infant his parents moved into the borough of Stonington. His education was confined to the common schools. After leaving school was placed in a lawyer's office, but not liking the confinement of a lawyer's life, decided to be a sailor, and started on his first voyage June 21, 1821, in the brig "Alabama Packet," Capt. Wm. A. Fanning, bound on a sealing voyage to the South Shetland Islands, sealing also the coasts of Chili and Peru. These countries being at war with Spain at this time, fighting for their independence, he was in danger of being captured, as the brig "Herselia," Capt. James P. Sheffield, of Stonington, had been by the Araucanian Indians (who adhered to Spanish rule) but a short time before his arrival. After a two years' voyage returned to Stonington. Then made two coasting voyages to Philadelphia in the schooner "Alonzo," Capt. R. F. Loper. Next made a voyage to the West Indies in the brig "Thetis," Capt. Savage, from Middletown, Conn. On return sailed from New York, July 5, 1824, for Cartagena, in the schooner "Cadet," Capt. N. B. Palmer. From Cartagena went to Chagres, carrying part of Gen. Bolivar's army, who was assisting the Peruvians to drive out the Spanish. From Chagres carried Spanish prisoners to St. Jago, Cuba. On the return voyage to New York, in November, 1824, the schooner was wrecked at Long Branch, and all hands saved by means of a rope carried to the shore by a sailor and Capt. A. S. Palmer, swimming through the surf. Then made seven voyages from New York to the Spanish Main in the brig "Tampico," Capt. N. B. Palmer. During the summer of 1826 was made commander of the brig "Tampico," and made two voyages from New York to the Spanish Main, Porto Cabello, and Cuba. Then commanded respectively the schooner "Penguin" (Sept. 5, 1827) and ship "Charles Adams" (Sept. 1,



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1831). Sailed from Stonington, Conn., on whaling and sealing voyages to Cape Horn, South Shetlands and Falkland Islands. Returned to Stonington in ship "Charles Adams," Sept. 1, 1833. The next command was the New Orleans packet-ship "Louisville," from New York, October, 1834. Remained captain of this ship until 1838, when he took command of the ship "Shakespeare" for one year, sailing from New York to New Orleans. In February, 1839, commanded the Liverpool packet-ship "Garrick," belonging to what then was known as the "Dramatic Line." Remained in the "Garrick" until October, 1841, when Capt. Palmer took command of the ship "Southerner," in the Liverpool and Charleston trade. Remained in the "Southerner" until 1845, when he commanded the ship "Hoqua" on a voyage from New York to China, being the second ship to enter the port of Shanghai after the port was opened to commerce. Capt. Palmer brought to this country the first Shanghai fowl. The last voyage was made in 1847 to Liverpool from New York in the ship "Southerner."

Capt. Palmer's present house was built in 1852, nearly on the site of the old homestead, burnt down Nov. 17, 1850. Has always been a Democrat in politics, but, although living in a Republican district, has received their votes, which were accepted as tributes of esteem and appreciation of an honest life. Has been elected first selectman of the town twice, viz.: 1858 and 1859; three times State representative, viz.: 1857, 1858, and 1875; and State senator twice, viz.: 1876 and 1877, serving as chairman of committee on temperance, and capital punishment in 1876, chairman of agriculture in 1877, when was introduced the agricultural experimental station; served on committees of finance, State boundaries. An Episcopalian; junior warden since 1868, and senior warden since 1876, of the Calvary Episcopal Church. Capt. Palmer was married June 19, 1837, to Priscilla D. Dixon, daughter of Hon. Nathan F. and Betsey Palmer Dixon. Children were Nathaniel Brown Palmer, born Nov. 16, 1840; Alexander Smith Palmer, born May 29, 1843; Louis Lambert Palmer, born July 21, 1845; Elizabeth Dixon Palmer, born June 6, 1848. Nathaniel B. Palmer married Harriet Wilder, Oct. 10, 1872. Elizabeth D. Palmer married Richard F. Loper, Jr., Sept. 3, 1873. Priscilla Dixon Palmer died Jan. 12, 1851, aged thirty-five years. Nathaniel Brown Palmer died May 16, 1877, on board steamship "City of Pekin," one day out from Hong Kong; buried at the family burying-ground at Stonington, Conn.

Capt. Palmer's ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the town of Stonington, in the persons of Walter Palmer and George Denison. His grandfather's only brother, David Palmer, was slain in Fort Griswold, Groton, Sept. 6, 1781. Capt. Palmer's father was one of the defenders of Stonington in the attack of the fleet under command of Sir Thomas Hardy, Aug. 10, 1814. Capt. A. S. Palmer has been

instrumental in saving lives; while captain of the "Charles Adams," July 24, 1833, rescued the crew of the English ship "Dorothy," Capt. Garnock and twenty-four men. While in command of the "Garrick," 1840, saved the crew of the English brig "Eugenia." During the winter of 1865 saved alone seven men, being the crew of a schooner (name not remembered) which came ashore at Currituck, N. C., during a gale of wind.

Connected by blood or marriage with many leading families in New England and New York, and acquainted with the leading men of Connecticut and many of the country, also having a wide personal acquaintance, he has strong influence, which has ever been exerted for the good of his town and its citizens, among whom he has lived, except while absent at sea, for three-quarters of a century, and is to-day, wherever known, loved, honored, and esteemed.

Capt. Palmer has always been an ardent sportsman, and realizing the fact that fish and game were of great importance to the country, was mainly instrumental in securing the passage of the game law that now honors the statute-book of Connecticut.

**Silas Enoch Burrows,**<sup>2</sup> of Stonington, was the son of the Hon. Enoch Burrows, who paternally descended from Robert Burrows, one of the first planters of New England, residing first in this country at Wethersfield, Conn., where in 1645 he married Mary, the widow of Samuel Ireland, by whom he had two children,—John and Samuel Burrows. He did not long remain in Wethersfield, for, attracted by the reputation of Mr. Winthrop's new plantation at Pequod, now New London, he came in 1651 and located himself on the west branch of Mystic River, on a grant of land embracing the territory now occupied by the village of Mystic River, where he lived the remainder of his days, dying in August, 1682. His wife died before him, in December, 1672. He was an intimate friend of Governor Winthrop, who often visited him after he was domiciled at Mystic. Like most of the leading men of his day, he engaged in farming and stock-raising, marketing his stock and

<sup>1</sup> Capt. Palmer received a testimonial from the queen for saving the crew of the brig "Eugenia."

Another testimonial to the captain is a large silver vase, gold lined, standing upon a heavy silver standard. The following inscription tells sufficient: "Presented by the Owners of the Ship Dorothy to Capt. Alexander S. Palmer of the ship Charles Adams of Stonington, in testimony of his humane and generous conduct towards Captain Garnock and the Crew of the ship Dorothy of Liverpool, which foundered at sea in Lat. 29 S., Long. 20 W., on the 4th of July 1833, who after having been exposed in open boats for 20 days, were picked up by Capt. Palmer, and experienced from him the greatest possible kindness during four days they were on board the Charles Adams, and safely landed at Pernambuco, Liverpool, MDCCCXXXIII."

An open-faced gold watch has upon the inside back cover, "Presented to Capt. A. S. Palmer as a token of Esteem, New York, Feb. 12th, 1836" by 25 gentlemen, whose names are there inscribed.

Another communication begins as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting of the 'Council of the General Shipwreck Relief Society,' held in Paris, you were elected one of its nine Presidents." Signed by its presidents, Paris, Oct. 31, 1839 (France).

<sup>2</sup> By Richard A. Wheeler.

surplus produce at Boston for a while. Subsequently the planters opened trade with the West Indies, which was continued for a good many years.

His son, John Burrows, married Mary Culver, daughter of John Culver, Dec. 14, 1670, and their oldest son, John Burrows, married Lydia Hubbard, daughter of Hugh Hubbard, of Derbyshire, England, in 1694, and became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Amos, the third son, married Elizabeth Rathbun, of Colchester, Conn., and had ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Silas, their second son, became an eminent Baptist clergyman of the open-communion persuasion. Established a church at Fort Hill, in Groton, to the interest and success of which he devoted his whole life. He married for his first wife Mary Smith, of Groton, April 7, 1764. For his second wife he married the widow Phebe Smith, Feb. 18, 1818, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. By his first wife he had ten children. His third son, Enoch Burrows, was born July 28, 1770, received an ordinary education, and by his own unaided efforts rose to prominence and became a merchant and an honored citizen of Stonington. He shared to the fullest extent the confidence of his fellow-citizens, held almost every public position in town affairs, and was elected representative to the General Assembly in the years 1810, 1811, 1815, 1816, 1817. He was also elected an assistant under the old charter, and State senator under the constitution for the years 1819, 1820, and 1821.

He married for his first wife Esther Denison, Aug. 28, 1791, and became the parent of Silas Enoch Burrows, who was born Oct. 29, 1794, who descended maternally from Capt. George Denison, of Indian warrior fame, and from Thomas Stanton, the distinguished interpreter-general of New England, and from Capt. John Gallup, of Boston, who has the honor of fighting the first naval battle in New England waters.

Mr. Burrows was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in early life was trained to mercantile pursuits, aiding his father in business at Mystic.

During the last war with England in 1814 he served in a detachment of militia detailed for the protection of Stonington Borough and vicinity, and participated as a volunteer in the heroic defense of that place, August 10th of that year, bringing cartridges from New London for use in the Stonington battery, with which the British ship "Dispatch" was forced to abandon her position and get out of reach of our guns as fast as possible.

After the close of the war with Great Britain, not content with the limited opportunities for business at Mystic, he enlarged his operations and became engaged in commercial pursuits in New York, where he not only established a line of packets between that city and Cartagena, New Granada, but became extensively engaged in the whaling and sealing business, many of his vessels having been built at Mystic.

In 1835 he made his first visit to the Brazils and the river La Plata, taking his eldest son Silas with him, returning there again the following year; and, on his return to the United States, in the same year, he sent his son to Buenos Ayres in the United States sloop-of-war "Fairfield," under the care of Capt. Charles Boorman, to be placed in the Jesuit College of that city to acquire a perfect knowledge of the Spanish language.

In 1842, Mr. Burrows having lost his second wife, went with all his children and settled in Montevideo, establishing a commercial house there, and was actively engaged in the shipping business, aided by his two eldest sons, Silas and Ogden Hoffman Burrows. Returned to the United States in 1848, leaving there two sons in charge of his business.

In 1851 he joined them in San Francisco, and then and there the house of S. E. Burrows & Sons was formed, which in 1853 was established in Hong Kong, China, his eldest son, Silas, being the pioneer of the firm in the East, Mr. Burrows following in his clipper-ship, the "Race-Hound," the year after, and his second son, Ogden Hoffman Burrows, the year after that.

Mr. Burrows made several trips to Europe from Hong Kong, taking his youngest son, John Russ Burrows, with him, and in 1859 he left China for the last time, and returned to his native village of Mystic, Conn. Mr. Burrows was a successful business man. All of the enterprises in which he was engaged were made to contribute to his fortune. Possessed of a powerful will and untiring energy and industry, he overcame all obstacles that confronted him. Endowed with a high order of business talent, and fully conscious of his strength and abilities, he knew no such thing as fear or failure. After his departure from China his sons conducted the business of the house very successfully until 1876, when the business was wound up and they also retired from China.

Mr. Burrows was twice married,—first to Mary Van Buskirk, Nov. 20, 1820, by whom he had four children, viz.: Enoch, born June 7, 1822, died Aug. 28, 1823; Silas E. Burrows, Jr., born March 28, 1824; Mary Jane, born June 2, 1826; Ogden Hoffman, born July 22, 1828. His first wife died in New York, Jan. 30, 1831.

Second, to Mary D. Russ, May 19, 1834, by whom he had three children, viz.: Mary Russ, born Dec. 14, 1836, died April 23, 1857; John Russ, born Sept. 13, 1838, died Aug. 11, 1871; William Henry, born Dec. 21, 1840, died August, 1841. His second wife died March 22, 1841. Mr. Silas E. Burrows died Oct. 12, 1870, aged seventy-six years.

**The Greenman Family.**—There is perhaps no one family more worthy of notice in the history of the last seventy-five years of Stonington than the Greenman family. It has been prominently identified with ship-building in the height of its prosperity, and has furnished employment for many persons, not



*Silas Gunnman*



*Geo. Grunman*

only in ship-building but in other manufacturing. For the sake of justice to coming generations, we will leave a tracing of the various persons of the name who have made their impress upon the town and laid the foundation of success broad and solid, and have, in their way, done so much to make the name honored and esteemed.

**Silas Greenman, 1st and 2d.**—Silas Greenman, first of the name we can now trace, was a resident of Charlestown, R. I., probably removing from there to Westerly, R. I., as his son Silas, born Sept. 29, 1770, always lived in that town or in Hopkinton. He, Silas, Jr., was a ship-carpenter, and a diligent, honest, God-fearing man, serving, in his quiet, unostentatious way, his day and generation well. He was of positive character, firm and unflinching in everything he deemed right, but did not promulgate his opinions from the house-top. They formed his character, were acted in his life, and were made the fundamental principles of the education of his family. Devotion to right, loyalty to country, and obedience to law were leading characteristics of his life. He was a devoted Christian, and a member of the Seventh-day Baptist Church; a man of warm affections, but also of a strong sense of duty, which sometimes concealed their expression in words. He married Mary, daughter of George and Esther Stillman. Her ancestors came from England in the early days of New England, and were the progenitors of a numerous and able family. Of this union were born nine children,—Sally (Mrs. Joseph Lampher, deceased), Silas, 3d (deceased), Mary (Mrs. Green Champlin, deceased), Lucy (died early), Catherine (Mrs. John Edmondson), George, Clark (deceased), Thomas S., and William (died young). Mr. Greenman died June 5, 1846, aged nearly seventy-six; Mrs. Greenman in April of the same year.

**Silas Greenman, 3d.**—Silas (3), eldest son of Silas (2), was born in Hopkinton, R. I., Nov. 26, 1796. He passed the years of his minority with his parents, and was subject to the vicissitudes incident to the limited circumstances of that early period. His educational advantages were of the most primitive kind, and he, in the labor incident to "earning a living," had not much time to devote to school. Such time as could be given for that purpose was faithfully improved. He learned the trade of ship-carpenter from his father, giving him his wages until he became of age. Working steadily at his trade, he soon became an unusually good workman, and went to the head of Mystic River as master-builder for Silas E. Burrows, and in 1827 engaged in partnership with his brother George in ship-building at that place. This copartnership continued until the spring of 1835, when he removed to Westerly, and continued to reside there until his death. He followed ship-building here also for many years, part of the time alone, and in company with his son, George S. He was a most industrious, careful, conscientious, honest man.

He was a Republican in politics, but not an extremist. When, in 1840, the Pawcatuck Seventh-day Baptist Church was organized, he was one of the constituent members, and remained in its fellowship, a worthy member, until summoned up higher, April 6, 1881, at the advanced age of more than eighty-four years. Through life we find him to have been regarded as an altogether solid, brotherly, genuine man, yet amiable, cordial, companionable, jocose even,—a good laugh in him withal,—and when, in the fullness of time, he was called away a multitude of friends were left in gloom. He married, Dec. 20, 1821, Thankful, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Potter) Wells. She was born Aug. 7, 1802, and died April 27, 1870. They had seven children,—William, born Oct. 24, 1822; followed the sea, became captain; was twice married; for first wife married Fannie, daughter of Stanton and Nancy (Perkins) Hall; they had two daughters, Mercy (deceased) and Katie. George S., born July 13, 1826; has always been a ship-carpenter; worked with his father, and in company with him for years, but latterly has been by himself. He married, Feb. 14, 1863, Patience, daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Saunders) Crandall. E. Jane, born Dec. 14, 1830; married Welcome Wilcox, September, 1857, and has one child, William. Silas B., born Sept. 16, 1833; followed the sea, rose to be captain; married, Jan. 7, 1856, Ellen L., daughter of Elisha and Lucy (Hinckley) Peck, and has one son, Earle. Silas was lost on the ill-fated steamship "City of Waco," of which he was captain, in Galveston Harbor, Texas, Nov. 9, 1875. Susan, born March 8, 1836; married William M. Williams, Nov. 11, 1857; has no children. Charles W., born Feb. 13, 1841; never married; followed the sea, became mate, and was lost on steamship "Constitution," Dec. 25, 1865. Mary C., born Dec. 18, 1845; married Merton E. Stillman, Nov. 9, 1874, and has two children, Mabel and Arthur.

**George Greenman** was born at Westerly, R. I., Aug. 27, 1805. During his early years he had the experience that the children of a family of humble circumstances of that day usually had,—labor, interspersed with three months' attendance at the common schools in the entire year, and then oftener arriving at the school-room at ten o'clock than earlier. After he was sixteen he learned the ship-carpenter's trade of his father; remained with him until he was of age, giving him all his wages, and commencing life for himself with only the capital of the customary "freedom-suit," and *not a dollar*. In 1827 he went into partnership with his brother Silas in ship-building at the head of Mystic River. This partnership continued until 1835, and George continued alone one year, and then admitted his brothers, Clark and Thomas, in company with him, under the firm-name of George Greenman & Co. They could only build small vessels on account of the shoal water, and they built one vessel—ship "John Baring"—at the "Narrows" for

Silas C. Burrows, and one—ship "Thomas Williams"—at Westerly for Charles P. Williams. Mr. F. Denison, in his "Westerly and its Witnesses," has this to say about this ship: "Near 1822-23 there was built in the town of Westerly, a few rods north of the tanyard, a fine ship of about three hundred and fifty tons, called the 'Thomas Williams,' owned largely in Westerly, and fitted expressly for the whaling business. On her second voyage, in 1837-38, which was a very prosperous one, she was commanded by Capt. Palmer Hull, and cruised in the South Pacific. On her third voyage, under Capt. Manwaring, she was burned at the Azores, having been fired by the Portuguese."

In 1838, having a large amount of work to do at Mystic, and being solicited to make larger vessels than could be built at their yards, they removed to Adams' Point, and established the first ship-yard in the place. For a time they built sloops, brigs, and schooners for coasting trade. The first vessel built was schooner "Lion," for Capt. Wm. Clift. They built several for Capt. Clift, Nathan G. Fish, and others at this time. As business increased and their reputation for skill extended, people came for larger vessels. They built brigs "Mayflower" and "Rose Standish" and others for E. D. Hurlbut & Co., of New York, for European trade. Increasing the capacity of their yard, they built ships "Silas Greenman," "William Rathbone," "E. C. Scranton" (largest class ships of that day) for Messrs. Everett & Brown, of New York. At this time their business was so large as to employ from fifty to seventy-five men constantly. They built in 1853 the largest vessel they have ever made, the "David Crockett." She was a three-decked ship, built for Capt. Joseph Spencer by Everett & Brown. She was of about seventeen hundred tons burden, and cost ninety-four thousand eight hundred dollars. She went into California trade, is now (July, 1881) on her twenty-third voyage to San Francisco, and has paid her owners over four hundred thousand dollars. In 1854 they built the "Belle Wood," sixteen hundred tons, for John A. McGaw, of New York City; then followed several for the same person,—“Caroline Tucker,” and in 1856 the ship "Leah," of fifteen hundred tons. She was lost on her first voyage in 1857, never being heard from after leaving New York. The ship "Atmosphere" was built from the same model to replace the "Leah," and in the same and succeeding year they built the "Prima Donna," of about sixteen hundred tons. She has been a very successful ship, and the Greenman Brothers have for years enjoyed the reputation of building the most successful flat carrying ships afloat. They owned an interest in all built for Mr. McGaw, and have owned interests in several others, at present in ships "David Crockett" and "Prima Donna" and steamers "W. W. Coit" and "G. R. Kelsey." Among others built for Mr. McGaw were the barques "Texana," four hundred tons (burned by the Confederates), "Heiress," eight hun-

dred tons, "Diadem," seven hundred tons, "Cremona," six hundred and fifty tons, and ships "Favorita," thirteen hundred tons, and "Frolic," fourteen hundred tons. From 1859 to 1864 they built seventeen steamers, among them the "Blackstone," "Thames," "Constitution," "Weybossett," screw-steamers, and "Escort," "Ann Maria," "W. W. Coit," "City Point," and others, side-wheelers.

George Greenman married, Feb. 10, 1828, Abby, daughter of Charles and Martha (Birch) Chipman, of Mystic. Their children are Mary A., born March 7, 1829, married Edwin G. Champlin, and has one son, George G.; Harriet P. (deceased); George (died young); George H., born April 8, 1837, married, June 13, 1864, Ann E. Bowles, of Allegany Co., N. Y. He has six children,—Annie, William C., Bessie, George B., Laura A., and Mary F. He has been connected with the interests of Greenman Brothers as book-keeper in the ship-building business, as treasurer of the Greenmanville Manufacturing Company, and as treasurer of the Standard Machinery Company. Martha B., born May 5, 1841, married Lon Weston, of Brockton, Mass., and has two children,—Robert S. and Lawrence G.; Laura A., born Sept. 13, 1843, married Walter Price, Oct. 24, 1872 (died March 17, 1874, in San Domingo); Marie Antoinette (died early); Lucia Annette, born May 28, 1852, married Walter Price, Feb. 14, 1877, and has one child, Abby C.

All his life George Greenman has been an industrious, faithful worker, not only with tools but with his brain, and he never was satisfied until his work was done in the very best possible manner. To his shrewd common sense, thorough workmanship and ability much of the success of the firm is due. From his early childhood he has been pronounced in favor of everything he deemed in harmony with right and in accordance with Christianity. "There is a minority nearer right than the majority," and with this minority, however small, George Greenman, nor any of his brothers, was not ashamed to be enrolled. "Anti-slavery" when it meant almost social ostracism, "antirum" when the first slight swell of the great temperance wave was felt, "anti-Mason" because they deemed Masonry anti-Christian, everywhere and at all times they have been true to their professed principles, and no opposition, however numerous or imposing, could swerve them from the course of right. And back of all this persistency were warm, loving hearts, and if they erred ever, it was the error of the head, and never that of the heart.

Kind and loving as a father and husband, firm and unfaltering in his friendships, a prudent and wise counselor, George Greenman, in a ripe old age, is esteemed and honored by all; and in an unusually large range of personal acquaintance none can be found to whisper aught against his integrity or genuine Christian worth. He has always been a Seventh-day Baptist, and was one of the constituent members





*Thos S. Gummam.*

of the church at Greenmanville, which owes its organization and continuance to him and his brothers. He is unswervingly a Republican, and a pronounced Prohibitionist. He has been for years a director of Mystic River National Bank.

**Clark Greenman.**—The following, from the pen of an intimate personal friend, is a just *résumé* of the character and life of Clark Greenman, and tells the story of his life better than words of ours:

"Clark Greenman was born in Hopkinton, R. I., June 23, 1808, and died at Mystic Bridge, Conn., April 26, 1877, having almost completed his sixty-ninth year. He was the son of Silas and Mary Stillman Greenman, parents of sterling integrity and exemplary Christian lives, a fact that was held in grateful remembrance by him, who often declared that whatever eminence he had reached in the line of true manhood and Christian integrity was due to the careful instruction of a Christian mother and exemplary life of a devoted father. Under the pressure of such limited circumstances as was common in primitive days, and with few advantages for mental culture, they felt that the best fortune they could bequeath their children was that of moral power with the 'true riches'; therefore they were untiring in their efforts to lead their children in the way of everlasting life.

"At about the age of fifteen Clark embraced the religion of Jesus, and united with the old Hopkinton Church, under the pastoral labors of Elder Matthew Stillman. He afterwards removed his standing to the church in Westerly, where he remained a member until the organization of the church in Greenmanville, of which he was a constituent member, and where he was an earnest and faithful worker until his final sickness. Even in early life he was remarkably conscientious and trustworthy, scrupulously honest in dealing, and greatly pained at the thought of having done wrong.

"His work was that of a common laborer, and when a mere boy he went out among farmers and manufacturers, laboring for hire to aid his father in supporting the family. Thus early he began to develop those habits of thoroughgoing industry and earnestness which characterized him through life. At the age of eighteen he began ship-building with his father and brothers, carrying their tools from place to place, seeking jobs far and wide, and often walking long distances to reach their work. Recognizing his father's right to his services during all the years of his minority, his wages were freely given over until he was twenty-one years old. At the age of twenty-four he entered into partnership with his three brothers, Silas, George, and Thomas, and labored in ship-building from the spring of 1832 till the autumn of 1834. The following summer he accompanied his brother Thomas and W. B. Lewis to South America for the purpose of building a steamer, and on returning continued labor with his brother George until the spring of 1838. At this date the firm of George Greenman

& Co. was formed, of which he was a member until the day of his death. The willingness with which he always carried his part, the earnestness with which he applied himself to toil, and his wonderful thoroughness in all he undertook made him an example in industry, and won for him a place in the affections of many a fellow-laborer.

"But his noblest record was not made in the shipyard. He valued human souls too highly to spend all his energies in labor for the perishable things of earth. His desire for the elevation of fallen man was too great for him to withhold his influence and neglect to labor in the moral realm. His recognition of humanity as a common brotherhood enabled him to feel for every sufferer and sympathize with the oppressed, and he could not rest until every effort had been made to disenthral men from both moral and physical bondage. Thus in the higher field of life, and in the truest sense of the word, Clark Greenman was a reformer. Unaided by school advantages, he was obliged to gather his education from the world, and whatever information he could gain from general reading. In this respect he was no idler, and his naturally keen mind and uncommonly quick perceptions, penetrating and sifting every moral question with which he grappled, until the very bottom principle was reached and the foundation tried, enabled him to think clear ahead of the masses, reaching the ultimate truth, and occupying an advanced position that others only gained through long successive stages. On this account he received many a severe criticism, and was many times misunderstood. Men far behind in moral reforms could not comprehend the feelings and solicitude of one whose keener conscience and moral intuitions placed him far in advance. And he in turn could not understand why others should be so slow to apprehend truths that to his far-reaching mind seemed self-evident, and which, as the result has shown, were the very ones to which they would come after years of resistance. It was for such reasons that he sometimes seemed severe, when in his heart of hearts there was none but the kindest feelings. We need no further explanation than this to account for his position even in the very earliest days of the temperance reform. It was this same far-reaching, conscientious moral judgment that enabled him, in a time when intemperance was most popular and every influence favored the use of ardent spirits, to take the advanced and consistent ground of "total abstinence,"—a position that was not reached, even by some of the most avowed temperance workers, for several years after. From that early day onward he was an earnest worker, both by moral support and financial aid, in the cause of temperance.

"Again, in the early anti-slavery days, when oppressed humanity sent up that bitter wail of woe, and the clanking chains of outraged millions gave the falsehood to America's boasted liberty, Clark was an earnest champion of freedom and in the first line of

battle. From the depths of his soul he pitied the oppressed, and conscientiously accepted the truth of human equality. Therefore no amount of penalties imposed by a sinful nation's law, nor yet the opprobrium attached to an unpopular movement, could swerve him for a single moment from an apprehended line of duty. He was true and unflinching in a time when it required moral stamina to be an Abolitionist. In a time when the great mass of the Christian world was against them, and it was almost impossible to obtain a house in which to advocate the cause of freedom for the slave, his home, with that of his brothers, was always headquarters for advocates of reform, and in him they found a true and willing supporter. In 1856, while the contest of this reform was still raging, he was elected to the State Senate, where he was an efficient and earnest worker, and won many commendations for the keen insight and good judgment there displayed. He also did good service in the passage of the "Maine Law" bill. While selectman of the town he won the love and esteem of the poor by his efforts in their behalf and heartfelt sympathy with them in time of need.

"In matters of religion he was eminently practical, sincere, and thoroughly in earnest. He saw little advantage in and had little sympathy with a mere sentimental theory that did not change men's lives and make them better. While he had a high regard for the forms and externals of religion as helps, he would still make them secondary, and plead for a Christianity of working faith, and that by love of deeds as well as words, of watching as well as praying, of fruitage as well as blossoms. Therefore he made religion cover a man's whole life. Towards the last of his life he embraced with all his soul the love-teachings of Christ regarding the non-resistant peace principles that pertained to his kingdom.

"During most of his last painful sickness he had little hope of recovery, and felt perfectly confident that his work was done. He was ready and anxious to go, and only expressed a desire to live on account of those who would be bereaved by his loss, and who would miss his counsels and need his care.

"In his death the church lost a willing and earnest worker, society a benefactor, and all a wise and competent counselor."

He married, Jan. 4, 1841, Harriet, daughter of Peleg and Hannah Almy, of Portsmouth, R. I. She was born July 30, 1812. Of their five children one only is now living,—Harriet E., wife of Dr. Charles F. Stillman, a prominent surgeon, of 104 West Thirty-fourth Street, New York City. They have one son, Kirtland.

**Thomas S. Greenman.**—Thomas S. Greenman was born Oct. 5, 1810, in Westerly, R. I. Like his brothers, his life was passed in labor from very early years, and with the same limited advantages of education. He learned from his parents the same love of labor and directness of purpose so characteristic of the name,

and commenced life for himself at his majority with a determination to do honest work, and an inflexible purpose to be ever found first right, next laborious. It was a hard task the young man had, from humble circumstances to carve competency and position from the great world careless of his existence. And yet, as foundation for that success, the goal of youthful ambition, did he not have the very best possible material? Who knows but that same honest, industrious poverty was the most important factor of the subsequent successful career? Money can do much in life, but it cannot do all. We must know the province of it, and confine it there. Thomas Greenman knew this, and money has never been the sole or even first aim of his life. He learned the trade of ship-carpenter with his brothers, worked in perfect harmony, and acting on the old maxim of "Union is strength," they have always worked together, and thus they have won success financially, and an enviable position in society. The details of their business career have been given in connection with George Greenman's biography, and need not be recapitulated here.

Thomas married, Nov. 21, 1842, Charlotte, daughter of David Rogers, of an early Connecticut family of high repute, and which traces its genealogy away back through the English martyr, John Rogers, to the early days of England, and to men in high position even then. They have one daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, who married Thomas E. Stillman, a lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y. She has four children,—Jessie, Ellen, Mary, and Charlotte. Mrs. Greenman died May 14, 1879.

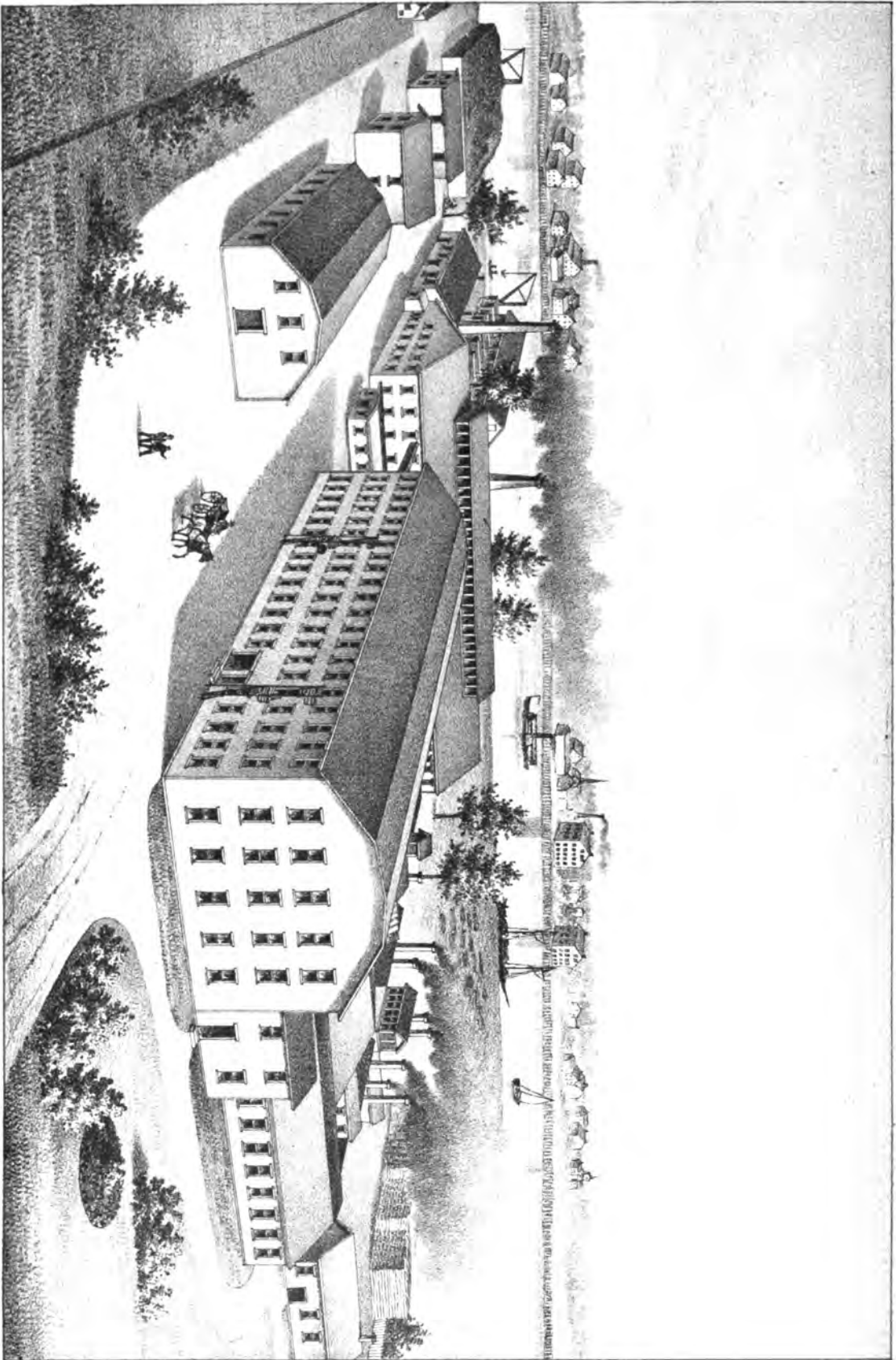
In 1836, Thomas accompanied his brother Clark to South America, under an agreement with Silas E. Burrows to build a steamer for the Magdalena River. Burrows relinquished his contract, however, and the brothers returned home. Thomas then went as carpenter on a ship bound for the same place, and remained absent from Connecticut about two years. He is a good and fluent speaker, with an analytical and legal mind, and has always been a debater in society-meetings and town-meetings, holds pronounced opinions, and can support them by logic and reason. A strong Whig, a pronounced Free-soiler and Republican, he was always a Prohibitionist; was elected justice of the peace on the temperance issue, and held that office twenty-five years, and until disqualified by age. For the last thirty years he has been grand juror, and represented Stonington in the State Legislature of 1866. He is a director of the First National Bank of Mystic Bridge.

Among the active, positive men of Stonington probably few enjoy the friendship and esteem of a larger number than Thomas Greenman. His social nature and warm sentiments have caused his home to be ever a pleasant one, and strangers to be attracted by his personality, although holding very different political sentiments.

**Greenmanville and Business Interests in 1881.**—



*Clark Greenman*



VIEW OF C.B. COTTRELL & CO. PRINTING PRESS MANUFACTORY;  
PAWCATUCK RIVER WITH WESTERN IN THE BACK GROUND.



*Engraving*

*G B Cottrell*

Greenmanville was named in 1849. When bought by the Greenmans, in 1838, it was Adams' Point, and was given to the little village springing up around their works for the sake of convenience, and to name the Greenmanville Manufacturing Company, then started to manufacture fine woolen goods, and for which a mill was erected. This mill was not large enough to satisfy demand for goods, and in 1860 Messrs. Stillman & Brown, of Westerly, bought one-half interest, thus giving an accession of capital, enlarged the mill to its present size, and ran the business in their own name, the Greenmans only owning the property, until Stillman & Brown were succeeded by Thomas Clark & Co., and the failure of the new firm in 1873, when George Greenman & Co., W. F. Prosser, and George H. Greenman reorganized it under the old name of Greenmanville Manufacturing Company, Mr. Prosser becoming superintendent, and G. H. Greenman treasurer. The capacity of the mill is five sets of machinery.

George Greenman & Co. are controlling stockholders of the Standard Machinery Company of Mystic River. This company manufactures a full line of bookbinders' machinery, power paper-cutters, and all kinds of cotton-gin machinery and materials. It is a stock company, organized about 1878, with capital stock of \$103,000. George Greenman & Co. established a general store at Greenmanville in 1863 to supply their many employes and others. It is still in prosperous existence, under care of George H. Greenman. The same firm also owns ten dwellings in Greenmanville, and two fine farms of about two hundred acres.

C. A. Fenner & Co., Mystic River, Groton, manufacturers of extension toy cribs, cradles, and extension canvas boats, commenced business in 1877. Their success has been great and their sales have increased rapidly. In 1879 they sold 20,000; 1880, 40,000; 1881, 50,000. These goods are made under patent of Mr. Fenner for his invention of a new application, and are manufactured under his personal supervision.

**Calvert B. Cottrell**, son of Libbeus Cottrell and Lydia Maxson, was born in Westerly, R. I., Aug. 20, 1821. In 1840, at the age of nineteen, he went to learn the machinist business with Messrs. Lavalley, Lanphear & Co., of Phenix, R. I., manufacturers of cotton-machinery, by whom he was employed fifteen years, most of the time as contractor. He saved during that time sufficient money to start in business, and in July, 1855, he came to Westerly and settled on the Stonington side of the Pawcatuck River (which for a number of miles is the boundary line between Connecticut and Rhode Island), forming a copartnership with Nathan Babcock, under the firm-name of Cottrell & Babcock. They engaged in the manufacture of cotton and wood-working machinery, also printing-presses, and continued in these branches of the machine business until 1861, when they began also manufacturing woolen-machinery, building all

the machinery necessary for the production of fancy cassimeres and woolen goods. In connection with this, they were also engaged during the war in manufacturing gun-appendages, supplying largely the appendages for the Springfield armory and private armories.

