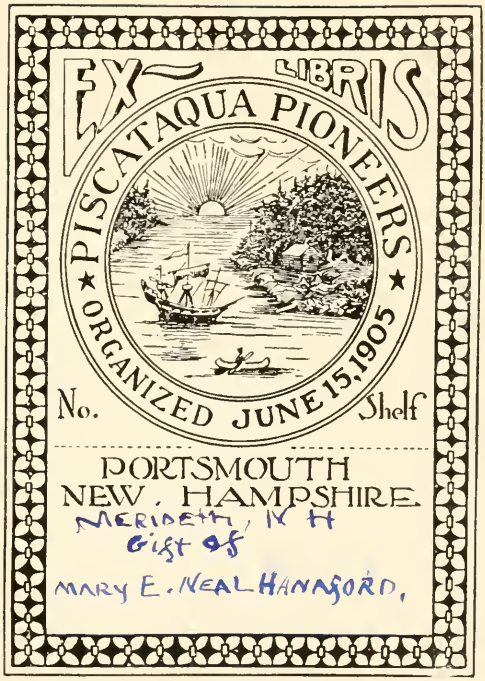
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KIND FRIENDS:

TO GATHER THESE BRANCHES OF FAMILIES HAS BEEN NO SMALL TASK. ALMOST OBSCURITY SURROUNDS THE LIVES OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS IN THESE OLD TOWNS. WE HAVE GROPED IN MANY DARK BYWAYS TO OPEN UP A RAY OF LIGHT REGARDING THESE EARLY PIONEERS. THE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN VARIED—EARLY CHURCH RECORDS AND GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS THAT WERE PARTIALLY OBLITERATED. WE HAVE TROUBLED MANY HOUSEWIVES TO UNPACK OLD FAMILY BIBLES, WHICH WERE VERY GRACIOUSLY BROUGHT OUT, WITH VERY VALUABLE DATA THAT HELPED CONNECT THESE THREADS IN LINES OF FAMILIES—FOR WHICH WE THANK ONE AND ALL.

MARY E. NEAL HANAFORD

MEREDITH

You may talk of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains,
Of the moors and locks so clear,
You may praise the fiords of Norway
And her waters wild and grand;
What of Meredith Bay's pretty views
Right here in our native land?

Here we view the cloud-capped White Mountains;
What of Belknap's protecting grace?
Can we find old-world marvels
More grand than the "Great Stone Face"?
And the Indian Head near by
Silently stood guard in days gone by.

Our Meredith Hills rise high and grand
Over Waukewan, and Winnisquam ponds,
And with protecting arms have
Guarded many a home in days gone by
From winter's storms, and icy blasts,—
Let us give thanks while life does last.

MEREDITH

Meredith was incorporated in 1768. In 1799 Stonedam and Bear Islands were annexed. In 1855 the southeasterly portion was set off and called Laconia; and in 1873 a portion of Meredith was joined on to Center Harbor.

"Measley Pond" (Waukewan Lake) is connected with Lake Winnipesaukee by a small river, which affords some water power.

The first settlers came in 1748, and called the locality Packerstown. Later it was called New Salem, until Meredith was incorporated, in 1768, where the early settlers had a hard struggle to live.

The first child born in the wilderness was "Tamar," daughter of Jacob Eaton, who was born March 11, 1767, and the second child was Daniel, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife Sarah (Spiller) Smith, July 4, 1768.

The various conditions of the town have been written and rewritten, so I will pass them by and try and trace out some of the early ancestry of the old families of Meredith.

FRACTIONS OF HISTORY
OF
OLD MEREDITH

MEREDITH

By George Frank Smith

In 1606, by charter from King James, Virginia extended from the 34th to the 44th north latitude, or from Cape Fear, on the south, to Penobscot Bay, on the north, and extended to the Great Lakes, so that all New England belonged to the Colony of Virginia. Later by a subdivision this territory was divided into North and South Virginia.

In 1621 John Mason of London, England, bought a section including the Lake Winnipisocky, Lake Champlain, and extending to the St. Lawrence River. This tract was called Laconia. By this transaction Meredith became a part of Laconia. In 1632 the region of the lake was visited by a party of explorers from Portsmouth, who came by the way of the Piscataqua River, but no move was made to push settlement in this direction, on account of the numerous tribes of Indians who occupied the lake region.

