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Mrs. Knox died in 1812, at the age of 28; and he next married, in 1818, Martha, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Pynchon) Keeler, of Norwalk, born July, 1783.

In 1840 he removed to Troy, New York, and died there on August 8, 1858, in his 77th year.

His children (by his first wife) were two sons, of whom the younger died in infancy.

His strong religious feeling and great taste for reading were prominent traits of his character.

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PRENTICE LAW, the seventh son of Judge Richard Law (Yale 1751), of New London, Connecticut, was born on April 15, 1779.

He was esteemed as a young man of talents and promise. He at first studied law and settled in North Carolina, but on July 1, 1808, received the commission of Captain in the 3d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, which he held at his death.

He died at Washington, the capital of Mississippi Territory (near Natchez), on May 11, 1811, aged 32 years.

## AUTHORITIES.

Binney, Prentice Family, 2d ed., Notes, 111. Starr, The Repository, 284. Gardner, Dictionary of U. S. iii, 219. Army, 272. T. P. Hall, Genealogical

ELISHA PHELPS, the fourth son of General Noah Phelps, of Simsbury, Connecticut, was born in Simsbury on November 16, 1779. A brother was graduated here in 1783.

He studied law in the Litchfield Law School, was admitted to the Hartford County bar in 1803, and settled in practice in his native town.

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He early became politically prominent as a Democrat, and represented Simsbury in the Legislature in ten sessions between 1807 and 1835. He served as Clerk of the House in May, 1818, and as Speaker in 1821 and 1829. He was a member of Congress from 1819 to 1821, and again from 1825 to 1829. He served for three terms, 1822–24, in the State Senate, and was ex officio a member of the Yale Corporation from 1823 to 1825. He was elected State Comptroller for the four years, 1830–34, and a commissioner to revise and codify the State laws in 1835.

He died in Simsbury on April 6, 1847, in his 68th year. He married, in 1818, Lucy, daughter of John Smith, of Middletown, who died two weeks after her husband, on April 19, 1847, in her 55th year.

They left one son and two daughters, besides two sons who died in infancy. The son (Trinity Coll. 1832) served in Congress for nearly twenty years, and was Governor of Missouri for six years. Henry C. Eno (Yale 1860), John C. Eno (Yale 1869), and William P. Eno (Yale 1882) are grandchildren.

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Lewis St. John, the youngest child of Timothy St. John, of Kent, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Eunice (Hayes) St. John, of Norwalk, was born in Kent on September 17, 1782. His mother was Anna, daughter of Aaron and Jemima (Hall) Barnum, of Kent.

He spent his life in his native town. He was the first Clerk of the Episcopal parish which was organized in Kent in 1808.

He died in Kent on April 9, 1821, in his 39th year.

He married on November 10, 1805, Mary Hopson Swift, who survived him, with a young family.