In the year 1868 they turned their attention to the manufacture of printing-presses as a specialty. In July, 1880, twenty-five years from the beginning of the copartnership, Mr. Cottrell purchased Mr. Babcock's entire interest in the concern, since which time the business has been continued by C. B. Cottrell & Sons.

Mr. Cottrell had only such educational advantages as the common schools of his early day afforded, but having an ambition for a better education, employed a large portion of his leisure time for many years in study, setting apart a portion of each day after working hours for that purpose.

Mr. Cottrell has done much in the way of improving the printing-press, having within the last few years obtained some fifteen different patents for various improvements, which have given their machinery a leading place in the market. Among the improvements may be mentioned the patent sheet-delivery, dispensing with the tapes formerly used for carrying the printed sheet to the fly, thereby saving much time and trouble; a patent hinged roller-frame, the distributors being arranged in a frame, thus enabling the operator by a simple movement to swing them clear of the form-rollers, leaving them free for removal, and a patent device for controlling momentum of the cylinder. By this device a higher rate of speed is obtained, and perfect register is secured as a natural result. A patent air-spring, enabling the operator to obtain at will the amount of power necessary for stopping and reversing the bed. The spring can be accurately graduated from the greatest amount of power necessary to the least with the utmost ease. A patent governor-attachment for throwing the spring on or off automatically when starting or stopping the press; a patent geared bed and slider-arrangement, insuring perfect travel between bed and slider, and preventing sliders from bumping against the end of the tracks; patent vacuum valve, etc.

Messrs. Cottrell & Sons have an extensive establishment. They at present employ about two hundred and fifty hands, and are rapidly extending their works. The buildings, including main structure, pattern-shop, foundry, blacksmith-shop, engine-room, etc., cover about two acres of ground. The location is an admirable one, on the Pawcatuck River, about five miles from Long Island Sound, where coal and iron can be brought direct to the firm's docks, and whence their heavy machines may be shipped at but a small cost for freight.

The reputation of their presses extends not only throughout the United States, but to Mexico and the South American country and Europe as well.



Mr. Cottrell was formerly a Whig until the Republican party was organized in 1856, when he joined that party, and has since been one of its staunch supporters.

At an early age he identified himself with the temperance movement, and has been all his life a total abstainer from intoxicating liquors.

He married, May 4, 1849, Lydia W. Perkins, daughter of Elisha Perkins and Nancy Russell. They have six children, viz.: Edgar H., Hattie E., Charles P., C. B., Jr., L. Angienette, and Arthur M., all born in Stonington except the first two mentioned.

The three eldest sons are connected with their father in the manufacturing business. Mr. Cottrell is a man of great force of character, of quick perception, of a social disposition, prudent, yet very liberal towards all charitable institutions. He is a member of the Seventh-day Baptist Church, and one of the leading citizens in his community.

**Nathan Babcock**, the subject of this sketch, was born in Westerly, R. I., Nov. 19, 1824, and was the eldest child of Oliver and Phebe Babcock. James Babcock, the progenitor of the family from which Mr. Babcock sprang, was born in Essex, England, about the year 1580; he was a Puritan, and emigrated with his family to Leyden, Holland, in 1620, and subsequently sought the shores of America, arriving about July, 1623. He had four children born in England, —James, John, Job, and Mary,—who came with him to this country. About 1650 he married a second wife, by whom he had one son, Joseph, who subsequently settled near Saybrook, Conn.

A legend of the family states that John Babcock, second son of James, Sr., came from Plymouth, Mass., to "Acquidneck" (the island of Rhode Island), where he was employed by Thomas Lawton, a prosperous man, who had one lovely daughter, Mary. Lawton soon discovered signs of an attachment ripening between his workman and his daughter, and being a true aristocrat, determined to put an end to the whole matter by dismissing the man from his employ and forbidding him his house. The old adage that "love laughs at locksmiths" was herein exemplified. John and Mary, as the story goes, sailed away together in a small boat, and made their way to the mouth of the Pawcatuck River, which they entered, and landed at Massatuxet Cove, in the present limits of Westerly.

This was about the year 1648, before the purchase of the Narragansett country from "Sosoa," an Indian chief, by a company formed in Newport. This purchase was perfected in 1660.

John Babcock and his wife Mary were the first white settlers in Westerly, R. I. They had a family of eight sons and two daughters, and lived to a ripe old age. Several of these children settled in the eastern part of Connecticut, where many of their descendants are still living. Their eldest son, James, was the first white male child born in Westerly; he married Elizabeth, daughter of Tobias Saunders, of

Westerly, and had six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom the eldest son, James, was the paternal, and the second son, Daniel, the maternal ancestor of the subject of this article.

Daniel Babcock, paternal grandfather of Nathan, was the grandson of James last mentioned, and son of Oliver and Anna Avery Babcock, both of North Stonington, Conn., being the youngest of nine children. His father died when Daniel was but nine years of age. He was born in North Stonington, Conn., Aug. 31, 1762. Arriving at manhood, he became a blacksmith, and commenced business at Potter Hill, where in 1783 he married Content, daughter of Joseph Potter. They had nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity: Daniel, Betsey, Jacob D., Nancy, George, Oliver, Lucy, Mary, and Emily H. Of him Rev. Frederick Denison, in his "Westerly and its Witnesses," speaks as follows: "As one of the witnesses and noble representatives of Potter Hill and Hopkinton, mention should be made of Deacon Daniel Babcock, or Judge Babcock, as he was often called. For forty-six years he was a justice of the peace; for nine years he was a member of the Upper House of the State, elected by general proxy, and carried with him the suffrages of all parties, retaining the office by a unanimous vote. For ten years he was a judge of the County Court of Washington County; he was the intimate friend and counselor of Governors Fenner, Knight, and others. As a Christian man, he honorably maintained his profession for sixty-three years, and for fifty-eight years he was a deacon in the staunch old Sabbatarian Church in Hopkinton, in which church he also served as chorister for nearly half a century. He belonged to the soundly evangelical portion of his denomination, was the intimate friend and relative of Rev. Rufus Babcock, was loved and honored by Rev. Stephen Gano and others of Providence, and was sent for far and near as arbiter and counselor in difficult cases in church and in private life. He served for a short time in the Revolutionary war, and died in Hopkinton, Sept. 18, 1846."

Oliver Babcock, fourth son of Daniel and Content, and father of Nathan, was born Dec. 12, 1797; he learned his father's trade, and subsequently wrought at it for a few years near the Road meeting-house, in Stonington, Conn. In 1823 he formed a partnership with his brother Daniel at Potter Hill, R. I., under the firm-name of D. Babcock, Jr., & Co., for the manufacture of edged tools. Their work was noted for its excellence, and patronage came from far and near.

In January, 1824, he married Phebe, daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Burtch) Babcock, of Stonington, Conn., by whom he had eleven children, eight of whom lived to be men and women, as follows: Nathan, Amanda, Daniel, Ann Elizabeth, Stephen, Lucy, Almy, Phebe Jane, and Julia M.; these all are still living (1881) except Ann Elizabeth.

The partnership of Oliver with his brother con-



*Nathan Babcock*



**STEPHEN BABCOCK.**

tinued until 1860, when advancing age and failing health of both compelled them to give up business.

He was from twelve years of age a member of the First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and held a high place in the regards of his fellow-townsmen. He was a man of unusually strong convictions, and dared to carry those convictions into action. A Whig, and later a Republican in politics. He was an ardent temperance man, being among the first who dared to be so unpopular as to sign the temperance pledge. He died Sept. 9, 1869, aged seventy-one years. His widow still survives (December, 1881), now nearly eighty years of age, with her mental faculties unimpaired, enjoying that love and esteem which come from a long life of active usefulness and untiring devotion to her family.

Nathan Babcock, the subject of this sketch, spent the most of his life until fifteen years of age with his maternal grandparents, Stephen and Phebe Babcock, in Stonington, Conn., where he attended common school; afterwards he went to his father's, where he attended school two winters. In May, 1842, he went to Warwick, R. I., and became an apprentice to the machinist trade; he worked there as apprentice, journeyman, and for the last seven years sub-contractor; in all, thirteen years.

March 2, 1847, he married Phebe W., daughter of Ray and Esther (Russel) Johnson, of Warwick.

In April, 1855, he entered into partnership with C. B. Cottrell, under the firm-name of Cottrell & Babcock, for the manufacture of cotton and woolen machinery, and in July of the same year moved to the village of Pawcatuck, in Stonington, Conn., where the firm began business, employing at first not more than half a dozen men. In a short time the manufacture of power printing-presses was commenced, and soon became the principal branch of the business. Mr. Babcock was identified with the business for twenty-five years, during which time it increased until the number of men employed was nearly two hundred. During this time he had the entire management of the works; from the first he attended to all the details of the business, devised plans for buildings, organized the several departments of work, no part of which escaped his observation, and no machinery was sent away from the manufactory without his personal inspection and approval. So close was his application to the business that for years together he was not absent for a single day.

It is not too much to say that the successful establishment of this enterprise, which for a quarter of a century has given employment to so large a number of men, is due largely to the ability and untiring energy of Mr. Babcock. He took an especial interest in the men in his employ, as many can now attest, giving them counsel as a friend, and visiting and caring for them when sick. Hundreds of men who have been employed by the firm remember Mr. Babcock, not only as a just employer, but also as a sympathizing

neighbor and friend. The partnership continued until July, 1880, when Mr. Babcock sold his half-interest to Mr. Cottrell and retired from the firm.

He has one child, a daughter, Hannah A. He is a Seventh-day Baptist. In politics a Republican. Is a strong believer in and an active worker for prohibition. A man of strong physique and resolute nature, he has been a man of one work,—his business. Public-spirited, energetic, and wide awake, Mr. Babcock is to-day a good representative of the clear-headed, active, successful business men of Stonington.

**Stephen Babcock**, whose likeness is given herewith, was born in Westerly, R. I., Feb. 27, 1772. He was the fifth son of Christopher, of Westerly, and Mehitable Chalker Babcock, of Saybrook, Conn. His great-grandfather, Daniel, was the son of James Babcock, the first white male child born in Westerly, R. I. In his early life he followed the sea for a period, and at one time he read medicine with a physician in Westerly, but gave up the study and became a farmer, teaching school during the winters, and taking charge of a farm at Watch Hill for the owner during the summer months.

His father, with the rest of the family, seven in all, emigrated to New York State, but Stephen remained in New England.

In March, 1801, he married Phebe Burtch, who was born and reared in Stonington, Conn. For a few years after his marriage he rented and improved a farm in Hopkinton, R. I., but on March 4, 1806, he removed with his family—wife and two young children—to Stonington, Conn., a distance of about ten miles, he and his wife riding upon one horse, with a saddle and pillion, carrying the youngest child before them, while the elder child, Phebe, not quite four years old, rode the entire distance upon a pillion behind a friend who drove the second horse. In less than three weeks a third child was born. These three—Phebe, Stephen, and Elias—were their only children who attained to maturity.

From 1806 Mr. Babcock remained a citizen of Stonington during the rest of his life. He was a man of strict integrity, and held a high place in the regards of his compeers. In politics he was a Democrat, and always exercised his privileges as a citizen, but attended strictly to his private business, through which he acquired a comfortable competency. His daughter Phebe married Oliver Babcock, of Hopkinton, and removed to Rhode Island. His eldest son, Stephen, settled in Simsbury, Conn., where he died in 1856, at the age of fifty-one years, leaving a widow and four children. Elias, the younger son, remained with his father until his death, then sold the farm and removed to Stonington Borough, where he became a merchant. He died in March, 1881, aged seventy-five years, leaving a widow and two children, a son and daughter. Both the children are married and settled in Stonington. Mr. Babcock died March 23, 1852, aged eighty years.

**Trustum Dickins** was born on Block Island about 1775. He was a seafaring man. He married Martha Wilcox, and had five sons and five daughters,—Sylvester, Hezekiah, Amos, Trustum, Henry, Martha, Margaret, Susan, Abby, and Hannah. When a young man he removed to Stonington and settled on the Pawcatuck River, opposite Lotteryville, where he purchased a tract of land and followed farming in the latter part of his life. He was of a very social nature, of an even temperament, much attached to his family. He had good health until his death at a very advanced age.

Trustum Dickins, Jr., was born in Stonington, Conn., on the place above spoken of, Nov. 14, 1793. His childhood till he was fourteen years old was passed on the farm. At that age he accompanied his father, who was sailing in the coasting trade and fishing in the Straits of Belle Isle, and when but a young man took command of the sloop "Julia Ann," in the coasting trade. He followed the sea until he was about sixty years of age, and then settled on the place now occupied by his son, Capt. James R. Dickins, on the Pawcatuck River. The remainder of his life was passed in that beautiful location, and here he died, at the hale old age of seventy-six years, April 5, 1870. He married Hannah, daughter of James and Esther (Burdick) Ross, of Westerly, R. I. Their children were Martha (Mrs. Oliver Babcock), James R., Sally F. (Mrs. Nathan Barber), Charles W. (died young), Mary Esther (Mrs. Elias Watrous), Lois B. (Mrs. Hoxie Noyes), Samuel L. (married Margaret, daughter of William T. and Amanda R. Pendleton). In personal characteristics he resembled his father,—quiet, unassuming, and genial. He was a thorough seaman and an able navigator. He was attached to a gunboat for the defense of Stonington when that village was attacked by the British, but was not called into action. In politics he was formerly an "Old-Line" Whig, afterwards a Republican from 1856.

James R. Dickins was born Feb. 29, 1821, on the place where he now resides. Had education at common schools until he was sixteen, when he went on the sea with his father in coasting trade, and to New York, and at nineteen took command of a packet, the sloop "China," running from Westerly to New York City, and for thirty years continued to run as captain in that service, and was very successful financially. When about forty-five years old he retired, and since has nominally been a farmer. He is independent in politics, but generally votes the Republican ticket. He married, Jan. 25, 1860, Phalla M., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Scholfield) Hinckley, of Stonington. Of their three children, two survive, Martha Ann and Hannah Francis.

Mrs. Dickins' mother came from England when six years old, and is now in fair health, physical and mental, in her ninety-fifth year. Her brother, James Scholfield, now lives in Montville, aged ninety-six years, and is now reading Casar.

Mr. Dickins is a man of fine social and neighborly qualities, is considered a shrewd and careful business man, has been a director of the Pawcatuck National Bank for several years, and is one of the substantial farmers of this part of the town.

**George W. Noyes**, eldest child of Thomas and Mary Noyes, was born in Stonington, Conn., Jan. 15, 1800. He married, in 1845, Miss Martha Babcock Noyes, and died March 6, 1849, leaving his wife and one child, a daughter.

A descendant of an old family, his line of ancestry reaches back to the first days of our country.

In 1634, Rev. James Noyes and his younger brother, Nicholas, sons of Rev. William Noyes, came to New England from Wiltshire, England, and settled at Newbury, Mass. Rev. James Noyes (second son of first) came to Stonington about 1670, and to this branch of the family the subject of this sketch belonged.

The records show a long line of professional men, especially clergymen, who were staunch supporters of civil and religious liberty, Col. Joseph Noyes (grandfather of George), with three of his sons, having served his country in the war of the Revolution.

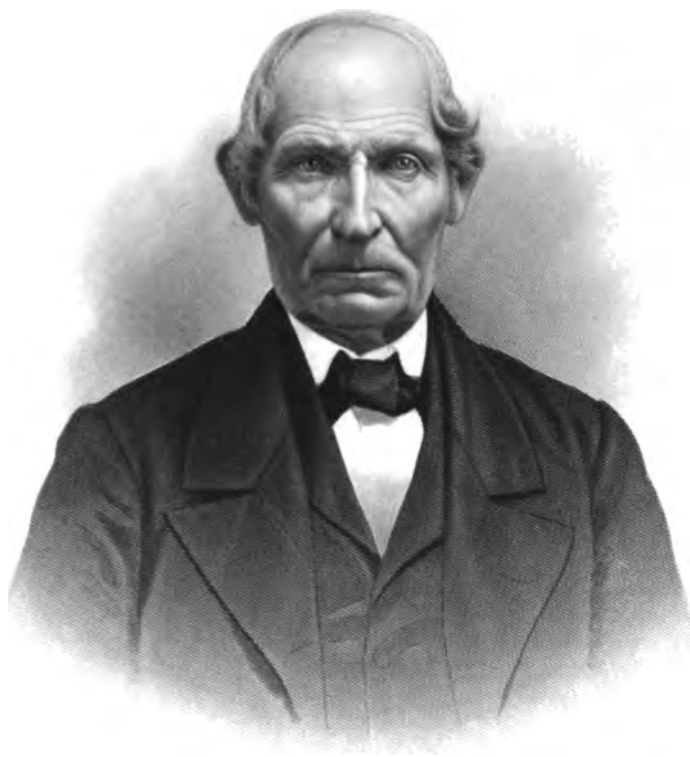
With such an ancestry it was not strange that Mr. Noyes should have inherited a strong love of right and freedom, and an equally strong hatred of wrong and oppression. He grew to manhood under the care of one of the best and sweetest of mothers, to whom he was always the most loyal and affectionate of sons.

Though possessing literary tastes which were well cultivated, he chose a business life rather than a profession, and established himself in Salem, Conn., about 1828. After two or three years, at the advice and wish of his father, to whom he was strongly attached, he returned to Stonington, and continued his business as a merchant at Pawcatuck, in the eastern part of the town. At the time of his death he had nearly completed his arrangements to enter permanently the manufacturing business.

In the political affairs of the nation he was greatly interested, warmly espousing the anti-slavery cause. In 1844 he was the first and only voter in his town of the Abolition ticket. The next year he was joined by Mr. William Bryant, and after two or three years another gentleman joined them.

At that time the excitement upon slavery ran high, and those who avowed themselves friends of the negro had to withstand much opposition. Lecturers were traversing the country, making earnest appeals for the oppressed African, and to such Mr. Noyes always gave the most liberal hospitality and active sympathy.

The growing evils of the slave system and the dread retribution which its continuance was sure to bring the nation were fully impressed on his mind. His fine sense of right and justice recoiled with horror from the national crime, and he made every effort in his power to assist its overthrow.



*Amos A. Phelps*



*Geo. M. Storer*





*Joseph Noyes*



THOMAS HINCKLEY.

Another thing to which Mr. Noyes had a most sincere hatred was intemperance. In an old journal, continued through many years, frequent reference is made to the subject, in which he expresses himself as firmly opposed to the granting of licenses for the selling of intoxicating liquors.

He served his town officially in various ways, always with stern integrity and faithfulness.

His life was just at its prime when, contracting a slight cold, an attack of membranous croup followed, and after two days' illness he died, having but just passed his forty-ninth birthday.

**Joseph Noyes.**—The subject of this sketch was born Feb. 25, 1793, and was reared to farm-life with his parents, enjoying the advantages of public-school education. During his early manhood he taught school in the winter, and engaged in farming the rest of the year. He married Grace B. Denison, of Stonington, Nov. 19, 1818, and together they started on life's journey, following agricultural pursuits. They became the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, only three of whom are now living, two sons, and one daughter, who is the wife of Richard A. Wheeler. With an interesting family of children around them, they gave to farm-life the added charm of intelligent, social intercourse at home and in society.

Mr. Noyes was a man of upright dealings with his fellow-men; intelligent, courteous, and honest, he shared largely the confidence of the public, and was elected to various town offices. He was chosen representative of his native town to the Legislature for the years 1847-48; discharged the duties thereof faithfully and well, honoring himself thereby as well as his constituents. Paternally and maternally Mr. Noyes descended from some of the best families of New England. Paternally from the Rev. James Noyes, the first settled minister of Stonington, whose father, the Rev. James Noyes, was educated at Brazen Nose College, in the University of Oxford, England, and entered the ministry, and for his disinclination to adopt all of Queen Elizabeth's forms was driven to Holland, but subsequently returned to England, and married Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Brown, of Southampton, in 1634, and in March of that year embarked with his brother Nicholas in the ship "Mary and John," of London, for Boston. After his arrival in this country he settled in Newbury, Mass., where his son, our Rev. James, was born, March 11, 1640. His father, William Noyes, was a clergyman, and was instituted rector in the diocese of Salisbury, England, in 1602, which position he resigned in favor of his brother, Nathan Noyes, in 1620, and was then appointed attorney-general to the king of England.

Maternally from the Rev. Thomas Shepard, of Boston, one of the most distinguished divines of New England, by his third wife, Margaret Borodel, sister of Ann Borodel Denison, of Stonington, from whom

Mr. Noyes descended maternally and paternally. Mr. Noyes died June 12, 1872.

**Thomas Hinckley.**—In the review of Mr. Hinckley's life, which invites our thought, we are carried back to the last century, to the year 1787, the full period embraced by the history of our national Constitution. In that generation of long ago he was born and educated, among a peculiar, tried, and worthy people; among plain, frugal, solid, toiling, patriotic farmers, a people quite different from the society of the present times.

Our country had just emerged from the long and exhausting Revolutionary struggle. A national commerce had not yet sprung up. Manufactures were very few, and all in their infancy. Our people were chiefly agriculturists, and compelled to exercise the utmost economy. Most of them were dependent upon home productions, both in respect to their wardrobes and their tables. The principal capital of those days consisted in the virtues and personal energies of the people. How different in almost all respects the conditions and habits of the present day!

In recalling Mr. Hinckley's life, and in estimating his character and influence, there are several points to be noticed. To appreciate his labors and the legacy he has left to his family and the town we must give these points their proper weight.

1. He was of a good family. By this I mean he was of good blood, and inherited a sound constitution, and withal inherited those biases, inclinations, and tastes which are transmissible in blood. It is said in common parlance that "blood will tell;" so it will, and this is a matter worthy of remembrance. Not without reason, farmers think much of good stock and breed. It were well if a like law of selection gained credence and observance in all human families. In some families there seem to be inherent weaknesses, follies, and vices. In others there are inherited excellencies and virtues, both of body and of mind. The law of inheritance is a potent one, and often reaches to the third and fourth generation. The good or evil in us lives after us, virtues and vices linger in family veins. "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." In Mr. Hinckley's physical constitution, that stood the wear of eighty-nine years, and in his natural temperament and his habits of thought and conduct we have no insignificant eulogy on his parents and the Puritan stock from which he sprung; and his inherited qualities and tastes were also happily evinced in his wise selection of a consort, who survives him in her ninety-fifth year.

2. He had a sound education. For his times, his culture was broad in extent and excellent in character. In his boyhood our country knew very little of newspapers, magazines, libraries, academies, and colleges; it knew chiefly country school-houses and thinking men and women. Mr. Hinckley, from the famed Connecticut common school and such books

as were accessible, and the society of educators and public men, secured a mental training and a measure of knowledge superior to that of most of his contemporaries, so that he became a famous school-teacher in his day. His proficiency in what were then the higher branches of mathematics qualified him to act largely as a practical surveyor in the township, and many are the metes and bounds of farms and highways and lots of land that now testify to his ability and skill, and he continued to thus serve his fellow-townsmen until within a few years of his death. Could we to-day call up the multitude of his old pupils from the old school-houses, we could confidently rely upon their verdict as to his virtues as a man and his success as an instructor. The name of Master Hinckley is still pronounced with the greatest respect. Some light may be thrown upon the general trade and correspondence of this region of country during his early manhood by the fact that he was the agent of the government for twenty years in transporting the weekly mail between New London and Westerly, and that he carried the mail matter in saddle-bags on horseback. His term of office speaks for his fidelity.

3. He was a man of good personal habits. He adopted and maintained through life good rules of thought and good principles of conduct. He was sober, calm, upright, moral, consistent, and faithful. He governed himself wisely. And Solomon tells us that "he that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." Good self-government is one of the highest achievements of man.

Mr. Hinckley governed himself by the soundest and best of rules, as his long life and his success in life fully testify. In this respect he was like a prince, as compared with many around him that bowed to their own vices and became only disgraces in the community.

Nor was he devoid of public spirit. He was a faithful citizen, holding, first and last, important positions of trust and responsibility in the township. As a counselor, as a conservator of the public peace, as an arbitrator, as a defender of the laws of the land, he held no inferior rank. In the war of 1812 he buckled on his cartridge-box and shouldered his gun and marched manfully to the front as a true patriot. Nor did he return with any stain upon his shield. He was wise enough not to be a lover of party political offices, but he was a lover of the interests of his fellow-men and of his country.

4. He was a man of unwearied industry. He obeyed the ancient law of our race,—by the sweat of his brow he gained his bread, and hence his bread was always sweet, and he knew how to estimate it. He was trained to work when a boy; he never became too proud to work, even when he had acquired wealth; he worked till within a few days of his death. Through eighty long years he was a worker, a producer, and not a mere consumer. He continually added to

the wholesome wealth of the community, and of the town and of the country. And he taught his children to walk in the same steps. His house and farm were like the honey-bees' hive,—with the hum there was honey-making; and there was wax for retaining the honey when made.

Pursuing the oldest and most honorable calling among men for sixty-six years on the same farm, it is no wonder that he acquired a competence as well as a good name. He was a reliable director in the Pawcatuck Bank (now national) from its organization until quite recently, when he was succeeded in the directorship by one of his sons. He was a very conservative and wise director, inasmuch as he had been schooled in carefulness, and was also a large stockholder.

5. He was a true economist. He was educated in an economical family and in economical times, so that thoughtfulness and prudence were ingrained in his life. He accepted the golden rules of duty and thrift found in the Bible and in the writings of Dr. Franklin. To be convinced of his wisdom and care you had only to look on his fields and meadows, his walls and buildings, his barns and stalls, his stacks and cribs. And that he was felicitously seconded and supported in his forethought and skill by his loving consort you had only to look in and around his home. The dwellers here never lived on the earnings of others.

6. He was an honest man. He was always so in principle, and always so in practice. This is no small praise considering the world we live in and the times upon which we have fallen. Pope was orthodox when he wrote the line,—

"An honest man is the noblest work of God."

7. He held the old-school principles. I mean such doctrines as were established and current in the period of his early manhood; for men rarely change their views and habits after they pass the boundary of middle life. Socially, he was an old-fashioned, plain, unpretending, incorruptible Connecticut farmer. Politically, he was of the Jeffersonian school, and remained true to those old Jeffersonian and Jacksonian ideas. If political parties in his day changed their principles, and even their names, he changed not. His political consistency was like the ecclesiastical persistency of the famous and patriotic Mother Bailey, of Groton, Conn., who, when the new meeting-house was built on Groton Bank, not having faith in the novel steeple-crowned edifice, with its modern improvements, obtaining the key to the old square, weather-beaten house, and every Sabbath walked out to the lonely, deserted building, unlocked the door, entered her pew, and in thought and heart recalled the holy services of the days of 'auld langsyne.' Religiously Mr. Hinckley held to the Bible, and rested his hopes on the New Testament as he understood it. His theological views were best expressed by his life; his words were few, but his deeds were many.



*O. M. Stillman*

He is gathered to his fathers. All his early associates—Vincents, Browns, Davises, Stateses, Babcocks, Gardners, Noyeses, Randalls, Chesebroughs—passed on before him. He now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him. Very tender and sacred are the memories that now (1881) throng to the heart of his widow, to the hearts of his sons and daughters, and to the hearts of his grandchildren.

*Family Records.*—Thomas Hinckley was born in Stonington, Conn., Dec. 6, 1787; Mary Scholfield was born in Saddleworth, Yorkshire, England, Feb. 3, 1787; Thomas Hinckley and Mary Scholfield were married Dec. 9, 1810. Mary Ann Hinckley was born Oct. 9, 1811; Thomas S. Hinckley was born Dec. 22, 1813; John S. Hinckley was born June 30, 1816; Charles H. Hinckley was born May 23, 1818; Hannah M. Hinckley was born Oct. 21, 1820; Phalla M. Hinckley was born Dec. 5, 1822; William R. Hinckley was born May 8, 1826; Joseph H. Hinckley was born July 29, 1830. Joseph H. Hinckley died April 3, 1833; Thomas S. Hinckley died Nov. 30, 1853, aged forty years; Thomas Hinckley died Dec. 11, 1876, aged eighty-nine years.

**O. M. Stillman.**—The first American ancestor of Orsemus M. Stillman was George Stillman, who came from England about 1695, settling with his wife, Rebecca (Smith), first in Hadley, Mass., and in 1704 or 1705 in Wethersfield, Conn. He was born in 1654, married in 1685, and died in 1728, aged seventy-four. He had twelve children. His son, George(2), born 1686, married Deborah Crandall in 1710, was an able physician and a large land-owner. He was an earnest Christian, a Seventh-day Baptist, the first of his name holding that day. He had six children. His son Elisha, born in 1722, married, first, Hannah Rogers, and second, Mary Davis, Jan. 3, 1759, by whom he had nine children. He had a long life of usefulness, and died in 1796. Ethan was the sixth of the nine children, and was born Dec. 27, 1768. He was a gunsmith and machinist. He had large government contracts for guns during the war of 1812, by which he lost heavily. He was a loyal, peaceable, and useful citizen, and a prominent member of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. He married Polly Lewis, Mehitabel Tefft, and Anna Darrow. He had eight children by his first wife, and three by the second. He died July 4, 1845, much respected and full of years.

Orsemus M. Stillman, so long and intimately connected with the interests of Stonington and Westerly, was son of Ethan and Polly (Lewis) Stillman, and was born in Farmington, Conn., Nov. 4, 1801. He learned the trade of machinist with Jacob D. Babcock at Cornwall, N. Y. Soon after attaining his majority he went to Unadilla Forks, Otsego Co., N. Y., whither his parents had removed from Burlington, Conn., and was employed for a time with Mr. Babcock in fitting up a cotton-factory. Afterwards he had a shop at Leonardsville, N. Y. In 1825 he and Asher M. Babcock, now a resident of Westerly,

R. I., were employed in a machine-shop near Sanquoit, Oneida Co., N. Y., and while there Mr. Stillman invented the well-known self-adjusting "temple," which has done so much to facilitate power-weaving. Having secured letters patent from the United States Patent Office for his invention in 1827, he came to Westerly and began the manufacture of temples in the shop of Deacon William Stillman, where was afterwards erected the woolen-mill of the Stillman Manufacturing Company. After this Mr. Stillman bought the small factory of Joseph Scofield, on the west side of the Pawcatuck River, at the place now known as "Stillmanville." There he continued the manufacture of temples, and after his invention of the drop-box loom, he also began to manufacture plaid linseys. For about forty years he carried on manufacturing on the same site, extending his works from time to time, until he had a model woolen-mill, giving employment to many people, and turning out some of the very finest woolen goods. Mr. Stillman always took great interest in mechanical inventions and improvements, for several of which he himself obtained patents. Among them were the temple, plaid-weaving loom, steam-engines, hot-air engines, gasometer, etc. We give in connection the following impartial and correct statement by one of Mr. Stillman's townsmen (John E. Weeden), who knew him intimately for more than forty years:

"For more than half a century Mr. Stillman filled a conspicuous position in the social and religious life of Westerly, and by the exercise of his extraordinary inventive genius and patient labor did more to originate and build up its mechanical and manufacturing business than any one of its many enterprising citizens. His first important invention was the self-adjusting temple, which made a very great improvement in the weaving of cloth. He started a machine-shop, and for several years continued the manufacture of these convenient and useful articles. He then invented the drop-box loom to weave plaids, which at once revolutionized that business and made it for years the chief industry of Westerly. One firm alone made about two million yards of plaid linseys a year with these looms. Mr. Stillman engaged largely and successfully also in the making of these goods. He was a genius, a mechanic, and a man of sense, attributes very rarely combined in one individual, and is distinguished from most inventors by his ability to make a practical application of his inventions. He was not ambitious, had no desire for notoriety, did not appreciate the importance and value of his own inventions. They seemed to be the natural suggestions of his mind for the removal of obstacles in the way of his business. They were much more conspicuous in their effects on the growth and prosperity of Westerly than from any individual display which he made of them or from them.

"But it was not this prominent feature in Mr. Stillman's mind which made him the favorite of this community for more than half a century. It was his uniform and universal benevolence, his active and co-operative sympathy with all who applied to him for advice or assistance in their trouble. Genial, humane, and kind, he was always accessible to the poorest and most humble of his neighbors. His generosity showed itself not only in liberal charity to the poor, but the store-houses of his vast experience and skill in business were freely opened to younger men even when competitors in the same branches of manufacturing. There was no limit to his patient kindness and sympathy with those who sought his aid in cases of this kind. Not his neighbors only, but manufacturers from all parts of New England, who were attracted by his well-known ingenuity and skill, made large drafts on him for his valuable advice and opinions. He was always, at home and in his business, devoted to the happiness of his family and the welfare of his help. He was prudent, but always liberal in the promotion of every benevolent object and every institution for the advancement of education, morality, and religion."

When the Pawcatuck Bank was organized, in 1849, Mr. Stillman became its president, and held that position for about twenty-eight years. For a year previous to his death, which occurred Jan. 5, 1879, Mr. Stillman was in failing health, and for three months was confined to his house by the cause of his death, which a post-mortem examination showed to be a scirrhus cancer affecting several vital organs.

Mr. Stillman married, Aug. 20, 1829, Martha C., daughter of John and Fanny (Gardner) Hazard, of Narragansett, R. I. She only lived a short time, dying March 10, 1831. Their only child, Edwin, died in infancy. He married, Nov. 5, 1832, Mrs. Frances G. (Hazard) Brown, of Westerly, R. I. They had no children. By her first husband Mrs. Stillman had one daughter, Fannie H., who married T. R. Hyde, of Mystic, Conn., who was for several years Mr. Stillman's partner in the manufacturing business, and with whom Mrs. Stillman now resides, awaiting in the calm twilight of declining years the lifting of the veil which separates us from the glorious eternities of the life to come.

**Alexander G. Frink**, son of William Frink, was born at Stonington, April 5, 1807, and was educated in the district and private schools of that place. He held the offices of notary public and deputy sheriff, and was a director and financial agent of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company. He was on the Committee of Claims in the House of 1872 at New Haven. He was a member of the board of selectmen in 1880. He generally pursued the business of railroad contractor and negotiator. In politics he was a Republican, and was in favor of short sessions, little or no special legislation, and was of the belief that the chief labor of the session should be to perfect existing laws.

He died in 1880 or '81. He was a lineal descendant of John Frink, one of the early settlers of Stonington, Conn.:

1. John Frink came to Stonington in 1660, and married Grace Stevens in 1666.
2. Samuel Frink, born Feb. 1, 1668, and married Hannah Minor, Jan. 6, 1692.
3. Samuel Frink, born Feb. 19, 1693, and married Margaret Wheeler, May 26, 1714.
4. Isaac Frink, born Dec. 25, 1717, and married Anna Noyes, Nov. 6, 1738.
5. Isaac Frink, born July 20, 1741, and married Margaret Stanton, Jan. 21, 1761.
6. Deacon William Frink, who was the father of—
7. Alexander G. Frink, born April 5, 1807.

**Charles M. Davis** was born at Stonington, Conn., Dec. 14, 1803. His father, Clark Davis, was born in Westerly, R. I., and married Mary Miner. Of this union were born nine children, viz.: Eunice, Clark (deceased), Oliver (deceased), Henry (deceased), William (deceased), Charles M. (deceased), Joseph (dec'd), Dudley, and Lucretia. All married and had children except Eunice.

Clark Davis was an extensive farmer at Togwank, in Stonington, Conn. He believed in the perpetuity of Democratic principles, was a prominent member of the Baptist denomination, and died at an advanced age.

Charles M. was reared on his father's farm at Stonington, where, Sept. 26, 1832, he married Mary Esther, daughter of Samuel H. Whiting and Abigail Helme. Mrs. Mary E. Davis was born in Stonington, Conn., April 11, 1811. To them were born Charles M.; Mary Abby, wife of Charles J. Closson, of Hartford, Conn.; Franklin H. (deceased); Sarah H. (deceased); Lucretia B.; George C.; Ellen H., wife of Curtis Harris, of Brooklyn; Henry H.; Cortland P.; Horace B., who was accidentally killed by a train, Oct. 21, 1880; and Emma J., who remains at home.

In politics and religion Charles M. Davis followed in the footsteps of his father. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, and for a considerable length of time was a deacon of the Anguilla Baptist Church. He died Aug. 24, 1878, and his remains were entombed in the beautiful cemetery at Stonington.

Mrs. Davis remains on the farm which has been her home for nearly half a century, and where she has reared her entire family.

Mr. Davis aspired to no rank in politics, but was contented to confine his energies to the farm, the home, and the church.

He was industrious, economical, and liberal, and considered by those who best knew him as a model farmer, a patriot in every respect, and a man of great influence.

For history of his ancestry, see history of Stonington, by Judge R. A. Wheeler.

**Charles S. Hewett**, son of Isaac Hewett and Cynthia Swan, was born in Preston, Conn., May 9, 1804. He has always been a successful farmer. He began life very poor. The first year after his majority he gave his wages to his widowed mother and sisters. He has been twice married,—first to Cynthia W., daughter of Peres and Nancy (Williams) Hewett, May, 1825. Of their children, one only, Mrs. Eliza A. Gallup, survives.

Mrs. Hewett died April 28, 1836, and he married for his second wife Mary Gray, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Morgan) Gray, May 8, 1837. She was born in 1807, and died April 16, 1881.

Mr. Hewett has been very fortunate in his marriage relations, as both of his wives were very fine ladies and devoted wives.

**John Randall**, son of Dudley Randall and Lucy Grant, was born in Stonington, Conn., Feb. 15, 1805. His father, Dudley Randall, was a son of Capt. John Randall, a farmer in Stonington, Conn. For a more extended notice of the ancestors of this family, see history of Stonington, by Judge Wheeler.