Twenty years later, there being a dispute as to the boundary of the "Bay State Grant," commissioners were sent out by Governor Endicott to run out and make the boundary. They ascended the Merrimac River to Aquadoctan at the outlet of Winnipisocky Pond (now Weirs). Here they left inscriptions on the now famous "Endicott Rock," in the middle of the channel, at the outlet of the lake, in honor of their Governor, more than 250 years ago. Here, then, is the first authentic record of the white man's visit to our town.

Aquadochitan, now called "The Weirs," and until 1855 a part of the town of Meredith, was the scene of many unfortunate events in the days of the early settlers. Here the various tribes of Indians used to convene to receive their supply of fish; and at this time the channel, leading out of the lake, was fitted with "wares," for catching salmon, shad and other kinds of fish.

Here they assembled in the great war dances, and, under the leadership of the warlike Chief "Wohawa," a council was called to influence the neighboring tribes. Just previous to the bloody days of 1675, the intrepid Lovell used to come to punish the redskins for their bloody forays upon the settlers.

Here blockhouses were built for the protection of the early settlers, but they proved inadequate, and many bloody scenes

were enacted. Then a fort was built, the remains of which may still be seen near The Weirs.

From 1689 to 1716 New Hampshire was under the control of Massachusetts, though in fact there was little in this section to control, save the savages. During this period very little progress is noted.

At this time Meredith was called New Salem. The present boundary between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was established in 1740.

The first actual settlement of the town was begun in 1748. The land being "seuveyed," and laid out as the town of Salem, which was soon changed to New Salem, and it was called by this name until its incorporation as the town of Meredith, December 30, 1768, but until that time business was done and meetings were held principally at Exeter.

Among the names of the proprietors were those of Leavitt, Shaw, Taylor, Sibley, Bartlett, Whicher, Norris, Fifield, Sanborn, Gale, Clark, Thurston, Chase, Robinson, Smith, Jewett, Goodhue, Moore, Palmer, Wentworth, Wadleigh, Rowe, etc.

Six acres were set aside for a schoolhouse, a church, and a train-field, also a location for the first settled minister. Each person drawing a lot was to build a home and improve the land to some extent, within eight years. A meeting house was to be built in ten years.

At a proprietors' meeting held January 2, 1768, it was voted to tax the proprietors the sum of 4,000 pounds, to be paid the first proprietors who should settle and fall six acres of trees, within one year, and clear up three acres of said land fit for planting or mowing in sixteen months.

The first sawmill was built upon the Weirs channel, at the outlet of the lake, but was soon removed to the lower part of the town, as the water power was better there. After a few years it was carried away by a freshet and was rebuilt on the Gilmanton, now Gilford, side of the river.

At a meeting January 6, 1766, it was voted that Ebenezer Smith and William Mead have charge of the sawmill for the next three years, and that they shall saw logs to the halves for any of the proprietors in said town who shall bring logs upon the stage of the mill.

January 5, 1767, "Voted that Mr. Joshua Folsom shall have

paid him forty shillings, lawful money, if he do build a good grist-mill in the aforesaid town of New Salem, on a stream that runs out of a Pond, between Richard Wibard and Joseph Robinson lot into the Great Bay in said township, and finish it completely fit to grind corn and grain." This was the mill at Meredith Center.

June 13, 1769, at a proprietors' meeting held in Exeter, it was voted to pay Ebenezer Smith ten pounds and sixteen shillings for his charges in getting the incorporation of the town of Meredith.

The first proprietors' meeting held in Meredith was held at the house of Ebenezer Smith, Esq.

Sept. 17, 1778, William Mead was chosen moderator.

"2. Vote Ebenezer Smith, town clerk, and sworn.
3. Ebenezer Smith, Reuben Marston and Ebenezer Pitman, to selectmen, and sworn.
4. Nicholas Carr Folsom, constable, and sworn.
5. Abraham Folsom, Reuben Marston, surveyor, and sworn.
6. Thomas Danford, Ebenezer Pitman, as tithing men.
7. Abram Folsom, Robert Bryant, as assessors and auditors.
8. Samuel Torrey, Abram Folsom, as fence viewers."

