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OF
JONATHAN TOWLE

1747-1822

OF
HAMPTON AND PITTSFIELD, N. H.

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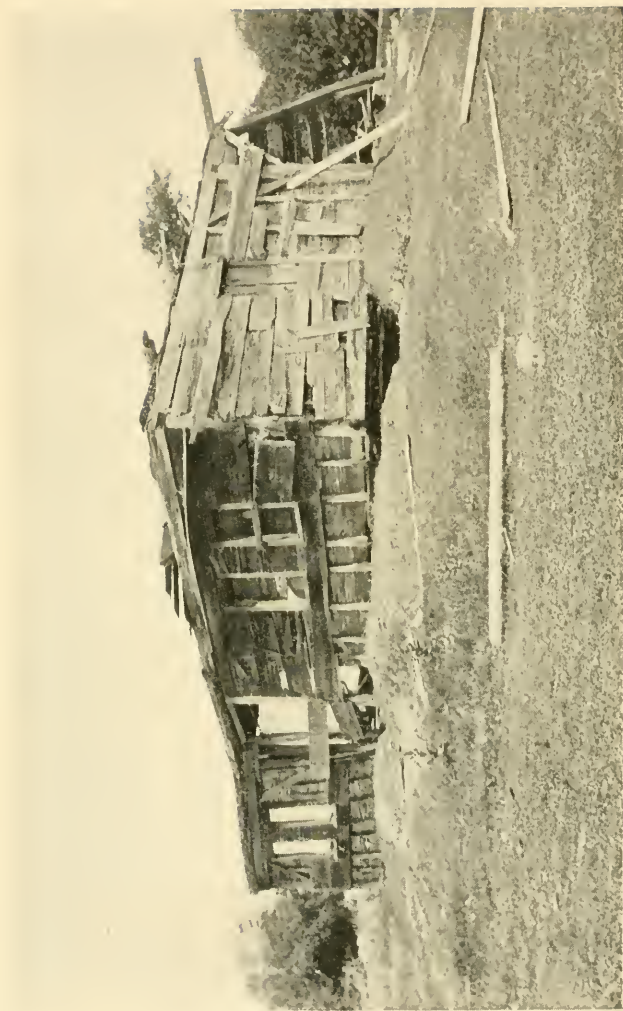
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RUINS OF THE JONATHAN TOWLE HOMESTEAD IN PITTSFIELD, N. H.

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PUBLISHERS' PREFACE.

In this volume no attempt has been made to trace out the descendants of Philip other than to give a short sketch of his son Joseph, his grandson James, and his great-grandson Jonathan, the latter being the direct ancestor of all those genealogically treated herein.

From this point full account is taken of all descendants so far as known. Few can appreciate the amount of labor incident to collecting and piecing together so many names and records. The patience, energy, and persistence employed have been beyond measure.

The direct origin of the present volume lay in the fact that the town of Pittsfield, where Jonathan lived and died, was planning to publish a town history; the historian, Henry L. Robinson, agreeing to insert the complete genealogy of the Jonathan Towle branch, if same were furnished him. The historian however was taken sick, and the publication of the history indefinitely postponed.

To Alvin F. Towle (340) and John M. Moses (358) had fallen the task of preparing the genealogy, and they determined to publish a small volume, so that a portion of their labors at least would not be lost. This was the inception of the present work. Later the present publishers became interested, the scope of the work was increased, and its treatment elaborated. Many illustrations appear in the present work, and it is believed that the book will prove eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

Many of the original facts were gathered by Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Towle, of Northwood Narrows, who later

turned same over to Alvin F. Towle when he began his labors. Perhaps the most valuable source of information however, was the collection of papers and document so carefully preserved by Jonathan's daughter, Nancy (43). These, with many other interesting relics, came into the possession of Alvin F. Towle, and have proved invaluable in collating the data for the present work.

So many others have assisted the compilers in gathering and furnishing information that it is hard to single out those most deserving of praise. Special mention might however be made of Caroline Calkins (253), Mary Frank Towle (283), and Rhoda Isabel Knowlton (201).

The publishers hope that the present volume may meet with so favorable a reception that they may feel warranted in continuing their labors, and later presenting an enlarged edition of the work, tracing out branches of the family other than the immediate descendants of Jonathan.

PART I.

EXPLANATORY.

This Genealogy has been divided into four sections for greater convenience in handling the subject. First, there is a series of six tables, which give in condensed form the main facts relating to Jonathan and his five children, Molly, Huldah, Jonathan, Daniel, and James. Part Two contains the historical chapters, Part Three the Genealogy proper, and Part Four a copious index.

In the tables, and indeed throughout the book, Roman capitals have been used to denote generation of descent from the original settler—Philip (I), Joseph (II), James (III), Jonathan (IV), etc. In second and last columns appear key numbers; these belong to the individual, and are used for one person only. In the tables all the members of one generation are treated before another is begun. In Part Three the same rules apply. All records follow in numerical order, and the same numbers apply as in the tables.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP TOWLE.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
I.	1	1616-1696	Philip	Isabella Austin	1657	Philip Caleb Joshua Mary JOSEPH Benjamin Francis John Caleb, 2d	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
II.	2	1669-1757	Joseph	Mehetabel Hobbs	1693	John Joseph JAMES Mary Jonathan Mehetabel Amos	12 13 3 14 15 16 17
III.	3	1698-1756	James	Sarah Hobbs Keziah Perkins	1731 1725	Mary Mehetabel Anna Huldah Abr. Perkins James JONATHAN	18 19 20 21 22 23 24

DESCENDANTS OF MOLLIE (TOWLE) GOSS (36).

DAUGHTER OF JONATHAN (24).

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
V.	36	1774-1853	Molly (Towle) Goss	Joseph Goss	1802	Miriam Delia H. Huldah Hannah Jonathan David T. Daniel Towle	44 45 46 47 48 49 50
VI.	45	1804-1883	Delia H. Goss	Richard F. Emerson son	1823	Martha Ann Abigail F. Huldah G. Joseph Morrill Daniel S. Clarissa J. Rich'd Jackson David Goss Ebenezer K. Fannie G. Isabel Francena Charles G. Charles Tenney	51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

VI.	49	1809-1891	David T. Goss	Fannie Robie Mary J. Norton	1861	John Norton	64
VI.	50	1811-1895	Daniel Towle Goss	Abbie Weld George	1839	Theresa L. James Moses Abbie Bodwell Daniel Richmond	65 66 67 68
VII.	51	1823—	Martha Ann Emerson son	Leonard Babb	1843	Leonard P. Solomon Sarah E. Richard E. Joseph D. Charles H. George M. Sarah A. John K. Mary L.	69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
VII.	52	1825—	Abigail F. Emerson	Albert Knight	1847	Sarah Frances	79
VII.	53	1827-1883	Huldah G. Emerson	Daniel R. Brown	1847	Benj. Franklin Melissa J. Lorenzo L. Clara Frances	80 81 82 83
VII.	54	1829—	Joseph M. Emerson	Nancy S. Durgin	1862	Eva May Ahmeda Josephine Alfaretta Leroy	84 85 86 87 88

DESCENDANTS OF MOLLIE (TOWLE) GOSS (36).--Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VII.	55	1831-1866	Daniel S. Emerson	Hannah G. Bickford	—	Edville Everett B. Fred A.	89 90 91
VII.	56	1833---	Clarissa J. Emerson	Wm. M. Kelley	1853	Abbie F. William W. John W. True W. Dyer W. Miles K. Abbie F.	92 93 94 95 96 97 98
VII.	57	1835---	Richard J. Emerson	Sarah E. Nutt	1858	Ida Amanda Mattie Anna Flora Esther Andrew Jackson	99 100 101 102
VII.	58	1838---	David G. Emerson	Ellen M. Lynn	1869	Alice D. Nelson	103 104
VII.	59	1840---	Ebenezer K. Emerson son	Viola W. Hodgdon	1870	Cora Maud James K. George R. Viola Janie Viva Gertrude Lucy Ellen	105 106 107 108 109 110

VII.	60	1842-1901	Fanny G. Emerson	Wm. A. Jones	1859	John Fremont	111
				James F. Bunker	1865	Phebe	112
						John	113
						George	114
						Milan W.	115
VII.	61	1844—	Isabel F. Emerson	David M. Emerson	1862	Natt	116
						Mattie	117
						Cyrus W.	118
						Herbert O.	119
						Ada Bertha	120
VII.	64	1862—	John Norton Goss	Nettie Belle French	1891	Willie S.	121
	65	1841—	Theresa L. Goss	Daniel L. Getchell	1863	Georgie D.	122
VII.	67	1847-1869	Abbie Bodwell Goss	James K. Qusted	1866	Ada Florence	123
VII.	68	1850—	Daniel Richmond Goss	Nettie Sholtz	1873	James Fred	124
						Abbie Lillian	125
						Fred Richmond	126

DESCENDANTS OF HULDAH (TOWLE) CHASE (37).

DAUGHTER OF JONATHAN (24).

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
V.	37	1775-1858	Huldah (Towle) Chase	Asa Chase	1799	Elihu Sarah Hannah Jonathan Asa, Jr. Mahala	127 128 129 130 131 132
VI.	127	1800-1886	Elihu	Betsey Russell	1822	Betsey Ann Hosea Belu Daniel Elihu Franklin	133 134 135 136
VI.	128	1802-1874	Sarah	Nathan S. Trow	1827	Elihu Chase Anthony C.	137 138
VI.	130	1806-1835	Jonathan	Mary Messer	—	Asa, 3d Martha Jane Caroline	139 140 141
VI.	131	1812-1882	Asa, Jr.	Mary Ann Abbott	1836	Marshall Train Willard Winter James Alvin	142 143 144
VI.	132	1817-1900	Mahala	Amasa S. Abbott	1835	Diantha Maryett	145 146

VII.	133	1825—	Betsey Ann	Seth C. Sargent	1845	Elon Galusha Elbra Betsey	147 148
VII.	134	1826—	Hosea Belu	Eveline Kidder	1852	Waldo Sumner Heb't Anders'n Olin Hosea	149 150 151
VII.	136	1833-1883	Elihu Franklin	Emma M. Sherman	1859	Beecher Elihu Burrett Russell Althea Martha Bertha	152 153 154 155 156 157
VII.	137	1828-1895	Elihu C. Trow	Caroline S. Amerine	1882		
				Celestia Colby	1858	Adell Celestia Frank Elihu Effie Oreithia Charles	158 159 160 161
				Orinda L. Wiggins	1862	Arthur Wyatt Owen Smith Sanford Tanner Sarah Eliz'beth Ida May Hattie Amanda Emmogene Diantha Mattie Lucretia Viola Fay Anthony	162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172
VII.	138	1833—	Anthony C. Trow				

DESCENDANTS OF HULDAH (TOWLE) CHASE (37).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VII.	140	1830-1857	Martha Jane	Stephen Gay	—	Harry Webster	173
VII.	142	1837—	Marshall Train	Betsey Ann Roby	1873		
VII.	143	1839—	Willard Winter	Laura Ann Morgan	1870	Dura Alfred	174
VII.	144	1841-1886	James Alvin	Betsey A. Smith	1868	Grace Bell Nellie May Arthur Em'rs'n	175 176 177

DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).

SON OF JONATHAN (24).

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
V.	38	1777-1860	Jonathan	Polly (Darling) Soule	1806	James John Darling Jonathan P. Samuel William Soule Theodore M.	178 179 180 181 182 183
VI.	178	1807-1876	James	Lozira W. French	1865		
VI.	179	1809-1894	John Darling	Patience Dow	1833	Joseph Soule Arthur C. Martha M. Mary John Nelson Martin R. Eva Lewella	184 185 186 187 188 189 190
VI.	180	1811-1881	Jonathan Perkins	Eliza Heath	1836	Joshua Soule Henry Martin James Martin Hannah Collier Eliza Jane Sarah Ella	191 192 193 194 195 196

DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VI.	181	1813-1892	Samuel	Martha Norton	1843	James K. Nelson Rachel Martha Norton	197 198 199 200
VI.	182	1816-1885	William Soule	Sarah Will	1858		
VI.	183	1818-1872	Theodore Marston	Rhoda Carson	1852	Rhoda Isabel	201
VII.	186	1836-1871	Martha Melissa	Mary A. Daisy Noah Ball	1853 1863		
VII.	187	1838—	Mary	Lucius Bingham	1862	Charles H. Patience D.	202 203
						George Leonina Patience Carrie Edith John Elisha Fred Lucius Wallace C.	204 205 206 207 208 209
VII.	189	1848—	Martin Richardson	Julia F. Sumner	1871	Lusenie A. Daisy Ezilla John Edgar Mintie Murne Venetta D. Murne Martin*	210 211 212 213 214 215

* Adopted.

VII.	190	1858—	Eva Lewella	Thomas Wood	1877	John William Vivian Mae Lillian Charlie Elmer	216 217 218 219
VII.	191	1837—	Joshua Soule	Betsey Ann Horn	1857	Emma Belzora Wm. Lincoln Minnie J. Addie Millie	220 221 222 223
VII.	194	1842—	Hannah Colier	Joshua C. Vining	1870	Blanche Latitia Myrtle Reliance	224 225
VII.	195	1846—	Eliza Jane	Samuel J. Stoughton	1871	Rhoda Pernilla George Henry Mary Drusilla James Orvill Eliza Belle Ella Melinda Jessie Hannah	226 227 228 229 230 231 232
VII.	196	1849—	Sarah Ella	William W. Howe	1867	Hannah Ella Archie Enos Abbie Florence Mina Bell Elijah Jonathan	233 234 235 236 237
VII.	197	1844-1875	James K.	Harriet F. Thomas	1868	James Frank Winnie Etta Rhupurt Lee	238 239 240

DESCENDENTS OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VII.	199	1847-1878	Rachel	Franklin P. Barnes	1869	James Frank	241
VII.	200	1857----	Martha Norton	Franklin P. Barnes	1879		
VII.	201	1855----	Rhoda Isabel	Samuel F. Knowl- ton	1875	Ralph William Claire Mabel Earle Francis	242 243 244

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL TOWLE (39).

SON OF JONATHAN (24)

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
V.	39	1779-1831	Daniel	Mary Ladd	1807	Jos Daniel Hiram David David Ladd Melinda Nickerson Stephen Marston Geo. Washington Caroline Benj. Franklin	245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254
VI.	245	1809-1895	Jos	Paulina Bradford	1832	Daniel Mary Ann Alvira Amanda Benj. Harrison Alfred Bradford Christopher Columbus	255 256 257 258 259 260
VI.	246	1810-1874	Daniel	Electa Higgins	1833	Clarinda Miller Daniel Higgins Emma	261 262 263

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL TOWLE (39).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VI.	247	1813-1846	Hiram	Betsey Wheeler	1835	Charles Wesley LaforestVeldessa Hiram Spencer Arvesta Elizabeth	264 265 266 267
VI.	249	1817-1867	David Ladd	Susan S. Wright	1847	Mary Frank Emma Ladd Corabel Hattie Libby CharlesSumner	268 269 270 271 272
VI.	250	1819-1877	Melinda Nickerson	Adams B. Downs	1850		
VI.	251	1822-1894	Stephen Marston	Lucy Payne Jane E. Brooks	— 1876	Curtis Fred WarrenHathaway Fred Calkins	273 274 275 276
VI.	252	1823-1896	George Washington	Mary L. Whelpley	1853	Susan Gibbs Mary Frances Geo. Whelpley Frank McDonald	277 278 279 280

VI.	253	1826—	Caroline	Charles W. Calkins	1853	Charles Wesley Frederick Walter	281 282
VI.	254	1831-1876	Benjamin Franklin	Hannah S. Rollins	1853	Mary Frances Frank Fremont Cora Augusta George Marshall Hannibal Sherman Sarah Belle Arthur Brown Myra Maud Nellie Blanche Benj. Frye	283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292
VI.	255	1833—	Daniel	Sarah M. Cushman	1869	Ralph Jerome	293
VII.	258	1841—	Benjamin Harrison	Mary Craig	1875	Jesse Craig Alfred Bradford Timothy Benjamin Mary	294 295 296 297
VII.	261	1834-1901	Clarinda Miller	Edw. K. Hitchcock	1854	Alfred	298
VII.	262	1841—	Daniel Higgins	Amanda Smith Ellsworth	1864	Emma Electa Lena Miriam Gertrude May Merton David Neal Crandall	299 300 301 302 303
				Mary A. Crandall	1884		

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL TOWLE (39).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VII.	265	1839-1901	Laforest Veldessa	Mary E. Estes	1865	Charles Melvin Clara Louise Hiram Edgar Myron Laforest	304 305 306 307
VII.	266	1841-1875	Hiram Spencer	Olive P. Stevens	1866	Frank Wheeler	308
VII.	267	1844-1874	Arvesta Elizabeth	Levi W. Stevens	1871		
VII.	268	1848-1881	Mary Frank	Charles H. Meserve	1870	Edwin Seavey Mabel Frank	309 310
VII.	270	1857—	Corabel	James W. Winslow	1883	Margaret Emerson Jas. Wallace, Jr.	311 312
VII.	271	1859-1887	Hattie Libby	Charles A. Holden	1880	Elizabeth Sumner Charles Alice Constance	313 314 315
VII.	272	1863—	Charles Sumner	Hattie S. Latham	1887	Helen Shepard Grace Nash Doris Wright	316 317 318
VII.	277	1854—	Susan Gibbs	Chas. A. Baurhyte Henry A. Pellet	1877 1890	Edith Angus Marion Louise	319 320

VII.	282	1856—	Frederick Walter Calkins	Alice I. Burpee	1885	Frederick Walter Chas. Rendell Harold Alice Elizabeth	321 322 323 324
VII.	284	1856—	Frank Fremont	Frances D. Libby	1896	Gladys Merrill	325
VII.	286	1860—	George Marshall	Eleanor G. Decker	1886		
VII.	289	1869—	Arthur Brown	Matilda Hartshorn	1898	MarionBlanche	326
VII.	292	1876—	Benjamin Frye	Isabel PorterHowes	1903		

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES TOWLE (40).

SON OF JONATHAN (24).

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
V.	40	1781-1813	James	Polly Marston	1808	Robey Marston Samuel	327 328
VI.	327	1809-1887	Robey Marston	Abigail Nelson	1829	Samuel Nelson Benj. Franklin Hannah Drake Mary Abigail James Robey George Henry Daniel Lewis Rebecca Ann Sarah Orilla Victoria	329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338
VI.	328	1811-1872	Samuel	Betsey Snell	1835	Angeline Alvina Alvin Freeman Louisa Hannah	339 340 341
VII.	329	1830-1882	Samuel Nelson	Martha A. Bickford Eliz. L. Huckins	1853	Albert Wilder Martha Ellen John Gardner Alice Lois*	342 343 344 345

* Adopted.

VII.	330	1831-1901	Benjamin Franklin	Martha A. Swain	1852	Edwin Frank'n Julia Ann Nellie Jane Elmer Ellsw'th Mary Abbie Charles Robey William Henry	346 347 348 349 350 351 352
VII.	331	1832—	Hannah Drake	Rosa I. Eaton James C. Yeaton	1896 1856	Samuel Robey Elizabeth Hall Mary Abigail Nettie Anne James Henry	353 354 355 356 357
VII.	332	1834—	Mary Abigail	Mark S. Moses Rev. George Smith	1854 1868	John M. Moses Cyrus S. Moses *Geo. Cyrus Smith	358 359 360
VII.	333	1836—	James Robey	Mary M. Norcross Charlotte E. Butler	1858 1890	Charles Fred James Arthur	361 362
VII.	334	1839—	Dr. George Henry	Panthea P. B. Tucker Annie M. Chase	1863 1899	Edith Lenora James Burton Etta Frances George Henry	363 364 365 366

* Name changed May 4, 1892, to George Charles Selden.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES TOWLE (40).—Continued.

Gen.	Key No.	Birth and Death.	NAME.	MARRIED.	Date of Marriage.	CHILDREN.	Key No.
VII.	335	1841—	Daniel Lewis	Anna C. Hill	1862	Mabel Sarah Estelle Matilda Flora Bertha	367 368 369
VII.	336	1842—	Rebecca Ann	Sarah M. Ransom Amelia Jackman Orrin A. Palmer	1895 1901 1867	Angie May Evie Lula Minnie Orilla Winnie Victoria	370 371 372 373
VII.	339	1838—	Angeline Alvina	Charles C. Rogers	1869		
VII.	340	1842—	Alvin Freeman	Francena Floyd Stockman	1865	Herb't Clarence Hattie Belle Arthur Daniel	374 375 376

PART II.

HISTORICAL.



GEORGE CHARLES SELDEN

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GREAT GRANDSON OF
JAMES TOWLE
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CHAPTER I.

THE O'TOOLE FAMILY IN IRELAND.

BY GEORGE CHARLES SELDEN (360).

THE O'TOOLES and the O'Briens are the two Irish families most famed in song and story. Genealogical records were preserved among the early Irish with unusual care, and the achievements of ancient heroes were handed down from generation to generation much like Homer's *Iliad* among the Greeks. The chronology of these records is, however, very uncertain. Father Murphy, in the *Journal of County Kildare*, Vol. II., 1896-9, has attempted to trace the ancestry of the O'Tooles back to Ugaine, who is alleged to have died in 570 B. C., after having been "head-king" of Ireland for 40 years. It is hardly possible that any one had much control over the savage tribes which inhabited Ireland at that date, but it may have been that other chiefs acknowledged his supremacy in some fashion or other. An old poem says that Ugaine had 25 children and divided his kingdom among them equally, but as to the accuracy of this statement some misgivings are naturally felt.

The name which subsequently distinguished the tribe first makes its appearance in King Tuathal I. (pronounced Twawhl), who is said to have been 26th in descent from Ugaine, and, according to the chronology of Irish historians, began his reign in 79 A. D. The story is that one of the various factions into which Ireland had always been divided had deposed and slain his father, and Tuathal was born after his father's death. Thereafter many evils fell upon the kingdom, and at length the druids told the people that the old line of kings must be restored. So Tuathal was made king, being then 25 years old. He vigorously attacked his father's ancient enemies, and a civil war ensued in which he was entirely successful, winning, it is said, 25 battles. He is alleged to have combined the various tribes, built four capitals and established a great fair, which continues to this day.

It is related that he had two daughters, the eldest of whom he gave in marriage to a subordinate chieftain, the king of Leinster. Subsequently the chief returned and said that his wife was dead, and asked for the hand of the younger daughter. The marriage was celebrated with great pomp and the happy pair departed for Leinster. But what was the shame and horror of the younger daughter, on arriving at the chief's home, to find her sister alive and well. When King Tuathal heard this he was very angry, and, raising a large army, he marched into Leinster, rescued both his daughters, slew the chief and threatened to

lay waste the entire province. However, he finally contented himself with assessing a special annual tax on the inhabitants, which they continued to pay till many years after his death.

King Tuathal, it is said, reigned 30 years and was called Tectmar, meaning welcome, because of the wonderful prosperity of Ireland during his time, and the people swore that he and his descendants should reign forever. His monument is still pointed out near Carndo, Kilwaughter Parish. Many other interesting facts concerning him are related in Dr. Keating's History of Ireland.

Fifth after Tuathal the Irish historians place Cathair Mor, from whom, it is said, descended nearly all the kings of Leinster till the English invasion. Another Tuathal was a famous and warlike king about 915 A. D., according to the usual chronology, and his descendants took the name O'Toole, being now landed proprietors. The spelling at first was Ua Tuathail (pronounced something like O'Twaw'oihl).

In 1162 Lawrence O'Toole, a priest, gathered together, by his efforts and exhortations, a large army, sometimes estimated to have contained 60,000 men, to resist the Anglo-Saxon invaders; and from this point onward the history of the clan is more definitely known. He was canonized by the pope in 1225, and became St. Lawrence O'Toole. However, the English gradually eneroached upon the ancient Irish domains, forcing the earlier race back into the mountains. It is

related that on Easter Monday, 1209, the O'Briens and O'Tooles fell upon a crowd of Dublin citizens at Cullen's wood and slew 300. The O'Tooles long resisted the invaders with great stubbornness. They had territory in the southern half of County Kildare, but about 1172 were driven into Inail, in the present county of Wicklow. Their chiefs' residences were O'Toole's Castle, now Talbot's Town, in Inail, and Power's Court, in County Wicklow.

Fealan O'Toole, Lord of Hy Murray, died in 1260. John, Count O'Toole, married a daughter of Richard, 6th Earl of Anglesey. The present representative of the title among the peerage is the family of Hall of Hollybush. Lawrence K. O'Toole, Hollybush, County of Derby, was living at the date of the latest records consulted.

The arms of the O'Tooles are given by Burke as "Gules, a lion passant argent—Crest, a boar passant proper," meaning a silver lion on a red field, surmounted by a boar in natural colors.

After the English conquest of Ireland was complete, the great family of O'Tooles gradually scattered, intermarried, and to a great extent disintegrated. The name is found as Toole, O'Tole, O'Towle, and Towle*—thus showing a tendency to return to the "w" sound. Many emigrated to England, and later on to the colonies and the United States.

*Similarly, O'Brien is found as Brian, Bryan, O'Bryan, etc.



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CHAPTER II.

THE TOWLES OF HAMPTON, N. H.

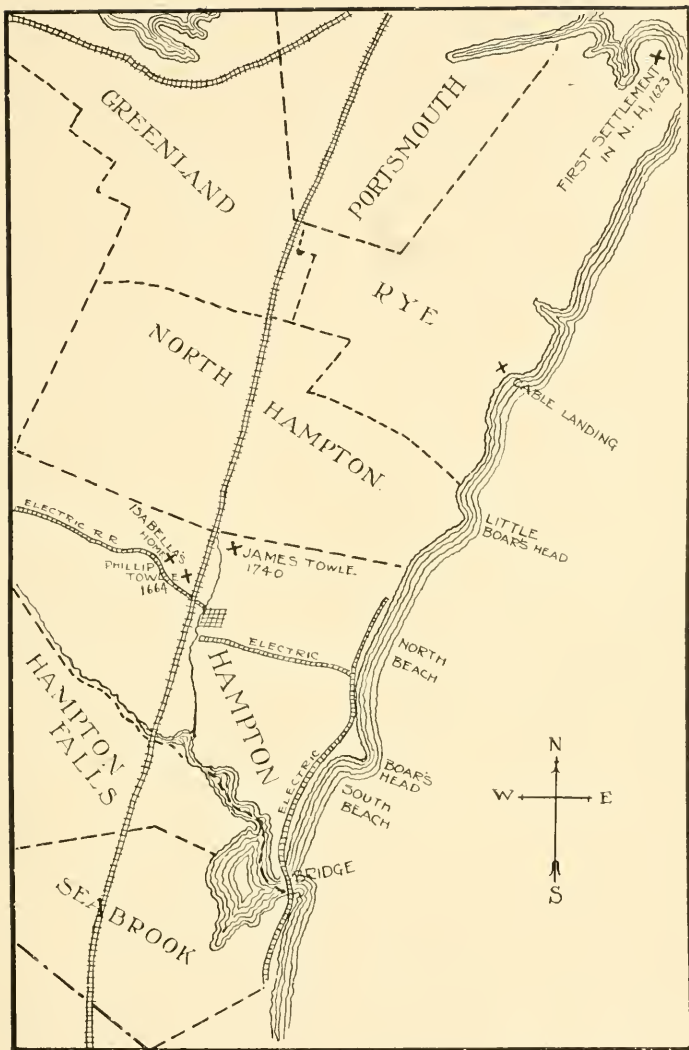
BY JOHN M. MOSES (358).