John Randall received a common-school education, and by his reading and reflection became well posted on all matters of practical interest. He was a suc-





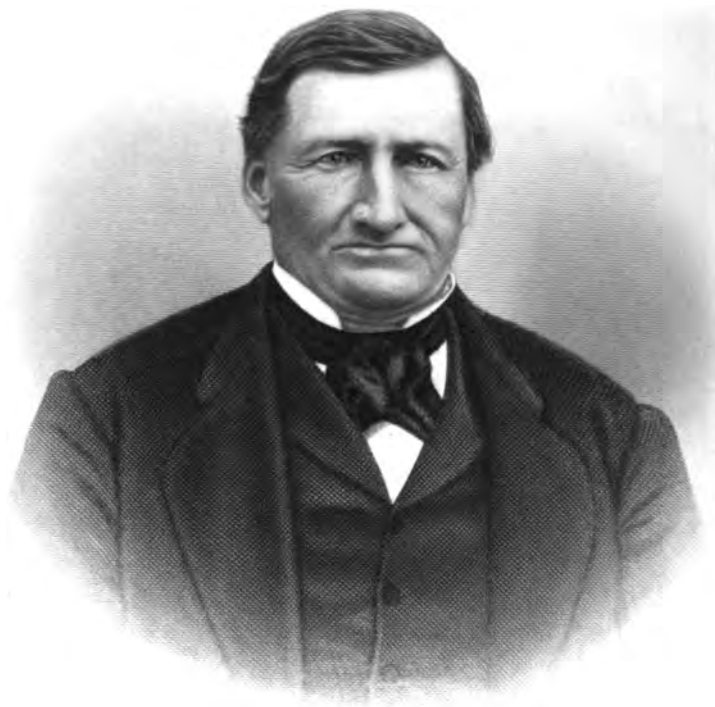
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cessful farmer on the old homestead, which has been in the family for four generations. He married Eliza A., daughter of Charles S. and Cynthia Hewett, Sept. 27, 1860. She was born April 15, 1826. They had three children, viz.: Lucy M., Charles H., and Nancy E. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Anguilla Baptist Church. He died Jan. 17, 1873. His only brother, Elisha D., died April 10, 1873. Mrs. John Randall married for her second husband Rufus M. Gallup, who died Sept. 14, 1880.

Mr. Randall was a man universally respected; of a quiet, social disposition, and a man possessing great energy.

**Henry D. Langworthy.** — The name "Langworthy" carries with it in its signification and in its pronunciation two evidences of a good English ancestry in the early days of "merrie England," when feats on martial fields and exploits in the chase went almost hand in hand and received high reward. "Langworthy" — the "long worthy" — is a noble name, and in the time of our plain-spoken Saxon forefathers would not have been applied without good reason. In the days of chivalry the "Langworthys" were knights of no mean repute, and resided in Somersetshire. Their coat of arms, as shown from records in the Herald's College, London, England, was granted by King Henry VIII. in 1600 for some distinguished feat in the hunting-field. The description is: crest, a demi-stag, argent; three greyhounds superimposed on shield (*curran in pace*), with motto, "*pro Ariet fociis*." No "bar sinister" crosses its fair face, and the absence of any "quartering" of the arms of any other house shows its comparatively modern origin.

Henry D. Langworthy, son of Samuel, Jr., and Ethelinda (Davis) Langworthy, was born in Stonington, Conn., Aug. 11, 1809.

Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel, was born Sept. 11, 1771, in Hopkinton, R. I.; was a farmer, Democratic in politics, a thoroughly good man, for years a deacon of the Baptist Church; married, July 13, 1796, Ethelinda Davis (born June 7, 1767, at Westerly, R. I., and died —). He remained with his father, Samuel, till he was of age, received his education at the migrating schools of those days, removed to Stonington shortly after marriage, purchased two hundred acres of land at the head of Mystic River, and afterwards purchased the place where Henry D. now resides. Here he lived until 1836, when, marrying, January 12th, Lydia Fellows, he removed to Stonington Borough, and resided till his death, Sept. 6, 1853. He was a prudent man, of good judgment, and was financially successful, very few in the town being better off. He was truly a representative farmer. His children were by his first wife, — Samuel, Ethelinda, Asa, George F., and Henry Davis.

Samuel, grandfather of Henry D., was a farmer in Hopkinton, of Democratic principles; was a Baptist,

and much esteemed in his community. He married a Saunders and reared six sons and six daughters, half of whom settled in this vicinity and half in Western New York. He died at a hale old age. His father, Samuel, the emigrant, was brought, a child, from England by his uncle Joseph to Newport, R. I., and put out as an apprentice. Joseph wished to secure certain properties for himself, and expected that Samuel would never more be heard from. Samuel survived his apprenticeship, married, had two sons, — Samuel and Joseph. He resided all his life near Newport.

HENRY D. had common-school education, was for two years a merchant at Mystic Bridge, and afterwards went back to the old home to remain with his father, and has ever since been a farmer, and an intelligent, successful one. He has steadily held to the Democratic principles of his ancestors, and always has opposed the wild attempts of certain parties to abrogate the Constitution and its teachings, believing that each departure from the original system of the republic only tends to weaken its cohesive power. He has always refused political office, but in 1831–32, when it was considered an honor, held the commission of captain in the "Old Road" military company.

For fifty-eight years he has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and has enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends. He married, Sept. 23, 1839, Maria Pearce, daughter of Russell and Elizabeth (Langworthy) Clarke. Their children were Henry Cortland, born July 2, 1840; Ethelinda, born Sept. 8, 1841, died Nov. 11, 1867. She was a fine musician, playing the harp, piano, guitar, and other musical instruments well. She was graduated from Music Vale Seminary, Salem, Conn., in 1860, when not nineteen years of age. Ann Maria, died young; James Hamilton C., born June 16, 1845; Irven Newton, born Aug. 16, 1856, killed April 19, 1864.

Russell Clarke was born in Newport, R. I., April, 13, 1787; was thrice married, the third wife being Sarah Elizabeth Langworthy, born May 9, 1789, married May 21, 1815. They had fourteen children, of whom Maria P. (Mrs. H. D. Langworthy) and Mrs. Mary Taylor Clarke are twins, born April 18, 1821, in Lebanon, Conn. Mr. Clarke was a farmer and a man of mark. He was a Democrat of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian schools, and as such became judge and State senator. He died Jan. 11, 1839, aged fifty-nine years eight months and twenty-nine days; his third wife March 13, 1871, aged eighty-one years eleven months and twenty-seven days.

Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy have known peculiar joys and peculiar sorrows. Perhaps the saddest sorrow which could be experienced was that accompanying the murder of their son Irven and its attendant horrors. Mr. Langworthy had a hired man, William Libby. He had worked for him five months, and was apparently as one of the family. He was left in charge of the children by his own consent one Sunday even-

ing, and as subsequent events showed, and according to Libby's confession, while Irven was sitting by the table in a round-backed chair, reading a Sunday-school book, he was struck a blow by Libby with a long iron drill, which split his skull, killing him instantly. Another child was also injured for life. The object of this murder was not robbery, not a valuable being taken. What it was will probably never be known. Though many wild surmises and speculations were rife, it will be probably a mystery never to be explained. Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy through all their trials have borne themselves with Christian patience, and now, in the fast thickening twilight of life, are awaiting the summons to join those "gone before" in the land where all mysteries are explained and the ills of life remembered no more.

**Dr. Mason Manning.**—Hezekiah Manning was a farmer of Scotland, Conn., in the colonial days prior to the American Revolution. He was born, passed his life, and died there in 1800, aged eighty years. He was twice married, to sisters named Webb, natives of the same locality. He had several children, one of whom, Luther, was born in 1748. Hezekiah was a man of shrewd common sense, had a clear, incisive way of arriving at truth, and a quaint, original way of expressing himself, and they did him good service in his official duties as justice of the peace, in which capacity he served many years, highly esteemed by his constituents.

Luther Manning became a physician, and was an assistant surgeon in the Continental army of the Revolution. He was stationed at New London, and was on service there when the town was burned by the British. He married Sarah Smith, and after the Revolution settled at Norwichtown (now Lisbon) in the practice of his profession, and had for those days a large ride. He was often called to consult with the leading physicians of Eastern Connecticut, and was prominently connected with the formation of the State and County Medical Societies. He was selectman, etc., and represented Lisbon in the State Legislature several terms. He was in active practice in his profession until his death, May 7, 1813, at sixty-five, and for many years was a member of the Congregational Church. His children were Olive (Mrs. Abijah Perkins), Luther, Lucius (died young), and Mason.

Dr. Mason Manning was born in Norwichtown, Conn., Aug. 27, 1796. He had a common-school education, supplemented by attendance at Yale College, where he was graduated in the medical department in 1818. He at once entered into copartnership with his brother Luther, a practicing physician of Scotland. This partnership continued two years, when the young doctor went to Milltown, and soon after to Stonington, where he settled at the head of Mystic River, and entered into practice. He shortly after married, Nov. 20, 1821, Fanny, daughter of Dudley and Mary Hovey, of Scotland. They have one son, Francis Mason, now a resident of Mystic.

Dr. Manning soon was in practice, and devoted himself not satisfied to rest with the acquired, but was always a student with the first physicians of the county.



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obtrusive ways and sympathy with him extremely popular, and he did not cause him to relax any abreast of the times. He was the New London County Medical Society, and elected delegate to the annual National Medical Association. His labor in his life-work of relieving the suffering was more than qualified by age, and is now one of the best in the county, having attained to an advanced age.

He has been too much occupied with his duties to accept public office. He has been Whig and Republican. In early life was Congregationalist, and later Methodist Episcopal.

Dr. Manning has been one of the best in Stonington for many years. He has given him their confidence and among the worthy citizens more esteemed or occupy a high regard. He has ever been a serious, yet social and genial, and of many qualities,—upright, honorable, and of great sympathy and kindness of heart with whom he comes in contact with those in need. Morally, he has been a leader of imitation by the rising generation.



*H D Langworthy*



He married, Jan. 26, 1829, Harriet, daughter of John and Harriet (Chesebrough) Leeds, of Stonington.

**Rev. Alphonso Loring Whitman.**—Alphonso L. Whitman was born in Turner, Oxford Co., Me., July 28, 1805. He was one of the nine children of Oakes and Susanna (Barrele) Whitman, and after abandoning other plans for life, at the age of twenty-one he began a preparation for the gospel ministry, graduating at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1834, at the age of twenty-nine. He was ordained and installed pastor of the church in East Brewer (now Holden), Me., Sept. 17, 1834, where he remained until Nov. 6, 1838, when he asked a dismission, and Dec. 14, 1838, was installed pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church in Norwich, Conn., Dec. 14, 1838, and was dismissed March 25, 1846. He began his labors as stated supply in a newly organized church in Westerly, R. I., April 25, 1847, and was installed pastor March 23, 1853. This, his longest settlement, covered a period of nearly twenty years, when, with health somewhat impaired, he began his labors, July, 1866, with the church in Tiverton, R. I., and continued until April, 1872, at which time his strength utterly failed, and his public labors were ended. He came to Groton, Conn., and after two years' residence among his friends entered the mansion "where there is no more night," Oct. 29, 1874. He married, Oct. 10, 1834, Miss Almira Waters, of West Millbury, Mass., who died in Norwich, Conn., and April 26, 1843, a second time, Mary Elizabeth Barber, daughter of Hon. Noyes Barber, of Groton, Conn. The necrology of the General Conference of Maine, with a notice of his death, says, "He was faithful, earnest, and reliable as a pastor, ready to every good work, and more than ordinarily gifted as a preacher."

## CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

### NORTH STONINGTON.

As early as 1717 the town of Stonington voted at a regular meeting that it was necessary to divide the town into two societies for public worship of God, and directed that the inhabitants north and remote from the meeting-house might hold a meeting to fix upon a boundary line, and then adjourned the meeting to Jan. 9, 1718, to hear the result. When the freemen reassembled, the north men submitted a report, which was adopted by the town. But subsequently a controversy arose respecting this line, which, in May, 1720, was submitted to the General Assembly with a request that a committee might be appointed to settle and establish a boundary line. The committee was appointed, repaired to Stonington, examined the premises, and agreed upon a boundary line, and reported their findings to the Assembly in October of the same year. But the committee findings were not

satisfactory to certain interested parties, who remonstrated, assigning reasons. Whereupon the whole matter was heard by the Assembly, who set aside the committee's report and adopted the following described line, viz.:

"This Assembly taking into consideration the controversy of the north society and the south society in Stonington, with respect to the dividing bounds of said society:

"It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the dividing bounds of said societies shall be a line drawn from the house of Mr. William Wheeler west, northwest to Mystic River brook, and from said house eastward on a direct line to Mr. John Randall's now (then) dwelling-house, and from said Randall's house east to Shunnuck River, and by Shunnuck River to Pawcatuck River; and the said Messrs. Wheeler and Randall and their farms to belong to the south society, and to pay their taxes there."

Previous to and for several years, and while these proceedings were pending, religious meetings had been held in various parts of the new society, sometimes on Cosatuck Hill, then at the village of Milltown, and as often as at either place in the easterly part of the society. So while the controversy about the boundary line was pending, the people found themselves divided about locating their meeting-house, arising mainly from the desire of the inhabitants residing near the several localities where their religious services had been held to have the new house located as near as possible to them. Such feelings of course led the people into a controversy respecting the location of their proposed new house of worship. So, in order to have the matter speedily determined, the inhabitants of the North Society united in preparing a petition to the General Assembly for a disinterested committee to visit them and locate their house, also for the same powers and privileges belonging to other parishes or societies in the colony. Whereupon at the same session the Assembly passed the following:

"Upon consideration of the petition of the inhabitants of the north society in Stonington: This Assembly do appoint and empower Capt. Christopher Christophers, Mr. John Plumb, and Capt. Daniel Brewster, or any two of them, to hear the allegations of the several persons in said society respecting the place where the same shall stand. And it is further granted that the inhabitants in said society shall have the same powers and privileges belonging to other parishes or societies in the Colony: and particularly they are enabled by their major vote to levy a tax on the polls and rateable estate in said society, to defray the charges of the Rev. Mr. Richard Treat, his preaching to them the last fourteen weeks he was with them."

In order to enable the North Society to organize as such, in conformity to law, the matter was passed upon by the Governor and Council as follows:

"At a meeting of the Governor and Council in New London, Jan. 2nd, 1720-21.

"Present, the Honorable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., Governor; Richard Christophers, Esq., Assistant; Jonathan Prentiss, John Plumbe, Esqrs., Christopher Christophers, John Picket, Joshua Hempstead.

"Upon application made by several inhabitants of the northernmost of the societies or parishes in Stonington lately established by the General Court, desiring that a time may be appointed for the meeting of the inhabitants of said parish qualified to vote in the affairs thereof, and an order given for notifying them of the time for their convening for that end,

"Ordered, That Wednesday, the 18th of this instant, January, at twelve of the clock at noon, and at the house of Mr. Joseph Babcock in said parish, be the time and place for the meeting of the said inhabitants parishioners.

"Ordered, That Mr. Jonathan Palmer, Mr. William Avery, Mr. John Swan, and Mr. William Wilcox, all of the said parish, or either of them, do give at least five days' notice to the inhabitants within the precincts of said parish, who are qualified voters in the said society, that on the said Wednesday, the 18th instant, at twelve of the clock at noon, at the house of Mr. Joseph Babcock, in said parish, a meeting of the said society is appointed and ordered by this board for choosing a clerk and committee, and for managing other affairs of the said society or parish. And the said Mr. Palmer, Mr. Avery, Mr. Swan, and Mr. Wilcox, or either of them, are appointed to lead the said parishioners at the said meeting to the said choice.

"Ordered, That the clerk of the Council inclose in a letter to the said Messrs. Palmer, Avery, Swan, and Wilcox, or either of them, a copy of this order, attested by him, which shall be a sufficient warrant for their attending to the service which they are herein directed to."

The inhabitants of said society met on the 18th of January, 1721, at Mr. Babcock's house, and elected society officers, and voted a tax for ministerial purposes. The society committee, almost immediately after their election, decided to warn a meeting to build a meeting-house and to procure a minister. The society assembled agreeably to this notice on the 8th day of February, 1721, and voted to build a meeting-house, and appointed a building committee of three, and extended a call to the Rev. William Worthington to preach to them until the last of May following, which call he accepted, and was with them for more than a year and a half. The boundary line adopted and established by the General Assembly at its October session in 1720 was so unsatisfactory to the inhabitants that they again petitioned the General Assembly to change it, which, after a full hearing thereon had, enacted as follows:

"Upon consideration of the petition of the North Society in Stonington: This Assembly do resolve that the dividing line between the two societies shall be as the committee lately appointed for that end did describe; always provide that Mr. William Wheeler, who by this act is taken into the North Society, shall belong to the South Society, provided he shall choose to belong to the said South Society and signify the same to the Governor and Council within six weeks next after the sessions of this Assembly shall be ended."

The line of the committee referred to above was as follows:

"Whereas the General Assembly held in May 12th 1720: Did appoint us ye subscribers to fix and settle a line in Stonington to divide it into two societies. And we having heard ye Parties what they had to offer in ye premises and viewed ye list of estates as also taken a view of several Quarters in ye said town and seriously considered ye same, do fix and settle the aforesaid line which divides ye said town into two societies as follows: Beginning at the house and farm of Mr. William Wheeler, from thence west north west line to Mystic River brook about one mile, and from ye said house and farm of Mr. William Wheeler a line easterly to ye house and farm of Mr. Josiah Grant and from thence a line eastwardly to ye house and farm of Mr. John Brown, and from thence to ye house and farm of Mr. John Randall, and from ye said Mr. Randall's house an east line to Shunnuch River, and so by Shunnuch River to Pawcatuck River. The aforesaid line taking in ye said Mr. William Wheeler, Mr. Josiah Grant, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, and Mr. John Randall, with their present improvements into ye North Society and to be a part of it as witness our hands.

"JOHN SPRAGUE

"JOHN PLUMB

"JOSEPH BACHUS

"TIMOTHY PERCE

"Committee,

"Stonington, June 25th, 1720."

The committee appointed by the General Assembly at the October session of 1720 visited said society,

and after a patient hearing of all parties decided to locate, and did fix upon a site for the house, but when the society assembled, on the 8th of February, 1721, for the purpose of building and locating their meeting-house, the vote was made unanimous as to building the house, but a serious contest arose as to its location.

The Assembly committee had fixed the site in a place unsatisfactory to a good many, and after a stormy debate they decided by a major vote to locate and build their meeting-house "remote from the place" where the Assembly's committee had located it, viz.: about twenty-eight rods northwest of Mr. Ayers Mills, not far from the late residence of Deacon Jeremiah Fellows. An active, vigorous minority were opposed to this site, and appealed to the Assembly of 1721 for redress, as follows:

"Upon consideration of the petition of Mr. Eben' Billing, of Stonington, in behalf of the upper society in Stonington, showing that whereas this Assembly did, at their session in October last, appoint a committee to state a place for setting up the meeting-house in the said society, and that the said committee did settle and ascertain the place for setting the said house at, and made report of their doings therein in writing unto the said society, which writing hapening to fall into the hands of the clerk of said society, he refused either to record the said report or suffer the original to go out of his hands; praying thereupon that this Assembly will give order to the Secretary to enter and record a copy of said report (under the attest of the said clerk) in the public records of this Colony, as tho it were the original:

"This Assembly do grant the said prayer of the petitioner, and do order the secretary to record the said report accordingly."

The opposition to this site increased; two of the building committee protested against it, which strengthened the opposition so much that they petitioned the Governor and Council to intercede and stay further proceedings in building the meeting-house at a place remote from that fixed by the Assembly's committee, as follows:

"At a meeting of the Governor and Council in New London, January 16th 1724.

"Present, The Honorable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., Governor, Richard Christophers, Esq., Assistant, Jonathan Prentiss, John Plumb, Esqs., Christopher Christophers, John Gardiner.

"Upon consideration of a petition signed by several persons of the North society of Stonington against the said society proceeding to erect a meeting house at a place remote from that which was fixed upon by the committee sent for that end, at their desire, by the General Court.

"Resolved, That the proceeding in an affair of such a nature contrary to the regulation of the General Assembly is a breach of order.

"And that the clerk of the Council shall by a letter directed to Mr. Ebenezer Billings and the rest of the committee of the said society, to be communicated to the said society, signifying to them that if they find any inconveniency in settling up their meeting house where the General Court's committee fixed the place for it, they ought to represent the same to the General Assembly, and not proceed in contradiction to what the said Assembly have appointed, and that they conform themselves accordingly.

"And if they suppose any circumstances of their case unknown to the Governor and Council, are such as might induce them to approve of any variation from the order of the Assembly, about the place of their meeting house, before they can have an opportunity to address the next Assembly concerning the same, they should by the aforesaid letter be directed by their committee to lay the same before the Governor and Council, and for that end should attend them at the house of Capt. Christophers, in New London, on the 1st Monday in February next, at two of the clock, afternoon."

"At a meeting of the Governor and Council in New London, February 5th, 1724.

"Present, The Honorable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., Governor, Jonathan Prentiss, John Plumber, Christopher Christophers, Richard Christophers, Jun., Benjamin Starr.

"Pursuant to the order of this board of the 16th of January last, Ebenezer Billings, Benjamin Hult, Henry Stevens, John Swan, Samuel Prentice, William Denison, Ephraim Fellows, John Smith, Joshua Holmes, and William Wilcox, inhabitants of the north society in Stonington, appeared in Council and were heard in the affair relating to the setting up their meeting house at the Gravel Nole: And it was recommended to them that they should not presume to set up their meeting house in any other place than that appointed by the General Court's committee, unless they did unanimously agree among themselves, until they had addressed the General Assembly on that head, to which they concurred, and the matter was dismissed."

At a meeting of the next General Assembly at Hartford in May this matter came up by petition from both of the opposing parties, and after a full hearing thereon had enacted as follows:

"This Assembly having considered the difference that hath arisen in the North Society of Stonington, as appears by the petition of the opposite parties now before this Assembly, respecting the meeting house in said society being fixed, have resolved, that Capt. James Rogers and Capt. Thomas Huntington and Capt. Jabez Perkins, be appointed; and they are hereby appointed a committee, at the charge of said Society, to endeavor to bring the inhabitants of said society to an amicable agreement and loving accommodation of the matters wherein they differ; and if no such agreement and accommodation can be obtained, that then the said James Rogers, Thomas Huntington, and Jabez Perkins, or any two of them agreeing, shall have full power to decide the said difference and fix the place where the first meeting house in said society shall be built."

In June following two of the Assembly's committee appointed, viz., Roger Huntington and Jabez Perkins, came to North Stonington, and spent several days in an unsuccessful attempt to effect an agreement among the people, and finally decided upon a place themselves. But their findings did not suit the inhabitants, and the struggle went on, and finally about fifty members of the society agreed upon another place and sent again for the Assembly's committee, who came in February, 1723, and, after patient and exhaustive hearings, decided that the house should be built a few rods northwest of the present town hall. Their decision was so far acceptable that the society proceeded forthwith to build the house thereon, and in the month of May following it was raised.

When the meeting-house question was so far settled as to permit the house to be raised, the General Assembly, in 1724, decided to affix the following appellation to the North Society, thus:

"Resolved by this Assembly, that the North Society in Stonington for the future be called by the name of North Stonington."

And in May, 1725, the Assembly decided as follows:

"This Assembly grants liberty unto the inhabitants of the North Society of Stonington to embody themselves into church estate with the approbation of the neighboring churches, and to settle an orthodox minister among them."

When the meeting-house was dedicated does not appear. The people were at first seated on benches, and so continued until 1728, in January, when places for pews were assigned to individuals, who were to make them at their own expense.

In March following a committee was appointed to employ workmen to make the seats in the house.

These seats were in the body of the house, the pews being around the walls. Seven years had now elapsed since the building committee were appointed and five years since the house was raised before the seats were made, and four more years were added before the gallery was completed. The house was built forty feet in length by thirty-five in width. It was repaired in 1771, and taken down in 1817, and was generally known as the "old Black meeting-house."

Notwithstanding the protracted controversy over the location of their meeting-house, the society very early commenced making provision for the stated preaching of the gospel. At their second meeting they voted to employ the Rev. William Worthington to preach for them until the last of May following. In 1722 the society gave him a call to become their pastor, which he declined. Sept. 4, 1722, it was voted to employ the Rev. Thomas Craghead to preach six months. Another meeting, held in October following, appointed a committee of seven to "treat with Mr. Craghead concerning the principles of religion, and to obtain his written answer to their questions, and to make their report."

The committee waited upon Mr. Craghead, obtained satisfactory answers, and reported the same to the society at its meeting the next day, whereupon they gave him a unanimous call for settlement, which he accepted.

From causes not now apparent his settlement was subsequently opposed, and to such an extent that the society voted to call a council of ministers, to advise with them in their difficulties. Whether this council met or not does not appear; however, a day of fasting and prayer was set apart, and the three deacons of the church in Preston were appointed arbitrators to determine between the parties at variance. Mr. Craghead preached for about a year. The arbitration came to naught, and the preconceived notions of the people remained as their conscientious convictions.

The next society preacher was the Rev. Jabez Wight. He commenced preaching in February, 1724, and labored for about two months, and received from the society a call for settlement.

The society made several additions to his salary, after which he accepted of their call, but he was never installed,—in fact, how could he be? There was no church then in existence over which to install him. After two years of labor he manifested a desire to leave, which the society reciprocated, and granted him his request.

In February, 1726, the society again invited the Rev. William Worthington to settle with them, but this invitation he also declined.

In February, 1727, the society invited Rev. Ebenezer Russell, then resident of Stonington, to become, as they expressed it, their "gospel-preaching minister," which call he accepted in January, 1727, when the society made arrangements with him to be ordained Feb. 22, 1727, at which time a church was



formed for him to be ordained over, as will appear by the following extracts from the records of the First Church of Stonington, as well as from his own :

"Feb. 19, 1727.—Mr. Ebenezer Billings, Sylvester Baldwin, William Wilcox, Nathaniel Ayers, Theophilus Baldwin, Jeremiah Main, and Josiah Grant were dismissed from the church (it having been by them requested), in order to be embodied in Church Estate in North Stonington, in which Society they were inhabitants.

"Feb. 22, 1727.—A Church formed at North Stonington.

"April 9, 1727.—Anne Billings, Dorothy Wilcox, Mary Randall, Anna Ayers, Sarah Stewart, Dorothy Babcock, Ruth Main, Rebekah Grant, Bridget Grant, Lydia Clark, and Mercy Palmer, were recommended to the communion of the Church of Christ in North Stonington, who decided to receive them under ecclesiastical watch as members in full communion with them.

"May 7, 1727.—It was proposed and consented to by ye church that Eleazer Brown should stand in the relation of a communicant in ye church of Christ in North Stonington. The same day James Babcock and his wife, Shadrach Lamphere's wife, and the widow Fellows were dismissed from this Church, and recommended to ye communion of ye Church of Christ in North Stonington.

"May 16, 1727.—Elizabeth Ashbee was dismissed from this church and recommended to ye communion of ye Church of Christ in North Stonington.

"July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1727.—Sarah Ellis was dismissed from this church and recommended to ye communion of ye Church of Christ in North Stonington.

"Oct. 15, 1727.—Mary Hewitt was dismissed from this church, and recommended to ye communion of ye Church of Christ in North Stonington."

Mr. Russell's record is as follows :

"Feb. 22, 1727.—I took upon me ye pastoral charge of Christs Church in No. Stonington. God give me grace faithfully to discharge ye same; the persons then embodied in Church fellowship were Ebenezer Russell, Pastor, Ebenezer Billings, William Wilcox, Sylvester Baldwin."

The following historical sketch of this church is taken from an able and interesting sermon preached by the Rev. Myron N. Morris at the dedication of the new meeting-house erected in that society in 1848 :

Mr. Russell died May 22, 1731, having been pastor of the church four years and three months. During this time there were added to the church thirty-six members,—fifteen by profession and twenty-one by letter,—besides five who were received on what has commonly been termed the "Half-way Covenant." Mr. Russell baptized sixty-one children, and united eighteen couples in marriage. He graduated at Yale College in 1722. After the death of Mr. Russell the church was destitute of a pastor about a year and a half. In August, 1732, the society invited Mr. Joseph Fish to settle with them, but as their call was not in the usual form, as they made provision for his support only while he should preach for them, and not so long as he should continue their pastor, and as they asked him to relinquish all his interest in the ministry land, which he thought in the existing circumstances of the society might impair their title to it, he gave them a negative answer. In this answer he said that he should regard the peaceable temper, the love and unity of the people, infinitely more than his secular interest, and that unless there was "a prospect of finding such a happy disposition" among them, "not all the temporal good things" which they could propose would induce him to engage in the work of the

ministry among them. The society renewed their call, putting it in the usual form, and engaging to pay him his salary so long as he should continue their pastor. This call he accepted, and was ordained Dec. 27, 1732.

At the time of his ordination the church consisted of thirty-nine members,—thirteen males and twenty-six females. The ministry of Mr. Fish during the first ten years was eminently successful. In the latter part of this period occurred that "great awakening" in which the whole country was aroused, and the powers of light and darkness were engaged in desperate conflict, and the results of which were so glorious to the cause of truth and experimental religion. In that revival this church shared largely, receiving in a single year (1742) as the fruits of it an addition of ninety-nine members. During the preceding nine years sixty-five members had been added.

But the church, though rejoicing in a glorious work of grace, was soon to pass through a fiery trial. In the building there was much "wood, hay, stubble," that were to be consumed.

The fire was to try the materials and make it manifest of what sort they were, so that although some loss might be suffered, coming generations might be able to rear upon that same foundation an imperishable structure.

There was wanting a principle of cohesion that should hold the elements of society together. There had been from the first a strong tendency to party spirit, a disposition to contend for individual preference, and to withdraw from all friendly intercourse and co-operation with each other when not agreed, instead of making concessions for the sake of peace and the common weal. This was seen in the great difficulty which was experienced in fixing upon the location of their house of worship, and was one cause, the principal one probably, of the delay in its completion; it was seen in the difficulties which prevented the settlement of two candidates who had accepted their calls; it is set forth with precision in Mr. Worthington's reply to their first call to him.

Says Mr. Worthington, "But that which hath ever been a discouragement in my mind whensoever I have had any transient thoughts of a settlement with you still remains, viz. : that *party-spirit and self-willfulness* which hath showed itself from time to time, even in trifles as well as in greater things, and which I fear will still appear unless you are better affected one toward another, if not before; yet when anything of moment is managed in the church, to the making of schisms and breaches, so as to render your minister the most uncomfortable of any man in the world." The events which followed proved the correctness of Mr. Worthington's views. If we would rightly understand the history of the church subsequently to the revival, we must not lose sight of this trait in the character of the people. At that day the people en-

joyed but few advantages for education. It is not strange, therefore, that their views of things were not always altogether the most enlightened.

Although they were favored with the ministration of an able, sound, and faithful pastor, they had not become accustomed to make accurate discriminations in religious doctrine or practice. There were in the church some erroneous views which belonged to the times and were universally prevalent. The practice of receiving members on the "Half-way Covenant" opened the door for the admission of many whose only qualification was a moral life and a general respect for religion. Although from time to time members had been added to the church, the tone of piety appears to have been low. Scandalous offenses abounded, and, unhappily, cases of discipline were of frequent occurrence. Then came the revival. It was the first general awakening which the people had ever experienced. The power of God was wonderfully displayed. The Holy Spirit aroused the conscience, and opened the eyes of sinners to their guilt and danger. They, unaccustomed to such views, trembled, and sometimes uttered shrieks of despair, as though just sinking to perdition, and Satan to the extent of his power practiced his deceptive arts in opposition to the Divine Spirit. And men at that time, Christians even, had not learned to discriminate between the good and the bad, and what was indifferent. Some attributed the whole movement—alarm, conviction, sympathetic excitement, and even the bodily effects—directly to the agency of the Holy Spirit; others were disposed to call it the work of the devil. But the judicious pastor endeavored to guide the people by the light of God's word, preventing discriminating views of the nature of true piety, and at the same time discouraging those outbursts of feeling which caused confusion, and which were exceedingly unfavorable to clear perceptions of divine truth. Many were hopefully converted, and a large number, as I have already stated, were added to the church, and the work was going steadily forward. Such was the state of things when Davenport—that wandering star which shot across the moral horizon, carrying desolation in its course—made a visit to this place.

Immediately the discordant elements, in the church and out of it, were in motion. Doubtless Mr. Davenport was a good man, but he was evidently laboring under a delusion. He mistook inward impressions and impulses for an indication of the will of God, and believed himself to be specially commissioned of heaven to separate the real disciples from the old churches, which he regarded as corrupt, and to form a pure church. He encouraged noise and confusion, because he did not discriminate between the convicting influences of the Holy Spirit and the writings and ravings of poor depraved nature under those influences. To check the outcries and incident outward manifestations of those who did not control their feelings in time of public worship was, in his view and that of

his followers, the same as to interfere with the Spirit's work. He held that Christians could decide with certainty as to the existence of piety in others, and he took it upon himself to decide who among the ministers were converted and who of them were hypocrites. There were pernicious evils in the churches at that day. There was much coldness and formality in religion. All who offered themselves for admission to the church, if unexceptional in their external conduct, were received. To question them in regard to their exercises of mind—their inward experience—was deemed fanatical and dangerous. Hence there were great numbers in the churches, and many ministers doubtless, who could give no evidence of having experienced a change of heart. Against these evils Mr. Davenport took his stand, and called upon the converts to come out and separate themselves from the dead churches and the ministrations of unconverted pastors.

The pastor of this church was distinguished for his consistent piety, but he did not approve of this blind zeal and disorganizing spirit. Accordingly, Mr. Davenport took the same course here as in other places. A large proportion, probably not less than two-thirds of the church and congregation, seceded. Some of these became Baptists. Others formed themselves into a Separate Church, and styled themselves "Strict Congregationalists," but were generally denominated "Separatists."

Several "Strict Congregational" Churches were formed about the same time, mostly in this part of the State and on Long Island, but we have not time to go into their history. I am not aware that a single one of them exists at the present time. Many years ago they became extinct, or were merged in other churches. Davenport's retraction of his errors is well known, but their effect in misleading others he could not recall. But how could a deluded fanatic succeed in alienating the affections of so large a proportion of the church from their excellent pastor and drawing them away from his ministrations? We have seen that the bond of union among the people had never been strong,—that they were predisposed to dissension. The prevailing ignorance on religious subjects still further prepared the way for the separation. There were other causes. The "Standing Order," as the regular churches were called, propped up as it was by legal support, was with many becoming odious. The story of their taking the last cow from some poor family and selling it at auction to pay the "priest tax" was told again and again with due pathetic effect. Eastern breezes brought sad complaints that the people of this "Standing Order" were notorious for persecuting men for righteousness' sake; that is, if the truth had been told, for flagrant contempt of the civil laws. The very name of "Presbyterian," which was improperly applied to the churches, came to the mind with a peculiar tinge, and awakened thoughts of oppression and priestly rule.



Now when, in addition to these things, we consider the fact that Davenport appeared as the representative of experimental religion, in opposition to cold formalism, that he claimed to be specially commissioned by God to form a pure church, and that the most wonderful manifestations of feeling attended his preachings, we shall hardly be surprised that so many became his followers.

Some doubtless sincerely believed that in leaving the church they were bearing their testimony to the religion of Jesus Christ. Some honestly believed that the pastor, in attempting to prevent confusion, and to discriminate between true piety and the mere excitement of natural feeling, was taking part with the enemies of the revival. The Separate brethren adopted their "Articles of Faith and Church Covenant" Sept. 11, 1746.

Soon after the new church was organized the old church "voted to call" their Separate brethren, and all who had (in a stated way) absented themselves from public worship and communion with them, "to give a reason of their conduct at the next church-meeting." In compliance with their "call" several of them appeared at the next meeting, and at subsequent meetings, and gave their reasons, which were judged by the church to be insufficient. "The reasons" of each individual, and the judgment of the church thereupon, with such passages of Scripture as, in their views, supported their judgment, were placed upon the records of the church. An invitation was then sent to those who had given their reasons for separation to meet the church at a given time and hear their judgment in the case. But they declined coming, nor could they be prevailed on by the most earnest exhortation and entreaty to return to their former communion. For several years afterwards their case was before the church, and was finally dropped, as the members were unable to agree upon a proper course of discipline. After the separation the church gradually declined. From the latter part of 1743 to the death of their pastor in 1781, a period of almost thirty-eight years, only seventeen were added on the profession of their faith. Mr. Fish died May 22, 1781, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, having had the pastoral care of the church forty-eight years and five months. During his ministry there were added to the church one hundred and ninety by profession of their faith, thirty-six by letters from other churches, and one hundred and twenty-nine on the half-way covenant. He baptized six hundred and six children, and officiated at three hundred and sixty-three marriages.

Mr. Fish was a graduate of Harvard University. He possessed a clear, discriminating mind, and was a logical reasoner. He was an excellent preacher, an affectionate and faithful pastor, but his Master assigned him a difficult part in times of trouble. He acted well his part. Repeatedly was he called to other inviting fields of labor; but although a large

part of his own church and congregation had left him, and he had to contend with various difficulties, yet, as his little flock seemed unwilling to give him up, he did not forsake them. His ministry subsequent to the first ten years might appear, upon a superficial view, to be comparatively fruitless. During ten years after the separation but a single member was added to the church by profession, yet his labors during this period may be found in the "great day" to have contributed more to the perfecting of "God's building" than during the preceding ten years, which were crowned with such visible success.