April 1, 1771, "Voted that the town petition the General Court of said Province that the inhabitants of Meredith, may have liberty to catch fish in Quinnipisockey River three days in each week, that the river be kept clean of Wears, or any other incumbrance to the passage of fish, the other four days of each week."

April 6, 1772, "Voted that no person shall use upon the public roads of this town any ox sled, or sleds under the dimensions of four feet six inches, in width, under the power of forfeiture of same to be taken from him, by the selectmen, and to be utterly destroyed."

April 4, 1774, "Voted to build a meetinghouse in said town."

April 3, 1775, "Voted to raise six shillings lawful money to be devoted to hire preaching, some part of the year ensueing, also voted to raise the same amount for schooling, and that the selectmen be instructed to hire some suitable woman to keep the same, if such woman could be found." A sum of money was offered to the first child born in the new settlement. The first birth was that of Tama, daughter of Jacob Eaton, March 11, 1767. The second birth was Daniel, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife Sarah Spillar, and it was stated that boys were so much more appre-

ciated than girls that the money was divided between them, instead of all going to the one born first, which would undoubtedly have been given the boy, if he had come first.

Oct. 4, 1775, the population was

All males under 16 years	70
From 16 to 50 years	50
All males above 50 years	7
Persons in the army	10
All females	122
	259

Arms and ammunition on hand: 30 guns, 50 pounds of powder, 100 weight lead, 12 dozen gun flints, 11 guns carried into the army.

The selectmen were Ebenezer Smith, William Mead, Nathaniel Robinson.

The Revolutionary Period

A strong patriotic stand was taken in the Revolutionary contest. At a special town meeting held May 15, 1775, Ebenezer Smith was chosen as deputy, to meet with deputies from other towns, with full power to adopt such measures as may be judged most expedient to preserve and restore the rights of the other Colonies.

"Voted that the selectmen, of this town, purchase one barrel of powder with lead bullets, flints as shall be needed, also ten guns, also voted to enlist soldiers to hold themselves in readiness, to march to the relief of any of our distressed country brethren, and that they be furnished at the cost of the town, and that each soldier shall receive the sum of two shillings for each day he do put in."

August 29, 1776, they chose a Committee of Safety, consisting of John Folsom, Jonathan Smith, Nathaniel Robinson, William Mead, and Lieut. Joseph Roberts; 45 pounds was appropriated for firearms, etc.

At this time a copy of the Declaration of Independence was presented to be signed by every male citizen over 21 years old. There were 48 in all. This was done in every town and grant throughout the State, and a record was kept in the State records with the name of every man who refused to sign the same, and a close watch was kept on all whose loyalty to the cause of Independence was doubted.

Among those who entered the Continental Army these names appear from Meredith: Nathaniel Holland, John Robinson, Jonathan Crosby, Jonathan Smith, Moses Senter, Olion Smith, Thos Froheck, Aaron Rawlins, Joseph Eaton, James Sinclair, and William Meloon.

During the War of 1812, Theophilis Dockham of Meredith was taken prisoner at General Hull's defeat.

When the Province of New Hampshire withdrew allegiance to King George a temporary group was formed to conduct the affairs of the Province, and Ebenezer Smith of Meredith was sent as delegate to a convention, which adopted a constitution and chose the Hon. Meschic Weare as president. This was the first constitution and the first president of the United States.

The town meetings were held up to 1855, in the old townhouse situated on what is known as the Parade, Laconia then being known as a part of Meredith.

It had been decided to build a new townhouse in some other location. The northern part of the town outvoting the southern or Meredith Bridge portion, the new townhouse was located at Meredith Village.

On March 13, 1855, the first meeting was called, to be held in the new hall. The new hall proved to be faulty in construction, and there ensued a great catastrophe, caused by the breaking down of the floor, precipitating a mass of human beings many feet upon the rocks and débris below. None was killed outright, but several died of injuries. Following this Meredith Bridge was set off by itself and took the name of Laconia.