PHILIP TOWLE (1) of Hampton* was the patriarch of the Towles of this country. The land of his nativity is not known, nor the date of his emigration to America. We first find him among, and intermarried with, the English. The name Towle, however, is undoubtedly of Irish origin, and Philip is said to have displayed Irish characteristics and to have so impressed them on his neighborhood that it has been called Ireland ever since,—a fact which has not interfered with its prosperity, for it is now the business center of the village.

*Hampton, N. H., is a popular beach resort on the Eastern Division of the Boston and Maine R. R., reached also by electric from the nearest cities. Population in 1900, 1209. The land is level, intersected by marshes and bordered on the south by an immense tract of salt marsh. The place was settled Oct. 14, 1638, by Rev. Stephen Bachiler and others, and was named for Southampton, England, then called Hampton. The Towles of our line, after the first generation, all lived north of the village on the old post road, over which the stage ran from Portsmouth, N. H., to Boston, making its first trip one Monday in May, 1761. We may imagine our ancestor Jonathan (24), then thirteen years old, among the urchins that gazed on the new wonder on that occasion. Eighty years later the railroad came, passing a little to the west of the road, but crossing it almost in front of Jonathan's father's home, then occupied by Abraham's son, James (29). In 1844 the town obtained an overhead bridge at this point. The land of the farm is here seen on both sides of the railroad. The home farm contained 100 acres, and there were 100 more in lots in North Hampton.

He was in Hampton as early as Nov. 19, 1657, on which date he was married to Isabella Austin. April 15, 1664, he bought land which is still owned by his descendants. His deed was from the Rev. John Wheelwright, the founder of Exeter, who had been third pastor in Hampton. The land is described as follows: "one messuage, or dwelling-house, with the other out-housing thereunto belonging; as also a house Lott adjoining thereunto, containing by estimaecon seven acres and a halfe more or less (being formerly the house and land of Henry Ambrose) butting upon the highway leading to Exeter with one end, and with the other upon the land of John Marian, lijng between the lands of the sayd John Marian on the west and the land of Jasper Blake easterly." There were also deeded to him about seventy acres in outlying lands and some shares in common lands.

He does not seem to have been prominent in town affairs, so far as appears from the records. On one occasion he and five others "for taking tobacko neare ye meetinghouse in ye face of ye court, were fined each of them ten shillings according to law." The law was an act of the town meeting Feb. 14, 1676, recorded as follows: "To prvent Danger by fire itt is ordered thatt if any prson shall take any tobaco, or Carrie any fire or make use of any fire in the new meeting House or the fort yard, they shall forfitt ten shillings for Every such offense, the one Halfe to the Informer & the other Halfe to the Towne." Philip was at this time about sixty years old.



THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COAST.

Scale, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the inch.

Isabella's home was on the same street a little to the west, on the place marked in the N. H. Atlas of 1892 "J. C. Marston." Her father died while she was young and her mother soon married Thomas Leavitt of Exeter, who came and lived on her place. Isabella had sisters Jemima and Keziah. Jemima married John Knowles, the first of his family in Hampton, and Keziah married a Tucker.

Isabella was once a victim of persecution for witchcraft. She and Rachel Fuller were accused in the summer of 1680. Rachel confessed and accused Isabella. Both were committed to prison where they remained till the sitting of the Hampton court, Sept. 7. Then "The Court having heard ye case of Rachel Fuller and Isabel Towle, being apprehended and committed upon suspition of witchcraft, doe ordr yt they still continue in prisson till bond be given for their good behaviour of £100 a piece during the Court's pleasure."* John Fuller became bondsman for his wife, and Isaac Marston and John Redman for Isabella.

* The phenomena of witchcraft will be easier of comprehension if we consider the character of the theology and preaching — the manner of life, the idea of God and of the destiny of man — that were most rigorously inculcated in those days. Read Wigglesworth's "Day of Doom" and some of the sermons still extant, of which they endured two or three every Sunday. Is it any wonder that some persons concluded they were on the Devil's side, and even conceived themselves to be in as intimate relations with the demoniac powers as others claimed to be with the divine spirit? Witchcraft was easy to charge, and no doubt most of the accusations were malicious. Yet some confessed and seem to have believed themselves witches. The real witch was probably a woman of genius with a gift of prophecy, and perhaps sometimes something of the clairvoyant power. Her neighbors could not understand her. Perceiving her predictions come true, especially those of evil, they concluded that she must effect their fulfilment by the aid of preternatural and demoniac power.

They were discharged at the Dover court the next year. Probably Philip was not able to give the required \$500 bond. The hardship of this imprisonment will be realized when it is considered that Isabella was the mother of eight children from two years of age upward.

These are about all the facts that have come down to us about our first American ancestors of the Towle name. Philip seems to have gained no special distinction, while Isabella suffered some disesteem.* They were probably strong and hardy people and laid the foundation of the vitality and vigor that have characterized their descendants. This may be inferred from their longevity in the hard circumstances of those times. Philip lived to be eighty, Isabella to about eighty-six, her mother to past eighty, her twin sons Joseph and Benjamin to eighty-eight and ninety, her youngest son Caleb to eighty-five.

The succeeding generations of Towles have been of good standing in Hampton.† Joseph (2) gained civil and military honors. His son James (3) was selectman. The families of James (3) and his sons are known to have been connected with the church, for their children were baptized. The Towles soon became very numerous and emigrated in all directions. At least thirty-five great-grandsons of Philip, of the Towle name, are believed to have lived to maturity, one of

* Isabella united with the church in her old age, July 2, 1699.

† In an article in the "Granite Monthly" of July, 1890, L. K. H. Lane states: "The Tappans, Shaws, Marstons, and Towles have all been prominent families in Hampton for generations past."

whom was the above-named James' son Jonathan (24), who went to Pittsfield. Others settled in the inland towns of Rockingham county and of the Suncook valley, and many in Maine. For the genealogy of the Towles of Hampton, see Dow's History of Hampton, Vol. II., pages 999-1016.

James Towle (3) died April 14, 1756, leaving three sons, Abraham, aged sixteen, James, thirteen, and Jonathan, nine. Two older daughters had married, and there were or had been two others, of whom we have no record but their baptisms. Jonathan (24) afterwards named his first two daughters for them. Of the next nineteen years no events have come down to us but those of the family record. In 1775 the outbreak of the revolution found Abraham and Jonathan married and living on the home place, and James married and living probably about half a mile away toward the village. When the alarm following the battle of Lexington reached Hampton, Abraham and Jonathan were in the field plowing. They ran and got their guns and started with the Hampton company for Boston, leaving the oxen for the women to unyoke. This is the story as Jonathan's daughter Nancy (43) used to tell it within our memory. At Ipswich, Mass., an order met them to return home, probably that they might defend the coast. There was great fear of an attack from the sea, and two companies were organized for coast defence. The men of Hampton were so generally engaged in this service that few of them,

according to the Hampton historian, were present at the battle of Bunker Hill. Nevertheless, the family tradition is too strong to admit of doubt, that Jonathan was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and that both Jonathan and Abraham were Revolutionary soldiers. The next year the three brothers signed the Association Test, together with fourteen other Towles, nine Marstons, twenty-one Moultons and one hundred twenty-seven other Hampton men. People were then so busy making history that they forgot to record it, and the full part that Hampton bore in the Revolutionary struggle will never be known. For information as to the subsequent services of the brothers we are left to such fragmentary writings as have been preserved. In Dow's History of Hampton, pages 268-275, are quoted extracts from Revolutionary records containing names of men whom he claimed as Hampton men. Among them are Abraham and Jonathan. Abraham P. Towle was paid at Peekskill, N. Y., in 1776, one pound and sixteen shillings "towards hiring to go to Peekskill the first time." This was undoubtedly Jonathan's brother, for it is extremely improbable that there was another Towle in New Hampshire of that name. About Jonathan himself there is less certainty, as there were other Jonathan Towles of military age, though probably no other in Hampton; and we are left dependent upon the statement of the Hampton historian that this Jonathan was a Hampton man. The record is that a Jonathan Towle served from Sept.

8 to Dec. 15 in Moses Leavitt's company in Col. Abraham Drake's regiment sent to reinforce the northern continental army at Stillwater, N. Y., in September, 1777, and was credited for travel to Bennington two pounds and two shillings, for travel home from Windsor, two pounds, eleven shillings and four pence, and for wages four pounds fourteen shillings. He must have been there at the time of Burgoyne's surrender. That there was no other Jonathan Towle then resident in Hampton is probable from the fact that in the preceding year only one Jonathan Towle had signed the Association Test, which purports to have been signed by all the males over twenty-one, except two, whose names are given; also from the fact that the other Jonathan Towles of whom we know can be located with considerable probability in other places. At the same time it is probable that there were other Jonathan Towles in the service. Jonathan and Simeon Towle, probably of Rye, were at Pierce's Island, in Portsmouth harbor, Nov. 5, 1775. A Jonathan Towle from New Hampshire served in Rhode Island from June 8, 1778, to Jan. 7, 1779. A James Towle served in New York in the winter of 1776-7. Thirty-two names of Towles are to be found in the published N. H. Revolutionary Rolls. Apparently about all of them that were of military age fought in the war of independence.



THE JONATHAN TOWLE HOMESTEAD IN PITTSFIELD, N. H.

Restored from sketch by John M. Moses (358).



CHAPTER III.

THE FAMILY IN PITTSFIELD.*

BY JOHN M. MOSES (358).

"Who are the nobles of the earth,
The true aristocrats,
Who need not bow their heads to lords,
Nor doff to kings their hats?"

"Who are they but the men of toil
That cleave the forest down,
And plant amid the wilderness
The hamlet and the town!"

One of these true noblemen was Jonathan Towle (24), who came to Pittsfield in 1780 and commenced cleaving down the forest on a lot about a mile west of Wild Goose pond. He bought the land of Samuel Marston of Deerfield, who had bought the property of John Cram in 1774, prior to the Revolution, for twenty pounds.

* Pittsfield is at present a compact little manufacturing village on the Suncook River, which affords a valuable water power at this point. Up to about 1830 it was an agricultural town, smaller than its neighbors in population, as in territory. In 1827 a cotton factory was built and a village began to grow up, which became a centre of trade for the surrounding towns. In 1869 it became the terminus of the Suncook Valley Railroad, which was subsequently extended to Barnstead. Since the railroad, shoe manufacturing has been extensively introduced and carried on with considerable fluctuation. In 1890 the population of the town reached 2605. The last census gives it as 2130. The village is now quite prosperous and contains nearly all the population of the town.

Copy of Deed.

CRAM TO MARSTON.

Know all Men by these Presents,

That I, Jobu Cram, of Chichester, in the County of Rockingham, and Province of Newhampshire,

For and in Consideration of the Sum of twenty pounds lawfull money To me in Hand before the Delivery hereof well and truly paid by Samuel Marston, of Dearfield, in the County and Province aforesaid yeoman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, Have given, granted, bargained and Sold, and by these Presents DO give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeof, convey and confirm unto the said Samuel Marston, his Heirs and Assigns forever, a certain lott of land in Chichester, in said County and Province, containing fifty acres of land more or less, and is the Lott Number fifteen in the Second Division and first Range of Lotts in said Division of said town is the same lott that I purchased of Samuel Jones of Rhy as by deed may more fully appear with all the Privileges and appurtaness to the same belonging or appertaining.

To Have and to Hold the said granted Premises, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances to the same appertaining to him, the said Samuel Marston, his Heirs and Assigns to his and their only proper Use and Benefit forever. And I, the said John Cram, For myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators do hereby covenant, Grant and agree to and with the said Samuel Marston, his Heirs and Assigns, that until the Delivery hereof I am the lawful Owner of the said Premises, am lawfully seized and possessed thereof in my own Right in Fee Simple, and have full Power and lawful Authority to grant and convey the same in Manner aforesaid: That the said Premises are free and clear of all and every Incumbrance whatsoever. And that I and my Heirs, Executors and Administrators shall and will warrant the same to him, the said Samuel Marston, his Heirs and Assigns, against the lawful Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons whomsoever.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this sixteenth Day of November, in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign. Anno Dom. 1774.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered,

in the Presence of us,

JOHN FULLONTON.

DUDLEY LA FORD.

JOHN CRAM. { SEAL }

Province of Newhampshire. }

Rockingham, ss. }

Chichester, the twenty-first day of January, 1775.

Then the above named John Cram personally appeared and acknowledged the above written instrument to be his voluntary act and deed, before me,

NATHAN BACHELDER,

Just. Peace.

K NOW all Men by these Presents,
THAT I Samuel Mason, of Winchester in the County of Hockingham and State of New Hampshire a Yeoman

For and in Consideration of the Sum of Four Hundred pounds
lawful money To my Hand before the Delivery hereof well and
truly paid by Jonathan Towle, of Hampton in the
County and State aforesaid Yeoman

the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge
have given, granted, bargained, sold, and by these Presents DO give, grant,
bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said Jonathan
Towle His Heirs and Assigns forever a certain
lot or Land lying and being in Chechester in the
County and State aforesaid Containing fifty acres
more or less and of the lot Numbered fifteen in
Second Division, and first Range and is that same
lot that I purchased of John Evans Esq^r of Chechester
as by deed may more fully appear with all the
privileges and appurtenances to the same appertaining

To have and to hold the said granted premises, with all the privileges and
Appurtenances to the same appertaining to Him the said Jonathan
Towle His Heirs and Assigns, to his their only proper
Use and Benefit forever. And I the said Samuel Mason
for myself my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators
do hereby covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Jonathan
Towle His Heirs and Assigns, that untill the
Delivery hereof I am the lawful Owner of the said Premises and am
seized and possessed thereof in my own Right in Fee simple, and have
full Power and lawful Authority to grant and convey the same in Man-
ner aforesaid: That the said Premises are free and clear of all and eve-
ry Incumbrance whatsoever. And that I and my
Heirs, Executors, and Administrators shall and will warrant the same to
Him the said Jonathan Towle His
Heirs and Assigns, against the lawful Claims and Demands of any Person
or Persons whomsoever, in Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand and Seal this Eighth day of July 1779
Signed sealed and
Delivered in presence
of us

Jeremiah Eastman
Jeremiah Eastman Jun^r

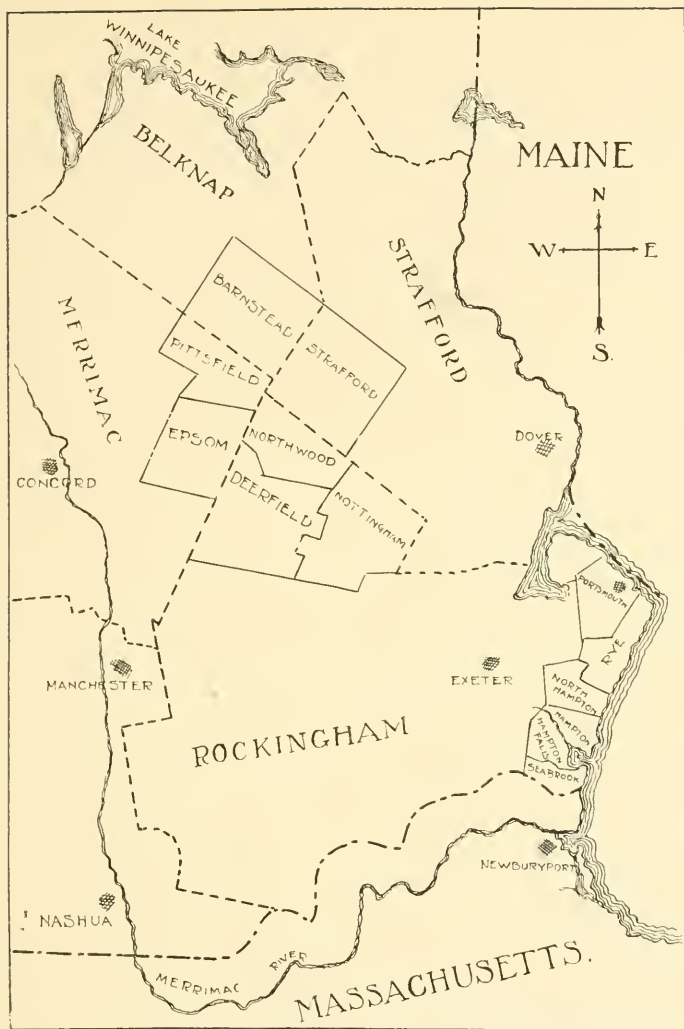
This was lot No. 15 of the first range of the second division, then of Chichester. Two years later, March 27, 1782, this part of Chichester was set off and incorporated as Pittsfield. Jonathan's lot contained fifty acres and extended to Barnstead line. The date of the deed was July 7, 1779. The consideration was four hundred pounds of continental currency. They were well exchanged for land, as they would have been for anything else that had any permanent value. Seven years later he bought of Stephen Cross lot No. 14, of fifty acres, which adjoined on the west. The price of this was nine pounds, presumably of something more precious than continental paper. Fifty acres more were subsequently added.

The tradition is that the family moved the year after the Dark Day. That would have been in 1781, as the Dark Day occurred May 19, 1780. The log house had been built the year before. It was on a little knoll some twenty rods south of where he afterwards built. The place is now marked by a large mound of stones. There is a little hollow to the east in which were built the first shelters for cattle. Probably Miriam did not come till summer or fall, as James (40) was baptized in Hampton on the third of June. We can see them in imagination wending their way inland, Miriam and the youngest child on horseback, probably stopping over night at her brother Simon's in Deerfield, the others with the goods on such carts as could traverse the rough paths through the woods.

The change must have seemed hard from the sandy plains of Hampton, with their climate moderated by ocean breezes, to the rocky hills of Pittsfield, with their greater extremes of temperature; from friends and neighbors and a well-settled community to pioneering in the forest. They did not record their emotions, but Miriam became noted for long journeys on horseback to the old home in Hampton.

Pittsfield lies in a rugged region forty miles northwest of Hampton, and Jonathan had located in its ruggedest section. On three sides high hills hem in the view. On the northwest is Tilton hill, a thousand feet above sea level. Over this the road runs to the village on the Suncook, about five hundred feet lower. On the southwest only a mile away towers the north shoulder of Catamount, thirteen hundred feet high, whose summit commands a view over most of southern New Hampshire. Close by on the southeast rises Simpson hill, over which the road runs down to Jenness pond in Northwood. To the northeast is a more extended outlook in the direction of Strafford Blue Hills. The farm slopes gently to the southeast, draining into a brook that flows into Wild Goose pond. This brook was afterwards utilized for a shingle mill, and the larger brook at the outlet of the pond for a sawmill.

It was a lonely place at first. Their nearest neighbors were on the Province Road in Barnstead, a mile away. Jabez Tucker was living about two miles to the southeast at Jenness pond. No other family was



SOUTH EASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

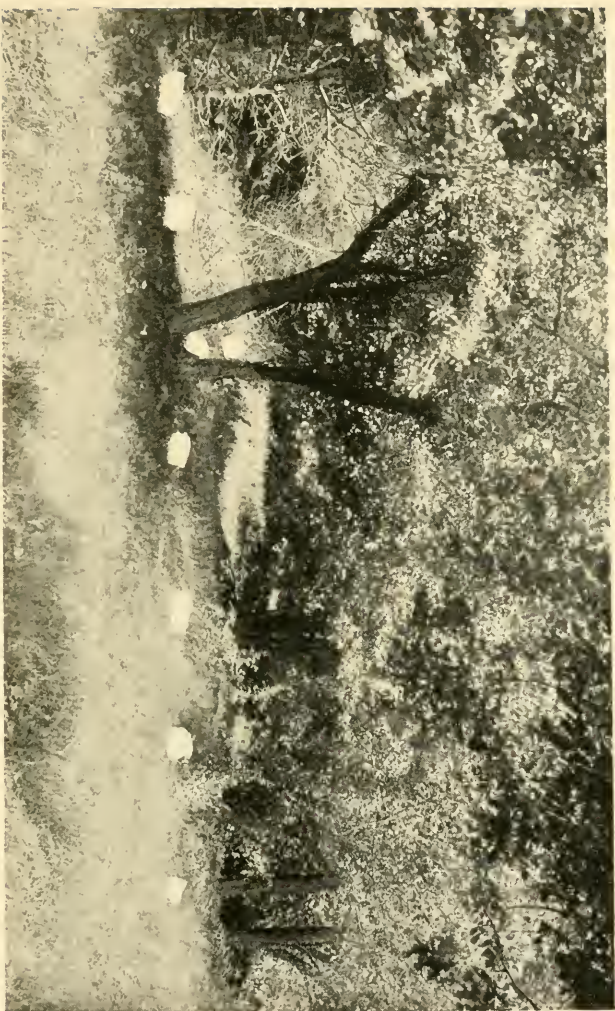
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nearer than the village. Afterwards the neighborhood became fairly well settled.

At the time of the removal the family consisted of Jonathan (24), thirty-four years old, Miriam, thirty-two, Molly (36), seven, Huldah (37), six, Jonathan, Jr. (38), four, Daniel (39), two, and James (40), an infant. Of their personal characteristics there is scant tradition. Jonathan (24) is said to have been a short man of small head, small black eyes, black hair and dark complexion, who became corpulent in old age. He was an honest, hearty, genial man, industrious and thrifty. In Hampton both were members of the Congregational church.* In Pittsfield Jonathan (24) became a pioneer Free Baptist. Miriam is said to have been a small woman of light complexion, light hair and blue eyes. There is reason to think she adhered longer to the orthodox fellowship, for she had a child baptized as late as the fall of 1787 when on a visit to Hampton. She was in Hampton at the births of Sally (41) and Abraham (42). Only Nancy (43) was born in Pittsfield. They were people of strong constitutions, equal to the hardships they had to endure. Jonathan (24) lived to be seventy-five, and Miriam to eighty-six. His mother had lived to be eighty-five and hers to one hundred and one. This longevity was continued in their daughters.

The family is understood to have lived in the little log house for over fifteen years,—till the older boys

*Both had united with the church Oct. 16, 1774.



Leahsa (24)

Molly (36)

Abramam (42)

Polly
(wife of James)

James (40)

Jonathan (24)

Miriam
(wife of Jonathan)

Nancy (48)

THE FAMILY BURYING GROUND (See Page 66).

[From a photograph taken for this work by Herbert C. Towle, July, 1960.]

could help build a new one. Tradition hands down no important events in this period, so presumably they were prosperous and happy in their modest circumstances. Jonathan (24) was in some respects a progressive farmer. He set out an unusual number of fruit trees, especially cherry trees. He was one of the first to raise potatoes in considerable quantity. He was one of eight owners of the sawmill at the outlet of the pond. With this mill goes a story, which has evidently been considerably embellished since first told; but I will set it down for the benefit of some future compiler of a book of fables.

Sawmills were run night and day during the short period of the spring floods, the owners taking turns in attending them. One night when Jonathan was sawing alone a bear came in and sat down on the log to meditate. Jonathan, being a prudent man, did not disturb him. The bear became so absorbed in his reflections that he did not notice that he was being drawn toward the saw till it began to scratch his side. Roused suddenly, he turned upon it to avenge the indignity, when Jonathan came up behind him, and between the two he paid the penalty of too much thinking and too little observing. Moral, do not get to dreaming in dangerous situations.

The sawmill made possible the frame house. This was a substantial one-story building of the usual type, but of more than usually liberal proportions. Two barns were built which sometimes sheltered thirty cattle.



"THE HOMESTEAD," 1900.

The first break in the family circle was caused by the marriage of Huldah (37), which took place Feb. 14, 1799. She married Asa Chase, a tailor, and lived on Tilton hill. Molly's (36) marriage followed in 1802. She married Joseph Goss and lived three miles away on the road to the village. By

an arrangement of her sons she spent the last years of her life in the family of her nephew, Robey, and was buried in the home burying ground.

The year 1802 was also the year of the departure of the two oldest sons, Jonathan, Jr., (38) and Daniel (39). They went to Avon, Maine, in the mountainous region northeast of the White Mountains and southeast of the Rangeley lakes, where both married and settled and raised large families. Six years later James (40) brought home his wife, Polly Marston, and within the next four years two sons were born to them, Robey (327) and Samuel (328).

Up to about this time the family seems to have enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. Serious misfortunes now befell them. Abraham (42) had gone to Maine with his brothers. He was very energetic and capable

and had accumulated five hundred dollars. This sum he had invested in a farm, of which he had failed to get a good title, and he lost all. The woman to whom he was engaged now jilted him. Under this double calamity his mind gave way, and he was a broken-down man for the rest of his life. Wild and restless at first, he soon settled down into a harmless and rather useful member of the family, yet exhibiting pitiable weaknesses and peculiarities, among them an extreme antipathy to women, not excepting his own sisters. He was of light complexion, a tall and fine-looking man.

James (40) was short, of medium weight, of light skin and very light hair. He was very strong and took pride in feats of strength. One of these cost him his life. He had bought a sack of salt containing four bushels, and resolved to carry it upstairs. He did so, but was immediately attacked with a spinal difficulty which made him helpless. A large cradle was made for him in which he was taken care of as a child. After thirteen months of suffering he died June 13, 1813. This was a severe blow, as Jonathan (24) was now sixty-six years old, and James (40) was the son selected to take care of the home place, his parents, and the dependent members of the household. The following years were difficult, especially after Jonathan's (24) death, which occurred in 1822. The farm was left successively to the care of Miriam and Nancy (43), destined ultimately for James' sons, Robey (327) and Samuel (328).

Sally (41) married in 1825. There is a strange lack of information about her. Even the date of her birth has not been found, but she is believed to have been about forty at the time of her marriage. She is understood to have had from birth unfortunate characteristics. Her father thought it necessary to make special provision for her in his will. This she forfeited by her marriage, after which her relations with the family ceased, and the younger generations hardly knew of her existence. She had no children.