For thirty-six years after the death of Mr. Fish the church was destitute of a pastor, and even of stated preaching. At each annual meeting of the society a committee was appointed to supply the pulpit. This duty they performed so far as they were enabled by the society's fund, which at that time was small. From May, 1783, Mr. Barnabas Lathrop preached nearly two years. After that time there was but little preaching till the summer of 1790, when Mr. Asabel Hooker preached nearly four months. Through the summer of 1791, and occasionally for two or three years afterwards, Mr. Reuben Moss supplied the pulpit. At this time the church was in a very low state, virtually almost extinct. In August the surviving members and other serious persons held a meeting to consider the state of the church. Fifteen persons expressed a desire that it should be built up again. Of these only six were professors, but the others desired to become members. It was thought best to begin anew. August 11th was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer. A solemn meeting was held, at which the Rev. Messrs. Levi Hart, L. Tyler, and H. N. Woodruff, pastors of neighboring churches, were present, and assisted in the exercises. Also licentiates Messrs. Moss, Smith, and Newell. Sabbath, the 28th of August, was a memorable day.

The six members of the church, two more who brought letters from the South Church, and ten who had never before made a public profession of religion, eighteen in all, presented themselves before a large congregation, and gave their public assent to a confession of faith and covenant which had been previously adopted. The Rev. Levi Hart officiated, and administered the Lord's Supper to the newly-organized church. At the close of the services fourteen children were dedicated to God in baptism.

About this time a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Moss and ascertain whether he would be inclined to listen to a call for settlement, but he appears to have given them no encouragement. For several months during the years 1798-99 the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Ebenezer Lazell. In the summer of 1800, Mr. Ephraim T. Woodruff preached several Sabbaths. During the summer of 1802-3 the Rev. Micajah Porter preached a considerable part of the time; in 1804, Mr. John G. Dorrance three months; in 1805, Mr. Daniel Farrington four months; in 1809,

the Rev. Ira Hart about four months; in 1811, Rev. Henry Sherman three months. The Rev. Amos Bingham preached during the summer of 1814, and was invited by the church and society to settle, but he declined.

From 1806 to 1822 the following persons preached from one to ten Sabbaths each, viz.: Messrs. Luke Wood, James Davis, Clark Brown, Oliver P. Sergeant, Walter King, Asahel Nettleton, David A. Sherman, Gordon Johnson, Nathan Waldo, Hezekiah N. Woodruff, John Hendrick, Seth Chapin, George A. Woodbridge, Joseph Hurlbut, and Charles F. Butler. During the same time, also, the pulpit was not unfrequently supplied by the pastors of neighboring churches.

We must now return and take a hasty view of the other branch of the church.

I have already stated that the Separate brethren adopted their articles of faith and covenant, Sept. 11, 1746. They met November 27th, and chose Matthew Smith for their pastor. They also chose two elders and two deacons. There were at that time thirty-one members,—twelve males and nineteen females. Mr. Smith was ordained on the 10th of December. On the 3d of August, 1749, he was excommunicated from the church. Their next pastor was Mr. Oliver Prentice, who had been one of their elders. He was ordained May 22, 1753, and died Oct. 18, 1755, in the third year of his ministry. The next minister was Rev. Nathan Avery, who was ordained April 25, 1759, and died Sept. 7, 1780, in the sixty-sixth year of his age and twenty-second of his ministry. The church was then without a pastor more than six years. Their next minister was Elder Christopher Avery, who had recently been received by letter from Elder Park Allyn's church in North Groton. He was ordained Nov. 29, 1786, and died July 5, 1819, in the thirty-third year of his ministry. The Strict Congregational Church had four pastors, and from its formation to the death of Elder Christopher Avery, a period of nearly seventy-three years, it was without a pastor in all about fourteen years and six months.

I have no means of ascertaining how many were added to the church during the ministry of the successive pastors.

It received, however, frequent additions. In 1754 it had forty-three members. Fifty years afterwards (1804) the number had increased to seventy-five.

It contained a great amount of warm-hearted piety, and was therefore prosperous. Many of its members were eminently praying people. So far as I can learn, it was in a good degree flourishing until it was reunited with the other church.

The house in which it worshiped stood more than a mile west of the village. It was probably built not long after the formation of the church, though I am unable to ascertain in what year.

To the eye of Omniscience it appeared best that the church should be separated. Thus could the mem-

bers, too diverse in sentiment to walk together in harmony, serve their Master more in accordance with their own views. Thus could the working of their distinctive principles be more clearly seen, and truth and error be better distinguished.

Such, too, was the character of the community that more would taste the waters of salvation if they flowed in separate channels.

Considering the times and the character of the people, each branch of the church was important. If the one was useful in defending the purity of the gospel, and in preserving the principles of gospel order, the other was also useful in exhibiting its life-giving power. If the one held to the necessity of a learned and evangelical ministry, the other maintained that it should be a ministry that would reach the hearts of the people.

The object of the separation was nearly accomplished. Years before, Edwards had applied his discriminating logic to the "Half-way Covenant," and it had fallen into disuse. Evidence of a renewed heart was now admitted on all sides to be a requisite qualification for admission to the church, and especially to the sacred office. With the strict Congregationalists the duty of maintaining the order of the gospel, and of contributing for the support of the ministry, was more insisted on than formerly. The two churches had become greatly assimilated in doctrines and practice. Old prejudice was in a good degree forgotten. Each church invited the members of the other to occasional communion. God was preparing the way for a reunion.

The two churches were next to have a house of worship in common. Each of the old meeting-houses having become unfit for use, a subscription was opened for the building of a new one. This was erected in 1817, and was to be equally enjoyed by both societies. By the terms of subscription it was provided that the pastor of the Strict Congregational Church, Elder Christopher Avery, should have the privilege of preaching in the new house during his life, and that afterwards, when both societies had preachers, they should occupy it alternately, and that when one was destitute the other might occupy it the whole time.

In 1824, the Rev. Joseph Ayer commenced preaching here by invitation from both churches. He was ordained June 29, 1825. The way was now prepared for a reunion of the churches. They worshiped in the same house, they enjoyed the labors of the same minister,—why should they not become one? With great harmony they were united March 15, 1827. At this time the church, thus united, consisted of more than sixty members. Mr. Ayer was not installed pastor, but performed pastoral duties until the latter part of March, 1837, when his labors in this place terminated. He appears to have been raised up to perform a special and important office in "God's husbandry."

Under his ministrations the fragments of this



church, so long dissevered, were brought together again, and the church, one and entire, took its place in regular standing among the churches of our order. During the ten years of Mr. Ayer's ministry subsequent to the union of the churches there were added to the church, by profession and by letter, upwards of eighty members.

In April, 1837, the church and society gave a call to the Rev. Peter H. Shaw to become their pastor. He accepted it, and was installed on the 24th of May following. Feb. 5, 1839, his pastoral relation to the church was dissolved.

The Rev. Philo Judson succeeded Mr. Shaw, and preached here as stated supply until the close of 1844, more than five years.

In 1842 several were added to the church.

During the summer of 1845 the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. William Case.

The Rev. Myron N. Morris commenced preaching in January, 1846, and was ordained on the 15th of the following April.

At that time the church consisted of eighty-three resident and thirty-four non-resident members.

Mr. Morris labored most successfully with the church and society. For several years since his departure the church has been fortunate in their pastoral relations, especially in the present pastor, Mr. J. W. Savage, whose labors thus far have been most acceptable, promising the best results. The church has a membership of ninety-nine, and a flourishing Sunday-school of great promise.

**First Baptist Church of North Stonington.**—This church was organized in 1743, and was the outcome of the "Great Awakening," which commenced under the searching preaching of Dr. Edwards, and like a wave of light spread over New England in 1741-42-43. Whitefield and Davenport were the most important actors in the drama. Their labors were incessant and were crowned with abundant success. Mr. Wait Palmer, one of the members of the church, became their first pastor, and was set apart to that work. But of the names and numbers of its original members, and of the churches and ministers who composed the council of recognition, we have from the records no information. Nor is it certain that Mr. Palmer was ever ordained in the usual order of councils. It is more probable that he was set apart to his work by the members of the church, by laying on of hands by his brethren. This at first was the plan of ordination adopted by the Separatist churches, who came into existence during the "Great Awakening."

Unfortunately, the records of this church are lost from its organization to 1762, and little can be known save what can be gleaned from tradition and collateral history. Mr. Palmer was an intelligent, sagacious business man, and acquired a handsome property for his time.

He was excluded from the church after nearly

twenty years' service. The charges against him were as follows: first, that he was actuated by a hireling spirit in demanding a stated salary for his ministerial services; and, second, that he professed to have an internal dismission from the church, and in virtue thereof pronounced the church dissolved. There is no evidence extant to show that he did not sustain a good moral character. That he might have cherished delusions and labored under mistaken impressions, like a good many of the leading men of his time, is not unlikely. But to be arraigned for asking to know how much he should receive for his services, and then to be tried and convicted by his brethren and excluded from their fellowship, must have been a severe ordeal. But it was in accordance with the ideas of the reformers of his day, whose theory was that *salvation was free*, and that God inspired the men he called to preach. He gave them thoughts, ideas, and words, and he who wanted a stated salary was a hypocrite, a hireling, an unconverted man. Over all these things let the mantle of charity be thrown, and let men and institutions be weighed and judged by their labors, for it is by their present works that you shall know them. In the early part of Mr. Palmer's ministry he traveled somewhat extensively, penetrating the adjoining towns and counties, preaching the gospel wherever God in his providence opened the way for him. No record is kept of the number of members received under his ministry. Mr. Palmer was succeeded in his ministry by Mr. Eleazer Brown, who entered upon his ministry under discouraging circumstances. The removal of Mr. Palmer from the ministry of the church had embittered his friends and weakened the bond of union among the members. The church was in a scattered, languishing condition, yet his call to the pastorate seems to have been unanimous, and productive of great good. Mr. Brown was not of the Davenport style, but a sound, able, and effective speaker, and it required all the power that he possessed to arrest the blacksliding from the standard of the great awakening, which was everywhere succeeded by the most lamentable religious declension; however, he kept good the membership of his church. In 1784 the church numbered ninety-seven, and kept steadily gaining. In 1792 the church enjoyed a precious revival, in which it received an accession of fifty-two members, making the whole number one hundred and fifty-four.

On the 25th of October, 1792, Peleg Randall was ordained an evangelist, and assisted Mr. Brown in the work of the ministry. Mr. Brown died June 20, 1795. His early educational advantages were limited, but he educated himself as he advanced in his work, which gave real strength to his strong native powers, and he was justly esteemed as among the most eminent of the preachers of his day.

He was succeeded by Mr. Randall, whose pastorate was distinguished by no remarkable elevations or depressions, but gradually increased from year to year.

He closed his labors with the church Oct. 8, 1813. He was succeeded by the Rev. Jonathan Miner in 1814, who received a call from the church, and soon after became their pastor. His labors with the church were productive of the happiest results. During the first month between thirty and forty were admitted to the church by baptism, and within the period of three months fifty-six were baptized. This for the times was an extraordinary accession. The years 1822, 1828, and 1831 were years of revivals in Mr. Miner's ministry.

Down to the present time this old church has been visited by many precious revivals, and many of all ages have been gathered into its sacred folds; but the unrelenting death-roll, and the migration of so many of its sons and daughters to other fields of labor and usefulness, lessens their numbers and weakens the church. But under the pastoral care of the Rev. Daniel F. Chapman, who has been connected with the church for about three years, a happier bond of union is manifest, and more practical religion is developed. A well-arranged parsonage has been built, exhibiting not only an increasing interest in the old church, but a respectful consideration for their worthy pastor and his interesting family. The Sunday-school connected with this church is well organized, and the teachers and scholars are all benefited by the instruction received and imparted. It is in fact as well as in name a nursery of the church.

**The Second Baptist Church in North Stonington** was organized in 1765, and Deacon Simeon Brown was ordained their pastor in March of that year. He was a native of Stonington and a man of sterling worth, but not a natural pulpit orator. He was greatly beloved by his parishioners, and gathered about him a church of respectable numbers, who loved and sustained him under all the circumstances in which he was placed. Other ordained ministers have been raised up in this church or employed by it, viz.: Asher Miner, Asa Spalding, Jedediah Randall, Foronda Bestor, Amos R. Wells, Levi Meech, John Green, Erastus Denison, Levi Walker, also a number of licentiates. There has been a good many special seasons of refreshing from the Lord enjoyed by this church, mingled with the depressing influence of religious declension. At present they are enjoying the preaching and pastoral care of the Rev. E. P. Mathewson, who is greatly respected and beloved. The church numbers one hundred and sixty-eight, with a Sunday-school well organized and progressing finely.

**The Third Baptist Church in North Stonington** was organized on the 25th day of December, 1828. The following extract from their covenant exhibits their motives and feelings: "We whose names are hereunto annexed, feeling an interest for the cause of God, and being located by Providence where we can but seldom have an opportunity of meeting the churches to which we severally belong, feel that it is high time for us to set up a banner for God." An

ecclesiastical council, consisting of Elders William Bentley, J. G. Wightman, W. Palmer, Luther Goddard, B. M. Hill, J. S. Swan, Jonathan Miner, and Asher Miner. But eight individuals were originally recognized as the church, because they only had been purposely dismissed by their respective churches.

Many others who were anxious to be recognized with their brethren united the first opportunity afterwards. As a church their labor was indeed a work of faith, but they were strengthened for the undertaking. Their meetings were held in a school-house, which was frequently too small for them, and they were dependent on transient supplies for the ministry of the word. Nevertheless, at the close of the first year of their existence as a church they numbered thirty-seven. In June of 1829 they united with the Stonington Union Association, at their anniversary in Plainfield. The following September the church engaged the ministrations of Elder Seth Higby for six months; the last four months of his engagement he officiated as pastor of the church at their particular request. From the spring of 1829 they were without the pastoral care of an under-shepherd for five years. During this period the question of life or death was many times difficult to answer. Those were days of darkness and trial, but the great Shepherd of Israel, true to His promise, upheld and sustained them. The church was favored with occasional preaching by Revs. J. H. Baker, R. Mowry, J. White, C. Denison, and others, and a few names were added to the roll of members. Once during this period light seemed to illumine their path. The place of meeting became altogether too small for them, and they were obliged to repair to a neighboring grove, where, in the great temple of God, his word was preached with great power to an attentive and anxious auditory.

Many were quickened into life by the influences of the Holy Spirit, though but few joined the church, as they had no pastor. The neat and commodious house in which they now worship was erected in 1833. Early in 1834 they secured the services of the Rev. Foronda Bestor, in whom the church were greatly united. During his pastorate thirty-eight were added by baptism and forty-seven by letter, most of them being the additions of a single year.

After three years of prosperous labor, Elder Bestor was succeeded by the Rev. Alfred Gates, who remained with the church only one year. This year will long be remembered for a large increase of the membership of the church, by the admission of twenty-seven converts. In the spring of 1838 the Rev. Pierpont Brocket commenced his pastoral labors with them, and ministered with great acceptance to the church and society until the fall of 1839, when he resigned the pastorate, and they were again left destitute of an under-shepherd, though they were supplied with preaching through the winter by the Rev. Silas Leonard. For the subsequent two years they enjoyed the ministry of the Rev. Thomas Dowling, by whom



they were strengthened and built up in their faith by the clear and faithful preaching of the important, but too often neglected, doctrines of practical religion. In the summer of 1842 the Rev. B. C. Grafton accepted a call to the pastorate of the church, and entered upon his duties.

This year is also worthy of note for a church act prohibiting the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and especially for a gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit.

Nearly sixty were received into the fellowship of the church as the blessed fruits of this revival. Mr. Grafton resigned in 1843, and was ably succeeded by the Rev. E. T. Hixcox, a graduate of Hamilton Seminary, N. Y., who supplied the pulpit for about four months. By request of the church he was ordained to the work of the ministry, Jan. 18, 1844. Rev. John Blain preached the sermon; Revs. E. Denison, C. Randall, H. R. Knapp, A. G. Palmer, and S. Wakefield took part in the exercises. Mr. Hixcox's engagement was for but one year, and at the expiration of which he removed to Westerly, R. I., when the church and society united in calling the Rev. James R. Stone to the pastorate, with whom the church were greatly edified and blessed. Since Mr. Stone's departure they have had a succession of able and devoted ministers, who have kept up and increased the membership of the church. A large and interesting Sunday-school is held in connection with the church.

The present clergyman, Rev. J. Eldred Jones, has assumed the pastorate upon the unanimous call of the church, whose labors thus far have been very successful.

At a town-meeting legally warned and held at Stonington on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1806, it was voted to divide the town of Stonington into two separate towns, beginning at Mystic River, at the west end of the society line that divides the said town into two societies, thence southerly and easterly a straight line to Pawcatuck River, where Shunnock River enters said Pawcatuck River.

Also voted, that the town being northward of the above said line shall be called by the name of Jefferson.

When the Legislature assembled in May following the foregoing vote of the town was taken into consideration and adopted, and the town was divided on the line therein suggested. But the name of Jefferson for the new town was not adopted, for the reason that the society of North Stonington had been so named by the General Assembly, and had had charge of the schools for a great many years, and the name had become so identified with its vital interests that it was considered best not to change it, so the new town was called North Stonington.

**Mills and Manufacturing.**—The town of North Stonington is noted for being the sources of the Mystic, Shunnock, and the western branches of Ashaway River. One of the Ashaway branches has its

main source in Wyassup Lake (raised now into a reservoir, with its floating island), and courses its way along, giving water-power to Peabody's saw-mill, and through the old dam on the Holmes estate, where in the long ago was a mill, and enters the Spalding Pond, where it mingles with the rivulet that rises on the southern and western slopes of Pung-hung-we-nuck Hill, then on and by the old Spalding mills into the Burch or Clark Mill-pond. Another source of the Ashaway rises in Voluntown, and its downward course is fed by the rivulet from the eastern slope of the Pung-hung-we-nuck range of hills, forming the water-power for the manufacturing establishments at Laurel Glen, mainly erected and run at first by Charles Kenyon, but now successfully operated by Deacon Barber and others. Passing Laurel Glen, the stream enters Burch or Clark Pond, forming the water-power for Clark Falls Mill, which was erected by the late Alfred Clark and Peleg S. Tift, in equal partnership, in 1864, costing \$33,762,282. A manufacturing company was organized and known as the Clark Falls Manufacturing Company, hired the mill and supplied the machinery at a cost of twenty thousand dollars, with a lease at ten per cent. on the actual cost of mill and privilege, or at a rent of three thousand three hundred and seventy-six dollars per annum, which was operated under the superintendence of A. S. Briggs, manufacturing army goods until the close of the war, since which they have manufactured flannels, suitings, and various patterns of woolen goods. The firm-name of the company has never been changed, though there has been successions in the ownership.

Three-fourths of the mill property is now owned by Alfred M. Clark, and the balance by Mrs. B. F. Langworthy.

Mr. Briggs has had control of the operations of the mill ever since its erection, and now owns a half-interest in the manufacturing company, and acts as their agent. The mill is now in successful operation, using raw stock to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars per annum, and, with the tenement-houses, are in good repair. Some of the sources of the Shunnock River are found on the western slope of Cosatuck Hill and the eastern side of Swan's Hill, merging in the valley between, and furnishing water-power for Denison Hewitt's saw-mill; coursing on, the waters soon reach the manufacturing establishment of John D. Gallup, not now in use, then onward, gaining additional volume from auxiliary rivulets, until it is met by the old dam near the village of Milltown, where the water is taken in a canal, mostly underground, to the factory-wheel on the east side of the village. Other sources of the Shunnock River may be found on the eastern and southern slopes of Win-che-choog Hill, joining at the foot, and passing on through Assekunk Swamp, gaining additional volume until it reaches the village of Milltown, where it unites with the branch of the more northern

sources. United, they pass on down over the saw-mill dam and merge with the factory-flume waters, and form the water-power of the Frink Mills.

The first mill in the village was known as Ayres' grist-mill, which was subsequently owned by Joseph Hewitt and others, and later became the property of Luther Avery, who conveyed it to Hosea Wheeler in 1803, who sold it to Nathan Pendleton in 1813. After his death his widow, Phebe Pendleton, conveyed it to George W. Bentley in 1840. Up to this time it was described as a grist-mill, turning-shop, and fulling-mill. Mr. Bentley built the present factory building soon after he purchased the property, and the same was operated until after 1850, in the manufacture of cotton yarns and cotton cloth, when the cotton machinery was removed and woolen put in its place, and operated ever since. George W. Bentley sold the property to Russel Bentley in 1842, afterwards it was reconveyed to Mrs. Phebe Pendleton before 1859, when it was leased and operated by Thomas Clark, Welcome Stillman & Co., until Stillman's death. Before his death Clark & Stillman purchased the mill, and Clark sold Stillman one-half of the machinery, and after his death operated the mill until 1871, when he sold it to James M. Pendleton, who now owns it. Passing downwards, the accumulated waters are met by Vincent's dam, just north of the old turnpike, and the waters of the pond are taken by canal across the road and used to run his saw-mill and sash and blind manufacturing establishment. Still farther on the Messrs. Brown arrested the natural flow of the river by a dam for a grist-mill, which, after several years, has passed away out of use. The river, unvexed by any more dams, passes on by the remains of an old dam, where in the long ago the Richardsons owned a mill, down into the "White Rock Pond," where it mingles with the Ashaway waters, previously merged at Potter Hill with the calm-flowing Pawcatuck, then all on together, moving looms and spindles by the millions, and the buzzing wheels of industry, till they are lost in the ocean.

The sources of the Mystic River are found on the northern slope of Lantern Hill and the hills that rise to the north; moving down they soon reach Lantern Hill Pond, where they meet a dam that utilizes the water in running Main's mills. Then on and into Indiantown Pond, at the south end of which, in 1814, the Williams manufacturing establishment and dam were erected by Cyrus Williams, and by Henry and Silas Chesebro, and by them operated for a number of years, when the mills and water-power were sold to late John Hyde, and operated for a while by the late George W. Moss, and then were operated by Mr. Hyde at intervals until his death. Passing on, the Mystic waters were stopped and raised by an upland Fish, who built one of the first saw-mills erected in this region, some two hundred years ago.

The mill remained until the Mystic Manufacturing Company, chartered in 1814, purchased it. Still far-

ther down, within the last two years, the Messrs. Whitfords have built a mill-dam across its waters for sawing and other purposes. The Lantern Hill Silex Company was formed, as a joint-stock company, to excavate and draw from the everlasting hills that cluster around old Lantern Hill their mineral wealth, commenced and are still in operation there and at Mystic Bridge.

Population in 1880, 1769. Grand List, \$734,798.

#### TOWN CLERKS.

1807, Stephen Avery; 1828, Ansel Coats; 1829, Dudley R. Wheeler; 1831, Isaac P. Langworthy; 1832, Henry C. Brown; 1833, Oliver Hewitt; 1850, Thomas W. Wheeler; 1855, Charles N. Wheeler; 1862, Thomas W. Wheeler; 1865, William H. Hilliard; 1879, Henry C. Green; 1880, William H. Hilliard; 1881, William H. Hilliard.

The probate district of North Stonington was set off from the probate district of Stonington in 1835.

#### JUDGES.

1835-37, Elias Hewitt; 1838, William Randall, Jr.; 1839-45, Elias Hewitt; 1846, Thomas P. Wattles, M.D.; 1847, Elias Hewitt; 1848, Ansel Coats; 1849, the Legislature failed to appoint; 1850-54, Thomas P. Wattles, M.D.; 1855-57, Charles Perry White; 1858-59, Thomas W. Wheeler; 1860-62, Charles Perry White; 1863-64, Francis S. Peabody; 1865, William B. Hull; 1866-82, Charles Perry White.

#### SENATORS.

1837, Elias Hewitt, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.; 1845-46, Dudley R. Wheeler; 1855, Francis S. Peabody; 1867, Thomas Clark; 1881, Charles P. White.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

When North Stonington was first organized as a town it was entitled to but one representative.

1808.—Elias Hewitt.  
1809.—Sands Cole.  
1810.—Chester Smith.  
1811.—Nathaniel Pendleton.<sup>1</sup>  
1812.—David Coats, Sands Cole.  
1813.—Thomas Wheeler, Elias S. Palmer.  
1814.—Perez Hewitt, Gilbert Billings.  
1815.—Nathan Pendleton, Latham Hull.  
1816.—Chester Smith, Daniel Packer.  
1817.—David Coats, John Brown.  
1818.—Nathan Pendleton, Stanton Hewitt.  
1819.—Samuel Chapman, Daniel Packer.  
1820.—Nathan Pendleton, David Coats.  
1821.—John Langworthy, Benjamin Pomeroy.  
1822.—John D. Gallup, Nathan Pendleton.  
1823.—William Randall, Jr., Asher Coats.  
1824.—Chester Smith, Thomas T. Wells.  
1825.—Sands Cole, Stanton Hewitt.  
1826.—Nathan Pendleton, Latham Hull.  
1827.—Cyrus Williams, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.  
1828.—Latham Hull, Samuel Chapman.  
1829.—Latham Hull, John D. Gallup.  
1830.—Ezra Hewitt, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.  
1831.—Elias Hewitt, Stephen Main.  
1832.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.  
1833.—Latham Hull, David Coats.  
1834.—Oliver Hewitt, Ephraim Wheeler.  
1835.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.  
1836.—Gordon Hewitt, Latham Hull, Jr.  
1837.—John D. Gallup, Amos Hull.  
1838.—Latham Hull, John D. Gallup.  
1839.—Elias Hewitt, Thomas H. Hewitt.  
1840.—Latham Hull, Nathaniel M. Cray.  
1841.—Oliver Hewitt, Peleg Clark.

<sup>1</sup> In 1811 the General Assembly gave the town two members.



- 1842.—Charles G. Simon, Latham Hull, Jr.  
 1843.—John D. Gallup, Oliver Hewitt.  
 1844.—Latham Hull, Charles S. Brown.  
 1845.—Allen Wheeler, William B. Hull.  
 1846.—William B. Hull, Nathaniel M. Cray.  
 1847.—John D. Gallup, John Sheffield.  
 1848.—Latham Hull, Oliver Hewitt.  
 1849.—Oliver Hewitt, Francis H. Wheeler.  
 1850.—Francis H. Wheeler, Christopher Hull.  
 1851.—Allen Wheeler, Asher Prentice, Jr.  
 1852.—Asher Prentice, Jr., Ephraim W. Maris.  
 1853.—William B. Hull, Charles P. White.  
 1854.—John D. Gallup, Denison Hewitt.  
 1855.—Robert Y. Latham, C. H. Kenyon.  
 1856.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Dudley W. Stewart.  
 1857.—Cyrus W. Brown, Jr., Chester S. Prentice.  
 1858.—Zebulon Treat York, Roger Griswold Avery.  
 1859.—Dudley R. Wheeler, Stephen A. Brown.  
 1860.—Dudley R. Wheeler, Cyrus W. Brown, Jr.  
 1861.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Thomas Clark.  
 1862.—Thomas Clark, Chester S. Prentice.  
 1863.—Stephen A. Brown, Charles Stanton.  
 1864.—Lot W. Kumey, John D. Babcock.  
 1865.—Thomas W. Wheeler, Samuel L. Main.  
 1866.—Richard Wheeler, Thomas Clark.  
 1867.—John D. Gallup (2), Alphonso Browning.  
 1868.—John D. Gallup (2), Alfred Clark.  
 1869.—Alfred Clark, Roger G. Avery.  
 1870.—Joseph D. Hewitt, Ashur H. Chapman.  
 1871.—Joseph D. Hewitt, Ashur H. Chapman.  
 1872.—Samuel Thompson, Amos A. Browning.  
 1873.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Benjamin F. Billings.  
 1874.—Samuel L. Main, B. F. Billings.  
 1875.—Andrew Avery, Edgar H. Wheeler.  
 1876.—Andrew Avery, Edgar H. Wheeler.  
 1877.—Alfred Clark, William H. Hillard.  
 1878.—Alfred Clark, Orren Chapman.  
 1879.—Charles L. Brown, John S. Bentley.  
 1880.—Alfred M. Clark, John S. Bentley.  
 1881.—Alfred M. Clark, Samuel T. Browning.  
 1882.—Orren Chapman, Charles Brown.

## SELECTMEN.

The first election for selectmen in North Stonington took place June 15, 1807 :

Latham Hull, Sr., Chester Smith, David Coats, Sanford Palmer, Elias Hewitt, Sr.

The next election took place November 24th of the same year, and after that they have been elected annually, as follows :

- Chester Smith, David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Sr., Nathan Pendleton, Jeremiah York.  
 1808.—Chester Smith, David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Sr., Nathan Pendleton, Jeremiah York.  
 1809.—David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Jeremiah York, Asa Prentice, Sands Cole.  
 1810.—David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Sr., Asa Prentice, Sands Cole, Wm. T. Browning.  
 1811.—David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Asa Prentice, Sands Cole, Robert Wheeler, Sr.  
 1812.—David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Asa Prentice, Sands Cole, Robert Wheeler.  
 1813.—David Coats, Elias Hewitt, Sr., Asa Prentice, Sands Cole, Robert Wheeler.  
 1814.—Elias Hewitt, Sr., Asa Prentice, Sands Cole, Gilbert Billings, Joseph Ayre.  
 1815.—Asa Prentice, Joseph Ayre, Daniel Packer, Luther Palmer, Chester Smith.  
 1816.—Chester Smith, David Coats, Daniel Packer, Luther Palmer, John Langworthy, Jr.  
 1817.—Elias Hewitt, Sr., Wm. T. Browning, John Langworthy, Jr., Wm. Randall, Jr., Christopher Brown, Jr.  
 1818.—Elias Hewitt, Sr., Sands Cole, Wm. Randall, Jr., Perez Hewitt, Asa A. Swan.

- 1819.—John Langworthy, Jr., Wm. Randall, Jr., Perez Hewitt, Asa A. Swan, Benjamin Pomeroy.  
 1820.—John Langworthy, Jr., Wm. Randall, Jr., Benjamin Pomeroy, Ethan Foster, John Brown.  
 1821.—Latham Hull, Wm. Randall, Jr., John Dean Gallup, Elias Smith, Daniel Carr.  
 1822.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Daniel Carr, Samuel Prentice, Asher Coats.  
 1823.—Nathan Pendleton, Asher Coats, Sands Cole.  
 1824.—Latham Hull, Nathan Pendleton, Sands Cole, Russel Wheeler, Ezra B. Smith.  
 1825.—Latham Hull, Ezra B. Smith, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Allen Wheeler, Smith Chapman.  
 1826.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Allen Wheeler, Smith Chapman, Asher Prentice, Jr.  
 1827.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Smith Chapman, Asher Prentice, Jr., Stephen Main.  
 1828.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Stephen Main, Thomas Browning, Abel Collins.  
 1829.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Stephen Main, Thomas Browning, Abel Collins.  
 1830.—Latham Hull, Smith Chapman, Stephen Main, Thomas Browning, Stanton Hewitt, Jr.  
 1831.—Latham Hull, Stanton Hewitt, Jr., Stephen Main, Thomas Browning, Elias Hewitt.  
 1832.—Latham Hull, Ezra Hewitt, Amos Hull, Matthew Brown, Andrew Chapman.  
 1833.—Ezra Hewitt, Amos Hull, Matthew Brown, Andrew Chapman, Thomas P. Wattles.  
 1834.—Ezra Hewitt, Amos Hull, Matthew Brown, Andrew Chapman, Thomas P. Wattles.  
 1835.—Ezra Hewitt, Amos Hull, Matthew Brown, Andrew Chapman, Thomas P. Wattles.  
 1836.—Amos Hull, Matthew Brown, Andrew Chapman, Amos C. Main, Elias Hewitt.  
 1837.—Latham Hull, William Randall, Jr., Peleg Clark, Ansel Coats, Jabez Gallup.  
 1838.—Latham Hull, Peleg Clark, Francis S. Peabody, George W. Bentley, Thomas H. Hewitt, David Stillman, Peleg Kenyon.  
 1839.—Latham Hull, Francis S. Peabody, Thomas H. Hewitt, Percy Kenyon, George W. Bentley, David Stillman, Peleg Clark.  
 1840.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Robert Wheeler, Peleg Clark, George W. Bentley, David Stillman, Charles H. Babcock.  
 1841.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Charles S. Brown, Russel Bentley, Allen Wheeler.  
 1842.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Charles S. Brown, Russel Bentley, George H. Lewis.  
 1843.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Russel Bentley.  
 1844.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Matthew Brown, Charles H. Babcock, Russel Bentley, Nathan York, Jr., Nathaniel M. Cray.  
 1845.—Latham Hull, John Dean Gallup, Nathaniel M. Cray, Russel Bentley, Palmer N. Miner, Charles H. Babcock, Matthew Brown.  
 1846.—John Dean Gallup, Nathaniel M. Cray, John Sheffield, Russel Bentley, Charles H. Babcock.  
 1847.—Latham Hull, Andrew Chapman, Thomas P. Wattles, William Vincent, Sanford Main, Oliver S. Ecclestone, Reuben W. York.  
 1848.—Latham Hull, Andrew Chapman, William Vincent, Oliver S. Ecclestone, Reuben W. York, Isaac W. Miner, Charles H. Main.  
 1849.—John Dean Gallup, William Vincent, Isaac W. Miner, Andrew Chapman, Charles H. Main, Luke C. Reynolds, Charles P. White.  
 1850.—John Dean Gallup, William Vincent, Isaac W. Miner, Luke C. Reynolds, Charles P. White.  
 1851.—John Dean Gallup, William Vincent, Isaac W. Miner.  
 1852.—John Dean Gallup, William Vincent, Isaac W. Miner.  
 1853.—John Dean Gallup, William Vincent, William B. Hull.  
 1854.—William B. Hull, Ephraim W. Main, Charles H. Babcock.  
 1855.—Ansel Coats, Robert Wheeler, Matthew Brown, Joseph Frink, Alfred Clark, Chester S. Prentiss, Asher H. Chapman.  
 1856.—William Vincent, Ansel Coats, Sanford Main, Luke C. Reynolds, Samuel H. Prentice.  
 1857.—Peleg Clark, Wm. T. Browning, Cyrus W. Brown, Jr.  
 1858.—Wm. B. Hull, Wm. M. Hillard, Charles H. Babcock.  
 1859.—Chester S. Prentice, Reuben W. York, Samuel B. Wheeler.  
 1860.—Chester S. Prentice, Asher H. Chapman, Reuben W. York.  
 1861.—Chester S. Prentice, Reuben W. York, Robert Palmer.  
 1862-63.—Wm. B. Hull, Charles H. Kenyon, Denison Hewitt.  
 1864.—Wm. B. Hull, Denison Hewitt, Henry L. Miner.

1865-68.—Chester S. Prentice, Dudley W. Stewart, Richard Wheeler.  
 1869.—Chester S. Prentice, Dudley W. Stewart, Benben W. York.  
 1870.—Chester S. Prentice, Dudley W. Stewart, John D. Babcock.  
 1871.—Chester S. Prentice, Alfred Clark, John D. Babcock.  
 1872.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Andrew Avery, John C. Coats.  
 1873.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Alfred Clark, Andrew Avery.  
 1874.—Andrew Avery, Samuel B. Wheeler, William B. Hull.  
 1875.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Andrew Avery, Alfred Clark.  
 1876.—Samuel B. Wheeler, Andrew Avery, Alfred Clark.  
 1877.—Andrew Avery, Orrin B. Allen, Alfred Clark.  
 1878.—Andrew Avery, Robert P. Palmer, Nathan S. Edgcomb.  
 1879.—Benjamin F. Billings, Alfred M. Clark, Orrin B. Allen.  
 1880.—Alfred M. Clark, Isaac D. Miner, Orrin B. Allen.  
 1881.—Orrin Chapman, Horace F. York, George W. Stewart.

**Military.**—Four of the militia companies assembled at Groton Bank during the last war with England, on the 20th day of June, 1813, belonged to this town; also four of the militia companies that rallied and repelled the British at Stonington in 1814 belonged to this town. As they have been included in Col. Randall's regiment on both occasions, in the history of Stonington, it is not deemed necessary to enter their names again.

The companies were No. 2, commanded by Asa A. Swan; No. 4, commanded by John W. Hull; No. 6, commanded by Daniel Carr; No. 7, commanded by Daniel Miner.

The following list shows the names of the men who volunteered and entered the Union army from North Stonington during the late war of the Rebellion:

## THE ROLL OF HONOR.

## Infantry.

## THIRD REGIMENT.

## COMPANY D.

Lorenzo D. Knapp, Augustus Terwillinger.

## FIFTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY G.

Partelo Burrows, corporal; Horace E. Partlo.

## SIXTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY D.

Andrew Hogan.

## EIGHTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY B.

Edward Williams, Peter Gourley.

## COMPANY G.

Henry Bentley, John F. Edgcomb.

## TENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY F.

Thomas Johnson.

## COMPANY H.

John E. Brooks.

## ELEVENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY A.

Matthew M. Brown.

## COMPANY B.

Charles W. Harris.

## COMPANY D.

Henry Burns, Charles Halpin, Edward Riley, George Smith.

## TWELFTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY K.

Amos Bray, George W. Edwards, John C. Smith.

## THIRTEENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY H.

Edward C. Grafton.

## COMPANY K.

Francis T. Hagadon.

## FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY C.

John Burton.

## COMPANY D.

James Drew.

## COMPANY E.

James P. Bentley.

## COMPANY G.

James M. Brown.

## COMPANY H.

Jeremiah Haggerty, George McCracken, Francis French.

## COMPANY I.

John Custenson, Thomas Waters.

## TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

## COMPANY E.

Elias P. Bliven.