On May 11, 1840, Luke Fernald, Joseph Dodge, David Corliss Jr., Nathaniel Corliss and John Busiel, formed the organization known as the First Fire Engine Co. of Meredith Village.

Meredith furnished a large quota of her citizens towards the army for putting down the Rebellion. Out of a voting population of about 500, she contributed a total of 22 per cent officers and men, and showed that her people were worthy descendants of those noble and patriotic settlers who combined the use of the axe, the plow, and the rifle, as they carved out their homes in the wilderness.

On January 28, 1792, the meetinghouse stood on the Parade. The first settled pastor of whom I find any record was Rev. Finley Williams, whose success as a pastor was not to the liking of his

people, so after a period of five years he handed in his resignation. He was chiefly noted for having a son who ran away, shipped to Russia, entered the service of the Czar, distinguished himself, became chief admiral of the Russian Navy, and was made a nobleman by the Czar. He visited his old home in 1841 in great state.

I would like to follow the ecclesiastical history of the town, which is very interesting, but the limits of this paper forbid: how the Baptist Church was formed in 1779, and how Elder Nicholas Folsom, the first pastor, labored faithfully and untiringly under very discouraging circumstances, enduring hardships and destitution; and of other religious societies with very interesting histories, all of which have had times of prosperity and adversity, but have moved steadily forward in their great work, caring for the moral and spiritual life of the town.

Among the early business men of the town were J. B. Swasey, whose store stood near where the residence of A. A. Kidder now stands, and Samuel Gilman, with a store on the post office site, and a pottery back of the lot on which the North Church stands. There were at one time three tanneries and a bark mill, where the hemlock bark was ground for the use of the tanneries. The latter was located at the bridge near the cemetery. Later the site was purchased by Seneca Ladd, who carried on an extensive carriage manufacturing business, until the plant was destroyed by fire. After that he leased the large mill or the "Cotton Mill," as it was then called, and entered upon the construction of pianofortes, which business he carried on very successfully for many years.

The cotton manufacturing business was started here by some of the leading citizens who formed a company for that purpose. Joseph W. Lang, Sr., was agent and proved successful for several years. It changed hands and was finally given up. John Towle should be mentioned as another of the early traders.

The subject of this paper opens an almost inexhaustible mine, but time forbids continuing further.

GEORGE FRANK SMITH.

This was read before the Grange in January, 1904, and soon after printed in the *Meredith News* when Mrs. Eva S. Blake was editor.

COPY OF ORIGINAL RECORD

Proprietors' Book of the Township of New Salem, November 3, 1748, formerly called Packerstown.

A list of the names of a nomber of men that Dejiev that they may have a town ship or trackt of land granted or giuen to them and their heairs for ever.

Gentlemen whose wright it is to grant or give and request we bring the Lot and Duteficial Subjeths to his Majesty King George the Second—we pay you to grant or give to us apart of the Land which is to be Laide out into townships in our frounttars a bone—

SIGNERS

Ensign Jonath Longfellow	Joseph Clark	Jonath Sibley
Benj^{a} Shaw	Captain John Shaw	John Light
Richard Scammon	James Scammon	Joseph Wadligh
Daniel Smith	Daniel Gale	Samuel Norris
Benj Norris	Sam^{l} Norris	Benj^{a} Whicher
William Chase	Moses Chase	Elazras Dow
Joseph fieto	Josiah Robinson jr	Moses Rawling
John Taylor	Jacob Loue	Chase Robinson
David Rawlins	Joseph Robinson	Joseph Rawlins
Benjamin Smith	Sam^{ll} Goodhu	Jonathan Shaw
John Purmot	Benj Juet	Josiah Sandborn
James Gibson	Joseph Mosfes	Sam^{ll} Palmos 3d
Josiah Dandborn	Daniel Thurston	John morgan
in the right of	Sam^{ll} Goodhue	Thomas ford
Josiah Sandborn	Oliver Smith	Jacob Longfellow
Joseph marvel	Joseph juett	Jonathan Wadleigh
Abra^{n} Clark	Joseph person	Eliphalet Rawlin
Joseph Rawlin	Nath^{n} Batchelder	Ephra Robinson
Robard Cotton	John Smith	Joseph Knowlton
Oleuer Smith	Elisha Smith	Daniel olson
Tilton Lawrence	John Smith	

Nov the 10th, 1748, meet as followeth that is—

Voted Ensign oleur Smith moderator, and Joseph Rawlins Clerk.