Robey (327) on becoming of age signed out his right of succession to the property, and located about a mile away on the Province Road in Barnstead. The house is still standing, though not marked in the Atlas. It is a little east of the place marked Foye Estate. In 1838-9 he was back on the home farm for a year, and George Henry (334) was born there. In April, 1853, he removed to his grandfather Marston's place on Marston's Hill, Deerfield, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Samuel (328) married and lived on the home place with Abraham (42) and Nancy (43). Nancy (43) did not marry. She was a woman of great strength of character and of ardent piety, a member of the Free Baptist church, with gifts for exhortation which she used in devotional meetings; and she sometimes took charge of meetings. She is still remembered with great respect. She died March 18, 1872, and Samuel (328) within three weeks thereafter.



BETSEY (SNELL) TOWLE.

(WIFE OF SAMUEL TOWLE, 328).

Before the middle of the century the farm had seen its best days. It was too rocky to be worked by machinery, and its location as well as its character doomed it to early abandonment. It was one of the many from which families were glad to wrest a subsistence while farming was about the only occupation, but were bound to be deserted with the development of new industrial opportunities. With the introduction of manufacturing, farmers' sons were no longer compelled to emigrate and take up new land; and even the son that had inherited the home place would often find it for his interest to resort to some other occupation. In this section shoemaking was the successful rival of farming, and was adopted by Robey's (327) sons and Alvin (340). The former with their sisters all went to the rising manufacturing village of Northwood Narrows, and all settled either there or in towns adjoining. Alvin (340) remained on the farm, but was a shoemaker rather than a farmer. After the death of Nancy (43) and his father he lived mostly in Pittsfield village, returning to the farm for a short time in summer. In September, 1881, he removed to Northwood, and the house was never afterward occupied. Under other ownership the land has mostly been allowed to grow wood and timber. The buildings are gone, except the house, which is in ruins. In a few years more nothing but the foundations and cellar will remain to show that here was once a family home, except the little burying-ground, which is already being enclosed

by the encroaching forest. Here are eleven graves. Central is that of James (40). On his right were buried, in order, Jonathan (24), Miriam (his wife) and Nancy (43); on his left rest Polly (wife of James), Abraham (42) and Molly (36). Nearly at his head lie two infant children of Asa and Huldah Chase (37). Nearly at the feet of Abraham (42) are the remains of Samuel's daughter Louisa (341) and a still-born child of Alvin (340).*

— "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them"—into annihilation and oblivion, we might say, if we looked only at the disappearing product of their toil in the wilderness. But it is man's spiritual achievement that lives. The waves of their mental and moral influence still radiate. Jonathan and Miriam live by heredity in more than three hundred descendants, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Nor is this all.

"This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,"

As we gaze upon their crumbling tenement we seem to hear the words of the inspired apostle, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

* The family burying-ground is situated about two hundred feet in the rear of the house. The markers are rough field stone, which were temporarily covered with white cloth at the time the picture was taken, as they could not otherwise be distinguished.



JONATHAN TOWLE, OF PITTSFIELD

(1800-1875)

SON OF

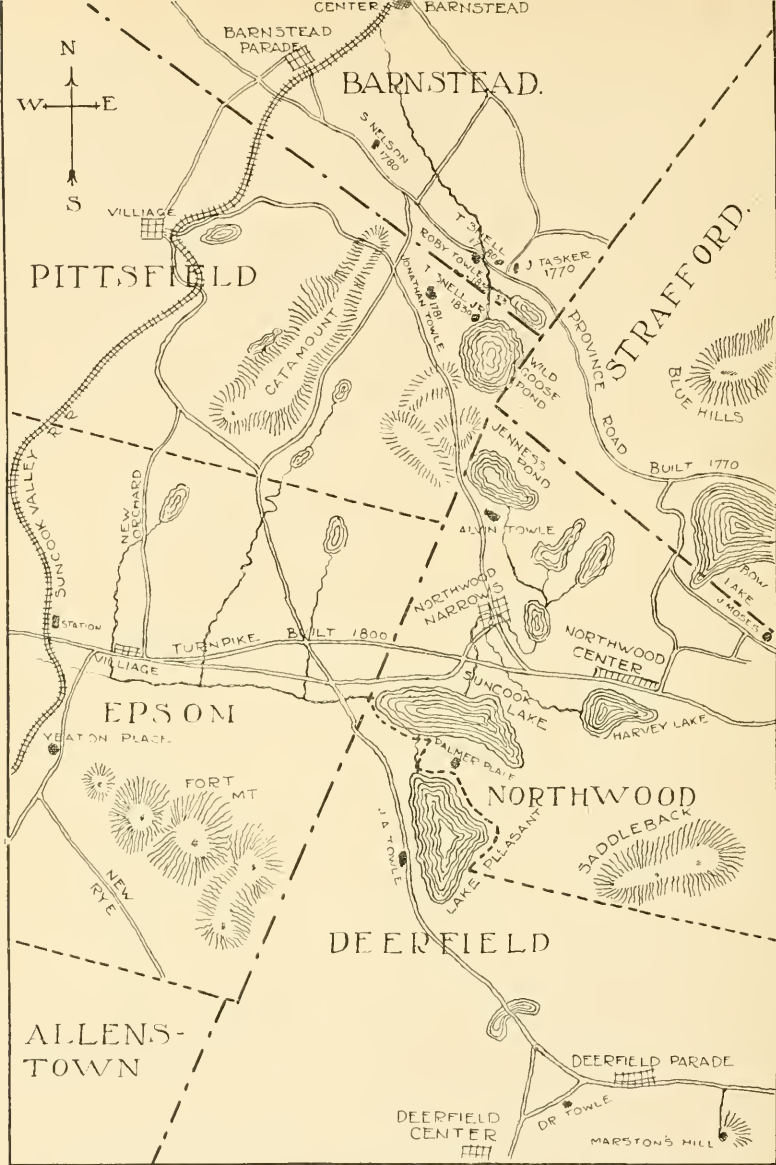
JAMES TOWLE (30)

GRANDNEPHEW OF

JONATHAN TOWLE (24)

One other among the many descendants of Philip Towle (1) has achieved merited distinction in Pittsfield, and deserves mention at our hands. Captain Jonathan Towle was born in Hampton, N. H., Sept. 14, 1800, and was a son of James Towle (30) and a grandson of James Towle (23). He was the only son of James and Anna (Lane) Towle. He came to Pittsfield in 1839, and remained a resident the remainder of his life. In his early years he was interested in the educational conditions of Hampton, and taught school there quite a number of years. After coming to this town he entered earnestly into its religious and political affairs, and never allowed minor matters to hinder his attendance at any meeting, either sacred service or town meeting. He died Sept. 13, 1875, respected by all who were favored with his acquaintance.

Jonathan Towle married Sarah Lane at Hampton in 1827, and eight children were born to them. Maria Theresa married William Henry White of Winchester, Mass., and died later in Pittsfield. James Ferdinand died in Pittsfield in 1852. Joshua Edwin is unmarried, and still lives in Pittsfield. Abbie Ann died in that town in 1888. Lydia Jane married Charles P. Kelley of Winchester, Mass., since deceased, and now resides in Pittsfield. Sarah Eliza married Justin L. Gunn, since deceased, and died in Pittsfield in 1880. Esther Lane is unmarried, and resides in Haverhill, Mass. One child, Lydia, died young. A more complete record will be found in Part III., under James (30).



THE NORTHWOOD LAKE REGION

Scale, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to an inch.

NORTHWOOD.

The town of Northwood has many of the characteristics of other New Hampshire towns. Perhaps it is even more beautiful than the average, and certainly in the way of lakes it is unsurpassed. Prominent among these are Lakes Harvey and Suncook, though Lake Pleasant, Jenness' and Bow Ponds, and numerous others are charmingly beautiful. Hand shoemaking is still an important trade, and with farming constitutes the principal business of the town.

Northwood Narrows took its name from its business section being built on a narrow strip of elevated land between two streams. About fifty years ago the place began to come into prominence as a centre for the hand-shoemaking business, many of its citizens becoming superior workmen, and quite prosperous. Manufacturing by machinery was introduced about 1880, by James Robey Towle, and ten years later his factory was employing over two hundred hands. This was the golden age of the Narrows, and indeed of the entire town, which at this time numbered about 1500 persons. But reverses followed; a long strike, followed by a disastrous fire which entirely destroyed the factory, put an end to this period of prosperity, and the town has since declined in wealth and population. (See Rev. E. C. Coggswell's "History of Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood," and sketch in "Granite Monthly," of September, 1901).

The following poem, sung at the recent celebration of "Old Home" week, Aug. 20, 1903, fitly expresses the love its townspeople bear to

THE LAKES OF NORTHWOOD.

WINNIE M. WATSON.

My native town, I love to tell thy charm.

Right royal are thy gifts from Nature's hand.

On thee is shed for all earth's woes a balm,

O fairest spot in all our favored land!

Northwood, thy lakes are fair to view

As any sheet of azure hue

That in the Old World's classic lands

Reflects the stars in Heaven's blue.

Thy beauteous lakes, bright gems set deep in green,

Amid dark forests gleam upon our sight.

The morning glories tint their silver sheen;

The evening gilds all with its amber light.

O half-secre woodsy ponds—that we call ours,

Ye bring sweet peace to many a troubled heart.

Your eaves, all lily-lined, your fern-fringed bowers

Lure one to rest, from all the world apart.

The light and shade, the purple, green and gold

That round your verdant margins meet our eyes,

Seem rare as dreamed-of tints we may behold

The first glad morn we wake in Paradise.





CHAPTER IV.

THE MARSTONS.

BY JOHN M. MOSES (258.)

JONATHAN TOWLE'S (24) wife was Miriam Marston. She had brothers Simon and Robie, who lived in Deerfield. Her son James (40) married her brother Robie's daughter Polly, with the result that their descendants are twice as much related to the early generations of the Marstons as to those of the Towles.*

The Marstons have been numerous in Hampton, and prominent in both civil and military affairs. William (I) was there in 1640, within two years of the first settlement. He brought with him from England his two sons Thomas and William. Thomas (1615-90) settled opposite the northeast corner of the Meeting-house Green. This lot has remained in the family, being owned in 1892 by Jeremiah Marston. He married Mary, daughter of William Eastow. Their son Ephraim (1655-1742) married Abial, daughter of John Sanborn, who was a grandson of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, the founder of Hampton. This Ephraim was a brewer.

* Robey Marston Towle (327), son of James (40) followed his father's example, and married for his second wife his cousin, Sally Marston.

The people of Hampton by vote granted him permission to set his malt-house on the Meetinghouse Green and keep it there as long as he would brew for them. It was not very near the church, the Green being a tract of several acres. He seems to have been a man of strong convictions. His daughter Abial marrying contrary to his wishes, he disowned her and gave her name to another daughter born soon afterwards. A reconciliation eventually took place, and two generations later a granddaughter of hers married a grandson of one of her brothers. This Ephraim had a son Simon (1683-1735) whose wife's name was Hannah, of unknown family. They lived in North Hampton. They had a son Captain Daniel Marston (1708-57), who led a sea-faring life and took part in the French and Indian War. He married Sarah Clough, daughter of Samuel Clough of Salisbury, Mass., and Sarah, daughter of Henry Robie of Hampton, N. H. They lived in North Hampton on the road from Dow's Hill to Rye, and were the parents of Miriam, who married Jonathan Towle.

Their other children that lived to maturity were: Simon (1737-1809), Daniel (1741-1811), Samuel (1743-1776), Robie (1747-), Sarah (1752-), Theodore (1755-1830), and David (1757-1851). Of these Simon and Robie settled in Deerfield, N. H., where they became eminent citizens, holding positions of honor and trust. Simon was one of the leading men of the town, and somewhat of a lawyer. He had a lawsuit over a piece of land that lasted seventeen



ROBEY MARSTON TOWLE

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SON OF
JAMES TOWLE (40)

years. He won the suit. He had five sons, two of whom, Simon and Jonathan, settled in Monmouth County, Maine. Robie settled on Marston's Hill, where he built a house of unusual size, which is still standing. The front rooms were eighteen feet square. He married, about 1768, Hannah Drake, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Dearborn) Drake of Hampton, N. H. Their children were : Abigail, b. Oct. 17, 1769, Daniel, b. April 25, 1771, Nathaniel, b. Nov. 23, 1773, Hannah, b. June 11, 1775, Sarah, b. Feb. 14, 1777, Mary (always called Polly), b. March 22, 1779, Samuel, b. March 21, 1782, and Nancy, b. Dec. 31, 1785. Of these Daniel settled in Maine, and Samuel lived on the home place, where he became a prominent townsman and militia officer, gaining the title of Brigadier General.

Of the other children of Daniel and Sarah Marston of North Hampton, Daniel, Jr., left no children ; Samuel lived in North Hampton ; Daniel lived first in North Hampton, but removed about 1804 to Monmouth, Maine ; Theodore settled in Mount Vernon, Maine, some twenty-five miles from Avon, where his sister Miriam's sons, Jonathan and Daniel Towle, afterwards settled. Possibly he may have influenced them in selecting that location. He was a prosperous farmer of excellent, though sometimes peculiar principles. He would sell his produce, if at all, at fixed prices, which he considered just, regardless of the condition of the market. In years of scarcity he would

sell seed to the poor, but not to the rich. He married, in 1785, Joanna Ladd.* They had children, among them Theodore, Jr., who married Mary Soule—sister of the first husband of Jonathan Towle's (38) wife—and settled in Phillips, Maine, where he became very prosperous and influential.

For information about the Deerfield Marstons see Rev. E. C. Cogswell's *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood*. See also Nathan Marston's *History of the Marston Family*, and Dow's *History of Hampton*. In this last-named work we may trace our ancestry through the Marstons back to the following first settlers: William Marston, William Eastow, Rev. Stephen Bachiler, John Sanborn, Robert Tuck, Henry Robie and Thomas Philbrick. The descendants of James may also trace their descent through Hannah Drake back to Robert Drake, Morris Hobbs, William Eastow, John Marrian, Godfrey Dearborn, Rev. Thos. Carter and Rev. Stephen Bachiler.

*The Ladds and Marstons were near neighbors in Mount Vernon. Joanna Ladd was an aunt of the Mary Ladd who married Daniel Towle (39) of Avon. These latter were mutually cousins of the Marston children, though not otherwise related. It was undoubtedly at the home of the Marstons that the acquaintance between the two was formed, which subsequently ripened into marriage. Melinda Towle (250) lived with the Marstons in Monmouth for a time while attending the academy, and Caroline Towle (253) lived with Theodore Marston of Phillips after her father's death, and went to school there for one term.



CAROLINE (TOWLE) CALKINS

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DAUGHTER OF
DANIEL TOWLE
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CHAPTER V.

THE TOWLES IN AVON, MAINE.

FROM DATA SUPPLIED MAINLY BY
CAROLINE (TOWLE) CALKINS (253).

THE little town of Avon (accent on last syllable, A-von') has been hopelessly sidetracked in this hustling twentieth century. Its history lies wholly in the past, and the life of the town — its rise, progress and decay — were coincident with the rise and fall of the Towle family within its borders.

To-day the town does not even boast a location on the map.* Without a post-office or railroad station, without a church, and with the scantiest of schooling facilities, with decreasing population, and but few young people, with little business other than the care of its few unproductive farms,† it is rarely visited even by the summer tourist, and but little known of by the outside world.

The trend of circumstance has been against it, and perhaps the unkindest cut it received was when in 1879 the Sandy River Railroad ran through its territory

* See Century Atlas.

† The Maine Register, 1901-'2, gives the following list of business men in Avon: Burloe Dickey, long and short lumber; Horace Beal, J. A. Badger, masons; Thomas Vining, contractor and bridge builder; George T. Jacobs, Herbert Vining, Walter Kennedy, carpenters; E. Parker, granite worker.

without so much as stopping, and robbed it of its one link to the outside world—its post-office.

And yet this same "deserted village" is enchantingly beautiful, and the attractions lavished upon it by nature are not surpassed in a state famous for its wealth of beautiful scenery. William Towle (182), the last of the name to live in near proximity, was accustomed to make an annual pilgrimage within its borders, to feast his eyes upon its glorious landscape.*

To the northward of the town rises Saddleback Mountain (4000 feet) and Mount Abraham (3387 feet), while in the southern part of the township Mount Blue rises 3200 feet above sea level. The country generally is hilly, and this range of hills separates the head-waters of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Rivers. Through a gorge at this point tumbles sinuously the Sandy River, quiet enough in the pleasant days of summer, but fierce and turbulent in the late winter and early spring. In the windings of this river, on the low intervals bordering its course, lie many of the best farms, and here is found practically all the level land in the town. Rising rapidly from the river, the ground soars sharply towards the high hills to the north and south.

Situated on both banks of the Sandy River, with Phillips on the west and Strong on the east, with Farmington as the nearest town of importance, Avon promised at one time to be a factor in the history of the State.

* "The towns that lie in the luxuriant valley of the Sandy River are places of Arcadian beauty,"—ABBOTT'S MAINE, 1875.

The following incomplete tables may not be without interest, as showing the rise and decadence of the town during this period:

Year.	Number Inhabitants.	Polls.	Valuation.
1790	130		
1840	828	141	\$79,730
1850	778		
1860	802	162	129,977
1870	601	141	149,693
1880	571	146	129,347
1890	439	130	131,748
1900	448	132	128,659

The migration of Jonathan (38) and Daniel Towle (39) from Pittsfield to Avon, in the winter of 1801-1802, was an all-important event in the history of the town. That year also marked its incorporation, and the next thirty was the prosperous era of its history. Others undoubtedly contributed to this end, but the fact stands out clearly that no one was instrumental in producing this result to so marked a degree as Daniel Towle (39). In every way he was unquestionably the leading spirit of the town: in wealth, executive ability, public spirit, his was the first position, and during his administration the town rapidly grew in population and influence; with his death, the decline set in, which has lasted even to this day.

Let us, with the mind's eye, try to picture what manner of man this Daniel Towle (39) was: well formed, of five-feet-eleven stature, light brown hair and eyes, perfect teeth, erect form, smooth shaven, medium frame, and weighing about 180 pounds, he was the ideal frontiersman. He was even-tempered, courteous and charitable, and no worthy person ever went to Captain Towle for assistance, and went away empty-handed. He was an able manager and shrewd business man. Much of his produce he carted to Hallowell, forty miles distant, to secure the best market. Usually his teams would load with butter, cheese, beef and pork, and would return laden with the supplies necessary for the entire town. His well-filled buildings were the department stores of those early settlers, and when spring came, a good part of the village would be in debt to the genial captain.

Let us endeavor to sketch out the probable course of events following the departure of the two young men for their new home. Each had an ox-team loaded with provisions and such rude farming utensils as would be of service, guns, ammunition and axes, some rude home-made clothing, possibly a Bible and another book or two, and that was all.* Very likely they may have had a little money,† but that in the country to which they were going would count for but little.

* Three essentials always were taken: a gun, a kettle, and a trap.

† Jonathan (24) gave each of his girls \$50 and a cow when they left home. He probably did as much for the boys.



CAROLINE TOWLE IN 1844

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MARY ABIGAIL TOWLE IN 1851

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BELLES OF HALF A CENTURY AGO

They were weeks on the road, and it was probably well towards winter before they arrived in Avon. Why they went there, whether the land was purchased before or after their arrival,* of whom they bought, and for how much, we do not know. Possibly the beauty of the location may have appealed to them, but it is more likely that the fact that wood and water were plenty, was the deciding feature.

It is but fair to suppose that the new-comers followed the usual course with fresh arrivals. Whether they lived with the neighboring farmers or not is uncertain, but it is perhaps more probable that they put up some kind of a shack that would protect them from the inclement weather of that first winter. That year each probably cut down five or six acres of timber, and in the spring burnt the ground over for planting. The next year the settler generally built a log house, planted corn and possibly potatoes and beans. Usually the family moved in this second year, about harvest time. The main staple of food this year was corn meal.

The third year, the settler would erect a barn, and raise a crop of wheat.

Not until the fourth year would the family begin to be fairly comfortable. Then English hay, wheat, rye and other farm products would be added to the list.

* "Avon, 133d town, was 'Plantation No. 2' in Abbott's purchase, lying on both sides of Sandy River in the first range of townships. It contained 22,500 acres. Surveyed by Samuel Titcomb in 1793."—*Williamson's Maine*. The property occupied by the Towles had apparently already been taken, and they bought from others.

After seven years in this manner of living, each year marked with increasing comfort, the settler might venture to erect a frame house. The frame and boarding would be got out on the premises. The shingles or outside covering also would be of home manufacture; even the nails, if any were used, were made by hand. When all was ready, some day would be set, the neighbors would all turn to, and the settler would have a house raising. In an incredibly short time the house would be ready for occupancy. Most of the houses were not plastered at first, this being done later when circumstances permitted.

Practically no money was in circulation.* Everything was transacted by trade or barter. The farmer would take such products as he had for sale to the nearest, or to the best market if a large producer, and receive in return such goods and luxuries as were needed in the country village, or would be useful on the farm.

Daniel Towle (39) erected a small frame house the second year, which was quite contrary to precedent, and marked him as a man of strong individuality. Not until 1807 did he bring his young bride to the now comfortably furnished quarters at Avon.

* Such money as there was in circulation was practically all of foreign coinage, and was largely Mexican, though the currency of every other nation was taken without question by those posted regarding values. Many of the earlier settlers, and especially the women, rarely saw silver or gold, and consequently knew next to nothing of its value. It was not uncommon, when Daniel Towle (39) was Town Collector, for the woman of the house to bring out a hoard from some old stock-
ing, and pouring out the money on a table, let the Captain take what was necessary. One old lady remarking: "Do you know moneys, Captain Towle? I don't know moneys."

With the marriage of Daniel Towle (39), enlarged accommodations seemed to be demanded, and we find him early at work on his large two-story colonial mansion, probably the finest in the town at that time.

Assisted by his wife, who was a worthy helpmeet, we shortly find him the owner of extensive farms and mills, and when in 1814 the settlements were threatened with invasion, he mustered in a militia company, and became its captain.

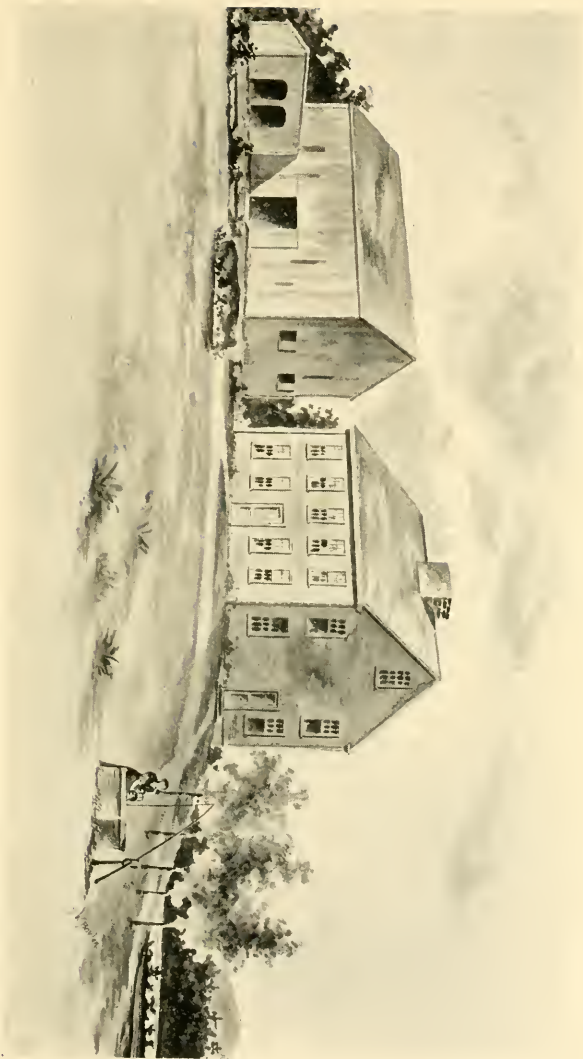
It is difficult for us of the present generation to understand the relation that a man of Daniel Towle's (39) characteristics bore to the town in which he lived. He filled many important town offices, and was the "bank of the town"*; nothing could be done, nor any enterprise carried on without his assistance and advice. Nor was his influence confined merely to Avon, for to him must also be ascribed the credit of the fulling and carding mills at Phillips. His farm was an experimental station for the community, and he was always ready to try anything that seemed to make for advancement. Perhaps a good illustration of this was his construction of what were then known as potato-boards. These were immense underground chambers, each capable of holding about a thousand bushels of potatoes. They were made of heavy plank, and were covered with earth and sod, and were both rain-proof and frost-proof.

* Quoted from an extended obituary published at the time of his death in the *Kennebec Journal*.

Just how much he amassed of this world's goods, as measured by modern standards, it is impossible to say. Certain it is, however, that on the first day of October of the month he died, he was planning with his wife to turn the farm over to the boys, the old people to move into the new house then in course of construction on the intervale lands. At that time he owed no man a dollar, and with his many "ships at sea," a prosperous and happy future seemed opening before him.

The house itself was situated on a small plateau on the side of the hill, which sloped to the road a thousand feet or so away, and was large and square. It had an immense chimney, and a brick oven in proportion. In those days the bread was baked directly on the oven bottom, the use of tins not having been introduced. The house was guiltless of paint, inside or out, except the best room, which was finished in blue.

The house faced the south, as was customary at that time, so that the living rooms would get the sun, and was consequently back to the road. On the lower floor in front was the parlor and sitting room, separated by a wide entry, the stairs leading up from the kitchen, which together with a bed-room occupied the rear of the house. The kitchen was large and airy, with fine windows commanding a view of the road and river, with the mountains in the distance. The kitchen, sitting-room and parlor each had a wide fireplace, and surrounded the chimney. It is said that from where the house stood thirteen towns can be seen.



THE HOME OF DANIEL TOWLE (39) IN AVON, MAINE.
REPRODUCED FROM DESCRIPTION OF CAROLINE (TOWLE) CALKINS (253).

It was finally taken down, after standing about fifty years, and moved to Farmington, and was subsequently burned.

Just before his death in 1831, Daniel Towle (39) began the erection of still another house, between the road and the river. He was looking forward with great pleasure to the occupancy of his new home, when he was taken with typhoid fever, which resulted fatally.

FACSIMILE OF BALLOT

WITH DANIEL TOWLE'S (39) NAME THEREON AS
REPRESENTATIVE IN LEGISLATURE.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Daniel Goodenow.

SENATORS.

**Daniel Steward Jr.,
Milford P. Norton.**

COUNTY TREASURER.

Mark S. Blunt.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Ephraim Getchell.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Daniel Towle.