## COMPANY G.

Capt. James F. Brown (pro. Lieut.-col.); 2d Lieut. E. Perry Packer (pro. capt.); Sergeants Darius H. Randall (disch. for app. in U. S. C. T.), John B. Brown (pro. 2d Lieut.), Wm. P. Frink, Courtland G. Stanton (pro. 1st Lieut.); Corporals Geo. H. Denison, Wm. B. Coats, Wm. G. Hawkins (pro. 2d Lieut.), Chas. A. Staple, Chas. A. Clark, Albert T. Crumb; Nathani W. Perkins, Albert C. Babcock, Franklin T. Bentley, Sanford N. Billings, Elisha C. Brown, Erastus S. Brown, Edw. J. Buddington, Henry D. Brown, Jesse Brown, Jr., John T. Button, Bradford Clark, Wm. H. Clark, John C. Coon, John H. Coon, Geo. S. Congdon, Jas. A. Davis, Chas. Dougherty, John Dunham, Latham M. Eccleston, Jas. M. Geer, John B. Geer, Thos. H. Gray, Paul H. Hillard, Ransom Kenyon, Lorenzo D. Knapp, Edwin A. Lewis, Stephen A. Main, Jesse M. Main, Latham H. Main, Silas W. Main, James Maples, James H. Merritt, Latham H. Park, Asher M. Palmer, Joel W. Pitcher, Edward Pitcher, Edward C. Prentiss, Hewitt Peters, Calvin H. Robinson, Charles F. Sherman, Joseph W. Stanton, William N. Stedman, Charles M. Terwilliger, August Terwilliger, Edward Toal, Alfred M. West, Michael Welch, Alvan H. Wright, Edwin S. Wheeler (pro. quartermaster), Andrew J. Allen, Edwin M. Brown, John Davenport.

## COMPANY H.

2d Lieut. William L. Hubbell (pro. capt.).

## TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY A.

Sergt. William T. Hubbell (pro. 2d Lieut.), George A. Avery.

## TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY A.

Russell Andrews, Charles L. Burdick.

## COMPANY B.

Dexter A. Johnson.

## TWENTY-NINTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY B.

Robert Cole, James H. Russell, Henry Seale, George W. Williams.

## COMPANY D.

David Branch, William Cole, Andrew Comlinger, Harry Crawford, Henry Gaunt, Isaac P. George, Alexander Jackson, Jefferson Miller, William H. Smith, John R. Swingler, William M. Taylor, Henry J. Wells, John Edwards, Anthony Lucas.

## COMPANY E.

George W. Boyd, Edward C. Carroll, George W. Odell, Charles Robinson, Dennis W. Williams.

## COMPANY F.

John H. Brown, William A. Washington.

## Artillery.

## FIRST REGIMENT.

## COMPANY H.

Andrew Allen.

## SECOND REGIMENT.

## COMPANY D.

William N. Cockfair.

## COMPANY M.

Theodore Donne, George Jones.



**Cavalry.****FIRST REGIMENT.****COMPANY C.**

George G. Hall, John Halpin, Joseph M. Brackett, George N. Chapman, William C. Whipple.

During the first century after the settlement of Stonington the ocean and rivers that largely formed its boundaries swarmed with fish of almost every variety, furnishing subsistence for the inhabitants. The area of the town was almost entirely a wilderness, save where the Indians had burned down the forest-trees to plant their maize and the marsh-lands bordering on the coves and rivers, where the flowing tides had held everything in check except the back and fox-tail grasses. Game in endless variety roamed through the wilderness, subject only to the bow and arrow of the Indian and the white man's rifle. While most of the game was made to contribute to the planters' benefit, some of them were dangerous and destructive, and preyed upon their herds at pleasure. Goats, sheep, and swine at all ages were taken and destroyed by the wolves and bears, who claimed a prior right to them. So bold and daring at times did they become that they would enter the barnyards of the planters at night and feast upon their herds, taking especial pleasure in the young, warm blood of kids and lambs. As the settlement progressed the more available places for cultivation were taken up, which compelled these foraging animals to seek shelter in caverns and the deepest recesses of the ledges and hills, where they might remain in secret safety during the day, and when the darkness of the night overhung the hills and valleys alike they sallied forth in pursuit of their prey.

Not far from 1750, Maj. Israel Hewitt, who lived on Win-che-choog Hill, in North Stonington, became a noted hunter, kept a kennel of bloodhounds, and for pastime and pleasure devoted much of his time in hunting these dangerous animals. One old bruin, who rendezvoused in an undiscovered cavern in the upper part of the town, became so destructive among the farmers' herds in that vicinity that Maj. Hewitt was invited to hunt the rascal down and relieve them from so formidable a pest. So the old hunter, on horseback, in regal style, with servants, munitions of war, and a full corps of bloodhounds, started out in pursuit of the dreaded monster. The hounds soon came upon his foraging tracks, and with that heavenly, or at least unearthly, music that nothing but bloodhounds can chant, they followed with unerring certainty the old mugwump to his den. The practiced ear of the major assured him that the game was bagged. So riding up to the place he saw from the tremulous murmur of his dogs that they had a dangerous animal in hand. After examining the mouth of the cavern and in vain trying to induce the hounds to enter (which they could easily have done), he resolved to enter himself and force old bruin to a fight in his own den.

The major closely examined his well loaded, then picking the floor of his hunter's rig, he entered the cavern, crept along upon his hands and knees to its lower chamber. By this time the all-pervading, except two heads, came from the farther end of the cavern, a terrific growl, that told the hunter the bruin's time had come. But the major, on the occasion. He, raising his rifle to a deliberate aim, added another glare to the darkness which shook the cavern from its summit. Slowly moving backward, the surface almost stifled with the smoke of his den. Reloading his rifle and lighted candles, he descended into the cavern, and he found old bruin with his head down, his growling and his howling,—he moved the bear, and with the aid of his men, took him on horseback and carried him to the house. He dressed him, but none of the householders ate the meat. The site of this cavern, the "Bear's Hole," is situated south of the village of Milltown, and is a famous resort for sight-seers and sportsmen. But a few invading red snappers, guarding its portals, have sent it to the solitude that it enjoyed in the past.

Charles Hewitt, a grandson of Israel, through his son Charles and wife, was one of the forty volunteers of the heroic band, who, under the command of John C. Smith, of Rhode Island, on the 10th of May, 1855, crossed over Narragansett Bay from Wick Neck, and from there back to Newport Island, and captured the pirate and Prescott, taking him from his prison and recrossed the bay in safety to the prisoner.

**CHAPTER LX****NORTH STONINGTON—****BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

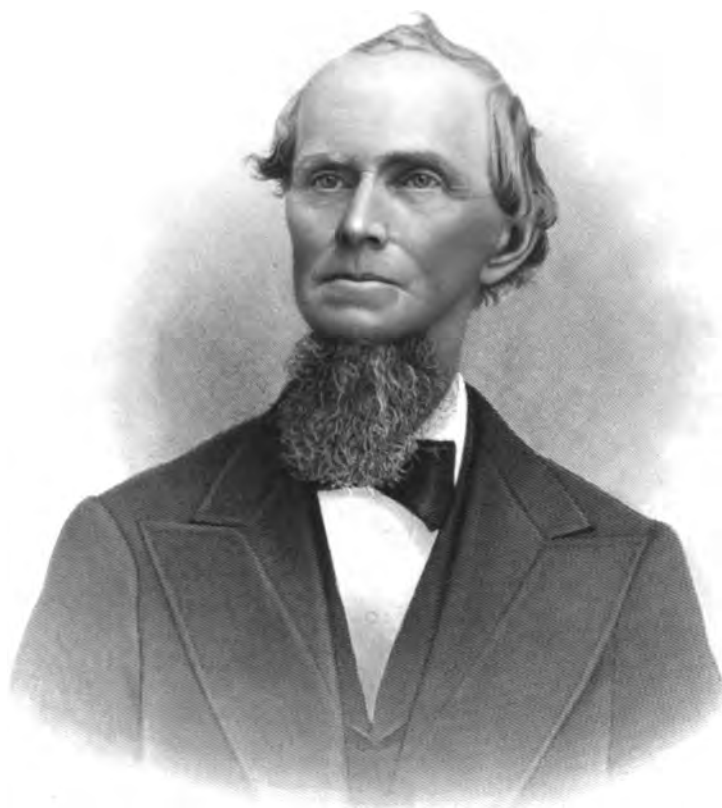
**Hon. Charles Perry White**  
Stonington, Conn., Nov. 12, 1818.  
Common-school and academic education in his native town and in Rhode Island. He held the office of judge of probate at Stonington for twenty-two years, and was a member of that town in 1853. He was a member of the Democratic party, but has been associated with the Republican party. He has done long and faithful service in





CHARLES P. WHITE.





W. H. ARNOLD

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ciples of that organization. He has held the office of justice of the peace for twenty-five years, and has held other local offices and trusts of responsibility. When he was elected to the House in 1853 by the Democrats he declined giving any pledges in regard to the subject of temperance, but when the test vote was required in the Legislature that year, he was found to be firmly on the side of restriction. He was elected senator for the Eighth District in the fall of 1880, for two years, by a majority of eight hundred. His father, Charles White, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his paternal grandfather served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His mother, Ruth Perry, was a descendant of Commodore Perry.

Senator White is a farmer by occupation; a man of great force of character, and possesses the confidence and esteem of all classes.

**Asher H. Chapman** was born in North Stonington, Dec. 18, 1807, where he has resided ever since, except fourteen years of his early life, which were spent in the town of Griswold. His emigrant ancestor was named John Chapman, who in early life learned the weaver's trade near London, England. After his apprenticeship of seven years had expired he visited London, and being unaccustomed to the dangers of the city, and while lingering about the docks, he was pressed on board a man-of-war, where he remained until the ship came to Boston, when Mr. Chapman escaped, fled into the country, and finally reached Wakefield, R. I., where, under the hospitable roof of Samuel Alden, he found shelter, and for whom he subsequently worked at his trade. After a few years we find him in Stonington, where he married Sarah Brown, Feb. 17, 1710, locating himself within the present limits of North Stonington. They were blessed with eight children, one of whom, Andrew Chapman, born March 3, 1719, married Hannah Smith in 1747. They resided in North Stonington, and became the parents of ten children; and their son, Andrew Chapman, born May 10, 1754, married Ann York, March 30, 1780, and they became the parents of six children; and their son, Andrew Chapman, born Nov. 27, 1785, married a Miss Palmer; and their son, Asher H. Chapman, born Dec. 18, 1807, was reared to farming among his native hills, and received a public-school education; married Lucy A. Palmer, daughter of Capt. Frederick Palmer, of Stonington, June 5, 1871. Mr. Chapman enjoys to an unlimited extent the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has held the office of selectman and other town offices, and in 1870 and 1871 was elected representative to the General Assembly. Mr. Chapman devotes the most of his time to farming on the old homestead, a portion of it, however, he employs in brokerage and assisting his friends in investing their funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman trace their ancestral line back to Thomas Stanton, George Denison, Walter Palmer, and others, who were the most respectable of our early families.

**Zebulon Treat York**, of North Stonington, was born July 19, 1817. His parents were Zebulon York and Betsey Chapman, who were married March 17, 1803. Mr. York's emigrant ancestor was James York, who was born in 1608, and came to this country among its early settlers, and located himself first at Braintree, Mass. He married Joannah —, in 1646, at Braintree, where their first son, James, was born, Aug. 14, 1648. James York, Sr., came to Stonington (or Southertown, as it was then called) in 1660, and settled on a tract of land at Anguilla.

He died in 1683; his widow in 1685. His son James went to Boston to reside, and there married Deborah Bell, daughter of Thomas and Anne Bell, Jan. 17, 1669, and came to Stonington in 1670. Sold his real estate in Boston in 1672; was made free in 1673, and died Oct. 26, 1676. They had four children, the youngest of whom, Thomas, was born Oct. 14, 1676, and married Mary Brown, Jan. 9, 1704. Their son, Bell York, born in 1725, married, Feb. 18, 1747, Ruth Miner, and they were the great-grandparents of Mr. Z. T. York, who spent his boyhood with his parents, until he left home to complete his education and seek his fortune.

His education was finished under Prof. Joseph H. Gallup, a man eminent and widely known as a mathematician. Mr. York taught school more or less for fourteen years, and canvassed a large extent of territory as a book agent. His home has always been in North Stonington, though not always there himself. He married Elizabeth S. Stanton (a direct descendant of the famous Indian interpreter-general of New England), and went to keeping house and farming on the southern slope of Pung-hung-we-nuck Hill, which he followed successfully, and a few years later established a line of brokerage in connection with his farming operations, which has been productive of the best results. Without aspiring to political honors, Mr. York has been elected repeatedly to positions of trust, holding a variety of town offices, and in 1858 was elected representative to the General Assembly. The ancestors of Mr. York were among our most respectable citizens.

**Deacon Charles Wheeler**, of North Stonington, was born Sept. 20, 1789, consequently he was ninety-two years old last September. His body and mind are wonderfully preserved, largely owing no doubt to his temperate and industrious habits. Deacon Wheeler was reared to farm-life in a model New England home, where, in addition to a good common-school education, he enjoyed the benefit of religious instruction. Coming up to manhood with a mind well stored with useful and practical knowledge, he intelligently pursued his vocation, and gained the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Feeling the want of intelligent and sympathetic companionship and the sweet counsel of womanly devotion, he sought the heart and hand of a young lady whom he had known from childhood, and on the

26th day of January, 1812, Charles Wheeler and Rebecca Williams were married.

The union thus formed was productive of the happiest results, and strengthened with increasing years; blessing each other, their children, and friends with the light of a happy home.

His early religious training left its impress upon his heart, and when he reached maturer years the monitions that guided his youth led him to the throne of grace, imploring the divine forgiveness. The ministry of the Holy Spirit renewed his heart, and he united with the First Congregational Church of North Stonington Oct. 4, 1834.

Later the church was summoned to choose a deacon, and the choice fell upon him, June 17, 1838, which he modestly accepted, and all through the intervening years he has been constant in season and out of season. Death has summoned away his wife and all his children except one, who resides in a distant State, yet with trusting confidence and unshaken faith in "Him who doeth all things well," he is waiting for the sunset signal.

Paternally, Mr. Wheeler descends from some of our best Stonington families, and through them he is connected with John Howland, of the "Mayflower."

**Alfred Clarke**, son of Peleg and Fanny Clarke, was born in North Stonington, Conn., Sept. 24, 1817, and died Feb. 7, 1878. During his youth he worked on a farm, and also served an apprenticeship at tanning and currying leather, which business he followed quite a portion of his life at Clarke's Falls, the place of his residence. In connection with the tannery he operated a saw-, grist-, and bark-mill, and in company with Mr. Spicer Tefft he erected a large factory building and its adjacent houses, which now constitute the enterprising village of Clarke's Falls. During his apprenticeship a large tumor formed in his side, which was removed by Dr. Miller, of Norwich, Conn. Although the operation was a most painful one, yet, seating himself in a chair, he submitted to it without a groan, refusing to let any one hold even his head or hands, exhibiting a calmness and courage quite remarkable for one of his years.

On Sept. 22, 1839, at the age of twenty-two years, he married Altana B. Langworthy, daughter of Deacon John and Sarah Langworthy, of North Stonington, Conn. She died April 2, 1841, leaving an infant daughter, who is now living, and the wife of Deacon Benj. P. Langworthy (2). On Oct. 2, 1841, he married Mary N. Palmer, daughter of Israel and Lucy Palmer, of North Stonington. Of this marriage five children were born, but only two are now living,—Alfred M. Clarke, who married Martha Witter, and Maria P. Clarke, who married B. Clay Pierce. At his death Mr. Clarke left surviving him, his wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

When eighteen or nineteen years of age Mr. Clarke became a Christian, and made a public profession of religion by baptism, connecting himself with the

Second Seventh-day Baptist Church at Hopkinton City, of which he continued a worthy and respected member till his death. His wife and children are also members of the same church.

The *Providence Journal*, under date of Feb. 9, 1878, in speaking of Mr. Clarke, says,—

"Hon. Alfred Clarke died at his residence at Clarke's Falls to-day, February 7th, from a long sickness, which has been of a rheumatic character, and has been extremely painful. He has long been a very prominent and highly-esteemed citizen of his town (North Stonington), having filled with great acceptance many offices of profit and trust therein. At the time of his death he was a member-elect of the Legislature, having, however, been unable to attend the present session on account of his sickness. He was a member last year also. He was one of the selectmen of the town, and a director in the Ashaway National Bank. By industry and economy he had secured a competence, and by his sterling integrity he had endeared himself to a host of friends. He will be greatly mourned and missed in this community. He was in his sixty-first year, and leaves a widow and three children."

**Charles G. Hewitt**, the subject of this sketch, was born in Stonington, now North Stonington, Dec. 20, 1801. His early life was spent with his parents, who resided on Win-che-choog Hill, a mile or two west of the village of Milltown. He was educated in the public schools of the times, and very early developed a strong attachment for farm-life, and became a successful farmer, preferring the quiet enjoyment of agricultural pursuits to public life in any form. He married Lucy Randall, of Stonington, Dec. 25, 1823, and they became the parents of two children,—Dudley R. and Lucy A. Hewitt. His first wife died April 19, 1839, and on the 19th day of January, 1843, he was married to Mary Wheeler, of Stonington. Mr. Hewitt was an upright and honest man, of superior judgment and fixed principles, kind and genial in all of the relations of life; devotedly attached to his family, he deemed no sacrifice too great for their comfort and benefit. His ancestors were some of the most prominent families of our town and State, notably Capt. George Denison, Thomas Stanton, Walter Palmer, Thomas Hewitt, and John Howland of the "Mayflower," and Robert Williams, of Roxbury, Mass.

**Deacon Solomon Barber**, sixth son of Col. Moses Barber, of South Kingston, Washington Co., R. I., was born Feb. 6, 1823. Like most farmers' sons, his early boyhood was employed alternately in work on the farm and in attending school; by this means he obtained a fair education, and as he grew up he early manifested a strong desire to engage in the manufacture of cloth, and so he directed his energies in that channel, and became established in that pursuit at the age of twenty-four. His life has been devoted to the building up and in a legitimate manner extending that business, and is now the proprietor of a large manufactory at Laurel Glen, Conn. Mr. Barber was married Aug. 18, 1844, to Miss Ellen M., daughter of Asa Dye. They have four children,—Rensaeller W., Moses, Ellie M., and Sarah S. The latter married A. F. Knight, of Bozrahville. They have one child, a daughter, named Bertha. Rensaeller married Kate



CHARLES WHEELER.



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**CHARLES G. HEWITT.**



**SOLOMON BARBER.**

L. Lander, of Coventry, Conn. They have two children,—Anna E. and Edwin P. Moses married Maria Edgerton, of Coventry, Conn. Mr. Barber has long been a consistent member of the church, is a man of pleasant, agreeable manners, honest, upright, and industrious, a successful business man, and commands the respect and esteem of those who know him. He will leave to his children the rich heritage of an honorable, honest man.

## CHAPTER XC.

### VOLUNTOWN.

Geographical—Topographical—The Volunteers' Grant—Original Bounds—Claimed by the Mohegans—Massashowitt's Claim—First Meeting of Proprietors—Survey of the Town—The Pioneers—Ecclesiastical—Congregational Church—The Separate Church—The Schools—Beachville—Manufacturing—Civil and Military—Organization of Town—First Town-Meeting—Officers Elected—Organization of Probate Court—First Officers—Military Record—List of Representatives from 1740 to 1882.

VOLUNTOWN lies in the extreme northeastern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Windham County, on the east by the State of Rhode Island, on the south by North Stonington, and on the west by Griswold. The surface of the town is uneven, but the soil is generally fertile.

**The Volunteers' Grant.**—The greater part of the tract embraced within the bounds of the present town of Voluntown was granted in 1700 to the volunteers in the Narragansett war, from which circumstance the town derives its name. From the organization of the colony it had been customary to make grants to officers and soldiers who had distinguished themselves in the service of their country. Capt. Mason and others engaged in the Pequot war were granted lands, which stimulated those who had performed such signal feats in the Narragansett war to ask for a grant of a town in acknowledgment of their services. The petition to the General Court for the grant was presented in 1696 by Lieut. Thomas Leffingwell, of Norwich, and Sergt. John Frink, of Stonington, "that they with the rest of the English volunteers in former wars might have a plantation granted to them." The petition was formally received, and a tract six miles square was granted, "to be taken up out of some of the conquered land."

A committee "of discovery" was at once sent out in search of suitable land for a plantation, but found their choice very limited, as most of the conquered land had already been appropriated by Major Fitch, the Winthrops, and others. The committee reported that the only available land remaining within the Connecticut limits was lying a short distance east of Norwich, bordering on Rhode Island. A committee consisting of Capt. Samuel Mason, Mr. John Gallup, and Lieut. James Avery was appointed to view the said tract and report whether it "would accommodate a body of people for comfortable subsistence

in a plantation way." After a deliberation of three years the committee reported favorably, and in October, 1700, Lieut. Leffingwell, Richard Bushnell, Isaac Wheeler, Caleb Fobes, Samuel Bliss, Joseph Morgan, and Manasseh Minor moved that the grant be confirmed. The original bounds of the grant were nearly identical with those of the present township, except it extended on the east to Pawcatuck River.

Voluntown was a barren tract of but little value, and after the Narragansett war was claimed by the Mohegans. The Quinnebaug sachem Massashowitt also laid claim to it.

The first meeting of the proprietors or grantees was held at Stonington, July 1, 1701, to make arrangements for survey and appropriation. Richard Bushnell was chosen clerk of the company, and S. Leffingwell, James Avery, John Frink, and Richard Smith were appointed a committee "to pass all those that offer themselves as volunteers."

A number of years, however, passed before the division was completed, as the territory was still in dispute, and it was not until 1705 that the Mohegans' claim was adjusted. In that year the town was formally surveyed and the bounds established.

But a narrow strip of land was accorded to the Mohegans under this survey, but during the same summer a considerable portion of the town was taken by Rhode Island. So greatly did it damage the grant "that they feared their intended purpose of settling a plantation so accommodable for a Christian society as they desired was frustrated."

At a meeting of the volunteers, held Nov. 14, 1705, it was decided to have the town resurveyed, computed, and laid out in as many lots as there was volunteers, and to number them, etc.

April 17, 1706, a meeting was held, when it was voted "to go on and draw lots upon that part of the land laid out," and the grant was made to one hundred and sixty persons who had enrolled their names as desiring to share the benefit of the grant. These were residents of New London, Norwich, Stonington, Windham, Plainfield, and other neighboring towns. The list embraced officers, soldiers, ministers, chaplains, and others who had served the colony in a civil capacity during the war.

Notwithstanding the survey of the town had been made and the various lots designated, very little progress was made for several years in its settlement. Its soil was poor and its location remote and inconvenient. "A pair of come four year old steers" was once given in exchange for eighty-six acres.

The first settler in what is now Voluntown was doubtless Mr. Samuel Fish. Other pioneers were John Gallup, John and Francis Smith, Robert Parke, Thomas Reynolds, Thomas Coles, John Campbell, John Safford, Obadiah Rhodes, and Samuel Whaley. The loss of so important a portion of the town as that taken by Rhode Island caused the volunteers at once to appeal to the General Assembly for an equivalent,

and they petitioned that body that the vacant colony land lying on the north might be annexed. After various earnest petitions, four years later, 1719, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and what is now the present town of Sterling, except a small strip on the north border, was annexed to Voluntown. The annexed territory was surveyed as rapidly as possible by John Plumb, surveyor for New London County. Thirty lots were laid out and assigned to nineteen persons.

**Congregational Church.**—Voluntown, like other towns in the colony, gave its first attention to the business of securing a minister for the plantation, and in the autumn of 1720 a Rev. Mr. Wilson was employed, and the first recorded public act of the inhabitants, March 14, 1721, was the choice of Robert Park and Jacob Bacon "to go to treat with y<sup>e</sup> Reverend Mr. Wilson of y<sup>e</sup> reason of his inclining to depart from us and whether we can possibly keep him." The Rev. Mr. Billings preached to the little settlement a short time, but declined a call. Rev. Samuel Dorrance, a Scotch Presbyterian, lately arrived from Ireland, and a graduate of Glasgow University, was called in 1723, and on the 15th of October of that year Mr. Dorrance was ordained and the church organized with the following members: Samuel Dorrance, Robert Gordon, Charles Cole, John Kasson, John, Robert, and Samuel Campbell, John and Alexander Gordon, Ebenezer Dow, John Keigwin, William Hamilton, Robert Hopkin, John Smith, Daniel Dill, Thomas Welch, Jacob Bacon, Daniel Cass, John and George Dorrance, Samuel Church, Jr., John Dorrance, Jr., Nathaniel Dean, Vincent Patterson, Robert Miller, Patrick Parke, Samuel Church, Adam Kasson, William Kasson, David Hopkins, Charles Campbell, Nathaniel French, John Gibson, James Hopkins, John and Robert Parke, William Rogers, and John Gallup. The church thus organized adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, and was the first and long the only Presbyterian Church in Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> The location of the meeting-house caused a great deal of discussion among the good people of Voluntown, and it was not until 1731 that the church edifice was completed. It was erected upon the original site agreed upon by the inhabitants and proprietors, April 27, 1722. It stands on the line between the present towns of Voluntown and Sterling. The present church was erected in 1858.

The following is a list of pastors from the organization of the church to the present time: Samuel Dorrance, Micajah Porter, Elijah S. Wells, Otis Lane, Jacob Allen, Charles L. Ayer.

**The Separate Church.**—The date of the organization of a Separate Church in Voluntown is uncertain, but it was doubtless about the year 1745, and among the members were Peter Miller, Thomas Thompson, Benj. Park, Robert Campbell, James and

Thomas Douglass, John Kennedy, Isaac Gallup, Samuel Smith, Matthew Patrick, John Gaston, Robert Hinman, Robert Gibson, and James Stranahan. After a few years the church was abandoned and united with that of Plainfield.

The Catholics of Voluntown are few in number, and are attended by the resident pastor at Jewett City. Services are held once a fortnight in Union Hall. Rev. Thos. J. Joynt is now building in that village a neat church, which he expects to have dedicated this fall. The Catholics number about three hundred, and are mostly of French-Canadian extraction.

**The Schools.**—The first reference to schools found upon the old town records is under date Dec. 4, 1732, when it was voted "that there shall be a surkelating school kep and a schoolmaster hired at ye town's charge." In March, 1735, it was voted "that the school be kept in four places, three months in a place, six months in ye north end and six months in ye south end, dividing ye town by a line from Alexander Gordon's to Ebenezer Dow's house, and that the master, John Dunlap, should have thirty pounds money, and sufficient meat, drink, washing, and lodging, for keeping school eleven months and eighteen days, and in ye night when convenient."

The first school-house was built in 1737. It was located "four rods from ye northwest corner of ye meeting-house, and a rente of two pence allowed for the same."

**Beachdale.**—This is a little hamlet located in the western part of the town, on the Pachaug River, and is the seat of the cotton manufactory of Ira G. Briggs & Co.

A library association was formed in 1792, and a hundred volumes procured.

**Manufactures.**—The Pachaug at this point furnishes an excellent water-power, and one of the earliest factories of cotton yarn in New England was established here, that of the Industry Manufacturing Company, which was formed March 12, 1814, by James Treat, of Preston, and others. This property, after various vicissitudes, passed into the hands of the present firm of Ira G. Briggs & Co. The village contains two churches, Methodist and Baptist. George Weatherhead, a Killingly manufacturer, now deceased, was also engaged in business here.

Dr. Harvey Campbell, the beloved physician, who so long and faithfully administered to the medical wants of the people here, died in 1877, after a long infirmity. He was a prominent citizen and "a leader in every good work." The present physician in Voluntown is Dr. Ransom Young. Drs. Allan and William Campbell were widely known as medical practitioners prior to Dr. Harvey Campbell.

**Civil and Military.**—Voluntown was incorporated as a town in 1721, and in addition to its present territory embraced the present town of Sterling, and so remained until 1794, when Sterling was constituted a

<sup>1</sup> It was reorganized as a Congregational Church, June 30, 1779.

separate town. In 1739 the vacant mile north of Voluntown was annexed to the town by formal act of the General Assembly. Voluntown remained a portion of Windham County until 1881, when it was annexed to New London County.

The Voluntown Probate Court was established in 1830, with Sterry Kinnie judge, and Minor Robbins clerk.

June 20, 1721, the first town-meeting was held, when the following officers were chosen: Selectmen, John Gallup, John Safford, Ebenezer Cooper, Samuel Whaley, and Nathaniel French; Town Clerk, Jacob Bacon; Constable, Thomas Cole; Toller, Francis Smith.

In the following December John Tyler, Obadiah Rogers, and Ebenezer Dow were added to the selectmen. Various votes were passed. A pound was ordered. Three men were appointed "to lay out highways least to ye damage of ye owners of land and ye best advantage for the neighborhood."

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1740 TO 1881.

- 1740.—Robert Dixon.  
 1741.—John Kesson, John Dickson, Robert Dickson.  
 1742.—Robert Dixon, Charles Campbell.  
 1743-44.—Robert Dixon, Charles Campbell, John Dixon.  
 1745.—John Dixon, John Kesson, Thomas Kesson.  
 1746.—John Dixon, Joseph Palmer, Robert Dixon, Thomas Kesson.  
 1747.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Capt. Isaac Gallopp, Capt. Thomas Kesson.  
 1748.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Thomas Kesson, John Smith.  
 1749.—Joseph Palmer, Capt. Robert Dixon, Joseph Park.  
 1750-51.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith.  
 1752.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith, Jr.  
 1753.—Joseph Park, Capt. Isaac Gallup, Jeremiah Keeney, John Kesson.  
 1754.—Capt. Robert Dickson, John Smith.  
 1755.—Capt. Robert Dickson, John Smith, Capt. Isaac Gallup.  
 1756.—Robert Jameson, Capt. Robert Dickson, John Smith.  
 1757.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith, John Gordon, Capt. Daniel Fish.  
 1758.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith.  
 1759.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Robert Jemison, John Smith.  
 1760.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith.  
 1761.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Smith.  
 1762.—John Gordon, Capt. Robert Dixon, John Gordon.  
 1763.—John Gordon, Robert Jameson.  
 1764.—Capt. Robert Dixon, John Gordon, Robert Jameson.  
 1765.—John Gordon, Moses Kinney.  
 1766.—John Gordon, Robert Dixon, John Smith.  
 1767.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart.  
 1768.—John Gordon, Capt. Isaac Gallopp.  
 1769-70.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart.  
 1771.—Capt. Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart, Capt. Isaac Gallopp, Moses Kinney.  
 1772.—Capt. Isaac Gallopp, Samuel Stewart, Samuel Gordon.  
 1773.—Capt. Isaac Gallopp, Samuel Gordon.  
 1774-75.—James Gordon, Robert Hunter.  
 1776.—John Gordon, Ezra Crary, James Gordon.  
 1777.—Robert Hunter, James Gordon.  
 1778.—Robert Dixon, Moses Campbell, James Gordon, Matthew Newton.  
 1779.—Robert Hunter, James Gordon.  
 1780.—Isaac Gallopp, John Cole, James Gordon, Robert Dixon.  
 1781.—Solomon Morgan, Isaac Gallup, Moses Kinne.  
 1782.—Joseph Frink, Isaac Gallup, James Gordon, Joseph Wyley.  
 1783.—James Gordon, Joseph Wyley.  
 1784.—Moses Campbell, James Gordon, Joseph Wyley.  
 1785.—Joseph Alexander, James Gordon, Joseph Wyley.  
 1786.—Benjamin Dowe, Benjamin Gallup, Joseph Wyley.  
 1787.—John Wyley, Allen Campbell, Benjamin Gallup.  
 1788.—Titus Bailey, Isaac Gallup, Joshua Frink.  
 1789.—Robert Dixon, Samuel Robbins, Titus Bailey, John Stewart.  
 1790.—Benjamin Dowe, Samuel Robbins, Moses Campbell, John Stewart.  
 1791.—Robert Dixon, Joseph Wyley, Benjamin Dowe, Samuel Robbin.  
 1792.—John Gaston, Thomas Gordon, Benjamin Dowe, Samuel Robbin.  
 1793.—John Gaston, David Gallup, Samuel Kinney, Samuel Robbin.  
 1794.—Lemuel Dorrance, Joseph Wylee.  
 1795-96.—Samuel Robbin.  
 1797.—James Alexander, Samuel Robbin.  
 1798.—Joseph Wyley, Samuel Robbin.  
 1799.—Allen Campbell, Moses Robbins.  
 1800.—Samuel Robbins, Moses Robbins.  
 1801.—Nicholas Randall, Allen Campbell.  
 1802.—Samuel Robbins, Allen Campbell.  
 1803.—Samuel Robbins, Moses Robbins.  
 1804.—Samuel Robbins, Nicholas Randall.  
 1805.—Wm. Gallup.  
 1806.—Nathaniel Sheffield, Allen Campbell.  
 1807.—Wm. Gallup, Loring Robbins.  
 1808.—Daniel Kelgwin, Samuel Robbin.  
 1809.—Wm. Gallup, Samuel Kinne.  
 1810.—Allen Campbell, Samuel Robbins.  
 1811.—Wm. Gallup, Daniel Kelgwin.  
 1812.—Amos Treat, Wm. Gallup.  
 1813.—Samuel Robbins, Sterry Kinne.  
 1814.—Allen Campbell, James Alexander.  
 1815.—Wm. Gallup, Daniel Kelgwin.  
 1816.—James Alexander, Daniel Kelgwin.  
 1817.—Minor Robbins, Daniel Kelgwin.  
 1818.—Wm. Gallup, Sterry Kinne.  
 1819-20.—James Alexander.  
 1821.—Minor Robbins.  
 1822.—Sterry Kinne.  
 1823.—Minor Robbins.  
 1824.—Sterry Kinne.  
 1825.—Jonathan Stanton.  
 1826.—Sterry Kinne.  
 1827.—Kinne Gallup.  
 1828.—Joel Kinney.  
 1829.—Sterry Kinne.  
 1830.—Joel Kinney.  
 1831.—Harvey Campbell.  
 1832.—Joel Kinne.  
 1833.—Joseph Wyley.  
 1834.—Elisha Patten.  
 1835.—John C. Smith.  
 1836.—Elisha Patten.  
 1837.—John C. Smith.  
 1838.—Harvey Campbell.  
 1839.—Samuel R. Kinney.  
 1840.—Ira K. Crandall.  
 1841-42.—Elisha Patten.  
 1843.—Wm. C. Stanton.  
 1844.—Elisha Patten.  
 1845-46.—Benj. Gallup (2).  
 1847.—Samuel Gates.  
 1848.—G. D. Campbell.  
 1849.—Benj. Gallup, Jr.  
 1850.—Eras D. Campbell.  
 1851.—Elisha Patten.  
 1852.—Stephen S. Kegwin.  
 1853.—Kinney Gallup.  
 1854.—Elisha Patten.  
 1855.—N. S. Gallup.  
 1856.—O. H. Smith.  
 1857.—Christopher Colegrove.  
 1858.—Benj. Gallup.  
 1859.—Martin Kinne.  
 1860.—Caleb P. Patten.  
 1861.—Charles E. Main.  
 1862.—Robert H. Dixon.  
 1863.—Charles E. Main.  
 1864.—Ira G. Briggs.  
 1865.—Harvey Campbell.  
 1866.—Ira G. Briggs.  
 1867.—Albert Campbell.  
 1868.—Ira G. Briggs.  
 1869.—Albert Campbell.  
 1870.—Edmund Hall.  
 1871.—Benj. Gallup.

1872.—Ezra Briggs.  
 1873.—Charles S. Weaver.  
 1874.—Charles E. Main.  
 1875.—Jared A. Gallup.  
 1876.—E. Byron Gallup.  
 1877.—James M. Cook.  
 1878.—Joseph C. Tanner.  
 1879.—Robert H. Dixon.  
 1880.—Hiram Jencks.  
 1881.—James M. Cook.

## CHAPTER XCI.

### VOLUNTOWN—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

**Ira G. Briggs & Co.**—Among the early factories of cotton yarn in New England was that of the Industry Manufacturing Company of Voluntown, Conn., which was formed March 12, 1814, by James Treat, of Preston, and others.

Mr. Treat was one of the most enterprising business men of that vicinity. He was largely engaged in trade, and invested in several manufacturing interests, among which was the Jewett City Cotton Manufacturing Company, organized in 1811, the germ of the present manufacturing enterprises of that place. In the Industry Manufacturing Company he owned at first five of the twenty shares, and by successive purchases from the other owners increased his interest until Nov. 4, 1823, when he became sole owner.

On Aug. 9, 1824, he conveyed an interest of one-third to his son-in-law, Joseph H. Doane, and on April 18, 1828, an additional one-sixth. Mr. Doane sold his interest to James S. Treat, son of James Treat, Dec. 29, 1832. The latter also sold his interest to his son, Sept. 18, 1843. James S. Treat operated the mill until Feb. 12, 1855, when he made an assignment. On the 18th of April of the following year the property was sold to a company, one of whom was Ira G. Briggs.

Ira G. Briggs was born in Coventry, R. I., April 29, 1820. His father, Wanton Briggs, was a farmer and a justice of the peace. He was the father of eight sons and four daughters. Of the sons, Ira was the eldest, except one who died in infancy. He worked on the farm until he was twelve years of age, when his father removed to the village since known as Harrisville, where he was employed by Elisha Harris, the well-known manufacturer, and afterwards Governor of the State.

Ira entered Mr. Harris' factory, beginning in the picker-room, where he remained four years. He then worked about two years in the other parts of the factory, and became expert in all the processes of cotton manufacturing. At eighteen he entered the machine-shop of Laval, Lamphear & Co., in the adjoining village (Phenix), that firm being then engaged as its successor. The Lamphear Machine Company is now

engaged in the manufacture of cotton machinery. He worked here three years, becoming familiar with the building of cotton machinery. Having attained his majority, he again entered the employment of Mr. Harris, and remained in it for seven years, having charge of the repairs of the machinery.