Voted Jethro person toeshear to keued the money that is to be paid by the Sicity for careing on the layout.

Voted Jacob Rawlins five pound old tenor for his part, servues in going to the bank and for his expense and copeys relating to Masons wright and quit claim to be paid by the treaseuer.

Thursday November the 2d 1752

Att a meeting of the propriators of Salem, held by adjorment, at the house of Tilton Lawrence at Stratham, in sd province,—

1st voted that there should be a commitee to choose to lay out the second location of lots in sd town.

2d voted John Leavitt be one of commity, & Joseph Wadleigh, Tilton Lawrence, Benj Juet, Ensign Oliver Smith comitee.

3d voted the comtey have power to hire afistance to the number encluding themselves that, they have thirty shillings pr day each man, each day.

Voted that the comity haue power to hirer a Surueire. We farther fiend that their is du to the commity that laid out the first Deuison of lots viz

Due to Josiah Sandborn	40–10
" " Joseph Rawlins	11–2
" " Daniel Smith	13–3
" " Tilton Lawrence	36–10
" " John Sandborn	01–10
" " Mr. Long fellow	00–190

DANIEL SMITH
JOSIAH SANDBORN } Committe
JOSEPH CLARK

Names of those who have been up and laid out said land as agreed, by records and sold to Samuel Palmer and others a tract six miles square:

Dec ye 26th 1752.

Oliner Smith
Joseph Rawlins
Benj Jewett
Benj Jewett Survyor.

The books show that after the division of land, they compelled the owners to work twelve days a year to help clear the land, before 1766. At a meeting in Exeter they voted to tax each original proprietor thirty pounds, old tenor, to help build a road, also to build a saw mill, and other improvements.

The 14th of June, 1768, at a meeting at the house of Caleb Robinson, innholder in Exeter, after perambulation of the lines of the town, they chose a committee to lay out the second and third division into lots according to the charter.

Voted to have a committee to clean the Province Road through the town, and each proprietor should have a chance to work out his proportion in clearing of land at three shillings a day, and if a man was delinquent he shall be "Doch^{d}" of his wages.

The Records show that they perambulated much over different subjects for some years, until the sections were some of them settled.

FRACTIONS OF HISTORY

The old town of Meredith "embrased the part of the present Laconia, and Lake Village, on the west side of the Winnipiseogee River, and Long Bay, the Weirs, Meredith Village, and Meredith Center, Paugus and Opechee lakes."

The grant of land was to forty-six men, to which twenty afterward were added. This grant was bought in the house of widow Sarah Prush in Portsmouth in December, 1748, of the heirs of John Tufton Mason."

This tract of land was bargained as six square miles, but the encroachment of the waterways on the land reduced the acreage so that another grant was added in 1754, making the north line twelve miles instead of seven, thus adding Meredith Neck. This tract was divided into one hundred shares, reserving six acres on the Parade, on the old Province Road, for a meeting-house, a schoolhouse, a burying ground, a training field, and for what other purposes the inhabitants saw fit to use it.

Here on this tract for years stood the old meetinghouse and the tavern. At one time it was the center of business.

In 1768 the town was incorporated as New Salem. The boundary of the town was given as follows: "Beginning at a hemlock tree, by the great bay of the Winnepeseogy River, which is the northeasterly corner bounds of that tract of land, granted to John Sanborn, and others, and which lies adjoining to the land hereby granted, and runs from said tree northwesterly six miles to a beech tree, marked, which is the northwesterly corner bounds of said tract of land, then running fifty-five degrees east, about seven miles, to a white oak tree, by the side of Winnepiseogy Pond, marked on four sides, then running southeasterly by the side of said pond to the river aforesaid, then on said run to the Great Bay, to the hemlock first mentioned."