Dear Mother and Sister I received your
Letter on the Death of my Father the Day
of April I My Self was Sick abroad ²¹
when I received your Letter But was one
the mending hand since got very smart
the rest of my family is in good
health Jonathans family is in good health
as Common — it is a general time of
health here a must us — — —

it gave me great satisfaction according to
your Letter that my Father seemed to Be

So well Composed in his mind in the
over of Death I hope it will Be a warning
to us all as long as we live we have got
to embrace Death sooner or latter it is great
thing to Be above ready — — —

if My family and My Self is well
next fall I calculate to Come home
I want you to Write as often as you
can — — —

^{now} in the of Directing your Letters to the District
of Maine Write it State of Maine

1 Avon 1 April

Daniel Towle

th
24 1824

To the writer, at least, it is always of interest to learn just how his ancestors lived, and perhaps a short sketch of Captain Towle's (39) household may not be amiss at this time.

One must endeavor to realize first the grand scale upon which everything was done. Dinner was ready promptly at noon, and supper at six. Mrs. Towle would go to the door, and blow the horn, when all hands would quit work, and start for the house, looking for all the world in their tow clothes like a flock of sheep. In the summer thirty would be an average number to provide for, and usually they brought their appetites with them.

To Mary Towle can probably be credited a temperance reform that was far-reaching in its effects. Rum and water was the customary drink to serve to the hands in the field, and it became her custom to substitute therefor a root beer of sweet herbs and molasses. Twice a week a half barrel of this was made, which was drunk with relish by the thirsty men.

The farm was of considerable size, there being in fact three farms, aggregating some 500 acres. None of the modern farming tools had come into use, and a much larger number of hands had to be employed to till these acres than would be now required. Many of the neighboring farmers would be considerably in debt to Captain Towle for supplies furnished during the winter, and these debts were paid in labor during the summer months.

On the farm there were usually four horses, two yoke each oxen and steers, eight or nine cows, 100 sheep, a half dozen hogs with perhaps a dozen pigs, a hundred or more hens, and a score of geese. The bee-house was quite a feature, and contained a large number of hives.

The vegetables raised, other than the cereals, were potatoes, cabbages, turnips, beets, carrots, onions, peas and beans, and lastly pumpkins. No squashes or tomatoes were grown anywhere at that time.

For fruit there were apples, pears, cherries, pomegranates, and plums; there were also currants, thimbleberries and gooseberries, while the wild strawberry, blueberry, huckleberry and blackberry grew in abundance. Pie plant or rhubarb was also cultivated largely, and maple syrup and sugar were household necessities. Nutmeg was the universal flavor. Peaches, lemons, oranges and bananas were never seen.

The clothing worn was all home-made, the better grades from flax and wool, and the poorer from tow, which was made from the short fibres of the flax. Every thing was made at the house, the bootmaker, tailor or tailoress (usually a woman), and milliner paying periodical visits weeks in duration, and making up the necessary clothes for the various members of the family. All materials for the workmen were furnished from the farm, except that the shoemaker supplied his own pegs. A girl to spin was kept the year round, and also one to help on the general housework. Tow

pants and straw hats were the summer costume, these being replaced in winter by woolen clothes and caps of fur or skin. Tallow candles furnished lights, except when the flare from a pitch knot in the fireplace was used as a substitute; yeast from potatoes was made by the housewife, and the cooking was done mainly in iron pans. Pewter supplied the place of silver, but the best service of imported china was the equal of that used to-day.

With the death of Captain Towle (39) in 1831 the disintegration of the family began. Joses (245) already had taken the Clark place on the river road; he was married the next year, and not long after moved to Farmington, and later to Lee, Maine. His oldest girl was born in Avon.

It fell to the lot of Daniel Towle (246) to occupy in some measure the place left vacant by his father's death. He took the farm lying between the road and the river, and completed the house which his father had planned to build. He went to the Academy at Farmington, as did also his brother David. He was apparently postmaster as early as 1840. Later, when the gold fever swept away so many of Maine's best sons, he started with the other argonauts for California. George (252) had already gone in 1849. Stephen (251) and Frank (254) followed in 1852. Charles Wesley (264), son of Hiram (247), went with a party in 1856, and died of fever in California shortly after his arrival. The miners seem to have been fairly successful, as by

April 17, 1852, Daniel (246) had accumulated \$2500, and George (252) \$1200. These amounts were increased largely by subsequent ventures, the miners sometimes making as high as \$100 per day. Before going west Daniel (246) had begun the culture of silkworms, believing that a profitable industry could be built up from this source. In his trip to California he went by water, and when on the arrival of the party in Panama the steamship did not materialize, Daniel (246), becoming restive, took passage in a sailing vessel, and was three months in arriving in San Francisco. Before going west he sold the farm on the hill to his cousin James (178), and on his return he occupied his former home until his death, he being the last of the Towles to live in Avon. After his death his widow went to Minnesota, where her son Daniel (262) was living, and the property soon passed into other hands. His daughter Clarinda (261) went to school at Goshen to David (249).

Hiram (247) lived on the home farm for some time after his father's death, and here his two oldest children were born. The family must have moved to Fort Fairfield about 1840, as the next child was born there. Hiram (247) was of an exceedingly inventive turn, and was an able mechanic. He was engaged in building a bridge in Springfield, Mass., at the time of his death.

David Towle (248) was the only one of the children to die in infancy. Correctly or otherwise, the mother



DANIEL TOWLE (246).



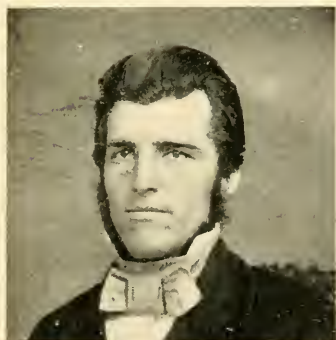
DAVID LADD TOWLE (249).



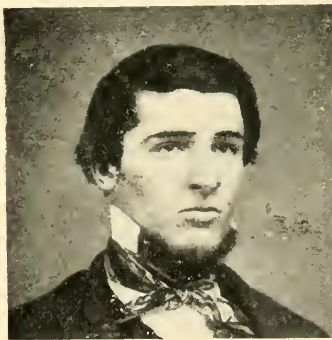
MELINDA (TOWLE) DOWNS (250).



STEPHEN MARSTON TOWLE (251).



GEORGE WASHINGTON TOWLE (252).



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TOWLE (254).

CHILDREN OF DANIEL TOWLE (39).

attributed its death to a mistake on the part of the doctor; the child died of croup, and she said it was the only one she ever had the doctor to, and that one might have lived if no doctor had been called.

David Ladd (249) was the scholar of the family. After graduating from the Academy at Farmington, he went south and taught school, and then entered Bowdoin College, where Longfellow was teaching languages. Later he went to Goshen, N. Y., and opened what was called the Farmers' Hall Academy. This business was ruined by the war, as practically all his pupils were from the south. He died of yellow fever.

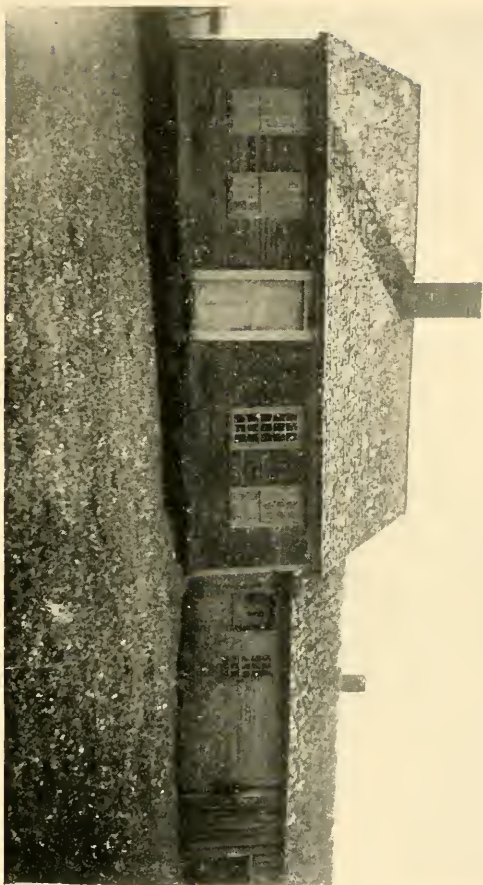
Melinda (250) lived on the home place till she came to Boston in 1844. She went to Monmouth Academy for three years, and taught school in Avon for two or three summers.

Stephen (251) worked on the home farm with Hiram (247) for a time, and then learned the shoemaker's trade; this he followed for a few years, only to be drawn away by the glitter of gold in California. On his return from the west he settled in Goshen, and afterward in Warwick, N. Y.

George (252) as a boy had a very strong aversion to school, and was in consequence bound out by his mother to one Enoch Winship, when eleven years old. He repented his folly in very short measure. He was naturally of a roving disposition, and when quite a young man went on a trip to St. Helena in a sailing vessel. He was the first of the family to go to the gold fields,

but returned later and settled in New Bedford, where he studied law. He finally returned to California, and became a very successful practitioner. He came east again in 1869, with the purpose of settling, but prospects were not flattering, and he finally returned to California.

Caroline Towle (253) was but five years of age when her father died, and her home life was sadly broken by this event. For a few years she remained at home with her mother, but when the latter went to Farmington, Caroline was distributed among her relations, stopping first with her grandmother Ladd at Mount Vernon, later with her uncle Samuel Sprague in Avon, and for a longer period with one Levi Johnson, who had married her mother's cousin, Miriam Marston, in Vienna, Maine. When her mother returned to Avon, Caroline came back to the farm, and taught school for a time. The life of the small country village was not to her liking, however, and in 1842, with \$20 that she had saved from her summer's teaching, she started for Boston when only fifteen years of age, without knowing a person, a street, or a hotel in that great city. On the boat from Hallowell she became acquainted with a lady who knew some of her people, and who was in business in Boston. She first secured employment with a Mrs. Frank Loring as seamstress, but her health failing with the close confinement, she entered the family of Charles Jackson, taking care of the older children and helping with her needle. With



THE "HILL FARM,"—THE HOME OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).

[From a photograph by Rhoda Isabel Knowlton (201), August 1903].

them she remained some years, traveling with the family in the summer, and enjoying many privileges; but the restless spirit of the Towles was not satisfied, and when a little over twenty-one she entered the employ of Samuel S. Houghton, the founder of Houghton & Dutton, now one of the largest department stores in the country. Her natural ability early showed itself, and she was soon in practical command of the forces, taking entire charge of the wholesale department, and carrying on the business during the absence of Mr. Houghton. Her connection with the firm continued until her marriage in 1852. She has always lived in Boston.

Frank (254), the youngest child, naturally remained with his mother, going with her to Farmington, and returning with her to Avon. He lived on the farm, and assisted in carrying it on, till the gold fever struck the town, and he left in 1852 with Stephen (251) for California. On his return he married and settled in Phillips, where his mother shortly passed away, while living with him.

Jonathan Towle (38) was born June 1, 1777, at Hampton, and was 24 years old when he started for Avon. This land was the El Dorado of a century ago, and "down east" was to them well nigh as venturesome as "out west" was later.

Equally with his brother Daniel (39) was he a man of marked character and individuality; nor was it altogether brotherly admiration that made Daniel esti-

mate Jonathan's abilities as greater than his own, although his career was not as successful as that of Daniel.

He was short in stature and rather stout, dark complexion, with dark eyes and hair, the latter becoming snow white in later years. He had round features, and was always smooth shaven.

His wife was the widow of Capt. Joseph Soule, of Duxbury, and was probably a descendant of the George Soule who came over in the Mayflower. She had three children at the time of her marriage to Jonathan (38),—Joshua, Polly and Joseph.

Jonathan (38) became infirm about 1820, and for over forty years was a great care to his family. He lived to an advanced age, dying in 1860.*

* The Franklin Patriot.

FARMINGTON, MAINE, FRIDAY, FEB. 3, 1860.

OBITUARY.—Passed to the spirit-land on the morning of the 24th ult., Mr. Jonathan Towle, of Avon, aged 82 years, 7 months, and 23 days.

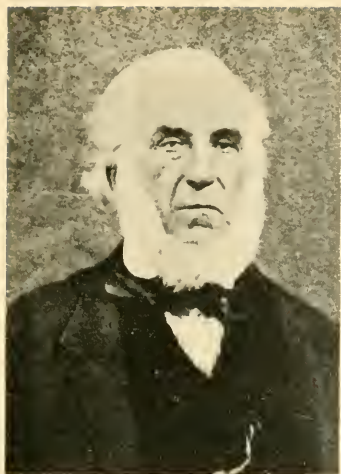
It seems proper, when one of our pioneers passes away, to more than just chronicle their decease, hence a few words.

Mr. Towle was born in New Hampshire, in 1777, and removed from Pittsfield, N. H., to Avon, in 1803, where he commenced the now "old homestead," more than half a century ago, which, according to lineal descent, is now represented by a son of the same name. So attached to his early home in Maine, where his joys and sorrows have nearly all been experienced, was he, that for nearly thirty years he has not spent a night elsewhere.

He leaves six sons, two of them living in the West, to mourn the loss of their last parent, their mother having gone on before, about three years ago, aged 80 years, they having lived together over 50 years.

Their example of steadfastness, in this moving age is worthy of note. For 57 years in prosperity and adversity, in health and sickness, in summer and in winter, and, at last, *in death*, were they found at their old home, on the "hill farm."

—Com.



JAMES TOWLE (178).



JOHN DARLING TOWLE (179).



WILLIAM SOULE TOWLE (182).



THEODORE M. TOWLE (183).

SONS OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).

Belle Knowlton (201), his granddaughter, writes: "I think my father's family had the most fun in them of any people I ever saw." There was always something going on at the Jonathan Towle (38) place, and dances and other social festivities were of frequent occurrence.

The house they lived in was situated about half a mile from Daniel's (39), and was up the river road toward Phillips; it was of one story, with pitch roof. There were but two rooms on the lower floor, with a large attic. The houses of the brothers were in plain sight of each other, both being situated on high ground. The building where Jonathan lived is still standing, and is occupied at the present time.

James (178), the oldest boy, lived around home. He was injured when a young man by a log rolling on him while out logging, and was debarred from strenuous work thereafter. He went to school when over forty years of age, obtained a good education and taught school for several years in Avon. He bought the old home place when Jonathan went west, and became a man of prominence in town and state affairs. He was nearly sixty years old at the time of his marriage. He went to Wisconsin in March, 1869, and settled near his brothers.

John Darling (179) married when he was twenty-four, and shortly after took a farm up the road a short distance from Phillips. He was the first of the brothers to be affected by the western fever, and started

for Wisconsin as early as 1851. He lived to be the oldest of the family, dying in 1894, at the ripe age of 84 years. All of his children, except the youngest, were born in Avon.

Jonathan Perkins (180) remained at home, and on him devolved the care of the old folks. He seems to have been a man of estimable character, and his wife was kindness itself to the infirm father. Patient and thoughtful, she made the home cheerful and pleasant, and Jonathan (38) could not say enough of her good qualities. Not until the death of both his mother and father did Jonathan (180) desert Avon, moving to Wisconsin in 1862. All his children were born in Avon.

Samuel (181) worked some on the farm, alternating same with teaching school. He taught school at Vinal Haven, Me., for some time. Later he owned a farm in the neighborhood, and ceased to work on the home place. He finally moved to Farmington, and on October 4, 1874, left there for the west.

William (182) was the type of a man that is so attractively represented in "The Old Homestead" by Joshua Whitecomb. There was a naiveté and freshness about him that was very charming. He had a quaintness of expression, and a certain innocence that time did not dull the edges of. He had the shrewdness of the typical Yankee, was well educated, genial, and entertaining. In person he was short and thick-set, and of dark complexion. He was a school-teacher in his younger days, and possessed a wonderful memory



JONATHAN PERKINS TOWLE AND WIFE

ELIZA (HEATH) TOWLE

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for all he saw or read. He was quite an extensive traveler and went to Minnesota and Wisconsin five times to visit his brothers and half-sister, all of whom lived in the west. He was very charitable, and gave away much to the poor that only he himself knew of. Much of his later life was spent in Strong, Me.

Theodore (183) was the youngest of the brothers, and seems to have worked out the usual apprenticeship on the farm. Like several of his brothers, he also served in his turn as a school-teacher, and later we find him employed as a watchman at Lowell, Mass. He went west about 1853. He is understood to have accumulated a comfortable stock of this world's goods. October 24, 1872, he fell four feet from a load of straw, injuring himself internally, and died ten days later, on November 3, 1872.

Jonathan (38) and Daniel (39) probably never saw their father after they left Pittsfield for Avon. The difficulties of travel were so great that when once a separation took place, families were seldom reunited.

Jonathan (38) and Daniel (39) did make a visit to their old home in February, 1823, the next year after their father's death. The snow was very deep, and on the journey they carried shovels, which they were constantly compelled to use to clear the roads.

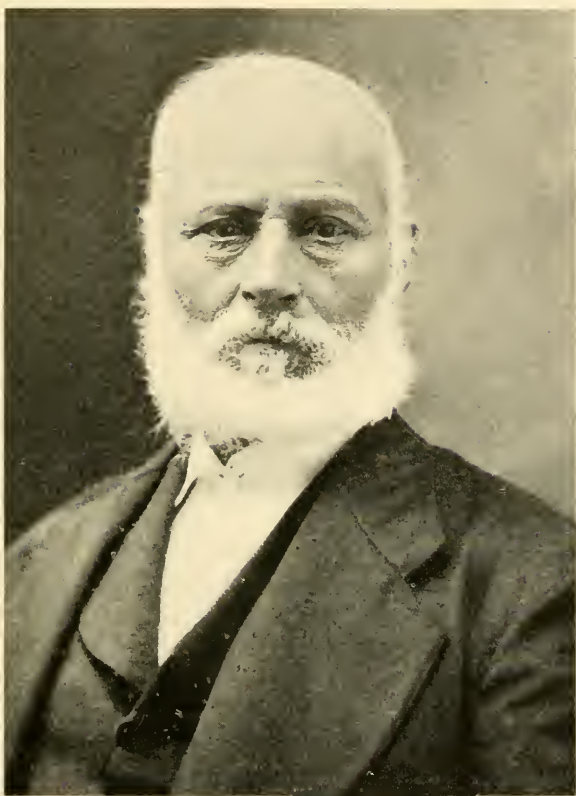
Daniel Towle's (39) widow with her two sons, Hiram (247) and Benjamin F. (254) visited the family in September, 1832, the next year after her husband's death. It took four days for them to get home; they

travelled with a team. Benjamin F. (254) was a baby in his mother's arms.

James Towle (178) made a visit to Pittsfield in June, 1851.

William S. Towle (182) made in all four visits to the old home of his father. His first visit was in April, 1849, second in June, 1865, third in August, 1871, fourth in August, 1873.

So far as known no other visits were made by the descendants of Jonathan (38) for fifty years, or of Daniel (39) for over seventy years. In 1903 a visit to Pittsfield and Northwood was made by Frederick W. Calkins (282) and Mary F. Towle (283), grandchildren of Daniel (39), and later in the same year by Rhoda I. (Towle) Knowlton (201), a granddaughter of Jonathan (38).



SAMUEL TOWLE

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SON OF
JONATHAN TOWLE
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PART III.
GENEALOGICAL.

COMPILED BY

ALVIN FREEMAN TOWLE (340)

ASSISTED BY

HERBERT CLARENCE TOWLE (374)

AND

JOHN M. MOSES (358).

NOTE. — Chapters VI. and XI. were compiled by Mr. Moses. All the others were the work of Mr. Towle.



ALVIN FREEMAN TOWLE

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GRANDSON OF
JAMES TOWLE

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FRANCENA FLOYD (STOCKMAN) TOWLE

WIFE OF ALVIN FREEMAN TOWLE



CHAPTER VI.

JONATHAN TOWLE:

HIS ANCESTORS AND NEAR RELATIVES.

1—1. Philip Towle married, Nov. 19, 1657, Isabella,* daughter of Francis and Isabella (Bland) Austin of Colchester, England, and Hampton, N. H., and granddaughter of John and Joanna Bland of Edgartown, England. She was born about 1633, and was the eldest of three daughters. Philip was a seaman, and supposed to be of Irish† descent, then forty-one years of age. They lived in what is now the heart of the village, just north of the bridge over the steam railway, over which passes the electric line to Exeter. The raising of the grade of the street, and the widening of the railroad for the second track have obliterated all the ancient landmarks in the vicinity. Just where his remains repose is uncertain; some of the succeeding generations are known to be buried in the old burying ground near the first church, and possibly his body and that of Isabella, his wife, may rest there also. Five of his sons served in King William's war (1689-1698), viz: Joseph (2), Philip (4), Benjamin (8), Francis (9), and Caleb 2d (11). He died Dec. 11, 1696. She died Dec. 7, 1719. Children:

Philip (4), b. May 3, 1659; m. Martha Dow.

Caleb (5), b. May 17, 1661; killed by Indians June 13, 1677.

Joshua (6), b. June 29, 1663; m. Sarah Reed.

Mary (7), b. Nov. 12, 1665. No further record.

* There is a tradition that Isabella was a descendant of the famous martyr, John Rogers.

† The scriptural names of the children are suggestive of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians.

Joseph (2), b. May 4, 1669.

Benjamin (8), * b. May 4, 1669; m. Sarah Borden; d. May 29, 1759.

Francis (9), b. Aug. 1, 1672. Served in King William's war.

John (10), b. July 23, 1674. No further record.

Caleb 2d (11), b. May 14, 1678; m. Zipporah Brackett.

II—2. Sergt. Joseph Towle, son of Philip (1), married, first, Dec. 14, 1693, Mehetabel, daughter of John and Sarah (Colcord) Hobbs.† She was born Feb. 28, 1673. He married second, March 4, 1731, Sarah, daughter of Morris Hobbs. He probably lived a little north of the village on the road to Portsmouth, on the place marked "A. Norris" in the N. H. Atlas of 1892. He served in King William's war, and was selectman in 1723, 1729 and 1733. He died Sept. 2, 1757. Children:

John (12), b. June 26, 1694; m. Lydia Page.

Joseph (13), b. March 31, 1696; m. Sarah Dalton.

James (3), b. Dec. 10, 1698.

Mary (14), b. March 11, 1701; m. Jonathan Page.

* Benjamin Towle (8) was ancestor of a numerous family of Towles that have lived in Chichester, N. H. The line of descent is as follows: Benjamin married Nov. 7, 1693, Sarah Borden, b. about 1671, d. June 22, 1759. Their son, Elisha (II), b. July 23, 1715, married March 1, 1739, Ann Vittum, bp. Noy. 30, 1718, daughter of Wm. Vittum and Abigail, daughter of Wm. Lane. Their son, Elisha (IV), bp. Sept. 23, 1739, d. Jan. 7, 1820, married Ann Sanborn, bp. March 23, 1740, d. Jan. 16, 1824, daughter of Jonathan Sanborn and Mary Batchelder. Their son, Joshua (V), b. Oct. 20, 1764, married April, 1787, Olive Brown (b. in 1768, d. Aug. 27, 1863). She was probably a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kenniston) Brown of Hampton, N. H. They lived in Chichester and had twelve children. He died about 1841. Children: Lydia married Daniel Sargent, had three children; Jonathan married Betsey Fellows, had twelve children; Samuel married Sibyl Whitten, had four children; Nancy married Ebenezer Hillard, had eight children; Dorothy married Abraham Hillard, had six children; Olive married Josiah Smith, had five children; Priscilla married Stephen Smith, had one child; Jeremiah married Susan Maxfield, — no record; Betsey married Dudley Folsom, had three children; Sally married James Weeks, had four children, (Betsey and Sally were twins); Aaron (b. in 1807, d. June 5, 1874) married Sally Hook, had seven children; Lovey married Enos Ordway, had nine children.

† John Hobbs was the son of Morris Hobbs and Sarah, daughter of William Eastow; Sarah Colcord was the daughter of Edward and Ann Colcord.

Jonathan (15), b. April 5, 1703, d. April 23, 1791. Was married Dec. 12, 1728, to Anna Norton (b. March 20, 1708), daughter of Bonus Norton of Hampton Falls, and probably settled in Rye. They had children: 1, Jonathan born July 4, 1729, died in Epsom, m. Elizabeth Jenness (b. April 4, 1734) of Rye, by whom he had children: Hannah, Simeon and Levi. Hannah married William Yeaton of Rye. They removed to Epsom, N. H., and settled near the Suncook river; Simeon married Elizabeth Marden of Rye and settled in Epsom about a mile northeast of the Yeaton place. This Simeon had two sons that lived in Epsom: Simeon, Jr., who married Hannah Yeaton, and Benjamin Marden, who married Hannah Sanborn. Both reared large families. Levi lived in Epping. 2, Levi, the second son of Jonathan (15), married Ruth Marden. 3, Joseph married Sarah Wallis. 4, Samuel married, November 18, 1762, Esther Johnson. 5, James. 6, Anna. 7, Nathan.

Mahetabel (16), b. Aug. 14, 1706; m. Thomas Browne.

Amos (17), ancestor of Dr. Alonzo Towle of Freedom, N. H., b. Nov. 13, 1711; m. Hannah Drake.

III—3. James Towle, son of Joseph (2), married July 22, 1725, Keziah, daughter of Abraham and Mary Perkins*. She was born April 25, 1709. They lived† on the road to Portsmouth near North Hampton line, on the place marked "A. B. Towle" in the atlas. He was selectman in 1752. He died April 14, 1756. She died Dec. 12, 1794. Children:

Mary (18), bp. March 3, 1728.

Mehetabel (19), bp. April 12, 1730; m. Abraham Perkins.

* Abraham Perkins was the son of Jonathan and Sarah Perkins, and grandson of Abraham and Mary Perkins. The family names of the wives are unknown.

† The building, originally a log house of one room, was subsequently enlarged by being built into the more commodious residence afterwards erected. The raising of the grade of the street for an overhead bridge to cross the railway ruined the property and the house was finally torn down, when the original logs were found to be a part of the structure. The property remained in the family, and until recently was occupied by his great-grandson, Oliver Towle. The latter is still living in Hampton, at the advanced age of 89 years. He is a son of James Towle (29), grandson of Abraham Perkins Towle (22), and grandnephew of Jonathan Towle (24).

Anna (20), bp. March 4, 1733; m. Benjamin Sanborn. They were great-grandparents of F. B. Sanborn of Concord, Mass., journalist and author, who is writing a history of New Hampshire.

Huldah (21), bp. Dec. 14, 1735.

Abraham Perkins (22), b. April 23, 1740.

James (23), b. May 10, 1743.

Jonathan (24), b. Aug. 23, 1747.