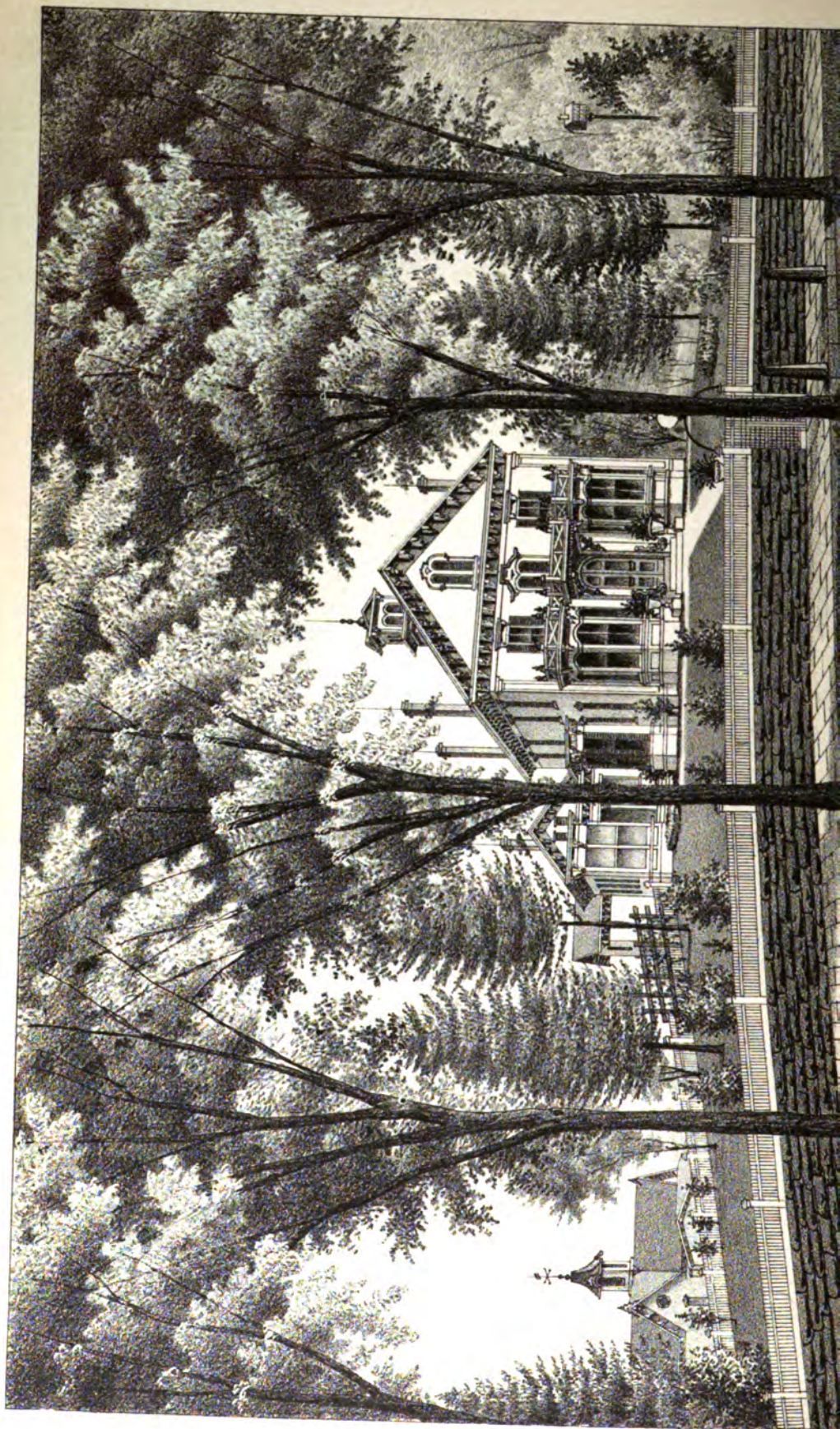
At the end of that period the factory of Brown & Ives, at Hope village, two miles above Harrisville, on the same stream, was being built under the supervision of David Whitman, and Mr. Briggs was employed to superintend the putting up of the shafting and setting the machinery in running order. Having finished this task, he was engaged by Brown & Ives to take charge of the machinery and repairs, and remained in that capacity at the Hope factory until 1852. He was then appointed superintendent of the Rockville Mills, in Hopkinton, R. I. These mills, built in 1845, were then owned by John C. Harris, Oliver D. Wells, and Harris Lamphear, the latter, a brother-in-law of Mr. Briggs, had been superintendent. The business had not been successful, and the company was embarrassed in its finances. In the four years of Mr. Briggs' agency, by his able administration, the indebtedness was materially reduced and the affairs of the company became more prosperous. Early in 1856, with other gentlemen, he purchased from the insolvent estate of James S. Treat the mills and adjacent real estate formerly belonging to the Industry Manufacturing Company, and at once commenced business as the Beachdale Manufacturing Company, in the manufacture of cotton cloth. In the same year such changes in the ownership occurred that at its end Mr. Briggs owned two-fifths and Jonathan R. Wells and Thomas R. Wells three-fifths of the whole interest, and in this proportion it was held by the same persons until Nov. 20, 1857, when the Messrs. Wells sold their interest to John L. Ross, of North Providence, R. I. This partnership continued for three years. It was then dissolved, Mr. Briggs purchasing the interest of his partners and becoming sole proprietor, Nov. 17, 1860. On the 12th of December ensuing he sold an interest of two-fifths to his brother-in-law, Jonathan L. Spencer, of Hopkinton, R. I., forming with him the firm of Briggs & Spencer. On Feb. 15, 1861, Briggs & Spencer bought a mill and privilege half a mile below the Beachdale Mill, on the same stream, from Samuel Gates. Mr. Gates had, several years before, built the mill and a temporary dam, but had not operated the mill. Briggs & Spencer did not occupy it, but leased it to Hiram Jencks for four years as a twine-mill. The partnership continued until Oct. 1, 1863, when Mr. Spencer sold his interest to John L. Ross, the style of the firm being changed to Ross & Briggs.

On July 1, 1865, Mr. Briggs conveyed to his youngest living brother, Ezra, one-sixth of his interest, amounting to one-tenth of the whole interest, the business being afterwards conducted under the style of Ross, Briggs & Co. On Aug. 21, 1868, Ira G.



*Ira G Briggs*







Briggs purchased John L. Ross' interest, and conveyed to his brother Ezra an additional one-tenth of the whole business and mill property, forming with him the firm of Ira G. Briggs & Co. Their interests in it were respectively four-fifths and one-fifth. The firm-style and the relative interest remain the same to this day. During both of the periods of the partnership of Ira G. Briggs and John L. Ross the latter had no active connection with any part of the business, his capital only being invested.

On Sept. 21, 1870, Ira G. Briggs & Co. purchased, for further uses, the mill-privileges below the Gates mill, formerly belonging to Alice Branch, having a fall of twenty-four feet, and a capacity nearly double that of either of the privileges owned by them, which had been leased to supply power for a saw-mill, a grist-mill, and a shoddy-mill. The next year, 1871, they purchased the Doane mill, on the same stream, below the Branch privilege. This property had passed from the ownership of Joseph H. Doane, by the foreclosure of a mortgage, Dec. 7, 1852. During the period between that date and its purchase by the Messrs. Briggs it had been owned by different firms, neither of whom had been successful in operating it. Since it has come into the hands of its present proprietors it has been profitably used for the manufacture of yarns and warps. Since Mr. Briggs acquired, in 1860, the controlling interest in the Beachdale Mills, he has expended large amounts out of his profits in increasing the capacity and facilities of his mills, by erecting new buildings, introducing improved machinery, and providing a larger and more continuous supply of water-power. He has purchased the right of persons controlling the outlet and flowage of Beach Pond,—a principal means of supply of water-power to the mills in Voluntown, and below on the Pachaug River,—and has erected a new dam at the outlet of the pond, and raised the highway for half a mile. These works have enlarged the area of this natural reservoir to some twelve hundred acres, and increased the depth of the water by ten feet, thus enabling the Messrs. Briggs to run their mills throughout the year instead of nine months. The work was done under the personal supervision of Ira G. Briggs, and mainly at the expense of the firm. In 1873, Mr. Briggs became a stockholder, and the next year a director, in the Rockville Mills, at Hopkinton, R. I., in which, from 1852 to 1856, he had his first experience in mill management. He has been the general manager and agent since 1874, with the personal supervision of the purchase of material and the manufacture and sale of the goods. There are three of these mills, situated on successive privileges of the same stream, like the mills of the Messrs. Briggs at Voluntown.

The Rockville Mills have been ably managed, and in a period of general depression have been kept in constant operation, paying their current expenses, together with the interest on a large debt, and heavy

expenditures in improvements in mills and machinery. In the same year, 1873, Ira G. Briggs & Co. bought an interest of one-fifth in the Stillman Manufacturing Company, at Westerly, R. I. This mill, engaged in the manufacture of cassimeres, has been in operation about six years, and operates eight sets of machinery. Ira G. Briggs has been president since October, 1876, and has devoted much personal attention to its affairs. The result is seen in the marked improvement of its condition and prospects.

While Mr. Briggs has been engaged in these enterprises he has occupied many public positions of honor and trust. He was first selectman of the town nine years in succession, a member of the lower branch of the General Assembly in 1865, 1866, and 1868, and of the Senate in 1870. In the Senate he was chairman of the Joint Committee on Banks and Banking.

The junior partner of the firm, Ezra Briggs, is the youngest son but one of Wanton Briggs, and was born in Coventry, R. I., Oct. 9, 1830. He attended the district school until he was about nine years old, when he was placed at work in the factory. He was employed there, except a brief interval of labor on a farm and about six months at school, until the spring of 1846, when his father's family removed to Phenix, R. I. There Ezra went to work in the Phenix Cotton-Mill, continuing in it until the spring of 1849.

He next obtained employment in the machine-shop of Lavalley, Lamphear & Co., and worked at building machinery about two years. He then went to school and engaged in teaching for three years. In the spring of 1854 he became book-keeper in the Harris Lime-Rock Company, in Smithfield, R. I., and in the summer of 1856 engaged in the same capacity with James H. Read & Co., wholesale dealers in woollens, in Providence, R. I.

In the autumn of the same year he engaged with Brown & Ives as book-keeper in their factory at Hopeville, R. I. Here he remained nearly nine years, removing in June, 1865, at the invitation of his brother Ira, to Voluntown, Conn. On July 1, 1865, he became a member of the firm of Ross & Briggs, as above stated, the style being changed to Ross, Briggs & Co., and on Aug. 21, 1868, Mr. Ross retiring, the firm-style was changed to its present form of Ira G. Briggs & Co. The senior member of the firm has since that date retained the general management, while to his brother has been committed the details of business at the mills, with special charge of the books, accounts, and correspondence.

Ezra Briggs is a man of large public spirit and influence in the community, and served the town in 1872 as its representative in the General Assembly of Connecticut.

Both of the members of the firm are in the prime of mental and physical vigor, with ripe experience and ample capital, and with mills well supplied with machinery, and of a high industrial reputation.

## CHAPTER XCII.

## WATERFORD.

Geographical—Topographical—Early Grants—The Pioneers—War of the Revolution—Ecclesiastical History—First Baptist Church—Second Baptist Church—Civil History—Organization of Town—Name of the Town—The First Town-Meeting—Officers Elected.

THE town of Waterford lies in the southern part of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Montville, on the east by the Thames River, which separates it from Ledyard and Groton, and by New London, and on the south by Long Island Sound, and on the west by East Lyme.

The early history of the town will be found principally in the history of New London, of which this town formed a part until 1801. The early record history, Revolutionary, names of early settlers, etc., is incorporated in the history of the mother-town.

**Early Grants.**—The first location, in the southwestern part of the present town, was made by John Winthrop, the founder of New London. It consisted of about seven hundred acres of land, and included what is now Millstone Point. In 1660 the General Court added to this farm the privilege of keeping the ferry at Niantic River, which gave it the name of the Ferry farm. It was a part of the portion bestowed by Mr. Winthrop on his daughter Lucy, the wife of Edward Palmer.

"Adjoining the Ferry farm was that of John Prentis, and north of these, on the bay, Hugh Caulkins and William Keeny; at Pine Neck, Mr. Blinman; 'rounding the head of the river,' Isaac Willey; and yet farther west, Matthew Beckwith, whose land, on the adjustment of the boundary with Lyme, was found to lie mostly within the bounds of that town, though his house was on the portion belonging to New London.

"Mr. Bruen had an early grant on the west side of Jordan Cove, which is still known as Bruen's Neck; George Harwood's land joined Bruen's. This locality was designated as 'old ground that had been planted by Indians.' Robert Parke had a valuable grant at Poquiogh (the Indian name of the tract east of the cove), and next to him smaller portions were laid out to the Beeby brothers. 'The three Beebys' had also divisions at Fog Plain, a name which is still in familiar use. Many of the small grants on this plain were bought up by William Hough.

"In the course of a few years James Rogers, by purchasing the divisions of Robert Hempstead and Robert Parke, called Goshen, and various smaller shares of proprietors, became the largest landholder on the Neck. Himself, three sons, and son-in-law, Samuel Beebe, all had farms in this quarter. The Harbor's Mouth farm was an original grant to Mr. Blinman, but was afterwards the property of John Tinker. Andrew Lester was another early resident upon the Neck.

"In the district called Cohanzie, northwest of the

town plot, was Mr. Winthrop's Mill-pond farm, which was probably a grant attached to his privilege of the mill-stream. His right to a portion of it being afterwards contested, the witnesses produced in court testified that Mr. Winthrop occupied this farm 'before Cape Ann men came to the town.' Not far from the town plot, on the north side of the mill-brook, was a swampy meadow called Little Cove Meadow. This was given to James Avery. Advancing still to the northward, we meet with a tract of high, ridgy land, often called *the Mountain*. Here Edward Palmes and Samuel and Nathaniel Royce had grants, which were called *Mountain farms*. This was a rough and barren region. An English emigrant at a later day settled on one of these farms, and the witticism was current that he selected the spot on the supposition that from the tops of the rocks he could see England."

Among the grants north of the present city of New London were those of Winthrop, Stebbins, Blinman, Lothrop, Bartlet, and Waterhouse. The Blinman grant included Upper Mamoquack Neck, and the grant of Waterhouse covered "the neck at the strait's mouth." "Winthrop had other important grants in this quarter. April 14, 1653, the whole water-course of Colewife's Brook was granted him, with privilege of erecting mills, making dams and ponds, cutting down timber, and taking up land on its banks." In the same year, 1653, he erected a house near the mill, which was without doubt the first on the west side of the river as far north as this. A few months later a grant of land with saw-mill privileges was made still farther north, near Uncasville, in the present town of Montville.

**The Pioneers.**—In addition to those mentioned previously, the following were among the pioneers of this town: Henry Brooks, living at Nahantick in 1679; William Cary, in the Jordan district before 1690; David Carpenter, at Nahantic Ferry, 1680; Aaron Fountain, son-in-law of Samuel Beebe,—his house on the Great Neck is mentioned in 1683; Roger Gibson and son William, Great Neck, 1680; Peter Huckley erected a fulling-mill at Jordan in 1694; John Harvey was living at Nahantic in 1682, and Thomas Munsall, or Munson, on the Great Neck in 1683.

**First Baptist Church.**—The town of Waterford was known until 1801 as New London, of which it was a part. The accounts of the early movements of Baptists are therefore put down to New London, though the seat of those movements was in those parts now known as Waterford. The first baptisms in the colony of Connecticut, after the primitive mode, took place in this town in the year 1674, by regular Baptist ministers from Rhode Island. An excitement was raised on account of it, and the General Court was invoked to suppress the innovation. Several of these Baptists remaining firm to their sentiments, on the organization of the First Baptist Church

in Groton, in 1705, put themselves under the watch-care of that church, and were visited from time to time by its pastor, Elder Wightman, till about the year 1710, when they were organized into a distinct church, which is called by Backus "The Second Baptist Church in Connecticut."

For several years the church remained destitute of a pastor, but received the occasional visits of Elders Wightman, of Groton, Tillinghast, of Providence, Wm. Peckham, of Newport, and others, who broke unto them "the bread of life."

Stephen Gorton, from Rhode Island, commenced visiting the church about the year 1720, and was ordained as their pastor Nov. 28, 1726. Previous to the settlement of Elder Gorton the church had erected a commodious house of worship on East Neck, which was a "Bethel" to multitudes of souls for more than a century. The church also, as it grew stronger, purchased a *parsonage*, including a small farm, which Elder Gorton occupied while he remained in Waterford. Great success attended the ministry of Elder Gorton for many years. He won the affection of his people at home, and was respected abroad for his talents as a speaker. Under his ministry the church rapidly increased, and spread into the adjoining towns and across the Connecticut River. His labors greatly promoted the progress of Baptist sentiments in Lyme and Saybrook, and in 1731 "a branch of Elder Gorton's church was planted in Wallingford, which remained under the watch-care of the New London (Waterford) Church till Aug. 20, 1739, when they were formed into the Third Baptist Church in Connecticut.

The preaching of Whitefield and Devenport in New London was attended with vast success, thousands hearing the Word of God from those devoted servants of their Master. But amid the general joy of Zion and increase of her converts which followed "The Great New Light Stir" (so called), an event occurred which threw this church into trial, and produced much division and alienation, and subsequently the destruction of Elder Gorton's church and the formation of a new interest. That a minister of so long standing and usefulness as Elder Gorton should permit his moral character to be compromised was so astonishing and sorrowful that the church was thrown into a state of division. The majority, however, disbelieving the accusation alleged against him, adhered to the pastor, but the minority withdrew, and subsequently, at about 1748, with some new converts, gathered under the preaching of Elder Wm. Peckham and Daniel Green, formed "a new interest," which was recognized as the First Church, the old having been considered as out of gospel order, and lost the fellowship of the other two churches. Elder Peckham's labors were highly conducive to the re-establishment of the Baptist cause in Waterford, and in vindicating the great Baptist doctrine of religious liberty. This venerable apostle extended his labors to Saybrook, where he "baptized both men and

women" believing in Christ, regardless of the fierce opposition which met him. But his bold and open advocacy of Baptist sentiments, and the doctrine of religious and civil liberty in general, procured for him and the intrepid Green and many of their followers a lodgment in New London jail for several weeks in midwinter, and where they were allowed no fire or bedding, and but insufficient food.

The imprisonment of these brethren called forth the deepest sympathy from many of "the Standing Order." The president of Yale College, Col. Elisha Williams, issued immediately a pamphlet, entitled "The Essential Rights of Protestants," in which he gave a masterly exposé of the intolerance of the existing ecclesiastical laws, and advocated the rights of conscience and the principles of civil and religious liberty, which have in every age been cherished by Baptists.

This church was also visited from time to time by Elders Cooley, Mack, and Sprague, whose labors were owned of the Lord among them. Elder Mack, who was ordained in Lyme in 1749 over a Separate Congregational Church, on becoming a Baptist, frequently visited this church, and carried the gospel to the Montauk Indians, on Long Island, where a branch of this body was planted among that tribe, which continued for more than a half-century.

About this time (1752) the attention of the church was attracted to the gift of Nathan Howard, one of the constituent members of the church, who seemed designed of the Lord as their future pastor. He was called to ordination and the pastoral care of the church, and for more than twenty years served his brethren in this holy office. He died suddenly, of smallpox, March 2, 1777, aged fifty-six years. The praise of his life still lingers in the church. His occupation in life, like some of the apostles, was that of a fisherman. He discovered a favorite fishing-ground, now well known to navigators of the Sound, which still bears the name of Howard's Ledge. He was eminently a man of faith and prayer, and earnest in his warnings to sinners in public and by the wayside. His memory is yet cherished with a hallowed enthusiasm by the aged pilgrims in Zion, and the precious influence of his pious example and unwonted faith are yet in the church he loved so much and served so long. His remains were interred in a burying-ground given by himself to the church, which has since been enlarged by purchase.

It was during the ministry of Elder Howard that Elder Eliphalet Lester resided at Jordan, near the spot where the present house of worship is located. It was in this vicinity Elder Lester was born in 1730, and here he buried his first wife, who died of smallpox. He had been awakened and converted under the preaching of Whitefield in 1745 or 1746, and was reputed to be "a man mighty in the Scriptures." The efficient aid he rendered to Elder Howard and the church, previous to his removal, causes his name



to be embalmed in the early history of this body. After his settlement at Saybrook, in 1776, his frequent visits in these parts made him, under God, the instrument of much good.

Zadoc Darrow, the third pastor of the church, was born in New London, (O. S.) Dec. 25, 1728. He was the only son of Ebenezer Darrow, and his mother was a Rogers, "a lineal descendant of him that was burnt at Smithfield in the reign of the Bloody Mary." That the blood of the martyr flowed in his veins has been several times before published to the world. The evidence on which this claim is based is, so far as we know, undeniable. Though educated in the forms of the Church of England, he had never entertained very serious impressions till he went, out of curiosity, to hear Elder Joshua Morse, then known as a great "New Light preacher." The thoughtless young man was unexpectedly arrested by the important truths he then, for the first time, heard, and after a severe struggle with the pride of his heart, he was led to embrace the Saviour. Though surrounded by friends that despised "this way," and treated his newly-adopted opinions with worse than mere contempt, he nevertheless boldly confessed Christ, and was not ashamed to identify himself with the infant Baptist cause. Following up the preaching of Elder Morse, whom, it is said, he uniformly went several miles to hear, he persuaded his spiritual instructor to hold meetings near the city, and from these meetings a small Baptist Church arose, "of which," the account says, "young Zadoc became the first deacon." This church secured the pastoral services of Elder Noah Hammond, and attempted to build a meeting-house just west of the city of New London; but things wearing an unfavorable aspect, Elder Hammond accepted a call from a church on Long Island, where he resided some twenty years, a useful minister of the gospel. His bereaved church, from the smallness of their number and their proximity to Elder Howard's church at Niantick, was dissolved, and united with the First Church. The accession of Deacon Darrow and his brethren to the body of which Elder Howard was pastor bears date of about A.D. 1756.

His views in regard to "mixed communion" were said to be rather stricter than those generally entertained by the brethren to whom he had now attached himself, and this accounts for his attempt to establish the Hammond interest. But in 1756 the old church seem to have been returning to their original ground of admitting only such to the communion of the church as "were baptized into it" according to apostolic usage. Mr. Darrow's growing public gift, the well-known "good report" of his integrity, his intimate knowledge of the Scriptures and soundness in the faith, his undaunted zeal for the doctrines of the cross, and his fearless advocacy of the rights of conscience; then so little understood, all seemed to lead his pastor and his brethren to regard him as their future leader. Unconscious of his own qualifi-

cations for the sacred office, he steadily declined receiving ordination till the failing health and resignation of Elder Howard induced him to give way to the unanimous call of the church and entreaties of his beloved pastor, whom he finally succeeded in office about A.D. 1775, possibly a little earlier, as we have lost the exact date. Ebenezer Rogers was chosen deacon in his stead.

The number of communicants at this time was small. There were many trials incident to the pastoral office which the present generation can but faintly appreciate.

The law of the colony, which at first enacted "That no persons within this Colony shall at any time embody themselves into Church estate without the consent of the General Court and the approbation of neighboring Elders; That no ministry or Church administration shall be attended by the inhabitants of any plantation or colony distinct or separate from, and in opposition to, that which is openly observed and dispensed by the approved minister of the place" (i.e., standing order). These laws had been so far modified as to secure the Baptists from open persecution, but securing little beyond it. Elder Darrow witnessed with pleasure the catholicity of Messrs. Adams and Byles,—successive Congregational clergymen of New London; men ahead of their times in their enlightened views of the rights of conscience,—who did not permit their names to come down to us as the abettors of those petty annoyances to which his brethren in less favored parishes were then exposed. From these and other streaks of light that began to illuminate the horizon of the church of God he anticipated the not distant rising of the sun of religious liberty. But there was a darker shade upon some parts of the picture which at times led him and his Baptist co-laborers to despond. The process of exemption from taxation to support the religion of the State was difficult and often extremely vexatious, and there had grown up among the "steady habits" of the good people of Connecticut an almost holy horror of dissenters of the Roger Williams school, who were said to seek the undermining of all the staid religious institutions of the land founded by the pious Pilgrim fathers.

Time-honored prejudice so blinded the eyes of many good men in the church and in the State that they could not (it seems as if they *dared* not) distinguish between a conscientious opposition to religious *intolerance* and an opposition to *religion* itself. The Baptists of Connecticut were then few in number,—their churches counting less than twenty,—their aggregate membership less than a thousand,—without meeting-houses, or with but poor apologies for them, located at a most obsequious distance from thickly-populated points, as if afraid to offend the eye of the multitude. As a sect, tainted with their poverty of this world's goods and honors, accounted but illiterate and designing men, they felt that they were made the common

pack-horse of all the sins of all the opprobrious sects from the days of the first Baptist to that time. In addition to these general discouragements, there were some *special* trials which Pastor Darrow had to encounter. The exciting scenes of the Revolutionary war were nowhere in the land more strikingly exhibited than in this patriotic portion of our State. But while the soul-stirring call of a suffering country aroused the patriotism of all good men, and resulted in the nation's liberty, yet the war was undeniably attended and followed by an alarming increase of infidelity, with a consequent laxity of morals, which were felt most where the martial influence entirely prevailed, as it did for a long time in this unhappy region where the treachery of Arnold, the abandonment of Fort Trumbull, the sacking of New London, the massacre at Fort Griswold, then the sight of families flying from the city to the country, and of warriors hastening to the points of danger,—all together had fanned the hitherto gentle flame of liberty into a sublime and sweeping conflagration, which not only threatened destruction to the common enemy from abroad, but menaced the quiet fireside of our brave ancestors with a more insidious and not less dangerous foe at home, *Infidelity*, an ever-present ally of war. It regarded not the sacredness of the cause for which our fathers mingled in the strife of arms. Infidelity, keenly scented on the track of war, like the jackal on the battle-field, cares not whose cause is just, or who triumphs, so it can find victims to gorge a carrion, craving appetite.

Against this new and formidable enemy Father Darrow arrayed himself, conscious of the power of the gospel to subdue the hearts of the wicked, and to roll back the swelling tide of skepticism which came from the camp or had been brought from France. The gibes of the open unbeliever and the ribald songs of the free-thinker made both pastor and people their unblushing butt of ridicule, as we are told by men who remembered the shameless songs and coarse jests of a large class in this vicinity at the close of the war. It was at this time that all his energies were called forth to stand in defense of the gospel; and signally did the cause of Christ triumph in that day that tried the fidelity of his people. The discipline of the church, which the war had affected unfavorably, was restored with gospel strictness; the articles and covenant of the church were carefully digested and placed on record; mixed communion formally, as it had long been *practically*, renounced; backsliders reclaimed, and scores, from time to time, brought into the church, many of whom had been revilers of the truth, till this ancient body, which at Elder Darrow's accession in 1756 had numbered, as we learn, but twenty-five, rose to be, numerically, one of the largest Baptist Churches in the State.

It was during this season of prosperity, some sixty or seventy years since, that the first decided "missionary movement" in this church occurred, which,

from its early date and singular origin, deserves to be mentioned. It seems the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut had authorized the Governor to invite every religious society in the Commonwealth to contribute funds for the support of missionaries, to be sent out under the patronage of the (Congregational) Association of Connecticut to "preach the gospel in the Northern and Western regions of America." A scheme so fraught with benevolence would, it was hoped, reconcile even dissenters from the State establishment to a temporary and indirect alliance between it and the churches. Here was a dilemma. To comply with the request would be to countenance this alliance; to reject it was to disregard the cause of missions. The church, having received His Excellency's proclamation and request, promptly voted,—1. Their cordial approval of missionary objects as "a laudable and benevolent design." But 2. This particular request could not be complied with in the manner suggested, because "the Association of Connecticut did not appoint the said missionaries in what we (the church) consider an equal and impartial manner, the Association representing but one denomination." 3. They wished to have it distinctly understood by all that they "do not recognize the right of the General Assembly to control them as a religious body, but only as members of civil society." Yet, 4. Lest this refusal to meet the Assembly's wishes might be interpreted by the world as a virtual disapproval of sustaining missionaries, the church "appointed a special committee to solicit subscriptions for missionary purposes," voting further, that "such funds, so raised, should be placed at the disposal of any 'Baptist Missionary Society' that might be formed; and to promote this good object the church stood pledged to co-operate with any sister church or churches, or with any individual brethren who might be disposed to unite in carrying out this worthy object." Accordingly the subscription-paper was circulated, and some fourteen dollars raised, which was not so small a sum for a church to raise in those days. And from that time to the present, it is believed, this branch of Zion has continued to cherish a steady attachment to the cause of missions, which, if not manifested in casting munificent sums into the treasury, has yet been felt as a duty and prized as a privilege.

The field of Elder Darrow's labors at this time was wider than that of modern Baptist pastors. His little army lay encamped on the shores of the Niantick and in the valley of Jordan, but his outposts were scattered over New London, Montville, Black Point, Colchester, Norwich Plains (Bozrah), and even Long Island. The "Norwich Plains" Church (as it stands on the record) was for some time held as a branch of this body, the names of all the constituent members being on the books of the mother-church. Busy in strengthening feeble interests around him, constantly holding forth the Word of life to the destitute, planting new churches abroad, for which his own flock

furnished a liberal quota of original members, he did not on that account neglect his duties at home. Besides attending to his farming, he yet found time to hold meetings at River Head, Harbor's Mouth, Great Neck, Lake's Pond, Jordan, Rope Ferry, and Quaker Hill. He preached on the Sabbath and administered the sacrament monthly, except at stated intervals, at the house of one of his deacons—John Beckwith—till 1788, when the unfinished "Hammond meeting-house" was removed from its old site, near Finger's Brook, placed on land given by Elder Darrow, near the "Howard burying-ground," and put in comfortable order by the church. It continued to be their principal place of worship till 1848, having been from time to time enlarged and repaired to accommodate a growing congregation. At stated times the church held their meetings on the Sabbath, and communions in the court-house, or at the dwellings of Coit and Clark, in the city of New London, and at the old "Groton meeting-house," on East Neck. The latter was from time to time repaired, and occupied for one hundred and twenty or thirty years.

This church united with the Second Groton and other churches in forming, at Elder Burrows' meeting, an association called the "Groton Conference," which body in 1789 embraced fourteen churches, fourteen ministers, and about thirteen hundred communicants. But Elder Darrow and his people not approving of mixed communion, as practiced by some of the associated churches, withdrew and united with the "Stonington Association." The minutes of several of the first sessions of the "Conference," commencing with 1786, are written out in full on the records.

To give an idea of the flourishing state of this Zion in the palmiest days of Father Darrow's ministry we subjoin a few statistics:

In 1786, added by baptism, 6; in 1787, 58; in 1788, 30; in 1789, 13; in 1790, 5; in 1794, 91.

It was during the extensive revival of 1794 that Francis Darrow was converted and united with the church. A late act of the General Assembly, which took effect about this time, graciously exempted all dissenters from the ecclesiastical establishment from paying for its support, *provided* they "certified their attachment and aid to dissenting bodies of their choice." To show how grateful an almost disfranchised people were for small concessions, we need only to remark the lively joy which the Baptists of that day manifested for this deliverance. True, it was not the complete enfranchisement which was embodied in the constitution of our State at a later period. But it was hailed with a delight which was never surpassed by our Baptist fathers at any period of their history, for in it they realized the speedy triumph of full religious liberty. From the point of time which they occupied they could review the persecutions, the ignominy which their predecessors and some of their contemporaries had suffered for vindic-

cating the *very principle* which the masses in "the land of steady habits" were beginning to understand. By none was this *reaction* in favor of liberty of conscience received with more unmingled satisfaction than by Father Darrow. For his tenacious memory, had it been disposed to forget (as his heart was to forgive), could scarcely fail at times to recall the position which himself and brethren had occupied when branded as "followers of the mad men of Munster, aiming to subvert all the established forms of religion in the land," and this slander reiterated till it came to be believed by many good men. He could not wholly forget the open opposition, the civil disabilities, and the countless embarrassments which had been imposed upon them solely for a steady but respectful adherence to their convictions of truth and duty.

In 1801, Budge Smith, an intelligent colored man, licensed some time before, was ordained as an evangelist. He was a sound, edifying preacher, whose memory is yet precious in Zion, but he did not live many years to serve his heavenly Master in this field. Budge had been a slave. The little property he had accumulated he left to the church.

George Atwell, another licentiate of this church, was ordained in 1802, and settled over the Saybrook Church. He finally finished his useful life at Enfield in 1814, aged forty-eight years.

About this time Father Darrow's health had become so impaired by his extraordinary labors, by age and consequent infirmity, that the church, by his advice, extended a call to the Rev. Samuel West, of Bozrah, to become associate pastor with Elder Darrow (then in his seventy-fifth year), which he accepted, and came to reside among them in 1802. Elder West, who had at first been a Seventh-Day Baptist, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., in 1766. After embracing the Christian Sabbath, he was ordained at Norwich in 1799, and the same year settled over the Bozrah Church.

Two years after his settlement in Waterford the First Baptist Church of New London was formed by the dismissal of about fifty members from the old body. The new church called Elder West to the pastorate, but he continued, by agreement, to break bread to the Waterford brethren till 1809. After twelve years of successful labor with the mother and daughter in Waterford and New London he removed to Saybrook, and remained connected with that ancient church till his death in 1837.

Francis Darrow was associated with his grandfather Zadoc in 1809. But the latter continued to preach occasionally, as he was able, and when no longer capable, from the weight of years, of blowing the gospel trumpet, as he had been wont, his tremulous voice was sometimes heard exhorting his spiritual children, counseling the youth, and affectionately inviting all to come to the Saviour. Deep and lasting impressions were made on the minds of his auditors as they heard these last appeals from this patriarchal servan



of God, who had worn himself out in the service of their fathers. But the time of his departure was at hand. He had "fought the good fight" for almost fourscore years since his conversion and union with the church militant. He had ministered in the deacon's and pastoral office more than three-fourths of a century.

Zadoc Darrow "fell asleep in Jesus" Feb. 15, 1827, in the ninety-ninth year of his age. His funeral sermon was preached by Elder West, his former colleague, from Deut. xxxii. 7: "Ask thy father," etc. Elder Darrow was three times married. His first wife was Hannah Lester, by whom he had no children. His second wife was the sainted Hester Lee, sister of Elder Jason Lee, of Lyme, by whom he had four sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to have families, and several of whose descendants have been or are still ministers of the gospel. His third wife, the pious Widow Pember, was united to him late in life, and died but five days before him, aged ninety-four years.

From the time of his conversion to God and connection with the church in 1794, Francis Darrow, who was the son of Deacon Lemuel Darrow, and grandson of Rev. Zadoc Darrow, had felt his mind occasionally called up to the subject of "preaching Christ." In 1809 he was ordained, at the unanimous call of the church, and made associate pastor with his aged grandfather. Elder Wilcox preached, and Elders Burrows, Lee, and West assisted in the exercises on the occasion. At that time this church did not, it must be confessed, present an inviting field. Its aggregate membership, which at one time had arisen to nearly three hundred, was now diminished to about half that number, and these so rent by divisions as to require the wisdom of an experienced leader to harmonize and build up this ancient Zion, which seemed to be threatened with dissolution. Among the causes of this diminution and unhappy declension we may mention,—1. The protracted infirmity of the senior pastor, whose wonted efficiency in doctrine and discipline was no longer directly felt as it had been in the days of his vigor. 2. It lost some of its most efficient members by the rising of new Baptist interests around it,—a loss, however, which she ever felt to be a gain to the cause of Christ, and which she could not feel it in her heart to deplore. 3. The distraction of what has since been called the "Great Schism" had not been fully healed. This schism had originated upon matters of church discipline, in the progress of which the administrators had been obliged to refuse to break bread to the church. Council after Council had failed to accommodate the difference, and when the body was supposed to be brought into "a gospel travel" the deacons refused to officiate, and one of them had to be suspended, and at last excluded; the church clerk refused to record what he considered "ungospel acts," and resigned; several of the best brethren stopped the travel with the

church when the majority had believed the difference settled, which opened the wound afresh, and which was now pronounced by the desponding "incurable."

4. But the absence of any considerable revival since 1794 was a cause not to be overlooked in accounting for the deplorable state of things in which Francis Darrow found his beloved brethren when he was called to tend the scattered flock. Not discouraged by these things, but relying on help from God in the hour of extremity for those who tried to help themselves, the young pastor cast his burden on the Lord, and soon had the happiness of seeing an improved state of affairs. The Lord remembered Zion.

From 1827 to October, 1850, Elder Francis Darrow was the sole pastor; he completed in September, 1850, the fortieth year of his pastorate, and attended, in usual health, the New London Baptist Association, held at Norwich (which he assisted in organizing in 1817), where he took a part in its services, but returned to close his labors on earth. He preached his last sermon on Sabbath, Sept. 29, 1850, in usual health and strength. The latter part of the following week he became unwell, and continued to fail every day till Tuesday, the 15th of October, 1850, when his happy spirit, like a peaceful angel, fled to the bosom of his God. His age was seventy-one. His funeral was attended by an immense concourse of people from the surrounding region on Thursday, October 17th, when an appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. C. Willett, of New London, from 1 Kings xx. 11. Rev. E. R. Warren, of New London, P. G. Wightman, of East Lyme, and Augustus Bolles participated in the services of the mournful occasion. Several other ministers were present and followed his remains to the grave. He left behind three children,—two sons and one daughter.

In 1848 the church completed their new house of worship, at a cost of about five thousand dollars. It is a commodious structure, centrally located at "Jordan."

Among the pastors who have officiated for this church are mentioned the names of Augustus Bolles, — Wildman, Washington Munger, Jabez Swan, and Welcome E. Bates, the present pastor.

**Second Baptist Church.**—This church is located in the northeast part of the town. Previous to its organization there was no Baptist Church much nearer than four miles. The inhabitants of this region had too generally given themselves up to Sabbath-breaking, intemperance, gambling, profanity, and almost every other evil work, so that the few who sighed and cried for the abominations done in the land thought it truly missionary ground.