IV—22. Abraham Perkins Towle, son of James (3), married Dec. 28, 1763, Abigail, daughter of John and Hannah (Lamprey) Moulton. She was born March 28, 1745. They lived on his father's place. He died Dec. 8, 1804. She died June 7, 1825. Children:

Hannah (25), bp. Oct 7, 1764; d. unm. July 13, 1849.

Anna (26), bp. April 24, 1768; m. May 31, 1789, Dea. David Locke of Rye and Epsom. They had a son, Dea. David.

Molly (27), bp. May 3, 1772; m. Aug. 28, 1797, John Cate of Epsom. They had children: Abigail, who married John Heath; Hannah, who married Joseph Moses; Eliza, who married Enoch French; Polly, who married Sherburne Dolbeer.

Abigail (28), bp. July 10, 1774; m. Jesse Prescott.

James (29), b. Nov. 26, 1776; m. Abigail Brown.

IV—23. James Towle, son of James Towle (3), married Ann ——. They probably lived on the Portsmouth road on the place marked in the atlas, "A. Hannis." He died May 14, 1783. Children:

James (30), bp. May 3, 1766, d. June 16, 1828.

Jonathan (31), bp. April 3, 1769.

David (32), b. July 15, 1771, m. Zipporah Dearborn, d. May 1, 1828.

Perkins (33), bp. July 18, 1773.

William (34), bp. July 13, 1777; d. April 30, 1778.

Simon (35), bp. July 14, 1779; m. Mary, daughter of John Sanborn of Exeter, and settled in Gilmanton, N. H.

IV—24. Jonathan Towle, son of James (3), married Jan. 21, 1773, Miriam, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Sarah (Clough) Marston, of North Hampton, H. H. She was born July 29, 1749. They settled in Pittsfield in 1781. He died March 21, 1822. She died May 1, 1835. Children:

Molly (36), bp. Oct. 16, 1774; d. May 6, 1853.

Huldah (37), b. Jan. 26, 1775; d. Oct. 22, 1858.

Jonathan (38), b. June 1, 1777; d. Jan. 24, 1860.

Daniel (39), b. Feb. 12, 1779; d. Oct. 28, 1831.

James (40), bp. June 3, 1781; d. June 13, 1813.

Sally (41), b. about 1784; m. Nov. 17, 1825, Archibald Davis. Died June 7, 1872. She had no children.

Abraham Perkins (42), b. May 15, 1787; d. unm. Sept. 6, 1846.

Nancy (43), b. Sept. 15, 1790; d. unm. March 18, 1872.

IV—30. James Towle,* son of James (23), married Anna Lane (b. Dec. 27, 1770, d. in Pittsfield, N. H., Nov. 25, 1841), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Blake) Lane, of Hampton, N. H. They had a son named Jonathan (born in Hampton, Sept. 14, 1800, died in Pittsfield Sept. 13, 1875), and two daughters: Mary (b. 1798, m. David Janvrin, of Hampton Falls, and Dorothy (b. Aug. 6, 1803, d. June 12, 1867), m. Reuben L. Seavey. Jonathan Towle married Sarah Lane (b. Sept. 16, 1799, d. Jan. 12, 1882), at Hampton in 1827. She was a daughter of Joshua and Abigail (Lamprey) Lane of Hampton. He moved to Pittsfield in 1839, and became thereafter an important factor in the development of the town. Before leaving Hampton he had served that town four years (1831-1835) as selectman, and he occupied the same position in Pittsfield for a series of terms. Jonathan Towle had eight children:

* Oliver Towle relates that owing to the duplication of names in the family it often became difficult to distinguish the individual. To avoid confusion, various sobriquets were adopted. Thus: James (30) was "Black-Headed" James; James (29) was "Red-Headed" James, etc.

1, Maria Theresa, b. Hampton, March 28, 1833, d. Pittsfield, June 20, 1883, m. W. H. White* and had three sons (who constituted the firm of White Brothers, leather manufacturers, Lowell, Mass.), Edward Lane White, b. Winchester, Mass., June 25, 1857, Henry Kirke, b. Aug. 23, 1858, William Towle, b. Montreal, Canada, Sept. 5, 1862, and one daughter, Maria Theresa, b. Lowell, Mass., June 10, 1867; d. at Pittsfield, N. H., May 14, 1902.

2, James Ferdinand, b. Hampton, Jan. 8, 1836, d. Pittsfield, N. H., Dec. 19, 1852.

3, Joshua Edwin, b. Oct. 7, 1837, unm., resides in Pittsfield.

4, Abbie Ann, b. April 5, 1839, d. Pittsfield, Dec. 18, 1888.

5, Lydia, b. Pittsfield, Oct. 9, 1841, d. there Dec. 4, 1842.

6, Lydia Jane, b. Sept. 7, 1843, m. Charles Payson Kelley (b. at Boston, d. there Jan. 30, 1872). Children: Alice Maud, b. Aug. 28, 1866, Etta Towle, b. May 25, 1869, and Charles Philip, b. Jan. 20, 1872. All born in Boston.

7, Sarah Eliza, b. Jan. 8, 1845, m. Justin L. Gunn (now deceased). She died Oct. 19, 1880. Child: Annie Louise, b. Aug. 27, 1876.

8, Esther Lane, b. May 8, 1846, resides unm. in Haverhill, Mass.

* W. H. White died Nov. 12, 1903, in Pittsfield, N. H., at the home of his brother-in-law, Joshua E. Towle.



CHAPTER VII.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND MOLLY GOSS.

JOSEPH GOSS was born April 5, 1758, and died in May, 1811. He lived in Pittsfield, N. H., about a mile from the village, on the road leading to Tilton Hill. He was first married to Keziah Meads, by whom he had eight children: William, Deborah, Betsey, Joseph, Robert, Molly, Lydia and Nathan. He was probably a descendant of Gosses that were among the early settlers of Rye and Greenland, N. H.

Joseph Goss married, second, about 1802, Molly Towle (36), (bp. Oct. 16, 1774, d. May 6, 1853), daughter of Jonathan and Miriam (Marston) Towle of Pittsfield, N. H. Their children were:

Miriam (44), b. about 1803, d. unmarried.

Delia H. (45), b. June 21, 1804, d. Oct. 28, 1883.

Huldah (46), b. about 1805.

Hannah (47), b. about 1806, d. young.

Jonathan (48), b. about 1808, was found dead in the woods after a heavy thunder shower, about 1839, unmarried.

David T. (49), b. July 28, 1809, d. June 9, 1891.

Daniel Towle (50), b. Nov. 22, 1811, d. Sept. 29, 1895.

VI—45. Delia H. Goss, daughter of Joseph, married June 22, 1823, Richard Fitts Emerson (b. Sept. 15, 1789, d. Nov. 12, 1866), son of Samuel and Polly (Morrill) Emerson of Pittsfield, N. H. They lived in Northwood, N. H. Children.

Martha Ann (51), b. Oct. 29, 1823.

Abigail F. (52), b. May 24, 1825.

Huldah G. (53), b. Oct. 13, 1827, d. Nov. 14, 1883.

Joseph Morrill (54), b. July 24, 1829.

Daniel S. (55), b. Jan. 7, 1831, d. Aug. 30, 1866.

Clarissa J. (56), b. Sept. 26, 1833.

Richard Jackson (57), b. April 17, 1835.

David Goss (58), b. June 29, 1838.

Ebenezer Knowlton (59), b. Feb. 6, 1840.

Fanny G. (60), b. March 30, 1842, d. Nov. 2, 1901.

Isabel Francena (61), b. Aug. 20, 1844.

Charles G. (62), b. May 30, 1847, d. in infancy.

Charles Tenney (63), b. Dec. 1, 1848.

VI—46. Huldah Goss, daughter of Joseph, is supposed to have married a man named York, and to have removed to Kittery, Maine.

VI—49. David T. Goss, son of Joseph, married first, Fanny Robie (b. about 1814, d. April 8, 1842); second, April 20, 1861, Mary Jane Norton (b. Jan. 19, 1825, d. April 21, 1863), daughter of John Wingate and Ruth (Heath) Norton of Newmarket, N. H. He was a sailor, and the most of his early life was spent upon the ocean. He made several fishing voyages to the Grand Banks and Labrador. Later he traveled in the West and went to California, where he lived a few years, returning to New Hampshire in 1859. He later made several voyages to the Bahama Islands. They lived in Epping, N. H. Child:

John Norton (64), b. May 1, 1862.

VI—50. Daniel Towle Goss, son of Joseph, married, Dec. 4, 1839, Abbie Weld George (b. May 23, 1819, d. Jan. 22, 1895), daughter of Moses and Abigail (Ladd) George of Plaistow, N. H. When fourteen years of age he sailed from Boston to the Grand Banks codfishing. He made two voyages. He then sailed from Newburyport and was engaged in mackerel fishing. He was thirteen summers in the North Bay and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Winters he sailed to the West Indies and in the southern coasting trade. In all he followed the sea most of the time for eighteen years, and was captain of several fine schooners. His last voyage was to the West Indies in 1843. They lived at East Haverhill, Mass. Children:

Theresa L. (65), b. Feb. 28, 1841.

James Moses (66), b. Dec. 10, 1842.

Abbie Bodwell (67), b. Aug. 14, 1847, d. June 10, 1869.

Daniel Richmond (68), b. June 30, 1850.

VII—51. Martha Ann Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married Feb. 20, 1843, Leonard Babb (b. April 20, 1823, d. Sept. 8, 1888), son of Jethro and Sally (Drew) Babb of Strafford, N. H. He first enlisted Sept. 23, 1861, in Company D., Sixth Regiment, N. H. Vol.; mustered in Nov. 27, 1861, as private; wounded Aug. 29., 1862, at Bull Run, Va.; discharged, disabled, Feb. 9, 1863, near Alexandria, Va. He enlisted second Aug. 19, 1863, in Company B., Fifth Regiment, N. H. Vol., as substitute; mustered in Aug. 19, 1863, as private; wounded June 29, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; transferred to Seventh Company, Second Battalion, V. R. C.; retransferred to Regiment Dec. 22, 1864; wounded April 7, 1865, at Farmville, Va.; discharged Oct. 5, 1865, at Baltimore, Md. They lived at Farmington, N. H. Children:

Leonard P. (69), b. March 20, 1843, d. Feb. 22, 1871.

Solomon (70), b. Sept. 2, 1845.

Sarah E. (71), b. July 19, 1847, d. Sept. 10, 1848.

Richard E. (72), b. Nov. 29, 1850, d. Feb. 16, 1900.

Joseph D. (73), b. June 26, 1853.

Charles H. (74), b. June 21, 1855.

George M. (75), b. June 4, 1857.

Sarah A. (76), b. March 18, 1859.

John K. (77), b. May 15, 1861.

Mary L. (78), b. April 12, 1864, d. Dec. 11, 1898.

VII—52. Abigail F. Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married May 9, 1847, Albert Knight (b. Feb. 4, 1829, d. April 11, 1885), son of Joseph and Tamson (Caswell) Knight of Lee, N. H. He served throughout the Civil War. He first enlisted April 24, 1861, in State service. He next enlisted Aug. 12, 1862, in Company A., Eleventh N. H. Vol., as private, and was discharged June 3, 1865. They lived in Lee, N. H. Child:

Sarah Frances (79), b. Nov. 29, 1850.

VII—53. Huldah G. Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married March 12, 1847, Daniel R. Brown (b. Oct. 18, 1824, d. Nov. 23, 1862), son of Benjamin F. and Lydia (Willey) Brown of Northwood, N. H. He enlisted Oct. 23, 1861, in Company G., Eighth Regiment, N. H. Vol., mustered in Dec. 23, 1861, as private, died of disease Nov. 23, 1862, at Camp Kearney, La. They lived in Northwood. Children:

Benjamin Franklin (80), b. Dec. 31, 1847.

Melissa J. (81), b. 1849, d. about 1875.

Lorenzo L. (82), b. 1850.

Clara Frances (83), b. 1854.

VII—54. Joseph Morrill Emerson, son of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married Aug. 10, 1862, Nancy S. Durgin (b. Oct. 18, 1839), daughter of Israel R. and Rhoda (Fernald) Durgin of Northwood, N. H. They live in Northwood. Children:

Eva May (84), b. May 15, 1863, d. Sept. 26, 1886.

Almeda (85), b. March 10, 1866, d. Aug. 26, 1903.

Josephine (86), b. November, 1869.

Alfaretta (87), b. Jan. 28, 1876.

Leroy (88), b. Aug. 9, 1880.

VII—55. Daniel S. Emerson, son of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married Hannah G. Bickford (b. Oct.

21, 1840, d. July 21, 1866), daughter of Hamilton Bickford of Northwood, N. H. They lived in Northwood. Children:

Edville (89), b. Dec. 30, 1856.

Everett B. (90), b. about 1858, d. September, 1885.

Fred A. (91), b. about 1860.

vii—56. Clarissa J. Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married April 24, 1853, William Morrill Kelley (b. Nov. 4, 1832), son of Richard and Ann (Goodwin) Kelley of Meredith, N. H. They live in Northwood, N. H. Children:

Abbie Frances (92), b. May 23, 1854, d. June 17, 1858.

William Woodbury (93), b. Feb. 21, 1856, married Oct. 23, 1877, Annie Laura Staples (b. Oct. 8, 1860), daughter of Jeremiah and Eliza (Buzzell) Staples of Albany, N. H. No children.

John Woodman (94), b. Sept. 4, 1858, married Dec. 25, 1882, Lillian A. Parkhurst, daughter of Darius Parkhurst of Haverhill, Mass. Child: Harry Clifton, b. Sept. 3, 1886.

True Wilson (95), b. Aug. 10, 1860, d. Sept. 19, 1862.

Dyer Wilson (96), b. Dec. 4, 1864, married June 28, 1893, Emmie A. Parsons (b. May 21, 1861), daughter of Joseph and Adelaide (Lewis) Parsons of Northwood, N. H. Child: A son, b. Aug. 29, 1900, d. Aug. 29, 1900.

Miles Knowlton (97), b. Jan. 4, 1867, d. Sept. 29, 1871.

Abbie Frances (98), b. May 24, 1874, d. May 18, 1880.

vii—57. Richard J. Emerson, son of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married April 11, 1858, Sarah Esther Nutter (b. Jan. 18, 1843), daughter of Samuel D. and Ruth (Knowles) Nutter of Barnstead, N. H. They live in Lynn, Mass. Children:

Ida Amanda (99), b. July 17, 1859.

Mattie Anna (100), b. June 10, 1861, d. Feb. 7, 1880.

Flora Esther (101), b. July 23, 1865, d. Oct. 17, 1865.

Andrew Jackson (102), b. May 25, 1867, d. May 6, 1902.

VII—58. David G. Emerson, son of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married Aug. 23, 1869, Ellen M. Lynn (b. Oct. 28, 1839, d. June 24, 1881), daughter of James and Mary E. Lynn of Middleton, Mass. He enlisted Feb. 27, 1861, for three years in Company D, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A. He was discharged Feb. 27, 1864. He then enlisted Sept. 19, 1864, for one year in Company L, First Regiment N. H. Heavy Artillery. They lived at Northwood, N. H. Children:

Alice D. (103), b. May 14, 1872.

Nelson (104), b. Nov. 13, 1878.

VII—59. Ebenezer K. Emerson, son of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married July 9, 1870, Viola W. Hodgdon (b. Feb. 27, 1854, d. Dec. 15, 1891), daughter of George and Parthenia (Kelley) Hodgdon of Northwood, N. H. Children:

Cora Maud (105), b. Aug. 3, 1871.

James K. (106), b. March 5, 1873, d. May 6, 1901.

George R. (107), b. Dec. 29, 1874.

Viola Janie (108), b. Sept. 29, 1879.

Viva Gertrude (109), b. Dec. 25, 1880.

Lucy Ellen (110), b. Jan. 30, 1885.

VII—60. Fanny G. Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married first, about 1859, William A. Jones* (b. 1829, d. Oct. 28, 1862), son of James and Abigail (Emerson) Jones. Children:

John Fremont (111), d. young.

Phebe (112), married and lives in Boston, Mass.

She married second, Jan. 17, 1865, James E. Bunker* (b. April 3, 1832, in Gilmanton, N. H.). They lived in Northwood, N. H. Children:

John (113), b. Nov. 5, 1865.

George (114), b. about 1869, d. young.

*William A. Jones was a private in Company G., Eighth N. H. Vols. Wounded at Labadieville, La., Oct. 27, 1862; died next day. James E. Bunker was a corporal in same Company, and was wounded in same action.

Milan W. (115), b. Aug. 23, 1873.

Natt (116), b. Dec. 5, 1878.

Mattie (117), b. Dec. 3, 1880.

Cyrus W. (118), b. Jan. 13, 1884.

VII—61. Isabel F. Emerson, daughter of Richard F. and Delia H. (Goss) Emerson (45), married Jan. 17, 1862, David Morrill Emerson (b. April 9, 1833), son of Morrill and Betsey (Kennison) Emerson of Pittsfield, N. H. They live in Barnstead, N. H. Children:

Herbert O. (119), b. Jan. 2, 1863.

Ada Bertha (120), b. Nov. 7, 1864.

Willie S. (121), b. Aug. 5, 1866.

Georgie D. (122), b. Dec. 5, 1868.

VII—64. John Norton Goss, son of David T. (49), married April 6, 1891, Nettie Belle French (b. Dec. 13, 1874), daughter of Samuel Colby and Mary Jane (Hartford) French of Deerfield, N. H. They live in Newmarket, N. H. No children.

VII—65. Theresa L. Goss, daughter of Daniel T. (50), married Sept. 26, 1863, Daniel Litchfield Getchell (b. Oct. 2, 1836, d. Dec. 27, 1902), son of Robert and Lydia (Maxfield) Getchell. They live in Amesbury, Mass. Child:

Ada Florence (123), b. June 13, 1865, married Nov. 14, 1888, John Winslow Fuller (b. April 23, 1859) son of James Lorenzo and Mary Ann (Potter) Fuller of Mechanic Falls, Me. They live in Amesbury, Mass., and have one child, Mildred Winslow, b. Jan. 17, 1893.

VII—66. James Moses Goss, son of Daniel T. (50), served in the Civil War in a Pennsylvania regiment. In 1866 he enlisted in the navy and was discharged in San Francisco. He then went on a whaling voyage to the North Pacific Ocean. He made a number of voyages to the Sandwich Islands and other parts of the Pacific. When last heard from in 1872 he was in a seaport north of San Francisco. He is supposed to have been lost at sea.

VII—67. Abbie Bodwell Goss, daughter of Daniel T. (50), married Oct. 16, 1866, James K. Quested (b. 1843 in West Newbury, Mass.). His parents came from England. Child:

James Fred (124), b. Sept. 25, 1867, d. May 31, 1869.

VII—68. Daniel Richmond Goss, son of Daniel T. (50), married Sept. 25, 1873, Nettie Sholtz (b. Dec. 15, 1856), daughter of William Fred and Annie (Philbrick) Sholtz of Warehouse Point, Conn. They live in Haverhill, Mass. Children:

Abbie Lillian (125), b. June 8, 1874.

Fred Richmond (126), b. Oct. 19, 1876.

VIII—125. Abbie Lillian Goss, daughter of Daniel R. (68), married June 8, 1892, Charles Sawyer Leighton (b. Feb. 14, 1868), son of Nathan Chase and Emma E. (Hutchins) Leighton of Newburyport, Mass. They live in Haverhill, Mass. Children:

Ethel, b. Nov. 26, 1893.

Walter F., b. Jan. 15, 1895.

Newell C., b. July 28, 1897.



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CHAPTER VIII.

DESCENDANTS OF ASA AND HULDAH CHASE.

ASA CHASE was of the sixth generation of American Chases, a descendant of both Thomas and Aquila Chase, who settled in Hampton, N. H., in 1639, Aquila removing to Newbury, Mass., about 1646. His parents were Elihu (V) and Sarah Chase, who were married July 14, 1773, and lived in Kensington, N. H. They had four sons: Samuel, b. June 2, 1775; Asa, b. Feb. 14, 1777, d. Nov. 18, 1865; Ezra, b. Feb. 7, 1779; Hosea, b. July 3, 1781, d. July 7, 1864. Their mother was by birth Sarah Gove. She had previously married a Green.

Elihu (V) b. May 18, 1743. Was one of eleven children of Elihu (IV) and Mary (Swaine) Chase, who were married Dec. 9, 1730, and lived in Kensington.

Elihu (IV) b. Sept. 7, 1705, d. Nov. 30, 1794. Was son of John (III) and Abigail Chase of Hampton. She was a daughter of James (II) and Elizabeth (Green) Chase, and granddaughter of Thomas (I) and Elizabeth (Philbrick) Chase, all of Hampton.

John Chase (III) b. Dec. 23, 1669. Was a son of Anne (II), daughter of Aquila (I) and Ann (Wheeler) Chase of Newbury, Mass. She married April 27, 1671, Thomas Barber, and had other children: Thomas, b. Feb. 16, 1672, and Alice, b. March 2, 1674.

The Chase ancestry in England has been traced back to Thomas Chase of Hundrich, a parish of Chesham. His son

Richard, bp. Aug. 3, 1542, married April 16, 1564, Joan Bishop. Their son Aquila, bp. Aug. 14, 1580, had sons: William, d. May, 1659; Thomas, d. 1652; Aquila, b. 1618, d. Dec. 27, 1670; Richard. The first three of these came to America, William settling in Roxbury, and later in Yarmouth, Mass., and the others in Hampton and Newbury, as has been stated. (See Dow's History of Hampton and James Usher's History of the Lawrence-Townley and Chase-Townley Estates and Families.)

Asa Chase, son of Elihu (V), married Feb. 14, 1799, Huldah Towle (37), (b. Jan. 26, 1775, d. Oct. 22, 1858), daughter of Jonathan (24), and Miriam (Marston) Towle of Pittsfield, N. H. He lived in Pittsfield, N. H., for about six years after his marriage, and owned land on Tilton Hill which he sold to his father-in-law. The deed bears date of Dec. 15, 1804. They afterwards lived at Springfield, N. H. Children:

Elihu (127), b. March 11, 1800, d. Sept. 23, 1886.

Sarah (128), b. Jan. 10, 1802, d. October, 1874.

Hannah (129), b. Dec. 2, 1804. She was badly scalded by falling into a tub of hot water, from the effects of which she died Jan. 11, 1805.

Jonathan (130), b. March 15, 1806, d. in Michigan about 1835; supposed to have been murdered.

Asa, Jr. (131), b. March 19, 1812, d. Dec. 3, 1882.

Mahala (132), b. July 30, 1817, d. Jan. 10, 1900.

VI—127. Elihu Chase, son of Asa, married Nov. 26, 1822, Betsey Russell (b. May 25, 1796, d. Feb. 21, 1888), daughter of Aaron and Phebe (Gilbert) Russell of Wilton, N. H. They lived at Springfield, N. H. Children:

Betsey Ann (133), b. Feb. 1, 1825.

Hosea Belu (134), b. Oct. 31, 1826.

Daniel (135), b. Nov. 11, 1828, d. May 8, 1830.

Elihu Franklin (136), b. Nov. 17, 1833, d. May 21, 1883.

VI—128. Sarah Chase, daughter of Asa, married Nov. 29, 1827, Nathan Smith Trow of Springfield, N. H. (b. Nov. 28, 1804, d. Oct. 15, 1885). They lived at Mitchell, Iowa. Children:

Elihu Chase (137), b. July 11, 1828, d. April 20, 1895.

Anthony C. (138), b. July 14, 1833.

VI—130. Jonathan Chase, son of Asa, married Mary Messer (b. Jan. 15, 1806, d. Nov. 30, 1836), daughter of Isaac Messer of New London, N. H. Children:

Asa 3d (139), b. May 25, 1826, d. June 9, 1861. He was crippled when a boy by the felling of a tree on him by his father.

Martha Jane (140), b. Sept. 15, 1830, d. Jan. 8, 1857.

Caroline (141), b. Oct. 12, 1835, d. Jan. 6, 1858.

VI—131. Asa Chase, Jr., son of Asa, married June 12, 1836, Mary Ann Abbott (b. Oct. 11, 1816, d. Feb. 5, 1886), daughter of Theodore and Mary (Burpee) Abbott of Sunapee, N. H. They lived at Springfield, N. H. Children:

Marshall Train (142), b. Sept. 16, 1837.

Willard Winter (143), b. April 18, 1839.

James Alvin (144), b. July 23, 1841, d. Jan. 8, 1886.

VI—132. Mahala Chase, daughter of Asa, married Jan. 11, 1835, Amasa Sargent Abbott (b. April 21, 1810, d. May 13, 1898), son of Theodore and Mary (Burpee) Abbott of Sunapee, N. H. They lived at Sunapee, N. H. Children:

Diantha (145), b. Oct. 26, 1835.

Maryett (146), b. Sept. 10, 1847, d. April 19, 1848.

VII—133. Betsey Ann Chase, daughter of Elihu (127), married Oct. 9, 1845, Seth Chillis Sargent (b. May 21, 1815, d. Jan. 22, 1891), son of Moses and Mary (Clement) Sargent of Grantham, N. H. They lived at Grantham, N. H. Children:

Elon Galusha (147), b. Nov. 7, 1847, married March 2, 1880, Emma Frederika Ryning (b. in Sweden Nov. 19, 1859), daughter of Carl Lars and Ulrika (Johanson) Ryning of Falkoping, Ranten, Sweden. They live at Gardner, Mass. Child: Elon Gustaf Vilhelm, b. Nov. 14, 1890.

Elbra Betsey (148), b. Feb. 22, 1852, married Oct. 4, 1888, William Preble Carr (b. July 10, 1838), son of William Wallace and Julia Ann (Tukey) Carr of Portland, Me. They live in Woodfords, Me. Children: Proctor Preble, b. June 30, 1889, d. April 27, 1892; Seth Preble Harold, b. Oct. 31, 1890.

VII—134. Hosea Belu Chase, son of Elihu (127), married Jan. 22, 1852, Eveline Kidder (b. April 12, 1836), daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Mudgett) Kidder of Sunapee, N. H. They live in Newport, N. H. Children:

Waldo Sumner (149), b. Oct. 14, 1854.

Herbert Anderson (150), b. Sept. 28, 1862.

Olin Hosea (151), b. Aug. 24, 1875.

VII—136. Elihu Franklin Chase, son of Elihu (127), married first, Sept. 15, 1859, Emma Maria Sherman (b. March 22, 1844, d. Aug. 8, 1881), daughter of Roger Mark and Sadie Melissa (Clark) Sherman of National, Iowa. He married second, Jan. 26, 1882, Caroline S. Amerine (b. Jan. 4, 1855), daughter of Corison and Orpha (Tatman) Amerine of Hoeking County, Ohio. He went from New Hampshire to National, Iowa, in 1854, and engaged in farming, where he lived until March, 1877, when he moved to Sac County, Iowa, where he resided until May 21, 1883, when he met a violent death. He was returning home after having carried his children to school, when his horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him out and dragging him on the ground. His injuries were such that he died that evening. After his death his family moved to Schaller, Iowa, where his widow now resides. Children:

Beecher (152), b. April 6, 1862.

Elihu Burrett (153), b. Nov. 4, 1863. d. June 17, 1882.

Russell (154), b. Oct. 21, 1865.

Althea (155), b. Dec. 8, 1870.

Martha (156), b. March 1, 1875.

Bertha (157), b. Aug. 26, 1879.

vii—137. Elihu Chase Trow, son of Nathan S. and Sarah (Chase) Trow (128), married Oct. 2, 1858, Celestia Colby (b. Jan. 25, 1834, d. Aug. 25, 1900), daughter of Rev. Michael and Abigail (Wilks) Colby of Sardinia, N. Y. They lived at Oakland, Fla. Children:

Adell Celestia (158), b. at Mitchell, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1860, d. at Oakland, Fla., Oct. 5, 1890.

Frank Elihu (159), b. at Oakland, Fla., Jan. 14, 1863, d. at Phillipsburg, Kan., Nov. 11, 1900.

Effie Oreithia (160), b. Nov. 18, 1872. She lives at Phillipsburg, Kan.

Charley (161), d. in infancy.

vii—138. Anthony C. Trow, son of Nathan S. and Sarah (Chase) Trow (128), married Nov. 13, 1862, Orinda Lannin Wiggin (b. in 1849), daughter of Wyatt and Emeline (Crandall) Wiggin of Ohio. They live at Glenville, Minn. Children:

Arthur Wyatt (162), b. Nov. 9, 1863, married Nov. 12, 1884, Martha Palmer. Children: Clinton Foster, b. May 30, 1888; Iva Merle, b. July 14, 1890, d. May 20, 1895; Arthur Palmer, b. Sept. 27, 1898. They live at Glenville, Minn.

Owen Smith (163), b. Jan. 28, 1865, married Oct. 15, 1890, Bella Bennett. Children: Ona, Hazel, Ralph, Merle. They live at Tacoma, Wash.

Sanford Tanner (164), b. Dec. 8, 1866, d. Jan. 25, 1867.

Sarah Elizabeth (165), b. Dec. 8, 1868, married June 30, 1885, Arthur Budlong. Children: Everett Colby, Archie, Vina, Leila Rose, Earliss, Howard Lee. They live at Glenville, Minn.

Ida May (166), b. June 18, 1872, married June 18, 1892, William Lucius Palmer. Child: Clinton Foster. They live at Glenville, Minn.

Hattie Amanda (167), b. April 10, 1874, married June 1, 1893, Frank Skinner. Child: Franklin Trow.

Emmogene (168), b. Dec. 17, 1878, married July 17, 1896, Nicholas Siverling. Children: Leila May, Milo Trow.

Diantha (169), b. June 29, 1880, d. Feb. 9, 1883.

Mattie Lueretia (170), b. Oct. 31, 1882, married Aug. 12, 1898, David Gordon. Child: Beatrice Elmore. They live at Elmore, Minn.

Viola (171), b. Nov. 30, 1887.

Fay Anthony (172), b. Nov. 30, 1889.

VII—140. Martha Jane Chase, daughter of Jonathan (130), married Stephen Gay (b. Feb. 16, 1816, d. about 1896), son of Seth and Molly (Morrill) Gay of Springfield, N. H. They lived at New Orleans, La. Child:

Harry Webster (173), b. June, 1856.

VII—142. Marshall Train Chase, son of Asa (131), married June 1, 1873, Betsey Ann Roby (b. April 14, 1845), daughter of John and Betsey (Roundy) Roby of Sutton, N. H. They live in Wilmot, N. H. No children.

VII—143. Willard Winter Chase, son of Asa (131), married Jan. 3, 1870, Laura Ann Morgan (b. July 6, 1846), daughter of William and Mary (Fuller) Morgan of Springfield, N. H. He was reared a farmer, and enjoyed only common-school advantages. At the age of twenty-four he bought his grandfather's farm in Springfield, N. H., and went industriously to work improving it. In 1871, in company with his brother-in-law, Alfred Martin, he bought the mill property at George's Mills, and they operated same together for eighteen years. In 1880 Mr. Chase began the erection of "Pleasant Home," which now has accommodations for 75 guests. In connection with the house Mr. Chase has thirty acres of good farm land; he keeps six cows, and produces all the milk, butter, cheese, pork, and lard for the summer's use, also fruit and vegetables in abundance. He is a member of New London Grange, also of Mount Vernon Lodge, F. and A. M., and Tabernacle Chapter of Newport, N. H. He helped organize, and is Vice President, Treasurer, and Director in the Sunapee Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which has now at risk some \$350,000, and in which he

holds the first policy issued. He was superintendent of the Christian Sunday school in Springfield for eight years, and has had charge of the Sunday school of the Union Church at George's Mills as superintendent and teacher for twenty-five years. He has contributed much information concerning the descendants of Huldah. They live in Sunapee, N. H. Child:

Dura Alfred (174), b. March 26, 1871.

VII—144. James Alvin Chase, son of Asa (131), married May 17, 1868, Betsey Almira Smith (b. May 12, 1848), daughter of John B. and Almira (Felch) Smith of Sunapee, N. H. They lived at Sunapee. He enlisted Oct. 20, 1861, in Company G, Sixth New Hampshire Regiment; wounded Aug. 29, 1862, in the second battle of Bull Run; discharged April 20, 1863, at Providence, R. I.; afterwards enlisted Sept. 6, 1864, in Company C, 24th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps; discharged Nov. 14, 1865, at Washington, D. C. She afterwards married Frank Torey, and lives at Manchester, N. H. Children:

Grace Bell (175), b. June 1, 1868.

Nellie May (176), b. April 15, 1873.

Arthur Emerson (177), b. Jan. 18, 1875, d. Feb. 26, 1886.

VIII—149. Waldo Sumner Chase, son of Hosea B. (134), married first, Jan. 5, 1875, Helen Frances Adams (b. in 1855, d. Oct. 29, 1882), daughter of Daniel N. and Calista Ann (Richardson) Adams of Springfield, N. H. He married second, Dec. 26, 1885, Nina Matella Wallace (b. April 5, 1868), daughter of William and Dinah (Marsh) Wallace of Grantham, N. H. They live in Franklin, N. H. Child:

Daniel Adams, b. July 24, 1876.

VIII—150. Herbert Anderson Chase, son of Hosea B. (134), married Sept. 20, 1884, Mary Phebe Russell (b. Sept. 20, 1865), daughter of William and Mary Ann (Whipple) Russell of Sunapee, N. H. They live in Newport, N. H. Children:

Earl Herbert, b. Oct. 17, 1886.

William Hosea, b. Jan. 18, 1889.

VIII—151. Olin Hosea Chase, son of Hosea B. (134), is connected with the Newport (N. H.) News, and is First Lieut. in the Stowell Guards, Company M., Second Infantry, N. H. N. G.

VIII—152. Beecher Chase, son of Elihu F. (136), married May 31, 1883, Amelia A. Meier (b. Sept. 25, 1864), daughter of Claus and Alida H. (Koster) Meier of Garnavillo, Iowa. They live at McGregor, Iowa. He is a farmer and beekeeper, and has held some town offices, such as surveyor, school committeeman, etc. Children:

Elihu Burritt, b. July 11, 1884, d. Aug. 12, 1884.

Alida Rosalia, b. July 10, 1885.

Henry Matthew, b. Aug. 9, 1887, d. Aug. 10, 1887.

Wesley Eugene, b. Oct. 26, 1888.

Marion Lester, b. May 1, 1893, d. Dec. 5, 1895.

Sherman, b. July 11, 1897.

Maye, b. May 24, 1899, d. Sept. 9, 1899.

Marjorie Myrtle, b. Nov. 17, 1900.

VIII—153. Elihu Burritt Chase, son of Elihu F. (136), was killed at Grinnell, Iowa., in the cyclone of June 17, 1882. He was attending college, and was in the building at the time it was blown down.

VIII—154. Russell Chase, son of Elihu F. (136), was born in Clayton County, Iowa. He attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1884 and 1885. He taught school at a town named Inland, in the winter of 1885. Oct. 9, 1886, he went to San Francisco, Cal., where he spent the first winter attending the engineering school of Professor Van Der Nallen. In April, 1887, he went to work for the Southern Pacific R.R. Co. in the engineering department, and worked until the end of June, 1888. He then attended the State University at Berkeley for a while. In September, 1890, he was again employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. until August, 1893. From February, 1894, to the present time he has been in the employ of the Southern

Pacific Railroad Co., and has recently been superintending the building of a railroad at Jacksonville, Texas. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

VIII—155. Althea Chase, daughter of Elihu F. (136), attended school at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1886. She spent several years in Chicago, graduating from the Chicago Art School, and taking a post-graduate course. In 1899 she went to Europe, and has visited the art galleries of England, Holland, Spain, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan and Genoa. She is now at work in a studio in Paris, perfecting her studies. A portrait by her has recently been accepted at the Paris salon. Work done by her in Chicago in 1896 was accepted by the jury of great French painters in 1903.

VIII—157. Bertha Chase, daughter of Elihu F. (136), graduated from the Chicago high school, and afterwards attended school at Cedar Falls, Iowa. On account of ill health she lost nearly two years of her school work, but has recently resumed her studies at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

VIII—156. Martha Chase, daughter of Elihu F. (136), graduated at the Chicago High School in 1896, and from the Michigan Normal College at Ypsilanti, and during the past four years has been teaching, having taught two years at Traverse City, Mich.; the last two years at Pocatello, Idaho.

VIII—174. Dura Alfred Chase, son of Willard W. (143), married Sept. 4, 1895, Harriet Augusta George (b. Nov. 25, 1869), daughter of Daniel A. and Miriam D. (Blood) George of Sunapee, N. H. They live in Sunapee, N. H. Children:

Maurice George, b. Jan. 2, 1896.

Harold Dura, b. Oct. 30, 1898.

VIII—175. Grace Bell Chase, daughter of James A. (144), married June 1, 1893, Burton Snow (b. Sept. 27, 1863), son of John and Fronie (King) Snow of Newport, N. H. They live in Concord, N. H.

viii—176. Nellie May Chase, daughter of James A. (144), married May 19, 1894, Charles Ernest Hardy (b. Sept. 24, 1868), son of Ira and Mary Jane (Chandler) Bailey of Warren, N. H. When he was three years of age his name was changed from Bailey to Hardy. They live at Concord, N. H. Children:

Arthur Ernest, b. Oct. 24, 1895.

Nellie May, b. Oct. 24, 1895, d. Oct. 25, 1895.

Eugene Alvin, b. July 8, 1899, d. July 17, 1899.



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CHAPTER IX.

DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN TOWLE (38).

v—38. Jonathan Towle (38), son of Jonathan (24), married about 1806, Polly Soule (b. Jan. 14, 1777, d. March 13, 1857), widow of Capt. Joseph Soule. She was Polly Darling before marriage,* of Duxbury, Mass. They lived in Avon, Me. Children:

James (178), b. July 26, 1807, d. Feb. 28, 1876.

John Darling (179), b. Aug. 25, 1809, d. March 17, 1894.

Jonathan Perkins (180), b. June 19, 1811, d. Oct. 15, 1881.

Samuel (181), b. Nov. 15, 1813, d. Sept. 22, 1892.

William Soule (182), b. May 15, 1816, d. Aug. 31, 1885.

Theodore Marston (183), b. Nov. 13, 1818, d. Nov. 3, 1872.

vi—178. James Towle, son of Jonathan (38), married Jan. 26, 1865, Lozira W. French (b. Sept. 8, 1822, d. Oct. 30, 1894), daughter of Abel and Phebe (Whitten) French of Phillips, Me. He held the offices of deputy and high sheriff of Franklin County, and served one term in the Legislature from Avon, Me., in 1842. He moved to Wisconsin in March, 1869, and died in Markesan, Wis. No children.

vi—179. John Darling Towle, son of Jonathan (38), married Oct. 31, 1833, Patience Dow (b. May 9, 1814, d. Dec. 4, 1892), daughter of John and Betsey (Dingley) Dow of Maine. He

* Polly Darling first married in 1796 Capt. Joseph Soule. There were three children: Joshua, b. in 1798; Polly, b. in 1802, married June 10, 1824, Stephen P. Folsom, d. Aug. 28, 1889; Joseph, b. 1805. The first two children resided in Mackford, Wis., in 1870.

moved to Wisconsin Oct. 21, 1851, to Pleasant Grove, Minn. May 30, 1861. He was a Free Mason. Children:

Joseph Soule (184), b. Oct. 4, 1834, d. Jan. 24, 1852.

Arthur C. (185), b. Jan. 4, 1836, d. Feb. 14, 1836.

Martha Melissa (186), b. Nov. 3, 1836, d. July 5, 1871.

Mary (187), b. Oct. 21, 1838.

John Nelson (188), b. Aug. 28, 1843, d. May 13, 1863.

Martin Richardson (189), b. May 28, 1848.

Eva Lewella (190), b. in Mackford, Wis., Sept. 24, 1858.

VI—180. Jonathan Perkins Towle, son of Jonathan (38), married June 17, 1836, Eliza Heath (b. Oct. 24, 1809, d. May 21, 1879), daughter of Ezra and Sarah (Wright) Heath of Avon, Me. He moved to Markesan, Wis., in March, 1862, afterwards to New Avon, Minn. In August, 1881, he was injured by being thrown from a mowing machine, his right arm falling across the cutter-bar; so badly was it injured that it was amputated close to the shoulder. He lived seven weeks. Children:

Joshua Soule (191), b. Dec. 13, 1837.

Henry Martin (192), b. May 15, 1839, d. Nov. 17, 1863.

James Martin (193), b. Jan. 14, 1841, d. Oct. 3, 1841.

Hannah Colier (194), b. Nov. 19, 1842.

Eliza Jane (195), b. May 23, 1846.

Sarah Ella (196), b. April 8, 1849.

VI—181. Samuel Towle,* son of Jonathan (38), married first, March 30, 1843, Martha Norton (b. Nov. 4, 1814, d. March 28, 1857). He married second, Oct. 8, 1858, Sarah Will (b. March 18, 1825, d. Sept. 6, 1885), daughter of Stephen Will of Strong, Me. Children:

James K. (197), b. April 16, 1844, d. April 24, 1875.

Nelson (198), b. Jan. 5, 1846, d. March 18, 1857.

Rachel (199), b. Dec. 23, 1847, d. Dec. 31, 1878.

Martha Norton (200), b. March 19, 1857.

* Samuel Towle married a third time after going west. No data is at hand regarding this marriage.

vi—182. William Soule Towle, son of Jonathan (38), married April 6, 1852, Rhoda Carson (b. Dec. 29, 1819, d. March 17, 1865), daughter of Moses and Rhoda (Hanscomb) Carson of Mt. Vernon, Me. He held the principal town offices in Avon. He was a successful schoolteacher, having taught for a number of years. He was a member of Mt. Blue Lodge of Free Masons. They lived at Strong, Me. Child:

Rhoda Isabel (201), b. Nov. 20, 1855.

vi—183. Theodore M. Towle, son of Jonathan (38), married about 1853 Mary Arvilla Daisy (b. about 1831, d. January, 1899), daughter of Harvey Daisy of Wilton, N. H. They had one child, which died young. They both died at Markesan, Wis.

vii—186. Martha Melissa Towle, daughter of John D. (179), married April 1, 1863, Noah Ball (b. Aug. 17, 1802, in Erie, Pa., d. June 14, 1879). He had children by a former marriage. They lived at Pleasant Grove, Minn. Children:

Charles H. (202), b. March 18, 1864, married Oct. 31, 1883, Mary Langley (b. Nov. 27, 1866), daughter of Joshua and Josephine (Reynolds) Langley of Faribault, Minn. They live at St. Paul, Minn. Children: Luella May, b. Nov. 11, 1884, d. Dec. 27, 1884; Pereis Marilda, b. Jan. 1, 1886, d. Feb. 23, 1889; Pearl, b. Sept. 8, 1890; Haron, b. Feb. 27, 1893; Martha Minerva, b. Feb. 4, 1896; Katie, b. Aug. 29, 1898; Lizzie, b. Nov. 13, 1900.

Patience D. (203), b. Nov. 11, 1870, married William Wood (b. Jan. 26, 1863), son of Thomas and Jane (Lamble) Wood of Marlborough, Devon County, England. They live at Simpson, Minn. Children: Martha Edith, b. Sept. 24, 1887, d. Aug. 28, 1889; Leonard Lester, b. July 17, 1890; Mabel Gertrude, b. June 23, 1892; Helen Merinie, b. April 27, 1897, d. Oct. 24, 1900; Hazel Mae, b. April 3, 1899.

vii—187. Mary Towle, daughter of John D. (179), married March 19, 1862, Lucius Bingham (b. Jan. 23, 1838), son of Elisha, Jr., and Susan K. (Cushman) Bingham of East Charleston, Vt. They live in Simpson, Minn. Children:

George (204), b. Jan. 7, 1863, married Jan. 23, 1884, Eusteen Fugle (b. April 13, 1865), daughter of Matthew and Mary (Huber) Fugle of Pleasant Grove, Minn. They live at Minnewaukon, N. D. Children: Louis Joseph, b. Feb. 15, 1885; John Wallace, b. Jan. 3, 1888; Frederick Lucius, b. Nov. 8, 1890; George Matthew, b. Sept. 6, 1892; James Lester Lavern, b. Oct. 6, 1898; Mary Chrestena, b. Oct. 4, 1900.

Leonida Patience (205), b. June 19, 1864, d. June 18, 1874.

Carrie Edith (206), b. May 27, 1866, married Jan. 29, 1895, Herbert Gleyson Tyler (b. June 23, 1861), son of Amos and Cirenica (Hilyer) Tyler of Pleasant Grove, Minn. They live in Simpson, Minn. Child: Burton Lucius, b. Jan. 2, 1898.

John Elisha (207), b. April 28, 1868, d. May 24, 1869.

Fred Lucius (208), b. July 16, 1874, married Sept. 27, 1896, Clara Gertrude Tubbs (b. June 3, 1878), daughter of Henry and Emma (Harries) Tubbs of Stewartsville, Minn. They live in Simpson, Minn. Child: Arverne Gaston, b. July 6, 1898.

Wallace Cushman (209), b. March 7, 1882.

VII—188. John Nelson Towle, son of John D. (179), enlisted August, 1862, in Ninth Minnesota Regiment, Company F, which was sent against the Dakota or Sioux Indians under Little Crow in the great uprising of Aug. 18, 1862. While hauling supplies to Fort Ridgley he was injured by the kick of a horse, from the effects of which he died May 13, 1863, at Fort Ridgley.

VII—189. Martin Richardson Towle, son of John D. (179), married Nov. 30, 1871, Julia Frances Sumner (b. June 26, 1849), daughter of Ebenezer and Adaline (Miles) Sumner of Dawson, Minn. They live in Brook Park, Minn. Children:

Lusenie Arvilla (210), b. Dec. 24, 1872.

Daisy Ezilla (211), b. Nov. 22, 1874.

John Edgar (212), b. Feb. 14, 1879.

Mintie Murne, (213), b. July 19, 1881, d. July 24, 1881.

Venetia Delilah (214), b. Nov. 21, 1890.

Murne Martin (215), (adopted).

VII—190. Eva Lewella Towle, daughter of John D. (179), married July 29, 1877, Thomas Wood (b. Oct. 3, 1856), son of Thomas and Jane (Lamble) Wood of Marlborough, Devon County, England. They live in Stewartsville, Minn. Children:

John William (216), b. Dec. 22, 1878. He is attending State University at Minneapolis, Minn.

Vivian Mae (217), b. Feb. 23, 1881, married July 18, 1899, William P. Hoy (b. Oct. 3, 1871), son of William H. P. and Mary C. (Holmes) Hoy of Rochester, Minn. They live in Stewartsville, Minn. Child: Wesley Raymond, b. Feb. 13, 1902.

Lillian (218), b. Feb. 25, 1887.

Charlie Elmer (219), b. Sept. 29, 1892.

VII—191. Joshua Soule Towle, son of Jonathan P. (180), married Nov. 22, 1857, Betsey Ann Horn (b. May 9, 1838), daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Perkins) Horn of Avon, Me. He moved from Avon, Me., to Wisconsin in March, 1862, then to his present place of residence, New Avon, Minn., in 1871, and has been prominent in public affairs, being chairman of the board of supervisors that organized the town in September, 1872. He named the town; was postmaster twelve years, and has been town clerk for the last nineteen years, having lived in the town longer than any other man now in it. Children:

Emma Belzora (220), b. June 17, 1859.

William Lincoln (221), b. Nov. 4, 1860.

Minnie J. (222), b. Dec. 30, 1867, d. Sept. 6, 1874.

Addie Millie (223), b. Jan. 8, 1877.

VII—192. Henry Martin Towle, son of Jonathan P. (180), enlisted September, 1862, in Company I, Thirty-second Wisconsin Volunteers. He died at Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17, 1863, from sickness contracted in the army.

VII—194. Hannah Colier Towle, daughter of Jonathan P. (180), married April 21, 1870, Joshua Croydon Vining (b. Dec. 5, 1841), son of Moses and Reliance (Soule) Vining of Freeman, Me. They live at Sauk Rapids, Minn. Children:

Blanche Latitia (224), b. April 28, 1876, married Sept. 16, 1897, Fred Norton Sartell (b. Oct. 14, 1869), son of Joseph and Lucinda (Johnstone) Sartell of Brockway, Minn. They live at Le Sauk township, Minn. Children: Page Morris, b. Sept. 16, 1898; Marcus Alphonso, b. Jan. 22, 1900; Roscoe Theodore, b. June 10, 1902.

Myrtle Reliance (225), b. July 24, 1890.

VII—195. Eliza Jane Towle, daughter of Jonathan P. (180), married May 17, 1871, Samuel James Stoughton (b. July 2, 1851), son of Israel King and Maria (Earl) Stoughton of Rochester, N. Y. They live at Easton, Wash. Children:

Rhoda Permilla (226), b. Oct. 15, 1873, d. Jan. 27, 1901, married Dec. 24, 1893, Frank McKinney (b. April 21, 1863), son of James L. and Sophia E. (Tibbetts) McKinney of Cottage Grove, Ore. Child: Lewis Byrul, b. Sept. 30, 1894.

George Henry (227), b. April 26, 1875, d. March 27, 1901.

Mary Drusilla (228), b. Feb. 23, 1878, married Aug. 24, 1897, John M. Redford (b. Nov. 1, 1862), son of Edward P. and Sarah M. (Cochran) Redford of Saginaw, Ore. They live at Creswell, Ore. Children: Ernest Lee, b. Sept. 9, 1898; Lilly Agnes, b. June 11, 1900.

James Orvill (229), b. July 11, 1879.

Eliza Belle (230), b. July 13, 1881.

Ella Melinda (231), b. April 7, 1885.

Jessie Hannah (232), b. March 21, 1887.

VII—196. Sarah Ella Towle, daughter of Jonathan P. (180), married July 3, 1867, William W. Howe (b. Feb. 22, 1840, d. Jan. 19, 1901), son of Elijah and Emily Howe of Kalamazoo County, Mich. They lived at Valley City, N. D. Children:

Hannah Ella (233), b. Oct. 24, 1868, d. Jan. 13, 1869.

Archie Enos (234), b. April 6, 1870, married June 2, 1896, Rosa Gribbins (b. March 30, 1878, in Belfast, Ireland), daughter of James and Eliza Ann (McGinty) Gribbins of Redwood Falls, Minn. They live at Valley City, N. D. Children: Walter Wil-

liam, b. Oct. 12, 1897; Sarah Ella, b. Aug. 3, 1899, d. Nov. 2, 1899.

Abbie Florence (235), b. July 2, 1872, d. Jan. 21, 1901, married May 8, 1890, Merritt W. Thurber (b. April 12, 1869), son of George W., Jr. and Mary A. (Little) Thurber of Vincent, N. Y. Children: Bertha L., b. April 12, 1891; Abbie L., b. July 23, 1893; Merritt W., b. March 18, 1896.

Mina Bell (236), b. Aug. 6, 1874, married July 25, 1892, Edwin Alfred Hill (b. July 19, 1865), son of Alexander and Emma Jane (Bromwich) Hill of Eagle Lake, Minn. They live at Vesta, Minn. Children: Ray Edwin, b. Dec. 15, 1896; Myrtle Emma, b. April 2, 1899; Mittie Mina, b. April 16, 1900, d. Sept. 15, 1900.

Elijah Jonathan (237), b. March 17, 1877.

VII—197. James K. Towle, son of Samuel (181), married July 10, 1868, Harriet F. Thomas (b. June 19, 1824), daughter of Deacon James and Sarah Kent (Waterman) Thomas of North Haven, Me. They lived in Coffeyville, Kan. Children:

James Frank (238), b. April 14, 1869.

Winnie Etta (239), b. Sept. 19, 1873.

Rupert Lee (240), b. Feb. 10, 1875.

VII—199. Rachel Towle, daughter of Samuel (181), married March 2, 1869, Franklin P. Barnes (b. Feb. 7, 1843), son of Elbridge Garrey and Abigail (Hall) Barnes of Bowdoin, Me. Child:

James Frank (241), b. Jan. 4, 1874, married Sept. 12, 1899, Edith May McDonald (b. Jan. 4, 1873), daughter of Dr. J. W. McDonald of Minneapolis, Minn. They live at Blue Earth City, Minn. No children.

VII—200. Martha Norton Towle, daughter of Samuel (181), married May 11, 1879, Franklin P. Barnes (b. Feb. 7, 1843), son of Elbridge Garrey and Abigail (Hall) Barnes of Bowdoin, Me. They live at Blue Earth City, Minn. No children.

VII—201. Rhoda Isabel Towle, daughter of William S. (182), married Sept. 9, 1875, Samuel Francis Knowlton (b. May 17, 1853, d. Oct. 1, 1893), son of Jeremiah and Sarah Ann (Fos-

sett) Knowlton of Strong, Me. They lived at Strong, Me. Children:

Ralph William (242), b. Aug. 30, 1879, married April 8, 1903, Anna Belle Harlow (b. Sept. 26, 1875), daughter of Roscoe E. and Mary E. (Heald) Harlow, of Farmington, Maine. They live at Strong, Me.

Claire Mabel (243), b. July 23, 1883.

Earl Francis (244), b. Jan. 3, 1892.