The Board of the Connecticut Baptist State Convention in the year 1835 appointed Rev. Erastus Doty to labor among this people a portion of the time. His labors were not in vain. A few Baptists, members of different churches, formed themselves into a Conference, April 19, 1835, for the purpose of

advancing the cause of the Redeemer, expecting in due time that a church would be formed. Two were received by letter at this meeting and one as a candidate for baptism. On the 24th three more were received into fellowship, and one on the 24th of May following.

It very soon became apparent that a house of worship was much needed. Mr. Doty, by request, drew up a constitution, and subscriptions were liberally made for the object. The house was completed that season. A series of religious meetings were held, and a goodly number of youth and others were converted. Several neighboring ministers aided in these services. The commandment of Jesus, and the sight of the waters, as usual, induced the convert virtually to say, "Here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" The voice of Providence seemed now to order a more distinct church organization. Accordingly, after one or two preliminary meetings, another was appointed, and held at the dwelling-house occupied by Brother Isaac Thompson on the evening of the 14th of December, 1835. Elder E. Denison, from Groton, by request, being present, acted as moderator, and D. D. Lyon as clerk. After solemn prayer a covenant and articles of faith were read deliberately, and upon a free expression of views, were agreed to by every member of the Conference present except one. Whereupon a preamble and resolution was passed that from henceforth we consider ourselves as an independent church, to be known as the "Second Baptist Church in Waterford." It was then voted that a Council be called, with a view of obtaining their fellowship.

The Council met on the 31st of December, and after patiently examining the question, voted, unanimously, to extend the hand of fellowship. Eighteen were thus recognized, and the following day the usual services were performed. Sermon by Elder F. Wightman. To add to the solemnity of the services, seven young persons were buried with Christ in baptism by Elder E. Denison. Thus this little ship which had a somewhat singular model was, on Jan. 1, 1836, publicly and joyfully named, and launched into the ocean to be tossed (as the future has disclosed) with tempests of opposing powers, anti-gospel influences, come-outism, and false brethren, threatening to involve ship, officers, and all hands in one common ruin.

While these things have been filling up a part of our history, we will see how our God has hitherto steered the bark through the howling tempest and amidst the reefs and quicksands of the voyage to the present hour.

The work of grace continued through the winter, when Elder E. Denison became pastor. He entered more directly upon his duties on the 1st of April, 1836, for three-fourths of the time for the first year, and the whole time for the second year. During these two years about forty were admitted by baptism and letter, and more than two hundred dollars were raised by

the church and community for various benevolent objects.

Elder Alfred Gates followed in the pastorate, and continued about two and a half years, during which time a number were added, chiefly by letter. Elder Gates closed his labors in October, 1840. Occasional supplies were obtained until December 26th, when it was voted that Brother D. D. Lyon should take the lead of the meeting and improve his gift. Feb. 23, 1841, an engagement was made with Elder John Payne to preach half the time. During the years 1842 and 1843 a very general and powerful revival brightens the pages of our history, extending also into 1844.

On the 24th of February, 1842, Brother D. D. Lyon was employed to preach for the ensuing year. On the 8th of April, 1843, three brethren, viz.: George D. Jerome, Asa Wightman, and Curtis Keeney, were chosen deacons. Mr. Lyon closed his engagement April, 1843.

Rev. P. G. Wightman, a licentiate of the First Church, Groton, then entered upon his labors as pastor, and on the 20th of September following he was duly set apart to the work more publicly by ordination. The deacons elect were also ordained on the same day. Mr. Wightman continued his ministry until April, 1846. During his labors here a large number were brought to the knowledge of the truth and baptized, and some were added by letter.

The present pastor is Rev. Mr. Tefft. Since Mr. Wightman the following have officiated as pastors: N. O. Allen, G. R. Darrow, E. Denison, C. Keeney.

**Baptist Church, Lake's Pond.**—As the people in this vicinity were blest in the spring and summer of 1841 with a precious revival of religion, the brethren and friends thought the time was near at hand when the cause of God, as well as their usefulness and convenience, demanded in this place an independent Baptist Church. Accordingly, after much prayer and deliberation, twenty-one males and nineteen females, members of the First Baptist Church in Waterford, made application for letters of fellowship and dismission for this purpose, which were granted, and on the 18th of June, 1842, were organized into an independent body, and took the name of "Lake's Pond Baptist Church."

On the 31st of August following they were publicly recognized as such. September following, on application, they were received into the New London Association.

On the 8th of December, Brother Gurdon T. Chappell was ordained their pastor. At the same time Brethren Amos Crocker and Elias P. Haynes were ordained deacons.

In the winters of 1843 and 1844 they built a commodious house of worship, which was opened for the worship of God the 29th of May following. July 5, 1847, Brethren Ezekiel Austin and E. D. Ames were chosen assistant deacons.



WARREN GATES.

**Organization of the Town.**—The town of Waterford was set off from New London and incorporated as a distinct town in May, 1801. "The name of Waterford is said to have been suggested by Isaac Rogers, who was the agent of the town in procuring its separation from New London. It has an evident reference to its situation in the Sound and Niantic Cove, with a fordable stream, the Jordan, running through it from north to south." (Miss Calkins.)

The first town-meeting was held Nov. 10, 1801, and the following officers were chosen: Clerk, Stephen Maynard. Selectmen, Griswold Avery, George Williams, Isaac Rogers, Caleb Raymond, and Thos. Douglass. Constables, Stephen Maynard, Wm. Stuard, John Rogers Delight, Sr. Fence-viewers, Hezekiah Smith, Stephen Maynard, Daniel Latamier, Richard Jerome, Ezra Morgan, Thos. Gorton, Thos. Manwaring, John Rogers Delight, Sr., John Prentice, Joseph Calkins. Leather-sealers, Thos. Douglass, Noah Beckwith. Listers, Robert Douglass, Junius Smith, Caleb Raymond, James Strickland, Chas. Brown, Jr., Wm. Dant, Jr., Henry D. Booles, Lester Rogers. Surveyors of Highways, Ezra Morgan, Guy Wheeler, James Thomson, James Harding, Comstock Chapel, Oliver Cracker, David Smith, Wait S. Avery, Philip Morgan, Benj. Gorton, George Douglass, John Beckwith, Isaac Rogers, Griswold Avery, Jr., Jerome Beckwith, Lemuel Darrow, James Strickland, Robt. Douglass, John Lord, Philip Caverlee, Richard Chapel, Thos. Pember, Asahel Steward. Sealer, Robt. Douglass. Gaugers, Richard Morgan and Caleb Raymond. Grand-jurymen, John Beckwith, Wm. Darrow, and Wm. Keeney. Tithingmen, Francis Darrow, Chas. Brume, Jr., Comstock Chapel, Thos. Pember, Samuel Fox. Haywards, Ebenezer Dart, Daniel Latimer, John Fowler, Richard Durfey, Seth Beckwith, Joshua Smith, Jedediah Brown, Ezra Morgan. Removers of Incumbrances in Highways, Stephen Maynard, Daniel Latimer, Thos. Gorton, Philip Morgan, Christopher Green, Lester Rogers. Pound-keepers, Frederick Beckwith, Guy Wheeler, Walter Chappell, Wm. Keeney, Thos. Gorton, Jabez Beebe, Solomon Rogers, Simon Smith, Ebenezer Dart.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1802 TO 1881.

1802.—Griswold Avery, George Williams.  
 1803.—Isaac Rogers, George Williams.  
 1804.—George Williams.  
 1805.—Philip Caverly, George Williams.  
 1806.—Elijah Fox, Griswold Avery, Jr.  
 1807.—Griswold Avery, Jr.  
 1808.—Griswold Avery (2), Isaac Frink.  
 1809-10.—George Williams, Isaac Frink.  
 1811.—George Williams.  
 1812.—Isaac Rogers.  
 1813.—William Eldridge, Isaac Frink.  
 1814.—Isaac Frink.  
 1815-16.—Charles Avery, Isaac Frink.  
 1817.—Jeremiah Comstock.  
 1818.—Isaac Frink, Charles Avery.  
 1819.—Ann Wightman.  
 1820-21.—Comstock Chapel.  
 1822.—Charles Avery.  
 1823.—James Rogers.

1824.—James Rogers (2).  
 1825-28.—Thomas S. Perkins.  
 1829.—Jason Beckwith.  
 1830-31.—Henry Potter.  
 1832-33.—Imiah Rogers.  
 1834-35.—James Reed.  
 1836.—John Congdon.  
 1837.—Philip Morgan.  
 1838.—Gilbert Rogers.  
 1839.—Philip Morgan.  
 1840-41.—Joseph Avery.  
 1842-43.—John Caverly.  
 1844.—Philip Morgan.  
 1845-46.—Daniel Deehon.  
 1847.—Wash. A. Bailey.  
 1848.—Giles P. Chapman.  
 1849.—John L. Watrous.  
 1850.—Reuben P. Smith.  
 1851.—John L. Watrous.  
 1852.—Albert G. Douglass.  
 1853-54.—Ezra M. Keeney.  
 1855.—Ann Wightman.  
 1856.—Edmund Darrow.  
 1857.—G. T. Chappell.  
 1858.—Orlando Comstock.  
 1859.—Ezekiel Austin.  
 1860.—Lyman Allyn.  
 1861.—Oliver Woodworth.  
 1862.—Albert G. Dart.  
 1863.—Albert G. Douglass.  
 1864-66.—James Beckwith.  
 1867.—F. J. Stanton.  
 1868.—N. A. Chapman.  
 1869-70.—Savillon Chapman.  
 1871.—George W. Hewitt.  
 1872.—John B. Palmer.  
 1873-74.—James Beckwith.  
 1875.—W. L. Peckham.  
 1876.—Nathaniel A. Chapman.  
 1877-78.—Leonard A. Williams.  
 1879.—James E. Beckwith.  
 1880.—Theodore F. Powers.  
 1881.—Fitch L. Comstock.

## CHAPTER XCIII.

### WATERFORD—(Continued).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**Warren Gates** was born Nov. 25, 1797, in the town of Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn. The earliest record now known is his grandfather, Nehemiah Gates, of Welsh descent, and his wife, Anna Hart; date of marriage not known. He was a native of East Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., and died June 9, 1774, and was buried in Chatham, East Hampton Society, aged thirty-eight years. His family consisted of three sons,—Nehemiah, Hart, and George; two of his sons always lived in East Hampton, and Nehemiah and George Hart Gates settled in Ohio, where his descendants now live. George Gates had one son, Julius, who lived to be nearly eighty years old, and died a year or two since. He had two sons and six daughters. Nehemiah Gates, son of Nehemiah and Anna Hart, was born Dec. 2, 1758, and died Jan. 23, 1839. Ruth Williams, his wife, was of the same town, and of Welsh descent, which has been traced back to

records in Ludlow, Wales, to some time in the thirteenth century. Their family consisted of four sons and seven daughters; all the daughters died in infancy. Ruth Williams, his wife, was born Dec. 26, 1761, and died Aug. 18, 1844.

Philo, the eldest son, was born April 21, 1795, and died in 1856. Chloa Strong, his wife, was of the same place, East Hampton. In about 1820 he moved first to Genesee County, N. Y., and about fifteen years after he settled in the town of Gustavus, Trumbull Co., Ohio.

Nehemiah Gates always lived on the old homestead, and is still living. He has a daughter and son living; all his other children died young. His wife, Mary E. Strong, died a few years since, and his present wife, Philomena Strong, is still living.

Augustus, the youngest son, was born June 21, 1802, and died Feb. 9, 1845. He married Eliza Alvord, who died Sept. 26, 1881. Augustus was in business at Millstone Point while he lived.

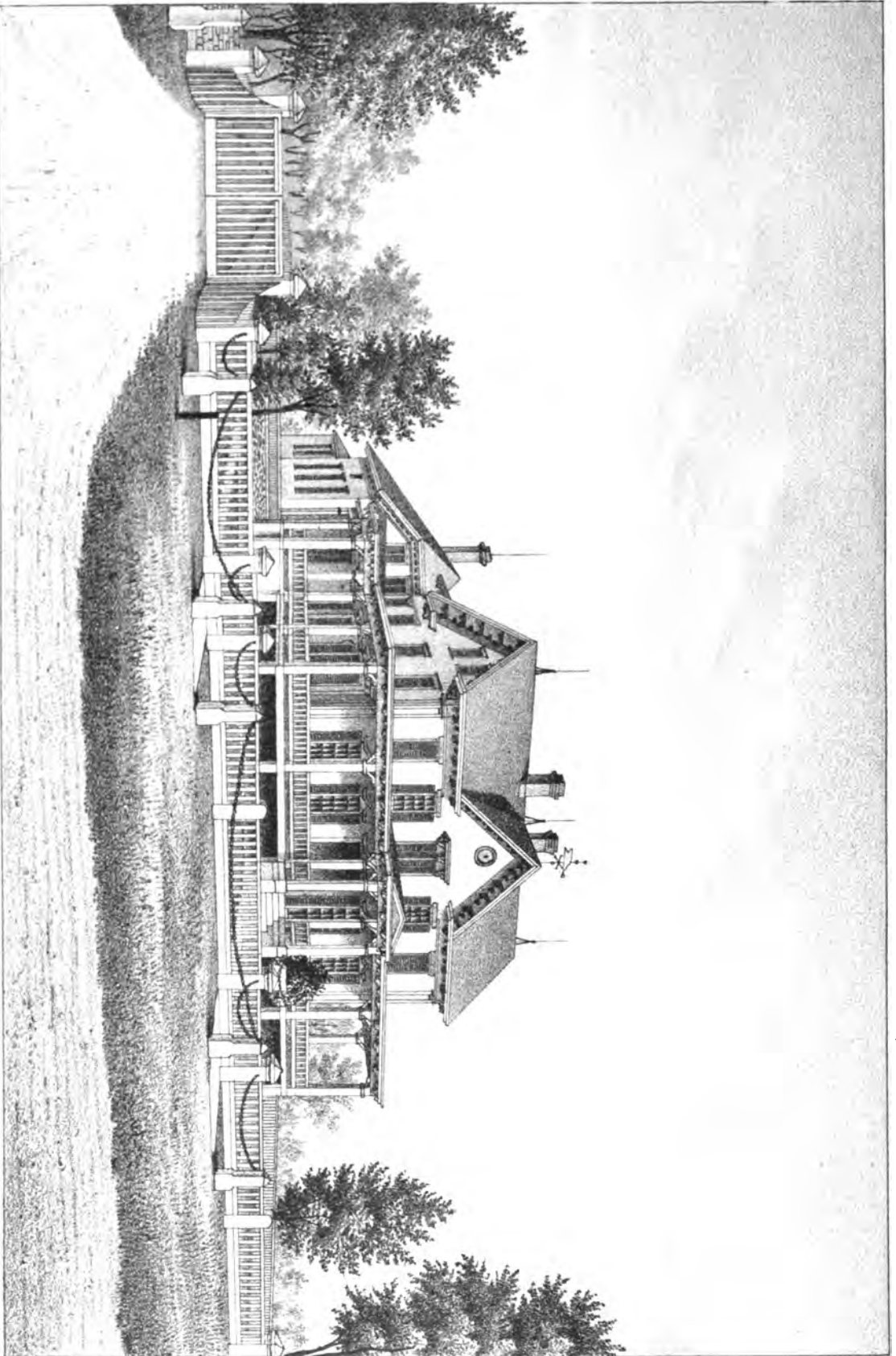
Warren Gates lived in Chatham during his minority. He received only a common-school education, and followed farming and taught school winters until he commenced in the stone business, working in the quarries along the Connecticut River,—Haddam, Chester, and others,—and afterwards went South, and worked building the canal from Charleston to Columbia, S. C. On his return he commenced stone business, and worked a place in Chatham on north side of Great Hill, near the place now called Cobalt.

Some time in 1831 he had a contract to furnish stone blocks for the Harlem Railroad, which was then building, and the quarry not being profitable to work he abandoned it, and hearing of Millstone Point, he visited it, and made arrangements with the Messrs. L. W. Henry and B. Goodwin, and in June, 1832, he commenced work with about fifteen men at Millstone Point, at which time little was known of the extent, worth, or utility of the stone, as the place had not been developed to any extent. Mr. Charles Davison, of Lyme, Conn., had worked the place in a small way for a few months, which is all that can be learned of his operations at this late date. Mr. Thomas Butler, from New York City, but a native of Massachusetts, was occupying a part of the quarry at the time W. Gates commenced, but he remained only two or three years, and then went to New York, where he remained while he lived. After finishing a contract with Harlem Railroad, W. Gates shipped a load of stone to Fort Adams, at Newport, R. I., and continued to furnish stone until the fort was completed, and for many years after furnished stone for most of the forts and light-houses along the coast from Newport to New Orleans. Fort Trumbull, at New London, was largely built of Millstone Point stone, also the front of custom-house and several granite-front stores, a great many of the stones used in the construction of Fort Schuyler, and all the modern-built forts in New York Harbor, and the drydock at

Brooklyn and the fort at Hampton Roads, Va., also Fort Sumter, at Charleston, and a large portion of the foundation of the fort was carried from this quarry, as many as ten thousand tons being shipped in one year, and stone were furnished for Fort McAllister, at Savannah, also for Key West, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Mobile, and many other forts, and the Grand Square in the City of Mexico is paved with blocks from this quarry.

In 1832 the Centre Reservoir was built, the cornice round it twelve hundred feet, which required stone about four feet square, was furnished from this quarry. Previous to 1848 there had been a granite company formed of Millstone Point workmen, who did business in Philadelphia, and after a few years failed, and Mr. Baird, of Philadelphia, bought the assets at auction, and a firm was formed under the name of Gates, Baird & Co., and after a few years Gates sold out to Solomon R. Hoxsia, who was the builder of Dr. David Jayne's building on Chestnut Street, running through the block to Carter's Alley; the front on Chestnut Street above grade was of Quincy stone, but the basement and sub-cellar and the Carter Alley front, with the wings, were of Millstone Point stone. The building and lot cost over half a million dollars and was about five years in building; and about this time platforms covering the whole sidewalk in front of buildings came into style, and large quantities were shipped to Philadelphia, and soon the style was adopted in New York, and work changed to New York, and since but few stones have been shipped to Philadelphia. A large part of the granite in the Grand Central Depot was furnished from Millstone Point, also the lower stories of the *Tribune* building, also the foundation of A. T. Stewart's store on Broadway, corner of Tenth Street, and his Women's Hotel, and since his death the foundation of his Memorial church at Garden City, L. I., have been furnished.

Warren Gates was married to Mary Doane Clark, of Chatham, Nov. 23, 1825. She was born June 16, 1799, and was from one of the oldest families of the town. Her father, Elijah Clark, was born June 4, 1762, and died March 12, 1831. His father was Jonathan Clark, who was son of John Clark, who emigrated from England and settled in what is now Moodus, Conn. His wife's name was Martha Brainerd. He descended from Sir Francis Clark, of London, according to the coat of arms of the Clark family, which is still in existence. He purchased of the Indians a mile square of land, on which he lived. Her mother, Mercy Doane, was the daughter of Capt. Seth Doane. She was born June 9, 1769, and died Nov. 12, 1854. Her father, Capt. Seth Doane, was born June 9, 1733, and was married to Mercy Parker, of Norwich, Conn., Feb. 23, 1758; both died in 1802, in October. His father, Joseph Doane, Jr., born Nov. 15, 1693, and was married to Deborah Haddock, Sept. 30, 1725. His father, Joseph Doane, was son of Daniel Doane, who was the son of John Doane, who



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*John B. Palmer*



landed at Plymouth in 1630, and in 1633 was chosen assistant to Governor Winthrop, and in 1639 was chosen one of the commissioners to revise the laws of the colony; in 1642 he was again assistant to the Governor, and again in 1647, and for several years after was elected deputy to the Colony Court; he was a deacon in the church at Plymouth and Eastham; he died in 1685, aged ninety-five years. His grandson, Joseph, was deacon of the church at Eastham forty years. Joseph, Jr., moved from Eastham to Middle Haddam, near Middletown, Conn., to engage in ship-building. John Doane's wife's name was Abigail, and they had five children,—Lydia, Abigail, John, Ephraim, and Daniel.

Daniel Doane had four children, among whom was Joseph. Joseph had twelve children by two wives. Joseph, Jr.'s children were Joseph, Nathaniel, Seth, Eunice, and Phineas. Seth Doane had nine children,—Seth, Martha, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Job (Job died very young), Mercy, Job, John Mead, and Deborah.

Nathaniel and John Mead Doane were the first settlers of Cleveland, Ohio; they settled there in 1798, and John Doane, son of John Mead Doane, is still living at the age of eighty-three years, and has lived to see Cleveland grow from its commencement to its present size.

Politically, he supported Andrew Jackson for President at both elections, but after the Democratic party adopted the specie currency idea in their platform he left the party, and always after voted with the Whig party until the organization of the Republican party, which he supported as long as he lived, and would never accept any political office.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Hampton about the year 1824, and was an active member in building and maintaining it until his removal to Waterford in 1833, and then was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church in New London until in 1843, when he was one of the leaders in building the Methodist Episcopal Church at Niantic and maintaining it while he lived.

He was dignified and reserved in his manner and rigidly honest in his dealings, and benevolent to the extent of his means, and was most respected by those best acquainted with him. He had three sons,—Philo, born Sept. 19, 1826; Warren, Jr., born March 14, 1828; and Mary A., his only daughter, born July 17, 1830, died May 11, 1839; Nehemiah, born Sept. 6, 1837,—all living in Waterford, New London Co., Conn., and engaged in business, under the firm-name of Warren Gates' Sons, at Millstone Point. Nehemiah Gates improves their farm, which they bought eight years since, which was formerly owned by William Champion, formerly of Lyme, Conn., who purchased the farm of Richard Durfee in 1814, who was the son of Capt. Richard Durfee, from Newport, R. I. He married Mrs. Lucy Palms, the daughter of Governor Winthrop, who received this tract of land by grant from the king of England and gave it to his

daughter, and also the Millstone Point farm, on which the quarry is, being a part of the same tract. In the distribution of Capt. Richard Durfee's property it was divided between his two sons, Richard Durfee and Thomas, Richard having the north part of the tract and Thomas the south part.

Warren Gates died suddenly, Oct. 10, 1867. He was at his place of business and in apparent usual health, although having been rather feeble for some time previous. He probably took a sudden cold, which produced stoppage, and he died before midnight, October 10th, aged seventy years. Mary D. Clark, his wife, also died suddenly, Dec. 17, 1867.

**John B. Palmer** was born in Norwich, Conn., Jan. 14, 1820. His grandfather, Uriah Palmer, was a resident for many years of Exeter, Mass.; was a wheelwright by trade; was a Revolutionary soldier, and a member of the Baptist Church. He married Elizabeth Newton, and had the following children, viz.: Uriah, Mathew, Noah, Nathan, Asher, John, Ezra, Dilla, Comfort, Mary, and Olive.

Uriah Palmer, Sr., lived to be ninety-four years of age, and his wife about ninety years of age. His son Asher was born in Exeter, R. I., and was a farmer by occupation. He was twice married,—first to Hannah Pettis, of Norwich, Conn., and had four children, viz.: Sybil A., John B., Dennison, and Lydia N. His second wife was Joanna Ames, by whom he had twelve children, eight of whom are now (1881) living.

In politics Mr. Palmer was a Democrat. He held the various town offices, and was a man greatly respected for his moral worth. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church at Norwich, Conn. He died at fifty-five years of age. His second wife survives him.

John B. Palmer was reared on his father's farm, in the town of Norwich, Conn., receiving a common-school education. On the 26th of April, 1841, he left home to work on a farm by the month for two or three years, when, on the 28th of November, 1843, he came to Millstone Point Quarry for the purpose of learning the stone-cutting trade of Messrs. Peels & Frazer, for whom he worked nineteen years. In the fall of 1850 he went to Maine, and remained till 1861, when he returned to Mill Point. In 1862 he began business for himself, which he still continues. He employs more than one hundred men, and formerly employed many more. He has a capital stock of sixteen thousand dollars, and pays out some four thousand dollars per month. In politics he is a Republican. He has held the various town offices, not only in his native county but in the State of Maine. In 1872 was a member of the State Legislature from Waterford. Oct. 3, 1853, he married Hannah D., daughter of James Howard and Maria Dart. She was born Nov. 12, 1824. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Palmer is an attendant and supporter. For the history of the ancestors of Mr. Palmer, see history of Stonington, by Judge Richard A. Wheeler.

**Savilion Chapman.**—The historian has no more agreeable task than to turn aside from the chronicle of events and to place upon record the life-history of those who by their own energy, without the factitious aid of brilliant birth, luxurious surroundings, or influential associates, have become men of prominence in their locality, and from small beginnings, with industry, frugality, and economy, have worked their way to a competency and a high position in the regards of their fellow-citizens. A little tribute in this way is due to the one of whom we now write.

Savilion Chapman, of an old New England family of good repute, was born in East Lyme, Conn., Sept. 12, 1816. His father, Moses Chapman, was a farmer, and a frugal, industrious man. He married Polly Church, lived all his life and died in East Lyme, in 1887, aged sixty-three years. His wife survived him several years, dying aged sixty-five.

Savilion remained at home, receiving very limited common-school advantages for education, until after his father's death, when he went and learned the trade of stone-cutting of Warren Gates in Waterford, and steadily and faithfully labored at this by no means light employment for twenty-five years for Mr. Gates, except five or six years passed in same work in Philadelphia, Pa. This steady and continuous labor was productive of solid financial results, and about twenty-six years ago, in 1856, Mr. Chapman purchased the beautiful place in Waterford where, with a loving wife and dutiful children to cheer the decline of life, he yet resides, with his strength unabated, his industry yet the same as in life's early morning. For two years after his purchase he worked at his trade. Since then he has been one of Waterford's live, representative, pushing farmers. He first engaged in raising fine Devonshire stock, but has latterly followed dairying, and has taken advantage of every progress in that direction. He married, Dec. 13, 1840, Mary Ann, daughter of Deacon John and Harriet Smith. Their children are Robert W. and M. Anna, both born in Waterford, and residing with their parents.

Mr. Chapman, like his father, is a Democrat, and finds in the teachings of Thomas Jefferson the principles he believes conducive to the preservation of the republic. The citizens of Waterford have shown their appreciation of him by choosing him first selectman for five years, honoring him with various other important trusts, and sending him as representative of Waterford in the Legislatures of 1867 and 1868, where he served on Committee on Judiciary. He is an attendant of, and a liberal supporter of, the Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Chapman and her children are members. Deacon John Smith, father of Mrs. Chapman, followed the seas in early life; was captain; afterwards became a farmer. He was an earnest member and deacon of the Baptist Church, was Democratic in politics, and died at the age of seventy-five much esteemed. His wife also died aged seventy-five.

**Thomas M. Clarke,** son of Thomas and Wealthy (Wright) Clarke, was born in Newport, R. I., Dec. 23, 1810. His great-grandfather, Joshua Clarke, was a Seventh-Day Baptist minister and farmer in Rhode Island. He had a son Thomas, a farmer in Rhode Island; and he, Thomas, had a son Thomas M., the immediate subject of this sketch. Thomas M. received a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen began to teach a common school at eleven dollars per month. He taught some seven winters, and the most he ever received was fifteen dollars per month. For the first two years following his majority he worked on the farm summers for his father and others around Newport, R. I., and taught during the winter months. He was married, Nov. 9, 1834, to Anna, daughter of Deacon Daniel Lewis and Sarah Ann Northup, and to them have been born four children, viz.: (1) William L., a farmer at Ashaway, R. I.; (2) Dan W., a farmer in Groton, Conn.; (3) Sarah Ann, deceased at fourteen; (4) Emeline N., wife of Marshall R. Allen, of Pawtucket, R. I.

Mr. Clarke began housekeeping at Westerly, R. I., where he remained three years. Then he resided eight years in Stonington, Conn., returned to Rhode Island, and lived three years in Hopkinton, then one year in Jamestown, R. I., thence to Groton, Conn., seven years, thence to Hopkinton, R. I., where he resided for seventeen years on a farm of three hundred acres of his own. In 1874 he settled in Waterford, Conn., where he now (1881) resides.

He is a Republican in politics. He represented Groton in the State Legislature in 1854, and Hopkinton, R. I., three terms. He was a director for ten years in the Ashaway Bank, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have been members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church for more than fifty years, and have always tried to act well their part wherever their lot has been cast. Mr. Clarke has always taken a deep interest in educational matters. He is a man of sound judgment and strict integrity.

**Albert G. Douglas** is a grandson of Thomas Douglas and Grace Richards, and son of Robert and Abiah Douglas, and was born on the farm where he now resides Feb. 11, 1809.

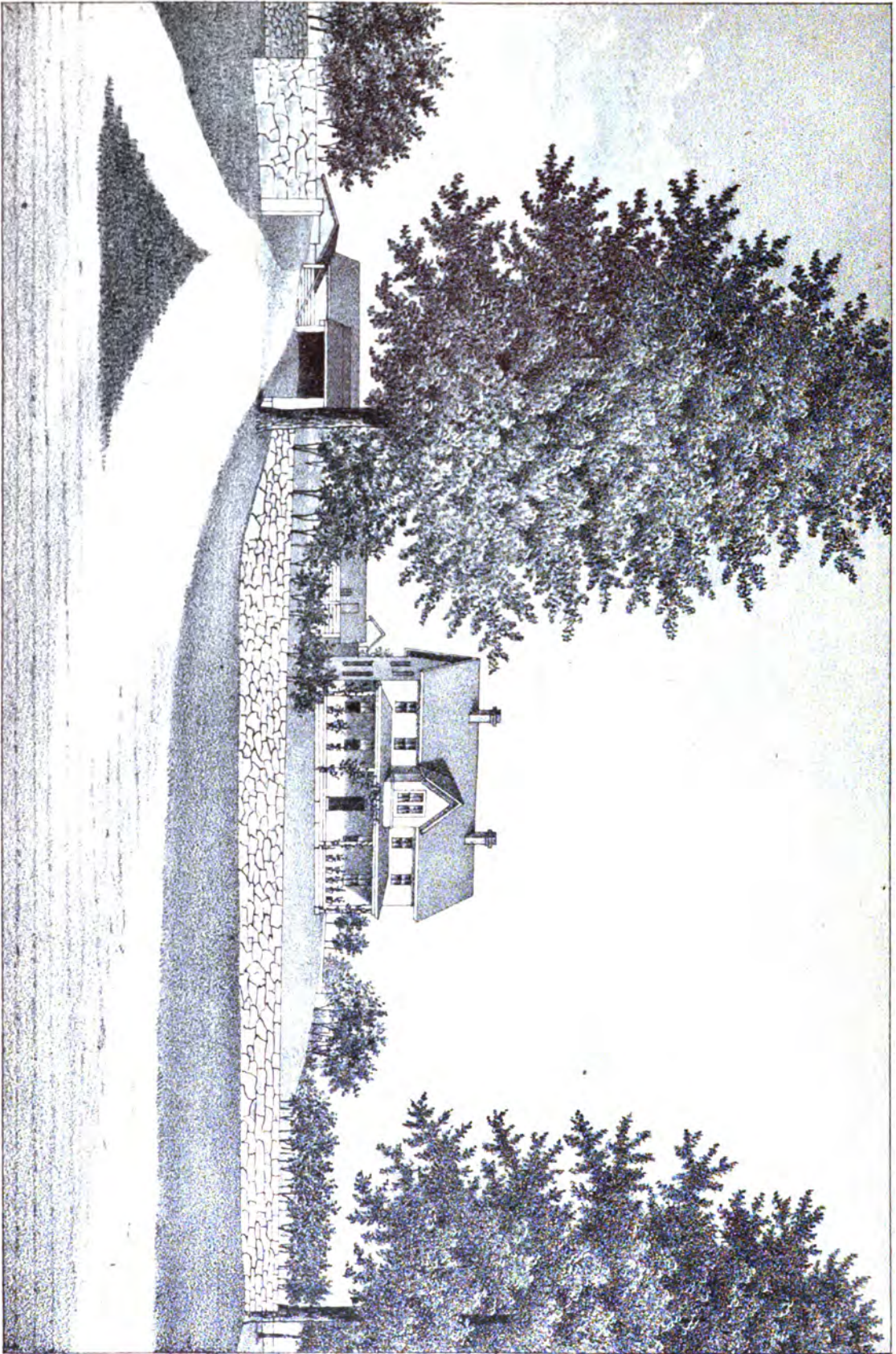
Thomas Douglas had two sons, Guy and Robert, and five daughters. Thomas was a farmer and shoemaker, and settled near the residence of A. G. Douglas many years before the Revolutionary war. He died at the ripe old age of ninety-two or ninety-three.

Robert Douglas was a farmer, and owned a saw-mill; married Abiah Douglas, and had eight children, viz.: Abiah, wife of William Gorton, of Waterford; Henrietta (Mrs. Isaac Watrous, of Waterford), Thomas, Albert G., John, Robert, Guy, Elizabeth, wife of the late Henry P. Havens, of New London, Conn.

Robert Douglas was a member of the First Congregational Church of New London. In politics a



*Albert G. Douglass*



DOUGLAS'S PLACE, WATERFORD CONN.





SAVILION CHAPMAN.



*Thos. M. Clarke*



**EDMUND DARROW.**



Whig. He held several town offices, such as selectman, etc. He died Oct. 8, 1834. His wife died June 30, 1851.

Mr. Albert G. Douglas received a common-school education, supplemented by one year at Hamilton Academy, New York, having Henry B. Payne, of Cleveland, as one of the students. Returning from school at the age of twenty-one, he went to live with an uncle, Guy Douglas, with whom he lived for twenty years, or till the death of his uncle Guy, May, 1849. Oct. 10, 1849, he married Lucy A., daughter of Otis P. and Mary Ann (Thompson) Fox, and to them have been born two children, viz.: Julia A. (Mrs. Stanley G. Morgan, of Waterford) and Albert, born May 4, 1854, and now (1881) resides at home.

In March, 1851, Mr. Douglas removed to the old home, and has continued to reside there ever since. He now owns the "old home," which has been in the family for several generations. He is a large and successful farmer. In politics a Republican. He has been selectman several years, and a member of the Legislature two terms. Mrs. Douglas is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is a supporter, but not a member.

Mr. Douglas is a hard-working, frugal farmer, of strong mind and generous impulses.

**Rev. Edmund Darrow** was born in Waterford, Conn., Feb. 7, 1807. He was the youngest son of Joseph and Hannah Bishop Darrow. Joseph was born Oct. 18, 1773. Zadoc Darrow, the father of Joseph, was born Dec. 25, 1728. He early seceded from the Congregational Church, and united with the Baptist Church at Niantic, under the charge of Elder Howard, and was afterwards chosen deacon. In 1769 he was ordained without charge, but from 1775 until near the time of his death, in 1827, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waterford. He died at the advanced age of ninety-nine, being the successful pastor of the same church for over fifty years.

The father of Zadoc was Ebenezer Darrow, who married Ali, daughter of James and Sarah Stevens Rogers, and granddaughter of James Rogers, Sr., who came to America in the ship "Increase" in 1635, aged twenty years. His wife was Elizabeth Rowland, of Stratford, Conn., grandmother of Ali. They owned and lived on a farm on the west side of Jordan Cove, where Zadoc, their only son, was born.

Edmund Darrow married Grace, daughter of Elder Lester and Polly Tuthill Rogers, March 4, 1831. The names of their children were Edmund R., Josephine, and F. Newton. She died April 26, 1850. March 3, 1851, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon George and Betsey Rogers Potter, of Genesee, N. Y. Their children were Mary E., George P., and Courtland R. She died Nov. 15, 1872. Dec. 25, 1877, he married Ellen R., daughter of Rev. Hiram and Rebecca Bird Walden, of Montville. He embraced religion in childhood, and united with the First Baptist

Church, Waterford, in 1830, his cousin, Elder Francis Darrow, then being pastor. Francis succeeded his grandfather, Zadoc Darrow, and was pastor of that church for forty years.

Edmund served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years. In 1845 he embraced the seventh day as the Sabbath, and united with the Seventh-Day Baptist Church in Waterford, Great Neck, of which his wife had been a member from early life. The following year he was ordained deacon, and in 1853 he was chosen and ordained to the ministry, and accepted the pastoral charge of the church, which has continued until the present time, 1881.

When the church was organized, in 1784, the members were mostly the descendants of James, Sr., and Elizabeth Rogers. They and their descendants, among whom were the parents of Ali Rogers Darrow, were severely persecuted for their loyalty to the seventh-day principles, by fines, imprisonment, sitting in the stocks, whipping, etc. They and some of their followers were usually arraigned at every session of the court held in New London for a long series of years for their adherence to their faith, but a brighter day awaited the little church, persecutions ceased, and they were permitted to worship God in peace, according to the dictates of their own conscience.

**Capt. Lyman Allyn.**—Robert Allyn was of Salem in 1637, and enrolled as a member of the church May 15, 1642. He removed to New London in 1651, where he obtained a grant of a large farm on the east side of the river, at a place still known as Allyn Point, but now in the town of Ledyard. He was one of the first company of purchasers of Norwich, and resided for several years in the western part of the town plot. In 1661 he styles himself of "New Norridge," and held the office of constable in 1669, but in a deed of 1681 uses the formula, "I, Robert Allyn, of New London." Among the early settlers of the country we often meet with persons whom it is difficult to locate. They possess lands that lap over the bounds of adjoining settlements, and sometimes appear to belong to different townships at one and the same time. Robert Allyn had doubtless relinquished his house in Norwich to his son John and retired to his farm on the river in 1655, within the bounds of New London, where he died in 1683. His age is unknown, but he was freed from training in 1669, probably upon attaining the age of sixty, the customary limit of military service; this would make him about seventy-five at death.

The heirs of his estate were his son John and four daughters,—Sarah, wife of George Geer; Mary, wife of Thomas Parke; Hannah, wife of Thomas Rose; and Deborah, who afterwards married John Gager, Jr. The son received £133, and each of the daughters £66 6s.

John Allyn, the son, married, Dec. 24, 1668, "Eliz-

abeth, daughter of John Gager, of New Norwich." In 1691 he exchanged his homestead and other privileges in Norwich with Joshua Abell and Simon Huntington, Jr., for lands east of the river, and transferred his residence to the former seat of the family at Allyn's Point. This brought him again within the bounds of New London, and his name appears in 1704 as one of the patentees of that town. He died in 1709, leaving an estate of £1278, to be divided between his son Robert and his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Waterman. His inventory enumerates three farms and a trading establishment upon the river. Among the movables are such articles of cost and comfort as a silver tankard, cup, and tumbler, a silver whistle, a gold ring, a wrought cushion, and a lignum-vitæ mortar and pestle. This was about the period when such small luxuries were beginning to be diffused among the prosperous farmers and traders.

With Robert Allyn of the third generation the male line was still a unit. He married Deborah Avery, and died in 1730, leaving nine children.

ROBERT ALLYN of the fourth generation occupied the same homestead at Allyn's Point, and dying in 1760, left an estate of more than £3000. His inventory of wearing apparel comprised a blue coat with brass buttons, silk jacket and breeches, laced jacket, boots and spurs, gold sleeve-buttons and ring, silver snuff-box, silver buckles for shoes, knees and neckbands. These successive inventories vividly illustrate the advance of the country in wealth, comfort, and elegance.

Allyn's Point, where stood the old homestead of the family, is about six miles below Norwich, on the opposite side of the river from the Mohegan fields. The ancient fort of Uncas was in full view from the house. South of the pond and cove is a conspicuous elevation known as Allyn's Mountain, from whence the prospect is wide and far-reaching. To this height the neighbors were accustomed to resort as a lookout post when the river was visited by any unusual craft, or the Indians on the other side were gathered for council or sport. From this place, on the memorable 6th of September, 1781, the conflagration of New London was witnessed by women and children whose husbands and fathers had hastened to the scene of action. In the war of 1812 the three blockaded vessels forming the squadron of Commodore Decatur were laid up in the river near by, and on this hill his men threw up a redoubt and kept a sentry to watch the movements in and near New London Harbor.

The children of Robert Allyn (12) and Abigail Avery were Abigail (19), born Feb. 2, 1726; married N. Williams; died July 20, 1767. Robert (20), born Sept. 8, 1728; died Sept. 11, 1811. Elizabeth (21), born March 27, 1731; married James Avery; died Feb. 3, 1819. Park (22), born June 15, 1733; married Sarah Gallup; died Feb. 13, 1804. Joseph (23), born Feb. 1, 1736; married Mary Belton, Dec. 30,

1760; died June 14, 1803. Prudence (24), born April 9, 1738; married Thomas Gallup; died 1813. Nathan (25), born Jan. 5, 1740; married Sarah Freeman; died June 2, 1814. Jacob (26), born March 27, 1743; married Edna Lathrop; died Feb. 1, 1773. Simeon (27), born May 27, 1745; married Esther Gallup; killed in Fort Griswold, Sept. 6, 1781. Timothy (28), born June 12, 1748; married Prudence Gallup, who died March 7, 1837; died June 26, 1838.

The children of Nathan Allyn (25) and Sarah Freeman were Mary (29), married George Avery. Freeman (30), born June 6, 1768; married Irene Beckwith, who died Oct. 2, 1861, aged ninety; died Feb. 23, 1855. Mathew (31). Sarah (32), died in infancy. Abigail (33), married Roger Brush. Sarah (34), married Joseph Kenyon (grandparents of ex-Governor Cox, of Ohio). Elezer (35), Cynthia (36), Simeon (37), Celanisa (38).

The children of Freeman Allyn and Irene Beckwith were Charles Lyman (40), John Owen (41), Selden (42), Horace (43), Harriet (44), Edwin (45), and Lorenzo (46).

Lyman Allyn, son of Freeman Allyn and Irene Beckwith, was born in the town of Montville, New London Co., Conn., April 25, 1797. His father was a practical farmer, leaving Montville, Conn., for Springfield, Mass., in 1803, when young Lyman was six years of age. His grandfather, Nathan Allyn, went to Granby, Ohio, in 1805, and continued to reside there till his death. Lyman Allyn remained at home, working on his father's farm summers and attending the common school winters till he was twenty-one years of age, when he commenced the whaling business for one Capt. Deshon, as a common sailor before the mast. His quick insight into the business soon earned for him a reputation, and it was not long before he was made captain of a whaling ship owned by Messrs. N. & W. W. Billings, of New London, Conn. Capt. Allyn continued in the business till 1852, when he gave it up. In 1850 he purchased the Deshon farm, where he continued to reside till his death, April 8, 1874. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He took a lively interest in political matters, and during the war was very efficient in helping to raise troops for the Union army. He married Emma, daughter of Capt. John Turner and Mary Newson, June 5, 1825. Mrs. Allyn was born in New London, Conn., Aug. 31, 1804, and died Feb. 4, 1881. Their children are Mary T., who died at nearly four years of age; Mary T. (2), who married Harvey Seymour, deceased, of Hartford, Conn.; Emma A., deceased; Charlotte C., John T., and Harriet W., all of whom were born in New London, Conn.

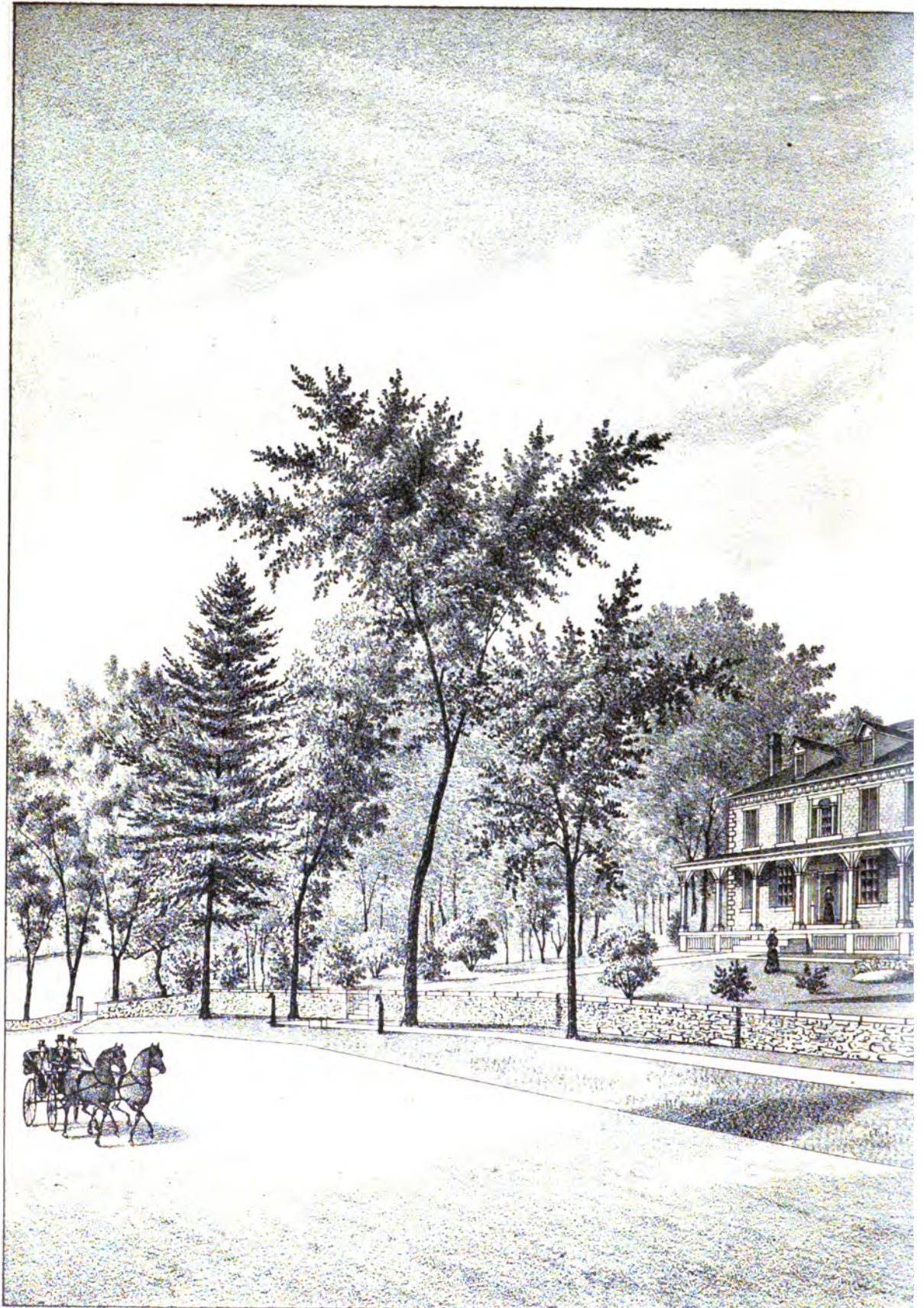
We insert the following, written at the time of Capt. Allyn's death:

"In the death of the late Capt. Lyman Allyn our community mourns the loss of one of its oldest and most prominent citizens. For more than fifty years he had been a resident of New London, though during the earlier part of his life most of his time was spent on the ocean in that business for which New London was then celebrated, the whale-fabery.



*Lyman Allyn,*





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OF HIS SON JOHN T. ALLYN NEW LONDON CONN.



*Horace C. Humphreys*

In this he displayed his characteristic energy and sagacity and was eminently successful. With his great executive ability was united a humor quite inimitable and a fund of anecdotes that seemed exhaustless, always apt, instructive, and amusing. But it is not of these things known to all that we would speak, but of what he was in his family and among his most intimate acquaintances, friends, and neighbors. It was here, especially in his family, that the kindness of his heart overflowed in the kindest of words and acts, 'giving none offense' but studying to promote the happiness of his beloved and loving household, in which it is not too much to say that he was the centre and soul of attraction, around whom wife and children all clustered in delightful and harmonious affection. While his neighbors can testify that he never did an unneighborly thing some of them can bear witness to acts of kindness and generosity which they have never been able to repay. His mourning family have the cordial sympathy of all their friends in this dark hour of their bereavement. At the time of his death Capt. Allyn was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New London, with which he had been connected for many years, and was ever a constant attendant at its services."

**Capt. Horace Clark Lanphear**, son of Enoch Lanphear and Susan Berry, was born in Westerly, R. I., June 24, 1826. His father followed the water the greater part of his life, and was otherwise engaged as a farmer and shoemaker. Enoch died at seventy-six years of age, and his wife died at sixty years of age.

Young Horace C. had very limited advantages for an education, attending the village school only two months of each year till he was fourteen years of age. At the early age of ten years he commenced going on the water as a cook for Capt. Brand, at two dollars a month for nine months. The following year he received five dollars a month for the same time. The following year he went fishing in a smack in company with Capt. Gorton Berry, ten months for five dollars, and the year following with Capt. Ezekiel Rogers, of Waterford, at seven dollars a month for ten months, and the next year again with Capt. Gorton Berry, as second mate, at ten dollars a month. He returned to Waterford, and was for the next three years mate with Capt. Elias Champlin, on smack "Herald." The following year he was sole owner and captain of the smack "Commerce." In October, 1844, he entered the employ of Charles Mallory, of Mystic, Conn., on a whaling expedition, and was gone thirty-four months to the northwestern coast of America and along the western coast of South America. The name of his vessel was "Robin Hood," and it was the first vessel to enter the Okhotsk Sea for whales. They made three thousand four hundred barrels of oil from July 4th to October 8th, and procured some eighty-five tons of bone. They touched Sandwich and Society Islands, besides many others. In October, 1849, he entered the employ of Capt. Brand as pilot and sailing-master in sloop "Catherine Hale," which was then running between Westerly, Stonington, and New York City. He continued in that business till 1851 or '52, when he was made captain of the sloop "Leader," plying between Westerly, Stonington, Newport, and Providence, R. I. During the years 1853, '54, and '55 he was captain and part owner of sloop "E. W. Babcock"; 1856 and '57, captain and part owner of the schooner "Orlando Smith," making trips from Boston to Phila-

delphia, touching at New York City. He was captain of the schooner "Richard Law" in 1858, and in 1859 was made first pilot of steamboat "Commodore," running from Stonington to New York City, then on the "Vanderbilt," "Commonwealth," "Plymouth Rock," "State of Maine," etc., respectively, all of which were owned by the same company, he being first pilot on each of them.

In 1865 he entered the employ of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, as captain of the Norwich Line, and was captain of the following steamboats respectively: "City of Boston," "City of New London," "City of Lawrence," "City of New York," "State of New York," and his present steamer is the "City of Worcester," the finest steamer that plows the waters of Long Island Sound, stanch and powerful, capable of carrying more freight than any one of her competitors.

The steamer sits on the water with a majestic grace, her lines are pleasing to the eye, and her exterior ornamentation is chaste and tasteful. The prevailing color is white. On each paddle-box is the seal of the city of Worcester, Mass., encircled with gilt-work, from which diverge the sunset-colored rays of the lattice-work, between which one gets glimpses of the great red wheel inside. All modern improvements of whatever kind entering into the construction of a first-class steamer, in all departments, have been introduced into the construction and finish of the "City of Worcester," and advantage has been taken of the tested excellence of other boats to render her as nearly a perfect specimen of her class as possible. She is intended to be the handsomest and most elegant as well as the most substantial steamer on Long Island Sound. How far this intention has been carried out is for the public to judge. It is believed that she will be very fast, faster than the "City of New York," of the same line, at present the fastest boat on the Sound, having made the distance between docks, one hundred and twenty miles, in six hours and five minutes, a record that has never been beaten.

We note the following press notices of Capt. Lanphear:

"Capt. Horace C. Lanphear, master of the 'Worcester,' is the senior captain in the employ of the Norwich Line, and by long and faithful service has well earned the honor that is now conferred on him. He is a native of Westerly, R. I., and began steamboating twenty-nine years ago, on the Stonington Line, as first pilot of the steamer 'Commodore,' serving afterwards in the same capacity on the 'Vanderbilt,' 'Commonwealth,' 'Plymouth Rock,' and 'State of Maine,' all of the same line. He entered the service of the Norwich Line Jan. 1, 1865, as first pilot of the 'City of Boston.' After holding this position for about two and one-half years he was made captain of the 'City of New London,' and served in that capacity for six years, when he was transferred to the 'City of Lawrence.' He remained on her two and one-half years, and was then transferred to the 'City of New York,' which he commanded down to the time of his assignment to the new steamer. Capt. Lanphear is the oldest employé of the company, with the exception of Steward Burns and Engineer Carter. During all the years of his service he has never met with an accident, and he justly enjoys the confidence of the traveling public, with whom he is a prime favorite. The services which he rendered on the occasion of the 'Narragansett' disaster are still fresh in the public mind."



"The 'City of Worcester' will be commanded by Capt. H. C. Lanphear of New London, the oldest (and possibly the 'biggest') captain on the Sound. He has followed the sea forty-four years and traversed the Sound thirty years, and has never met with an accident, which speaks well for his seamanship or his luck. Possibly the latter is the result of the former. Capt. William Pelton will be the first pilot; Charles Chappell, second pilot; Joseph Carter, engineer; John Smith, first assistant engineer; Richard McGeary, first officer; and Thomas Burns, steward. Mr. Burns is the oldest steward on the Sound, having served some thirty-four or thirty-five years. E. B. Woodward will be purser, and George Crofton freight clerk. The agent of the Norwich Line is Capt. S. A. Gardner, Jr., under whose personal supervision and direction the 'City of Worcester' has been built."

Capt. Lanphear purchased his present farm, in the town of Waterford, New London Co., Conn., in 1877, and has resided here ever since. On the 28th of January, 1850, he married Abby M., daughter of Josiah and Rhoda Owen, and to them have been born three children, of whom Horace P., born Nov. 17, 1850, in Westerly, R. I., is the only one living. Horace P. married, Dec. 20, 1876, Ursula J., daughter of John S. and Mahala Potter. They have one daughter, Mabel C. Capt. Lanphear is a Republican in politics.

**James Rogers**, claimed to be a lineal descendant of the third generation from John Rogers, who suffered martyrdom under the reign of Mary at Smithfield, England, in 1555, came to America on the ship "Increase" in the year 1635, at the age of twenty years. He was the first of the family known to have come to this country. He settled at Stratford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland. He afterwards removed to New London, Conn., where he acquired considerable property and influence; was six times representative to the General Court; built a house next to Governor Winthrop; was a baker, and carried on business quite extensively.

Between 1660 and 1670 had a greater interest in the trade of the port than any other person. His landed possessions were very extensive, consisting of several hundred acres on the "Great Neck," the fine tract of land at Mohegan called the Pamechaug farm, several house-lots in New London, and two thousand four hundred acres east of the river Thames at Groton, which he held in company with Col. Pyncheon, of Springfield, Mass.

Jonathan Rogers, fifth son of James and Elizabeth the first, was born Dec. 3, 1655; married Naomi Burdich, daughter of Elder Burdich; was drowned at Gull Island in 1697, aged forty-two years.

Capt. Jonathan Rogers, only son of Jonathan and Naomi, was born 1683; married Judith —; had eight children.

David Rogers, son of Capt. Jonathan and Judith Rogers, was born March 8, 1719; had three wives. By the first, Grace Lester, he had ten children. He died Oct. 17, 1803, aged eighty-four.

Zebulon Rogers, son of David and Grace Rogers, was born July 3, 1757; married Sally Green; had four children,—Esther, David, Betsy, and Zebulon. He died March 19, 1829, aged seventy-three.

David Rogers, son of Zebulon and Sally Rogers, was born in Waterford, Conn., Jan. 20, 1786. His wife was Mary Potter, daughter of George Potter, of Hopkinton, R. I. They had nine children, as follows: David P., Charles, Sarah, Daniel, Mary, Charlotte, George, Ann, and Lydia. Of these, Charles and George died in infancy. Mr. Rogers was a practical farmer and lived upon the old Rogers farm, which has been in the family for several generations, being occupied at the time of the writing of this sketch by his granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eliphalet Lyon.

In politics Mr. Rogers was a Whig, occupying several township offices and being a magistrate for many years. He and his wife were members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church, and were among its strongest supporters, giving the ground where the building occupied by that society now stands, and he serving as one of its deacons for many years. He died May 29, 1859, his wife July 5, 1876, and both are buried in the cemetery near which they spent so many years of their lives. A man possessed of many excellent qualities of head and heart, of the strictest integrity, and withal genial and courteous to his associates, Mr. Rogers lived respected and died regretted. His memory and that of his loved life-companion are still cherished by their neighbors and acquaintances, and the impress of their sterling characters is still stamped upon the community of which their old home is still the centre.

**Eliphalet Lyon.**—Amariah Lyon, the great-grandfather of Eliphalet Lyon, from the best information to be obtained from the ancient records in and around Boston, was the son of Thomas Lyon, who came from Roxbury and settled in Dedham, Mass., about the year 1798. He is believed to have been the son or grandson of William Lyon, the first of the name, who came from England to America, and settled at Roxbury, Mass., in the year 1635.

Amariah Lyon was educated a physician at Boston, Mass., and came to Montville, Conn. (formerly New London), about the year 1740, where he married a Miss Stibbins. There were born to them seven sons, all of whom served in the war of the Revolution, and one daughter, namely: John, Aaron, Josiah, Amariah, Thomas, Christopher, Ephraim, and Abigail.

John Lyon, son of Amariah Lyon, was born and lived in the town of Montville, where he married Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Miles Moore, of the same town. There were born to them four sons and two daughters, namely: Caleb, Asa, John, Ephraim, Elizabeth, and Grace.

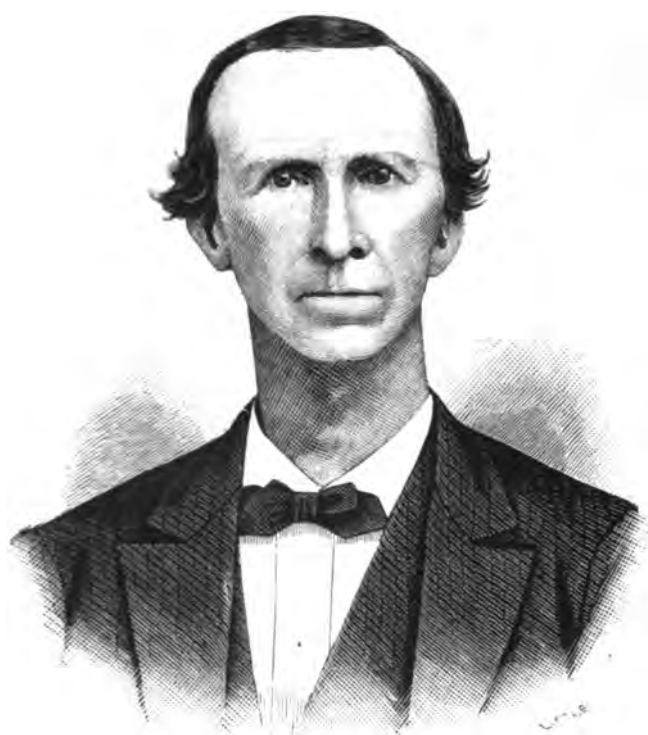
Ephraim Lyon, son of John Lyon, was born in Montville, Sept. 27, 1786; married Sarah Darrow, of New London, March 24, 1809. There were born to them three sons and four daughters, namely: Lorenzo, Electra, Elizabeth, Daniel, Eliphalet, Susan, and Sarah. Sarah, wife of Ephraim Lyon, died Jan. 21, 1822.



*Eliphalet Lyon*



DAVID ROGERS.



*John Robertson*

Ephraim Lyon and Margaret Strickland were married Dec. 1, 1822. There were born to them three children, namely: Lucy, Ephraim, and Margaret. Ephraim Lyon, Sr., died November, 1866, aged eighty years.

Eliphalet Lyon, son of Ephraim Lyon and Sarah Darrow, first opened his eyes to the light at Waterford, Conn., July 26, 1816, where he lived with his parents until 1835. He worked on his father's farm, but was given a good common-school education, and taught one term when but eighteen years old. Leaving home at eighteen, he went to New York City and entered the drug-store of Dr. T. D. Lee, serving as a clerk for three years, at the end of which time he became a full partner in the business. Three years later he became sole proprietor, and for more than a quarter of a century continued the business at No. 470 Grand Street, finally leaving it in 1865. Previous to this, and as early as 1860, he became interested in the manufacture of machinery, and this business he still continues, the manufactory being located on the site of his former drug-store. With him are associated Mr. T. H. Watson and Mr. F. H. Stillman, the latter a son of his wife by a former marriage. The business employs some forty men, and is conducted under the firm-name of E. Lyon & Co. Mr. Lyon has been a stanch Republican since the organization of that party, notwithstanding that his father was an earnest Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church. Each has been three times married. Mr. Lyon's first wife was Rachel De Pew. His second and third wives were sisters,—Ann M. and Lydia, daughters of David and Mary Rogers. To the latter he was married May 19, 1874. Mrs. Lyon has one son, Francis H. Stillman, by her first husband, Paul Stillman. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon reside on the family homestead of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Rogers, at Waterford.

**John Robertson** was born April 17, 1821, at Penicuck, Scotland. He was a son of Duncan and Joan (Hodge) Robertson. His father died when he was young, and at an early age he was entered an apprentice to Alex. Cowen & Co., extensive paper manufacturers. There he commenced as "layer-boy" at the vats, and gradually worked his way upward, taking each step in the progress and filling each position well, until he at last graduated a thorough paper-maker, having acquired a complete knowledge of not only wrapping and manilla paper, but also all sorts of fine writing and bank-note paper. In 1845, in company with his younger brother, Carmichael, he emigrated to America, and entered the employ of Campbell, Hall & Co., Greenville, Conn. On arriving in this country Mr. Robertson had no capital but his trade and a determination to succeed, and his industry, prudence, and Scotch thrift soon improved his financial resources, and in 1851, in company with his brother Carmichael and Mr. James Bingham, formed the firm of Robertson & Bingham, and

started a mill in Waterford, near New London. And here in this little mill was the first real tissue manilla paper made in this country. So quickly was the change and improvement in the quality noticed that a revolution was at once made in the reputation of manufacturers, and Robertson & Bingham's tissue became the standard article in the market. So great was the demand for their work, and so encouraging their pecuniary success, that they were compelled to build another mill in Waterford, and purchased another in Montville. Thus the firm had three mills in active operation on tissue manilla paper. In 1866 the firm was dissolved; Mr. Bingham sold his interest, and John took the Waterford mills and his brother the one at Montville.

Mr. Robertson continued to manufacture tissue-paper and to maintain the high standing of his goods until his death, July 5, 1873.

He married, Nov. 2, 1851, Jane B. Walker. Their children were Jane, John (who now carries on the business), Alexander D., James Clate, and Margaret B. Mrs. Robertson died Aug. 14, 1862.

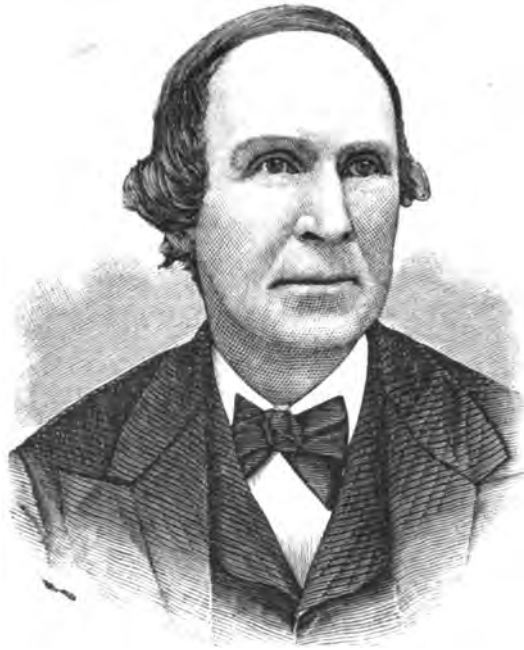
Mr. Robertson, for his second wife, married Miss Mary J. Thompson, June 12, 1863. Their children are Thomas B., Mary J., and Francis P.

Mr. Robertson was a man of sterling integrity, industrious and prudent, of an agreeable and pleasant social disposition; much loved, not only by his own household, but by a large range of acquaintance. He did not care for office, but, as a private citizen, did much for education, religion, and the betterment of Waterford. Coming to this country to seize the advantages a free country gives the able poor man, he wished to preserve the integrity of those principles that showed themselves to him as the guiding stars of the republic, and he earnestly and steadily advocated and worked for the success of the Democratic party as the only way to consummate that end. He was also for many years a consistent and valued member of the Congregational Church.

**Orlando Comstock**, son of Caleb and Lucy (Dart) Comstock, was born in the town of Montville, Conn., Oct. 19, 1812. His father was a son of Zebediah Comstock, and was born in Montville. Married and had ten children, seven of whom are living, the united ages of whom are about four hundred and fifty years.

Caleb was a carpenter and joiner, a man of moderate means. He settled in the town of Waterford in 1821, and continued to reside there till his death, May 2, 1841, aged fifty-five. He was a Democrat in politics. His father, Zebediah, was a farmer also, and settled in Montville, where he died at seventy-eight years of age. For a more complete history of this family, see biography of W. H. H. Comstock, of New London.

Orlando Comstock received a common-school education. He settled in Waterford with his parents when nine years of age, and continued with them till he was twenty-two, when he began working in a



*Orlando Comstock*

woolen-factory, which he followed one winter, the spring following working again on the farm by the month for eight months, and the next year hired his father's farm on shares, which he continued to do till the death of his father in 1841. In 1845 he purchased his present farm of two hundred acres. He has been twice married,—first to Mary W. Comstock, of Montville, September, 1839. Of their five children two only are living,—James E. and Emily C.

Mrs. Comstock died May 2, 1852, and he married for his second wife Mary Ann Keeney, March 6, 1853.

Mr. Comstock was a Democrat till the Republican party was organized. In 1858 he represented his town in the Legislature. He has been selectman nine years, and has held some of the other town offices. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church at Waterford, and one of its principal members.

## S U P P L E M E N T.

THE following items were received too late for insertion in the body of the work :

### NEW LONDON.

#### THE DAY.

The first number of *The Day*, a morning paper, was issued July 2, 1881. The original publishers and proprietors were John A. Tibbits & Co. The senior member of the firm, John A. Tibbits, was the first editor, and holds the position at the present time. Mr. Tibbits has been connected with the journalism of the county for nearly fifteen years. He was the editor of *The Telegram* for a period of over eight years, and is still one of the proprietors of that paper. He has taken quite a prominent part in Connecticut politics. In 1872 he represented New London in the General Assembly, and was the author of the local option amendment to the license law which was passed in that year. He was appointed five successive times by President Grant a government director of the Union Pacific Railroad, was a member of the Republican National Convention at Cincinnati in 1876, was appointed collector of customs for the district of New London by President Hayes in May, 1877, and reappointed by President Arthur in October, 1881. During the war he served in the Fourteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, enlisting as a private, and being afterwards promoted to second lieutenant, and was three times wounded, twice at Antietam and once at Gettysburg. *The Day* is the only New London paper which has ever taken the full Associated Press reports. It has a large city circulation, and also circulates more extensively than any other daily paper in the towns surrounding New London. *The Week*, published in connection with *The Day*, is issued every Thursday. It is a large and handsome sheet, and has already met with considerable success.

### GROTON.

**Hon. Silas Deane.**—Silas Deane was no common character. He was born in the north part of the town, within the present limits of Ledyard, and we trace him step by step in his career among the rising young men of the town. He graduated at Yale College in 1758, in the class of Samuel Wyllis, so long the Secretary of State for Connecticut. He returned to his native town, and became a leader among the

citizens of Groton in favor of liberty. The Colonial Legislature elected him, with Col. Dyer, to represent Connecticut in the Continental Congress of the United American Colonies, and the Continental Congress appointed him to be ambassador to the Court of France, at the time when Louis XVI. had just ascended the throne, and the dazzling young queen, Marie Antoinette, was in the midst of her first bright career. How well he kept in view the object of his mission, engaging the services of distinguished officers both in France and Germany, and how well he enlisted the French government in the American cause, let history answer.

The writer has before him a copy of the official contract between Silas Deane and the Marquis de Lafayette, and also the compact between Deane and Baron de Kalb. The original papers or certified copies form a part of the Silas Deane collection of papers, now in the Smithsonian Institute.

The translation of the contract with Lafayette is as follows :

"The wish that the Marquis de Lafayette has shown to serve in the army of the United States of North America, and the interest that he takes in the justice of their cause, making him wish for opportunities to distinguish himself in the war, and to make himself useful to them as much as in him lies; but, not being able to obtain the consent of his family to serve in a foreign country and to cross the ocean, except on the condition that he should go as a general officer, I have believed that I could not serve my country and my superiors better than by granting to him, in the name of the very honorable Congress, the rank of major-general, which I beg the States to confirm and ratify, and to send forward his commission to enable him to take and hold rank, counting from to-day, with the general officers of the same grade. His high birth, his connections, the great dignities held by his family at this court, his considerable possessions in this kingdom, his personal merit, his reputation, his disinterestedness, and, above all, his zeal for the freedom of our colonies have alone been able to induce me to make this promise of the said rank of major-general, in the name of the said United States. In witness of which I have signed these presents, done at Paris this seventh of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-six.

"To the above conditions I agree, and promise to start when and how Mr. Deane shall judge it proper, to serve the said States with all possible zeal, with no allowance nor private salary, reserving to myself only the right to return to Europe whenever my family or my king shall recall me. Done at Paris, this seventh day of October, 1776.

[Signed] "THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE.

The agreement between Deane and De Kalb was written in English, as follows :

"*Baron De Kalb's Contract.*—Le Baron de Kalb being advised by some Generals of the highest reputation and by several other Noblemen of the first rank in this realm, to serve the cause of Liberty in America, he accordingly offers his services to the most honorable Congress, on the following terms :

"1st. To be made a Major General of the American troops at the appointments of the Major Generals in that Service, with all other perqui-



sites belonging to that Rank, besides a particular sum to be allowed to him annually, which he will not determine, but rely on it for the Congress, hoping they will consider the difference there is, between their own Countrymen, who are in duty bound to defend their all, and a foreigner who out of his own accord offers his time, sets aside his family affairs to hazard his life for the American Liberties. The said appointments to begin from this day November the seventh—1776.

"2nd. That Mr. Deane will furnish him presently & before embarking with a sum of twelve thousand livres french-money, namely 6000 to be considered and given as a gratification for the necessary expenses attending such an Errant, and the other 6000 as an advance upon his appointments.

"3rd. That Capt Dubois martin and another Gentleman who Le Baron de Kalb Shall nominate in time, may be agreed as majors to be his aid de Camps at the appointments of American officers of the Same Rank, and the sum of 3000, or at least 2400, be paid to each of them presently or before embarking, the half of which as a gratification, & the other half as an advance, the said appointments beginning too from this day.

"4th. That in case the Peace was made at their Landing in America, or that the Congress would not grant these demands, and ratify the present agreement, or that the Baron de Kalb himself should on any other account & at any time incline to return to Europe, that he be allowed to do so, and besides be furnish with a sufficient sum of money for the Expenses of his coming back.

"On the above Conditions, I engage and promise to serve the American States to the utmost of my abilities, to acknowledge the authority and every act of the most honorable Congress, be faithful to the Country as if my own, obey to Superiors committed by that Lawfull Power, and be from this very day at the disposal of Mr. Deane for my embarkation and in such vessel and harbour as he shall think fit. Witness my hand, in Paris November ye seventh in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy six.

[Signed] "DE KALB.

"Recd. of Silas Deane at Paris Novr. 22nd 1776 Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Livs. on acct. of the above.

[Signed] "DE KALB.

"N B paid 8800 in Cash.

"&—8000 by a Bill on Messrs. Delape."

Mr. Deane died in 1789, since fully vindicated from all the aspersions of his enemies. His services to the cause of his country can scarcely be overestimated.

#### NORWICH.

**St. James' Lodge,<sup>1</sup> No. 23, F. and A. M.,** was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, May 18, A.L. 5793. Communications were held in the town of Preston till A.L. 5846, when it appears on the records that "The Brethren deeming it inexpedient to try to keep up the organization of the Lodge any longer sent information to the Grand Lodge, and they sent a Committee, who took the charter, jewels, and implements and placed them in the hands of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut;" and the signature of E. G. Storer, G. S. of the State of Connecticut, appears on the records.

St. James' Lodge was resuscitated Sept. 12, A.L. 5872, under authority of Luke A. Lockwood, G. M., who appointed W. M. John W. Stedman, of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, to present the dispensation, and the original charter was regrantd June 16, A.L. 5873.

Meetings were held with the other Masonic bodies, in Masonic Hall, Norwich, till A.L. 5876, when they moved to their present lodge-room in the Bank Building, on Shetucket Street.

The charter members of the lodge upon its reorgani-

<sup>1</sup> Contributed by A. S. Comstock.

zation were H. Hobart Roath, H. Clay Albro, S. Alpheus Gilbert, Allen Tenny, P. St. M. Andrews, A. D. Smith, C. H. Dillaby, Nathan S. Gilbert, James Kirker, I. W. Carpenter, George W. Miller, Costello Lippitt, J. L. W. Huntington, Charles Webb, Hugh H. Osgood, W. H. Hovey, John Irish, and Ansel A. Beckwilt.

Rufus M. Ladd was the first Master; Joseph J. Wait, first S. W.; and John L. Devotion, first J. W.

The Masters since that time have been as follows: Joseph J. Wait, John L. Devotion, S. Alpheus Gilbert, George W. Miller, Gilbert L. Hewitt, and Albert S. Comstock.

The present officers are Albert S. Comstock, W. M.; Ashbel W. Fitch, S. W.; Henry L. Bennett, J. W.; Rees D. Jones, Treas.; Charles C. Walker, Sec.; Irving N. Gifford, S. D.; John C. Averill, J. D.; Samuel B. Case, Jr., S. S.; James L. Coffee, J. S.; Albert D. Smith, Marshal; William H. Dudley, Organist; H. Clay Albro, Tyler.

#### POSTMASTERS.

The following is a list of postmasters of Norwich and Norwich Town since 1854. (See page 313.)

**Norwich.**—John W. Stedman, Henry H. Starkweather, Charles M. Coit, and E. George Bidwell, the present incumbent.

**Norwich Town.**—Henry B. Tracy, Charles Smith, Jabez S. Lathrop, George D. Fuller, and John Manning.

#### ADDITION TO BIOGRAPHY OF H. L. JOHNSON, OF JEWETT CITY.

The following are the names of the children of George Tyler and wife: Frank J. Tyler, Fred. C. Tyler, John B. Tyler, Kate B. Tyler, Lucius S. Tyler, Charles T. Tyler, Florence L. Tyler.

Henry Johnson married Carrie D. Howe in December, 1868, in New York City; no children. Married again in June, 1873, to Carrie F. Leeds, of Staten Island, N. Y. Children: Leeds Johnson, born April 16, 1875; Larned Johnson, Dec. 25, 1879. Entered Yale College, 1856; graduated, 1860. Entered the army as lieutenant in Fifth Connecticut Regiment, July, 1861. Was soon after transferred to the United States Signal Corps, in which he served about one year. Was appointed and accepted a position as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Terry. In 1863 he was appointed an assistant adjutant-general of volunteers, with rank of captain. Retired from the army in 1865. In 1868 he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and began the business of banking, which he still follows.

In the Mathewson family notices, George Ross should be George A. Ross; Mira should be Almira J.

#### ERRATUM.

Lammon, on page 41, first line, should read Lanman.

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