VIII—210. Lusenie Arvilla Towle, daughter of Martin R. (189), married July 19, 1892, Eugene Bedient (b. Dec. 10, 1870), son of Josiah B. and Sarah (McDonald) Bedient of Fennemore, Wis. They live in Lakefield, Minn. Children:

Verlan Eurenna, b. May 21, 1893.

Melven, b. Dec. 13, 1894.

Evelyn Ruba, b. Feb. 23, 1898.

Asa, b. Feb. 28, 1900.

VIII—212. John Edgar Towle, son of Martin R. (189), married June 20, 1900, Ella Luken (b. June 5, 1877, in Norway), daughter of Hanse O. and Johanna (Graffers) Luken of Boyd, Minn. They live at Boyd, Minn. Child:

Julia Frances, b. June 3, 1901, d. June 6, 1901.

VIII—220. Emma Belzora Towle, daughter of Joshua S. (191), married May 8, 1883, Daniel Abram Barnum (b. Oct. 28, 1856), son of Abram and Hannah Jane (Bleven) Barnum of Fosston, Minn. They live at Chippewa Falls, Wis. Children:

Albert Curtis, b. June 22, 1886, d. Oct. 24, 1887.

Jessie Alice, b. March 3, 1889.

Fred Oliver, b. July 11, 1890.

Bessie May, b. Dec. 5, 1893.

Elsie Arvilla, b. Sept. 11, 1895.

Ray, b. Oct. 29, 1897.

Ralph Emerson, b. March 20, 1900.

VIII—223. Addie Millie Towle, daughter of Joshua S. (191), married Jan. 1, 1894, Culver Ralph Thurber (b. March

14, 1867), son of George W., Jr., and Mary A. (Little) Thurber of Vincent, N. Y. Children:

Millie May, b. Jan. 2, 1895, d. Feb. 4, 1895.

Naomi, b. April 12, 1897.

VIII—238. James Frank Towle, son of James K. (197), married Oct. 22, 1895, Eliza W. Pateman (b. March 28, 1871), daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hannah (Wood) Pateman of Hertfordshire, England. The most of his life has been passed upon the plains from New Mexico to Canada as a cow-boy. They live at Dearing, Kan. Children:

Joseph Frank, b. July 11, 1896.

Olive Etta, b. Oct. 29, 1898.

Winnie Frances, b. Feb. 18, 1902.

VIII—239. Winnie Etta Towle, daughter of James K. (197), married Dec. 21, 1898, James Betts (b. July 23, 1847), son of John and Ann (Florida) Betts of Grimsby, Ontario, Can. They live at Dearing, Kan. No children.



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CHAPTER X.

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL TOWLE.

V-39. Daniel Towle, son of Jonathan (24), married in 1807 Mary Ladd (b. July 13, 1790, d. May 14, 1855), daughter of Joses and Rachel (Fifield) Ladd* of Mt. Vernon, Me. He with his brother Jonathan moved from Pittsfield, N. H., in 1802, and settled in Avon, Me. He held the principal town offices, and was a captain of a company of State militia for many years. Children:

Joses (245), b. Jan. 27, 1809, in Avon, Me., d. Oct. 18, 1895, in Sebec, Me.

Daniel (246), b. Sept. 21, 1810, in Avon, d. Aug. 4, 1874, in Avon.

Hiram (247), b. May 22, 1813, in Avon, d. Nov. 29, 1846, in Springfield, Mass.

David (248), b. Feb. 8, 1815, d. Sept. 7, 1815.

David Ladd (249), b. April 3, 1817, in Avon, d. Oct. 20, 1867, on Holly Grove Plantation, St. Landry Parish, La.

Melinda Nickerson (250), b. Aug. 16, 1819, in Avon, d. Sept. 20, 1877, in Boston, Mass.

* Mary Ladd was descended from Daniel Ladd, the emigrant who came from London on the ship "Mary and John," Jan. 30, 1633, and settled first in Ipswich, Mass., and later was one of the original founders of Haverhill, Mass. The Ladds can be traced to the earls of Ladd in Norway, A. D. 861. (See Chase's History of Haverhill.) They married into the royal families of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. One of them married Estreth, daughter of King Sweyn of Denmark, and came with his brother-in-law, the Danish king Canute, to England, and there settled in Kent County. (See "Pelton Genealogy," Wentworth Genealogy, Ladd Family, Thomas Butler and his Descendants, Huntoon Genealogy, Keary's History of Norway and the Norwegians, etc.)

Stephen Marston (251) b. Oct. 21, 1822, in Avon, d. Feb. 9 1894, in Warwick, N. Y.

George Washington (252), b. Oct. 6, 1823, in Avon, d. Dec. 11, 1896, in Napa, Cal.

Caroline (253), b. Oct. 7, 1826, in Avon.

Benjamin Franklin (254), b. April 18, 1831, in Avon, d. Feb. 2, 1876, in Lewiston, Me.

VI—245. Joses Towle, son of Daniel (39), married Oct. 17, 1832, Paulina Bradford* (b. May 24, 1809, d. Feb. 9, 1897), daughter of Elisha and Mary (Butler) Bradford of Farmington, Me. They lived at Lee, Me. Children:

Daniel (255), b. Dec. 10, 1833.

Mary Ann (256), b. June 24, 1836, in Avon, d. Aug. 18, 1869, unmarried.

Alvira Amanda (257), b. Jan. 12, 1839, in Farmington, d. Oct. 2, 1860, in Maxfield, Me.; unmarried.

Benjamin Harrison (258), b. April 10, 1841.

Alfred Bradford (259), b. Dec. 2, 1842, in Farmington.

Christopher Columbus (260), b. Jan. 15, 1846, in Avon, d. Jan. 13, 1850, at Mt. Vernon, Me.

VI—246. Daniel Towle, son of Daniel (39), married Nov. 21, 1833, Electa Higgins (b. July 24, 1810, d. Dec. 3, 1900, in Red Wing, Minn.), daughter of Nathaniel and Sallie (Wheeler) Higgins of Avon. He went to California Feb. 5, 1850, and engaged in gold mining near Sacramento City. He returned to Avon in the spring of 1853, and was appointed postmaster soon after, which office he held during life. Children:

Clarinda Miller (261), b. Oct. 19, 1834, d. April 8, 1901, in Strong, Me.

Daniel Higgins (262), b. April 12, 1841.

Emma (263), b. March 17, 1849, d. Jan. 21, 1851.

* Paulina Bradford was a lineal descendant of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth colony.

VI—247. Hiram Towle, son of Daniel (39), married Oct. 7, 1835, Betsey Wheeler (b. Oct. 10, 1812, d. Feb. 22, 1896, at Fort Fairfield, Me.), daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Howard) Wheeler of Phillips, Me. She afterwards married May 26, 1862, Peter Lowell of Fort Fairfield, Me. Children:

Charles Wesley (264), b. Jan. 9, 1837, d. June 25, 1856, in Marysville, Cal.

LaForest Veldessa (265), b. April 25, 1839, in Avon, d. Nov. 23, 1901, in Fort Fairfield.

Hiram Spencer (266), b. Sept. 3, 1841, d. April 26, 1875, in Fort Fairfield.

Arvesta Elizabeth (267), b. June 30, 1844, d. May 24, 1874, in Fort Fairfield, Me.

VI—249. David Ladd Towle, son of Daniel (39), married April 25, 1847, Susan Sumner Wright (b. Feb. 16, 1822, d. Jan. 15, 1897, in Lebanon, Ohio), daughter of Christopher and Abigail (Baker) Wright of Portland, Me. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1844, taught State School for Boys in Farmers' Hall Academy in Goshen, N. Y., for eighteen years. He then went to Honduras and engaged in coffee raising, but the climate not agreeing with him he went to Louisiana and began raising cotton, dying there of fever. Children:

Mary Frank (268), b. March 27, 1848, d. April 6, 1881.

Emma Ladd (269), b. June 30, 1851.

Corabel (270), b. Jan. 7, 1857.

Hattie Libby (271), b. Feb. 22, 1859, d. May 12, 1887.

Charles Sumner (272), b. Aug. 29, 1863.

VI—250. Melinda Nickerson Towle, daughter of Daniel (39), married Sept. 15, 1850, Adams B. Downs (b. April 25, 1823, d. Oct. 25, 1870). They lived and died in Boston, Mass. No children.

VI—251. Stephen Marston Towle, son of Daniel (39), married first, Lucy Payne (b. March 31, 1831, d. March 31, 1874, in Warwick, N. Y.). Two children: Curtis (273), d. aged 4.

Fred (274), d. aged 6 years. He married second, Feb. 10, 1876, Jane E. Brooks (b. November, 1826, d. Nov. 2, 1891), daughter of John W. and Loretta (Mapes) Brooks of Ellenville, N. Y. They lived at Warwick, N. Y. Children:

Warren Hathaway (275), b. Sept. 23, 1878.

Frederick Calkins (276), b. July 30, 1882.

VI—252. George Washington Towle, son of Daniel (39), married June 13, 1853, in Fall River, Mass., Mary Louise Whelpley (b. Dec. 24, 1825, in Plattsburg, N. Y., d. Oct. 12, 1898, in Napa, Cal.), daughter of Samuel Waldo and Susan (Angus), Whelpley of Perth Amboy, N. J. He went to California in 1849, and engaged in gold mining; returned to Avon, Me., in the spring of 1853; practiced law a year or two in Fall River, Mass.; later went to California and settled in Napa and entered upon an extensive practice of law. He held many important offices. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1857, and elected district attorney in 1859, serving one term. He was then appointed county judge, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Jacks. Later he served the city for eight years as city attorney, and at the time of his death was court commissioner. In character he was a man of sterling integrity and unsullied life. One of the pioneers of '49, he assisted in blazing the way to a better civilization. Few men were more honored along judicial lines than he. He had the management of the large estate of Mrs. E. B. Hartson, and was preparing papers in an important suit in San Francisco at the time of his decease. Children:

Susan Gibbs (277), b. June 28, 1854, in Fall River, Mass.

Mary Frances (278), b. Dec. 24, 1860, in Napa, Cal., d. at sea near Panama, Feb. 26, 1868.

George Whelpley (279), b. Dec. 6, 1863, in Napa, d. Sept. 27, 1864, in Napa.

Frank McDonald (280), b. Feb. 4, 1869, in Napa, d. Sept. 4, 1877, in Napa.

VI—253. Caroline Towle, daughter of Daniel (39), married April 14, 1853, Charles Wesley Calkins* (b. March 5, 1831, in Norwich, Conn., d. Dec. 26, 1879, in Boston, Mass.), son of Jesse and Rebecca (Pinder) Calkins of Norwich, Conn. They lived in Boston, Mass. She is the only living representative of the sixth generation from Philip, with the exception of Oliver Towle of Hampton, N. H., born April 30, 1815, a son of James (29). Children:

Charles Wesley (281), b. July 10, 1854, married Oct. 1, 1903, Sarah Hellen Taylor (b. Jan. 17, 1858), daughter of James and Maria L. (Goold) Taylor, of Chelsea, Mass. They live in Boston. He is engaged in the printing and publishing business in that city, the concern having been established by his father in 1852. He has been actively associated with the present volume as publisher, and has contributed largely of time and money toward making the "Genealogy" a success.

Frederick Walter (282), b. May 28, 1856, married Jan. 1, 1885, Alice Iola Burpee (b. Aug. 3, 1864), daughter of Rendell W. and Sophronia W. (Hill) Burpee of Boston, Mass. They live at Melrose, Mass. He graduated with distinction from the English High School in Boston in 1873, when a little over seventeen, and shortly afterward entered the employ of James R. Osgood & Co., then the leading publishing house in Boston, where he remained until called upon to enter the printing business by the serious illness of his father. Children: Frederick Walter (321), b. Oct. 5, 1885, d. Feb. 14, 1889; Charles Rendell (322), b. July 20, 1887; Harold (323), b. Dec. 3, 1890; Alice Elizabeth (324), b. June 29, 1899.

*Charles Wesley Calkins was the eighth generation from Hugh Calkins (Jesse VII., Samuel VI., Simon V., John IV., Samuel III., John II., Hugh I.), one of the founders of Norwich, Conn. Hugh Calkins came to America from Chepstow, Monmouthshire, England, in 1640, with what was known as the Welch Company. The Company seems originally to have settled in Marshfield, Mass., soon transferring their residence to Gloucester, Mass., and later to New London and Norwich, Conn. He was a man of mark, and his name comes first on a monument to the early settlers erected in Norwich some thirty years since.

vi—254. Benjamin Franklin Towle,* son of Daniel (39) married Nov. 27, 1853, Hannah Stowers Rollins † (b. July 20, 1836), daughter of Eben and Mary (Stowers) Rollins of Farmington, Me. They lived in Lewiston, Me. Children:

Mary Frances (283), b. Jan. 13, 1855, lives in Boston, Mass. She has been of great service in collecting data for this genealogy, especially concerning the descendants of Daniel Towle. She was the first of the descendants of Daniel (29) to revisit the home place in recent years.

Frank Fremont (284), b. Sept. 4, 1856, in Phillips, Me.

Cora Augusta (285), b. Sept. 19, 1857, d. June 13, 1858, in Phillips, Me.

George Marshall (286), b. June 7, 1860, in Phillips, Me.

Hannibal Sherman (287), b. Aug. 31, 1864, in Farmington, Me., d. May 17, 1886, in Lewiston, Me.

Arthur Brown (289), b. Oct. 8, 1866, in Farmington, Me.

Sarah Belle (288), b. May 25, 1868, in Lewiston, Me., d. Oct. 8, 1868, in Lewiston.

Myra Maud (290), b. July 15, 1870, in Lewiston.

Nellie Blanche (291), b. Jan. 29, 1873, in Lewiston, Me. She is a public singer of great promise. Her studies have been pursued chiefly in Boston. She resides at present in New York

* Benjamin F. (254) with his brother Stephen M. (251) went to California in the early part of 1852, and engaged in gold mining. They returned to Avon, Me., in the spring of 1853, which found all the brothers again in the east. Benjamin F. (254), settled in Phillips, where his mother died soon after, while living with him. He started for California a second time in March, 1861, and remained till October, 1863, when he went into railroading in Maine.

† Hannah Stowers Rollins is a granddaughter of Samuel Stowers, of whom Butler in his history of Farmington, Maine, has the following account: "Samuel Stowers was born in Malden, Mass., Nov. 14, 1762, and married Mary Oaks, born in Milford, Mass., June 7, 1768. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and long enjoyed the bounty of the government in the receipt of a pension, which his widow, who long survived him, received under one of the later acts of Congress. His farm comprised a portion of backlot No. 2, east side, upon which he settled in 1788, and where he died December 16, 1843." He was a lineal descendant of Nicholas Stowers, one of the eleven earliest settlers of Charlestown, Mass. (1629), and came from Parham, County Suffolk, England.

city, where she is prominent in the musical profession. She is making rapid progress in church, concert and oratorio work, and bids fair to make her mark in grand opera at no distant day.

Benjamin Frye (292), b. March 14, 1876, in Lewiston, lives in Portland, Me.

VII—255. Daniel Towle, son of Joses (245), married Nov. 28, 1869, Sarah M. Cushman (b. Dec. 2, 1838, d. Nov. 27, 1877), daughter of William and Martha (Randall) Cushman of Springfield, Me. He was a soldier in the Civil War, having served in the Second Regiment of Maine Cavalry, Company G, during its term of service. He has held various town offices, and is commander of Charles D. Thompson Post, G. A. R. He lives in Lee, Me. Child:

Ralph Jerome (293), b. Aug. 20, 1870, unmarried.

VII—258. Benjamin Harrison Towle, son of Joses (245), married July 1, 1875, Mary Craig (b. June 13, 1845, d. Sept. 10, 1888), daughter of Jesse and Eliza A. (Currier) Craig of Farmington, Me. He served in the Civil War with the Fourteenth Maine Infantry, Company K. He was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the First Regiment of Eastern Maine Veterans; was deputy sheriff for Aroostook County for six years; has held various offices in the town of Sherman, and has been prominent in grange circles, having held the office of deputy state master of the Grange of Maine. He is a tanner, shoemaker, and harness-maker. His present place of residence is Binger, Okla. Children:

Jesse Craig (294), b. April 12, 1876.

Alfred Bradford (295), b. Sept. 22, 1878.

Timothy Benjamin (296), b. Jan. 6, 1885.

Mary (297), b. May 8, 1887.

VII—259. Alfred Bradford Towle, son of Joses (245), served in the Civil War in the Nineteenth Maine Infantry, Company I; consolidated with the First Maine Heavy Artillery, Company I, serving to the end of the war.

VII—261. Clarinda Miller Towle, daughter of Daniel (246), married Feb. 14, 1854, Edward K. Hitchcock (b. Aug. 28, 1817), son of Benjamin and Vailette (Eastman) Hitchcock of Strong, Me. They lived at Strong. Child:

Dr. Alfred (298), b. Aug. 5, 1859, married Feb. 14, 1885, Mabel E. Blake (b. Sept. 13, 1859), daughter of Ellbridge G. and Olive W. (Davis) Blake of Farmington, Me. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1881 and from the Medical Department in 1883. He died at Farmington, Me., June 11, 1900. No children.

VII—262. Daniel Higgins Towle, son of Daniel (246), married first, March 22, 1864, Amanda Smith Ellsworth (b. Sept. 6, 1843, d. Oct. 12, 1882), daughter of Thomas and Miriam (Maddox) Ellsworth of Avon, Me. He married, second, Jan. 1, 1884, Mary Ann Crandall (b. Sept. 19, 1855), daughter of Nathan P. and Sarah E. (Odel) Crandall of New York City. He moved from Maine to Minnesota in 1864. They live at Minneapolis, Minn. Children:

Emma Electa (299), b. May 23, 1868.

Lena Miriam (300), b. July 3, 1871.

Gertrude May (301), b. Aug. 14, 1877.

Merton David (302), b. Dec. 26, 1878.

Neal Crandall (303), b. Feb. 9, 1891.

VII—264. Charles Wesley Towle, son of Hiram (247), with a party of nine from Strong, Me., started for California in the early part of 1856. They arrived at Aspinwall, the eastern terminus of the Panama Railroad, on the morning of April 15, 1856, on the steamer "Illinois," with 940 passengers. All were transported during the day to Panama, the western terminus. A riot and massacre occurred that afternoon and evening, in which two of their number from Strong, Me., named Dickey, were killed. He died of fever soon after reaching California.

VII—265. LaForest Veldessa Towle, son of Hiram (247), married Sept. 20, 1865, Mary E. Estes (b. June 25, 1847), daughter of Valentine M. and Louise (Rowe) Estes of South China,

Me. He enlisted in the Twenty-second Maine Regiment, Company G, for nine months, in the Civil War. He was afterwards drafted, but never called for. He was prominent in town affairs, holding the principal offices; was also clerk of the Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting for eighteen years. He died at Fort Fairfield, Me., Nov. 23, 1901. Children:

Charles Melvin (304), b. Oct. 26, 1868.

Clara Louise (305), b. May 31, 1876.

Hiram Edgar (306), b. March 3, 1880.

Myron LaForest (307), b. July 13, 1883, d. Nov. 6, 1890.

VII—266. Hiram Spencer Towle, son of Hiram (247), married May 22, 1866, Olive Pearl Stevens (b. April 17, 1848, d. June 26, 1882), daughter of Hiram and Dorcas (Brown) Stevens of Fort Fairfield, Me. They lived at Fort Fairfield. Child:

Frank Wheeler (308), b. April 10, 1868.

VII—267. Arvesta Elizabeth Towle, daughter of Hiram (247), married April 9, 1871, Levi William Stevens (b. Dec. 10, 1846), son of Hiram and Dorcas (Brown) Stevens of Fort Fairfield, Me. They lived at Fort Fairfield. No children.

VII—268. Mary Frank Towle, daughter of David L. (249), married Jan. 4, 1870, Charles Henry Meserve (b. Oct. 19, 1837, d. Sept. 6, 1879), son of James Meserve of Portland, Me. They lived in Portland. Children:

Edwin Seavey (309), b. Nov. 17, 1870.

Mabel Frank (310), b. May 25, 1872, married July 17, 1895, John Alexander Barker, son of Frank and Harriet (Grady) Barker of Baltimore, Md. They live in Sudbrook Park, Md. Child: Francis Meserve, b. Dec. 13, 1897.

VII—270. Corabel Towle, daughter of David L. (249), married Feb. 12, 1883, James Wallace Winslow (b. Oct. 10, 1859), son of Alfred B. and Julia Ingalls Gramby (Emerson) Winslow of Portland, Me. They live in East Orange, N. J. Children:

Margaret Emerson (311), b. July 14, 1887.

James Wallace, Jr. (312), b. Jan. 10, 1896.

VII—271. Hattie Libby Towle, daughter of David L. (249), married Dec. 28, 1880, Charles Albert Holden (b. Feb. 2, 1857), son of George H. and Harriet M. (Currier) Holden of Sedgwick, Me. They lived in Portland, Me. Children:

Elizabeth Sumner (313), b. Feb. 17, 1882.

Charles (314), b. Nov. 4, 1884.

Alice Constance (315), b. June 24, 1886.

VII—272. Charles Sumner Towle, son of David L. (249), married Dec. 27, 1887, Hattie S. Latham, daughter of James and Sarah J. (Dyer) Latham of Portland, Me. They live in Deering, Me. Children:

Helen Shepard (316), b. April 6, 1889, at Dorchester, Mass.

Grace Nash (317), b. Dec. 23, 1894, at Portland, Me.

Doris Wright (318), b. Sept. 28, 1900, at Portland, Me.

VII—275. Warren Hathaway Towle, son of Stephen M. (251), enlisted March 1, 1899, for three years in the Sixth U. S. Infantry, Company C, which was stationed at Panay Island, Philippine Islands. He was discharged March 1, 1902, and returned to his home in Warwick, N. Y.

VII—277. Susan Gibbs Towle, daughter of George W. (252), married first, Sept. 20, 1877, Charles Augustus Baurhyte (b. Aug. 16, 1840, d. Sept. 20, 1887), son of Peter and Margaret (Springteen) Baurhyte of Catskill, N. Y. They lived at Hudson, N. Y. She married second, May 8, 1890, Henry Alphonse Pellet (b. Feb. 6, 1828), son of John Samuel and Elizabeth (Javet) Pellet of Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland. The Pellet family was originally from Brittany, France. They were Huguenots, and were banished from France at the time of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and settled in Switzerland. They live in San Francisco, Cal. Children:

Edith Angus (319), b. May 22, 1881, in Hudson, N. Y.; an actress.

Marion Louise (320), b. Jan. 1, 1887, in Hudson, N. Y.

VII—284. Frank Fremont Towle, son of Benjamin F. (254), married Oct. 5, 1896, Frances Dora Libby (b. Aug. 4, 1875), daughter of Clinton and Augusta (Merrill) Libby of Saco, Me. They live in Lewiston, Me. Child:

Gladys Merrill (325), b. Jan. 6, 1897.

VII—286. George Marshall Towle, son of Benjamin F. (254), married Dec. 16, 1886, Eleanor Gray Decker (b. Oct. 8, 1860), daughter of Solomon and Frances (Hull) Decker of Pittsburg, Pa. They live in New York City. No children.

VII—289. Arthur Brown Towle, son of Benjamin F. (254), married Sept. 24, 1898, Matilda Hartshorn (b. March 18, 1874), daughter of Charles F. and Dana (Bomallie) Hartshorn of Lewiston, Me. They live in Lewiston. Child:

Marion Blanche (326), b. Feb. 27, 1900.

VII—292. Benjamin Frye Towle, son of Benjamin F. (254), married Sept. 8, 1903, Isabel Porter Howes (b. June 18, 1881), daughter of George H. and Annie Livermore (Brown) Howes of Portland, Me. They live in Portland.

VIII—294. Jesse Craig Towle, son of Benjamin H. (258), graduated from the Dairy School University at Orono, Me. He has been a successful cheese-maker for seven years. His P. O. address is Roxbury, Mass.

VIII—295. Alfred Bradford Towle, son of Benjamin H. (258), graduated from the Dairy School University at Orono, Me., and the Dairy School at Madison, Wis. At the age of eighteen years he was appointed superintendent of the Winchester Creamery Company at Winchester, N. H. He succeeded in clearing the Association from a debt of \$2,500. His P. O. address is New Haven, Conn.

VIII—300. Lena Miriam Towle, daughter of Daniel H. (262), married Dec. 26, 1894, Charles Brown (b. July 12, 1868), son of Robert and Martha (McGarvey) Brown of Red Wing Minn. They live in Red Wing, Minn. Children:

Miriam, b. Oct. 19, 1895.

Florence Isabella, b. Jan. 13, 1897.

Charles Donald, b. Jan. 24, 1898.

Arnold, b. Aug. 21, 1901.

VIII—301. Gertrude May Towle, daughter of Daniel H. (262), married Oct. 31, 1900, Frederick Albert Kappel (b. March 13, 1875), son of John and Margaret (George) Kappel of Red Wing, Minn. They live in Albert Lea, Minn. Child:

Frederick Russell, b. Jan. 14, 1902.

VIII—304. Charles Melvin Towle, son of LaForest V. (265), married Sept. 7, 1895, Anna Maud Johnson (b. April 30, 1877), daughter of Alonzo and Philina (Flanery) Johnson of Fort Fairfield, Me. They live in Easton, Me. No children.

VIII—305. Clara Louise Towle, daughter of LaForest V. (265), married March 2, 1895, Charles Fremont Parsons (b. Aug. 13, 1856), son of William and Sarah A. (Wilbur) Parsons of Eastbrook, Me. They live at Sprague's Mills, Me. Child:

Vaughan William, b. July 7, 1897.

VIII—308. Frank Wheeler Towle, son of Hiram S. (266), married Feb. 2, 1891, Mattie Angeline Beale (b. May 12, 1872), daughter of George S. and Mattie E. (Thomas) Beale of Birmingham, Ala. They live in Fort Fairfield, Me. Children:

Clayton Hiram, b. July 27, 1892.

Arnold Lowell, b. March 8, 1894.

Pearle Olive, b. May 23, 1896.



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Herbert Clarence Towle
Angie Louisa

Mabel Gladys
Alice M. (James) Towle
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DESCENDANTS OF JAMES TOWLE.

v—40. James Towle, son of Jonathan (24), married Jan. 13, 1808, his cousin, Polly Marston (b. March 22, 1779, d. Sept. 24, 1854), daughter of Robey and Hannah (Drake) Marston of Deerfield, N. H. They lived on the home place in Pittsfield, and had two children:

Robey Marston (327), b. Dec. 11, 1809, d. Feb. 6, 1887.

Samuel (328), b. Oct. 19, 1811, d. April 12, 1872.

vi—327. Robey Marston Towle, son of James (40), married Sept. 10, 1829, Abigail Nelson (b. Oct. 5, 1811, d. June 9, 1844), daughter of Samuel, Jr., and Abigail (Tasker) Nelson of Barnstead, N. H. Her father was son of Samuel Nelson, Sr.,* and Abigail, daughter of John Tasker. Her mother was daughter of Joseph (son of John) Tasker and Sarah (Pickering) Tasker. They lived in Barnstead, and all their children were born there except George Henry, who was born in Pittsfield on the old home place. Children:

Samuel Nelson (329), b. April 15, 1830, d. Dec. 31, 1882.

Benjamin Franklin (330), b. Aug. 1, 1831, d. April 3, 1901.

Hannah Drake (331), b. Nov. 28, 1832.

Mary Abigail (332), b. June 28, 1834.

James Robey (333), b. Aug. 4, 1836.

*The ancestry of the Barnstead Nelsons has been lost. Their Christian names suggest descent from the Nelsons of Rowley, Mass. John Tasker, first of Barnstead, was son of John Tasker of Dover, who came from England about 1680. Allusions to him may be found in Dr. Quint's Dover Historical Collections. Descendants of his settled in Barnstead, Strafford and Bartlett, N. H. See Rev. E. C. Cogswell's History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, N. H.

George Henry (334), b. April 13, 1839.

Daniel Lewis (335), b. March 1, 1841.

Rebecca Ann (336), b. Oct. 16, 1842.

He married, second, in 1849, his cousin, Sally Marston (b. June 9, 1809, d. Oct. 10, 1887), daughter of Samuel and Sally (Robinson) Marston of Deerfield, N. H. They lived in Deerfield. Children:

Sarah (337), b. Oct. 2, 1850, d. October, 1854.

Orilla Victoria (338), b. June 20, 1852, d. unmarried April 6, 1881.

VI—328. Samuel Towle, son of James (40), married Dec. 8, 1835, Betsey Snell* (b. Jan. 26, 1815, d. Jan. 19, 1902), daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Meserve) Snell of Barnstead, N. H., and granddaughter of Thomas and Abigail (Frost) Snell of Barnstead, and of Clement and Lois (Tarr) Meserve of Barrington, N. H. They lived on the home place in Pittsfield. Children:

Angeline Alvina (339), b. May 27, 1838.

Alvin Freeman (340), b. Feb. 8, 1842.

Louisa Hannah (341), b. Sept. 16, 1844, d. Feb. 17, 1850.

VII—329. Samuel Nelson Towle, son of Robey (327), married, first, Sept. 28, 1853, Martha Ann Bickford (b. Sept. 16, 1834, d. May 28, 1854), daughter of Samuel and Belinda (Towle) Bickford of Northwood, N. H. He married, second, Oct. 7, 1855, Elizabeth Lydia Huckins (b. May 20, 1829), daughter of Robert and Hannah (Caverly) Huckins of Madbury, N. H.

* Betsey (Snell) Towle, wife of Samuel (328), was a daughter of Thomas Snell (III), Thomas (II), Samuel (I). Samuel settled in Lee, N. H., then a part of Durham, probably about 1720. He was a native of Wales, and was impressed into the English navy. He was on an English man-of-war, and when within nine miles of Boston Harbor, deserted the ship under cover of darkness. Doing his clothes into a bundle and fastening them on his head, he jumped overboard and swam ashore. The officers were soon on his track; when he got ashore, he ran into a cooper's shop and asked the cooper to hide him, which he did by putting him into a hogshead and heading it up. Scarcely had the job been completed, when the officers appeared and demanded their man; but the cooper pretended to know nothing about him, and after making some search, and even pounding on his (Samuel's) hiding place, they went away and he came out a free man.

They lived at Northwood Narrows. He was prominent as a townsman, holding the principal offices, and as a member of the Congregational Church. Children:

Albert Wilder (342), b. Nov. 15, 1856, d. Feb. 24, 1857.

Martha Ellen (343), b. July 31, 1858, d. Feb. 24, 1869.

John Gardner (344), b. Jan. 17, 1860.

Alice Lois (345) (adopted), b. June 10, 1871.

VII—330. Benjamin Franklin Towle, son of Robey (327), married Nov. 3, 1852, Martha Ann Swain (b. Dec. 30, 1834, d. April 12, 1895), daughter of Jonathan and Martha (Johnson) Swain of Northwood, N. H. They lived at Northwood Narrows. Children:

Edwin Franklin (346), b. Aug. 13, 1854.

Julia Ann (347), b. March 20, 1856.

Nellie Jane (348), b. Aug. 12, 1858.

Elmer Ellsworth (349), b. March 6, 1861, d. Sept. 15, 1862.

Mary Abbie (350), b. July 2, 1863, d. April 14, 1868.

Charles Robey (351), b. Feb. 10, 1866.

William Henry (352), b. June 28, 1873.

He married, second, Jan. 22, 1896, Rosa Isabel Eaton (b. April 14, 1849, d. Sept. 10, 1900), daughter of David and Sarah (Lord) Eaton of Barnstead, N. H.

He was a prominent member of the Advent Christian Church, held the leading town offices and was Republican candidate for State senator in 1886. By ordering his life in accordance with the maxims of his illustrious namesake, as set forth in Poor Richard's Almanac, he accumulated a snug fortune, which he divided among his children.

VII—331. Hannah Drake Towle, daughter of Robey (327), married, March 18, 1856, James Cochran Yeaton (b. Feb. 5, 1828, d. June 8, 1884), son of Samuel Towle Yeaton and Sally (Cochran) Yeaton of Epsom, and grandson of William and Hannah (Towle) Yeaton of Rye and Epsom. They lived on the home place at Short Falls, N. H. She is a member of the Free Baptist

Church, and has been a woman of great energy and strength of character, strongly resembling her mother. Her physician used to call her the smartest woman in Epsom. Children:

Samuel Robey (353), b. Oct. 18, 1857, who lives on the home place and is prominent in town affairs. He married Oct. 23, 1882, Mabel Evalyn Stewart (b. Oct. 21, 1864), daughter of Alanson and Mary Ann (Carleton) Stewart of Epsom. Children: Florence Evalyn, b. Feb. 22, 1885; Josie Gertrude, b. Oct. 3, 1888; Sophronia May, b. Dec. 7, 1890; Russell Stewart, b. June 3, 1893; George Samuel, b. Aug. 10, 1899.

Elizabeth Hall (354), b. Aug. 6, 1861.

Mary Abigail (355), b. May 25, 1865, d. Jan. 29, 1902, who married June 25, 1890, Will Durgin Hutchinson (b. Feb. 25, 1869) son of Hiram and Sarah (Fife) Hutchinson of Chichester, N. H. They lived in Concord, N. H. Children: Bernice Cora, b. Jan. 16, 1893; Elmer Fife, b. Jan. 24, 1896; Philip Hiram, b. Sept. 27, 1897.

Nettie Anne (356), b. Sept. 20, 1866, married, Jan. 21, 1885, William Addison Smith (b. Aug. 29, 1862), son of Earle Searles and Louisa May Smith of Pembroke, N. H. They live in Manchester, N. H. Children: Arthur Edward, b. Jan. 16, 1886; James Earle, b. Dec. 30, 1889; Walker Emery, b. July 15, 1901, d. July 30, 1901.

James Henry (357), b. Feb. 14, 1875.

VII—332. Mary Abigail Towle, daughter of Robey (327), married Jan. 1, 1854; Mark Sherburne Moses (b. July 7, 1808, d. Jan. 4, 1865), son of Mark* and Betsey (Cate) Moses of Epsom, N. H. They lived in Epsom and had two children: John Mark (358), b. Aug. 2, 1855; Cyrus Sherburne (359), b. Aug. 28, 1860, d. April 30, 1864. She married, second, Oct. 29, 1868, Rev.

* Mark Moses, Sr., was son of James (IV), Mark (III), Aaron (II), John (I), of Portsmouth, N. H. See "Moses Family" by Zebina Moses, 1890. For a biographical notice of Rev. George Smith, see Congregational Year-book of 1900. He had a daughter Elizabeth, by a previous marriage, who married, in 1879, Benjamin Myers, and lived in San Diego, California. She had children: Elizabeth, Michael, Fred, George and William.

George Smith (b. Oct. 24, 1821, d. April 3, 1899), a Congregational minister, son of John and Mary (Palmer) Smith of Coventry, Eng. They had one child, born in Concord: George Cyrus (360), b. Nov. 6, 1870, who had his name changed May 4, 1892, to George Charles Selden. They lived after 1880 in Northwood. She has been a woman of wide reading and intellectual interests, devoted to the education of her sons, two of whom are graduates of Dartmouth College. They prepared most of the historical matter in this book.

VII—333. James Robey Towle, son of Robey (327), married Dec. 26, 1858, Mary Metcalf Norcross (b. Nov. 18, 1833, d. July 18, 1889), daughter of Thomas and Martha (Whitney) Norcross of Foxcroft, Me. Children:

Charles Fred (361), b. Feb. 19, 1860, d. June 15, 1896.

James Arthur (362), b. Oct. 26, 1861.

He married, second, Aug. 6, 1890, Charlotte Emily Butler (b. May 15, 1845), widow of Warren S. Butler of Lewiston, Me. He has lived in Springfield and Haverhill, Mass., but mostly at Northwood Narrows, N. H., where he and his sons at one time carried on shoe manufacturing to an extent that doubled the size of the village.

VII—334. Dr. George Henry Towle, son of Robey (327), married, 1863, Panthea Priscilla Babcock Tucker (b. June 6, 1840, d. Oct. 3, 1897) daughter of John and Priscilla (Proctor) Tucker of Pittsfield, N. H. Children:

Edith Lenora (363), b. Sept. 15, 1863.

James Burton (364), b. March 13, 1866.

Etta Frances (365), b. Oct. 8, 1867, d. Aug. 22, 1882.

George Henry (366), b. Aug. 7, 1872.

He married, second, Oct. 11, 1899, Annie M. Chase (b. Dec. 27, 1848), widow of Alden B. Chase of Deerfield. He was graduated from Bowdoin Medical College in 1865, practiced three years in Salisbury; since then in Deerfield, N. H., where he has held the principal town offices and was chosen to the State senate of 1881.

VII—335. Daniel Lewis Towle, son of Robey (327), married, 1862, Anna Celestia Hill (b. Dec. 3, 1844, d. April 27, 1894), daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Danielson) Hill of Northwood, N. H. Children:

Mabel Sarah (367), b. Jan. 2, 1863, d. Dec. 20, 1882.

Estelle Matilda (368), b. Dec. 29, 1864.

Flora Bertha (369), b. July 16, 1875.

He married, second, Sept. 16, 1895, Sarah M. Ransom (b. Nov. 24, 1861, d. June 4, 1900), widow of Rev. F. Ransom of Danbury, N. H.; third, Oct. 17, 1901, Amelia Jackman (b. April 5, 1847), widow of Stephen Jackman of Lisbon, N. H. He lives at Northwood Narrows, where he is a devoted member of the Advent Christian Church. Both he and his brother James are noted for ardent piety, and for a power in exhortation which at one time gained them the title of "Sons of Thunder."

VII—336. Rebecca Ann Towle, daughter of Robey (327), married Oct. 6, 1867, Orrin Andros Palmer (b. March 22, 1841), son of Andros and Mary (Giles) Palmer of Northwood, N. H. Children:

Angie May (370), b. Sept. 8, 1868, who married March 5, 1892, George Albert Dow (b. Aug. 6, 1871, d. Aug. 25, 1895), son of Samuel T. and Lucy (Yeaton) Dow of Northwood.

Evie Lula (371), b. May 12, 1877.

Minnie Orilla (372), b. June 24, 1882.

Winnie Victoria (373), b. June 24, 1882, d. July 7, 1882.

They lived on the home place on the north shore of Pleasant Lake till 1901, since then in Pittsfield, N. H. Rebecca will long be remembered for her ardent piety, for her labors in the gospel, and, like Doreas of old, for her good works and the alms deeds which she has done.

VII—339. Angeline Alvina Towle, daughter of Samuel (328), married July 3, 1869, Charles Carroll Rogers (b. Feb. 20, 1834, d. July 2, 1900), son of Jacob and Hannah (Kelley) Rogers of Pittsfield, N. H. They lived in Pittsfield, where she still

resides, a woman of great prudence, energy and strength of will, respected by all who know her. He had two small children by a former marriage.

VII—340. Alvin Freeman Towle, son of Samuel (328), married Feb. 21, 1865, Francena Floyd Stockman (b. Feb. 21, 1848, d. April 8, 1881), daughter of George and Sarah (Goodwin) Stockman of Pittsfield, N. H. Children:

Herbert Clarence (374), b. July 31, 1867.

Hattie Belle (375), b. Oct. 30, 1870.

Arthur Daniel (376), b. April 27, 1876.

They lived in Pittsfield. Since his wife's death Alvin has lived in Northwood. The family are of intellectual tastes, and have one of the best libraries in their vicinity. He and his son Herbert compiled nearly all the genealogical matter in this book.

VIII—344. John Gardner Towle, son of Samuel (329), married Nellie Belle Hanson (b. Oct. 10, 1863), daughter of Dr. Caleb and Emma (Knowles) Hanson of Northwood, N. H. They live in Northwood. Children:

Murray Hanson, b. July 16, 1884.

Gertrude Emily, b. Nov. 6, 1885.

Helen Augusta, b. Oct. 15, 1888.

VIII—345. Alice Lois Towle, adopted daughter of Samuel (329), married, Nov. 24, 1892, John Fuller Bates (b. Jan. 11, 1873) son of John Fuller and Elizabeth (West) Bates of Marblehead, Mass. They live in Danvers, Mass. Children:

Jettie Iola, b. May 20, 1894.

Gertrude Vivian, b. May 31, 1895, d. Feb. 17, 1896.

Ernest Towle, b. May 25, 1897.

Eunice Lydia, b. July 14, 1898, d. Sept. 20, 1898.

Wilbur Pearl, b. Oct. 23, 1900, d. Jan. 15, 1902.

Augustus Gardner, b. July 29, 1902, d. Oct. 10, 1902.

VIII—346. Edwin Franklin Towle, son of Benjamin (330), married Oct. 2, 1873, Sarah Jane Bartlett (b. Oct. 11, 1853),

daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Saterly) Bartlett of Epsom, N. H. They live at Northwood Narrows. He has filled many important town offices. Children:

Hattie Belle, b. Dec. 9, 1874, married Nov. 23, 1892, Charles True Wallace (b. April 2, 1869), son of Gilbert and Annie (Breed) Wallace of Northwood, N. H. They live in Manchester, N. H. Child: Blanche Ethel, b. Oct. 8, 1893.

Gertrude Ethel, b. Feb. 4, 1879, d. Dec. 16, 1881.

Benjamin Franklin, b. March 19, 1883, married March 19, 1901, Nina May Roberts (b. Aug. 6, 1881), daughter of Alvin and Elizabeth (Day) Roberts of Northwood, N. H. They live in Manchester, N. H. Child: Philip Roberts, b. Oct. 30, 1902, d. Dec. 25, 1902. This was the first Towle of the tenth generation.

Walter Edwin, b. Aug. 13, 1884, married Nov. 11, 1903, Elsie Mabel Hanson (b. Sept. 16, 1885), daughter of Levi H. and Abbie F. (Clark) Hanson, of Barnstead, N. H. They live at Manchester, N. H.

Ernest Elmer, b. Dec. 7, 1887.

Lettie Arlene, b. Aug. 28, 1891.

VIII—347. Julia Ann Towle, daughter of Benjamin (330), married March 19, 1874, Oliver Perry Lewis (b. April 10, 1852, d. April 3, 1900), son of Nathaniel and Louisa (Perkins) Lewis, of Lynn, Mass. They lived at Northwood Narrows, N. H. Children:

Eva Mina, b. Aug. 9, 1875, d. March 4, 1900.

Helen Blanche, b. Jan. 20, 1878.

Arthur Perry, b. Nov. 6, 1879.

Chester Pereival, b. July 1, 1883.

Martha Louise, b. Sept. 20, 1885.

Mary Calista, b. Nov. 21, 1887.

Linda Gertrude, b. June 12, 1890, d. Sept. 25, 1890.

Roger Philip, b. Nov. 8, 1891.

Frank Preston, b. Aug. 20, 1893.

Esther Pearl, b. Aug. 20, 1893.

VIII—348. Nellie Jane Towle, daughter of Benjamin (330), married May 3, 1882, John Henry Jenness (b. Jan. 19, 1855), son of John and Louisa (Starkey) Jenness, of York, Me. They live at Northwood Narrows, N. H. Child:

Fred Ansel, b. Sept. 15, 1886, d. Jan. 24, 1900.

VIII—351. Charles Robey Towle, son of Benjamin (330), married May 31, 1886, Carrie Etta Parsons (b. April 29, 1862, d. Oct. 28, 1894), daughter of Rev. John and Sarah (Wallace) Parsons of Northwood, N. H. He married, second, Oct. 3, 1895, Parthena Belle Parsons (b. Jan. 2, 1874), daughter of Charles and Caroline (Kelley) Parsons of Concord, N. H. They live in Haverhill, Mass. Child:

Clifton Parsons, b. April 10, 1890, d. April 13, 1890.

VIII—352. William Henry Towle, son of Benjamin (330), married Jan. 20, 1897, Gertrude Emma Evans (b. Sept. 27, 1874), daughter of Horace and Hattie (James) Evans of Stratford, N. H. He is more commonly known among his friends and acquaintances as "Trapper Towle," on account of his great love for gunning, trapping, and fishing. He is at present carrying on a thrifty grocery business. They live on the home place at Northwood Narrows. Children:

Clifton Evans, b. June 4, 1900.

Miriam Gertrude, b. Jan. 29, 1902. She was so named in memory of the wife of Jonathan (24).

VIII—361. Charles Fred Towle, son of James R. (333), married first, Fanny West of Worcester, Mass., by whom there were no children. He married second, Feb. 8, 1888, Martha A. Stone (b. March 6, 1862), daughter of Jasper and Mary (Swett) Stone of Charlestown, Mass. She afterwards married Sept. 26, 1900, Frank Edward Lowe of Greenfield, Mass. They lived at Northwood Narrows, N. H. Children:

Virginia, b. May 11, 1889.

James Robey, b. Feb. 25, 1891.

VIII—362. James Arthur Towle, son of James R. (333), married May 26, 1886, Mary Jenette Veasy (b. Sept. 25, 1863), daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Locke) Veasy of Deerfield. They live on her father's place, Deerfield, N. H.

VIII—363. Edith Lenora Towle, daughter of Dr. George (334), married Sept. 15, 1883, Charles Robert Brown (b. Oct. 21, 1860), son of Benjamin and Ann (Evans) Brown of Deerfield, N. H. They live on his home place. Children:

Charles Robert, b. June 15, 1884, d. Nov. 12, 1889.

Grace Etta, b. Nov. 9, 1891.

VIII—364. James Burton Towle, son of Dr. George (334), married April 26, 1897, Nettie Isabelle Dickey (b. June 1, 1862), daughter of Daniel and Mary (Worthen) Dickey of Manchester, N. H. They live in Manchester.

VIII—366. Dr. George Henry Towle, Jr., son of Dr. George (334), was graduated from Vermont Medical College in 1900, and is practising in Newmarket, N. H.

VIII—368. Estelle Matilda Towle, daughter of Daniel (335), married Jan. 31, 1882, Joseph Edgar Johnson (b. Aug. 17, 1857), son of Samuel* and Harriet (Fitts) Johnson of Northwood, N. H. They live on his home place. Children:

Harry Alexander, b. Feb. 13, 1883.

Mary Fitts, b. May 28, 1886.

Anna Harriet, b. Aug. 31, 1889.

Mabel Towle, b. Jan. 12, 1894.

Samuel, b. Feb. 8, 1897.

Ruth, b. Feb. 8, 1897.

Lewis Edgar, b. May 3, 1900.

VIII—369. Flora Bertha Towle, daughter of Daniel (335), married, Nov. 13, 1891, William Gilbert Knowlton (b. Sept. 5, 1874), son of Rev. Frank and Abigail (Buzzell) Knowlton of Danbury, N. H. He is at present located in Waterbury, Vt.

* Samuel Johnson was son of Capt. Joseph (VII), Alexander (VI), Col. Samuel (V), Joseph (IV), James (III), James (II), Edmund (I), of Hampton, N. H.

He was ordained to the Advent Christian ministry Oct. 30, 1901. Children:

Gertrude Beatrice, b. May 23, 1893.

Claude Hosea, b. Dec. 19, 1895.

VIII—374. Herbert Clarence Towle, son of Alvin (340), married, June 28, 1890, Alice Mertie James, (b. May 20, 1871), daughter of Albert Porter and Anna Olive (Elliott) James of Pittsfield, N. H. They live in Northwood, N. H. Children:

Mabel Gladys, b. Dec. 13, 1890.

Frances Ruth, b. July 30, 1892.

Angie Louisa, b. Aug. 8, 1894.

Abbie Eliza, b. March 9, 1897.

Isabelle Austen, Marion James (twins), b. Aug. 12, 1902, d. Aug. 12, 1902.

VIII—375. Hattie Belle Towle, daughter of Alvin (340), married Dec. 26, 1898, William Everett Smith (b. March 27, 1873), son of Thomas and Adelaide (Tilton) Smith of Pittsfield, N. H. They live in Pittsfield. Children:

Roland Alvin, b. July 7, 1899.

Philip Towle, b. July 12, 1903. He was so named in memory of his ancestor, Philip (1).

VIII—376. Arthur Daniel Towle, son of Alvin (340), married April 27, 1898, Saidie Adelaide Smith (b. March 5, 1875) daughter of Thomas and Adelaide (Tilton) Smith of Pittsfield, N. H. They live in Pittsfield. Child:

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An endeavor has been made to keep the portraits in their proper relations, grouping all of one family, rather than keeping them strictly by generations.

Very many of the pictures herewith presented are from photographs taken expressly for this book, and the collection herein shown will, we trust, prove both interesting and valuable.

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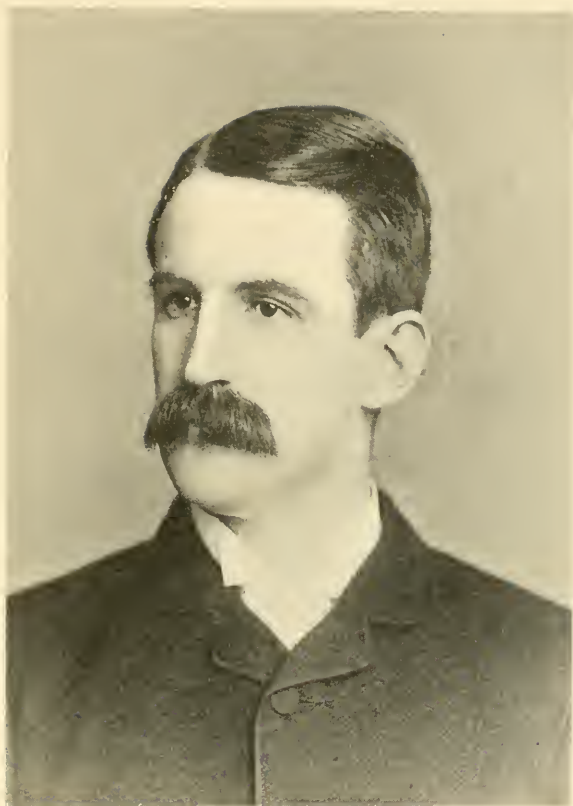


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Recorded May 10, 1822.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jonathan Towle, of Pittsfield, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Yeoman, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner, viz.: My funeral charges and all my just debts it is my will should be paid out of my estate soon after my decease, by my executors herein after named.

Imprimis.—I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Miriam Towle, the use, profit, and improvement of all and every part of my estate, both real and personal, not herein otherwise disposed of, for and during her continuing my widow, and if she should marry after my decease, then my will is that she have no part or portion of my real or personal estate.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Molly Goss, her heirs and assigns, Two dollars, to be paid by my executors in one year after my decease.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my second daughter, Huldah Chase, Two dollars, to be paid her in two years after my decease by my executors.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my oldest son, Jonathan Towle, his heirs and assigns, Two dollars, to

be paid him in one year after my decease by my executors.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my second son, Daniel Towle, his heirs and assigns, Two dollars, to be paid him in one year after my decease by my executors.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sally Towle, fifty dollars and one good cow on the day of her marriage, to be paid by my executors herein after named, and I give unto her a good decent *maintainance* out of my estate, together with the use and improvement of one quarter part of my house until she shall marry, after the decease of my wife.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Towle, fifty dollars and one good cow on the day of her marriage, to be paid by my executors, and I give unto her the use, profits and improvement of all and every part of my estate, both real and personal, not herein otherwise disposed of, after the decease of my wife aforesaid until she shall marry.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my son, Abraham P. Towle, two dollars, to be paid him in one year after my decease by my executors, and I further will and order that the said Abraham P. Towle have a good and comfortable *maintainance* out of my estate, so long as he remains unable to provide for and take care of himself. It is my will that said *maintainance* shall be at my house so long as my family are in a capacity to take care of him.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my two grandsons, Robey Towle and Samuel Towle, sons of my son, James Towle, deceased, all my estate, both real and personal, not otherwise disposed of, to be equally divided between them with the reservations in this will after it ceases to be my wife's and my daughter Nancy's aforesaid, and in case either of said grandchildren should die before twenty-one years of age without lawful issue—then I give and bequeath such deceased child's share to the one who shall survive, and in case both of said grandchildren should die before they arrive to the age of twenty-one years without lawful issue—then I give and bequeath their portion which I have here mentioned to my two sons, Jonathan Towle and Daniel Towle, their heirs and assigns, to be equally divided between them, with the reservation as aforesaid.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint Miriam, my well beloved wife, and David Lock and John Cate, both of Epsom in the County and State aforesaid Yeoman, Executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.


In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of January, 1818.

Signed, sealed and declared in presence of

EBENR. LANE.

ENOCH BROWN.

BENJAMIN BROWN.

JONATHAN TOWLE {  }

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my wife, Miriam Towle, forty acres of land, being the land I bought of G. Washington Weeks as per his deeds, bearing date 24th February, 1819, and 13th May, 1820.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Towle, the above forty acres of land after the decease of my wife.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my grandsons, Robey Towle and Samuel Towle, the above forty acres of land, provided the aforementioned Nancy Towle marries.

Given under my hand and sealed this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

In presence of us.

THOMAS SHANNON	HIS	{ SEAL }
PELATIAH HANSCOM	JONATHAN X TOWLE	
STEPHEN MERRILL	MARK	

A true copy. Attest: THOMAS LEAVITT,

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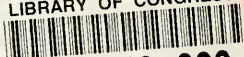
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