In 1777 the town was nine years old, and it was hard work for the residents who did not enlist. They were: John Folsom, Nicholas Carr Folsom (his son), Joshua Folsom, Joseph Robards, Samuel Torrey, David Watson, John Judkins, George Bean, Jonathan Clark, Gordon Lawrence, Nathaniel Dockham, William and John and Benjamin Mead, Reuben Marston, Jr., Thomas Frohack, John Gilman, Isaac Farrar, John Dockham, Joseph Sweasey, Jacob Eaton, Benjamin Batchelder, Philip Conner, Nathaniel Holland, Robert Bryant, Benjamin Sinclair, Nathaniel and Gideon Robinson, William Ray, James Merrill, Thomas Sinclair, David Broughton, Eben Pitman, Abram Swain, Joshua Crockett, John Kimball, Thomas Dockham, Jonathan and Pearson Smith, Timothy Somes, Jonathan Edgerly, Daniel Morrison, Jonathan and Samuel Shephard, Jonathan Crosby, Elias Swain, Chase Robinson, Abraham Folsom.

The Revolutionary soldiers were: Nathaniel Holland, John Robinson, Jonathan Crosby, Jonathan Smith, Jr., Moses Senter, Oliver Smith, Thomas Frohawk, Aaron Rawlins, Joseph Eaton,

James Sinclair and William Meloon. More went into the war later on.

An early school-teacher was Jeremiah Smith ("by cash paid Jonathan Smith, for scholling; by paid yourself for your wife's schooling"). In 1775 the town voted to hire some suitable woman to teach. Other teachers were: Eli Folsom, Levi Towle, Solomon Daniels, Joshua Smith, William Lowney, Caleb Jones, James Folsom, Pelham Sturtevant, Jewell Glines and —— Coffin.

In April, 1778, the town voted to petition the Court to change the name of the town to Meredith.

The town meetings were held, up to 1855, in the old townhouse on the Parade. Then a new townhouse was built at Meredith Village, where the sad accident occurred that injured so many.

In 1840 Luke Fernald, Joseph Dodge, David and Nathaniel Corlis with John Busiel formed a Fire Engine Co., at Meredith Village.

There were three tanneries and a bark mill, which were located on the brook near Plymouth Street cemetery gate, and were run by William H. Fernald. Later Seneca Ladd had a large carriage factory there, which was burned. He later made pianos there also.

Captain Daniel Smith went to Meredith from New Hampton, N. H. It is thought that his father was the builder of the toll bridge. He built a sawmill and a house at the corner of Main Street of waste lumber, in a solid wall, using nails and spikes that had been pounded out by hand from rods and bars in the blacksmith shop.

"Free" Clough and his brother, William O. Clough, were born in Gray, Maine. They went to Meredith when small boys. Mr. Clough was in the Civil War. He enlisted from Meredith. He had a son, Eugene F. Clough, who was a well-known singer.

The Old Cart Path

A return of highway laid out by us the Subscribers in the town of Meredith begining at the end of the road at the brook on Samuel Silleys land in the second division thence runing as the Cart way, is trod thru the said Silleys land by his house, and by the house of Morris Tucker, by the house of Ensign Daniel Smith to the road that leads from Sanbornton to New Hampton: said road is laid out three rods wide and the center of the Cart Path is the center of the road.

Meredith Nov. 9, 1792

Ebenr Smith
John Mead *Selectmen*

The Return of the road leading from the Province Road to the road leading from Elias Swains to Dows Mill, begining at or near James Quimbys jr, dwelling house, where the path is now trod, and continues thru Mr. Isaac Farrars, and Nathaniel Wadleighs land, where the Path is now trod and also thru land of Elias Swain jr, until it strikes the said Mill Road, the center of said path to be the center of said road; said road to be two rods wide, and the said Farrar is to have the Range on the northerly side, of said Road so far as his land enters, which he bought of Abraham Folsom, and also five dollars in cash in compensation for the road going thru his land, also Nathaniel Wadleigh is to have as much of the Range way at the end of his land as the said roadway takes out of his land in compensation for the road going thru his land, and also Elias Swain jr, is to have as much of the Range way at the westerly end of his land two rods in width, as said road takes out of his land in compensation.

Meredith March 4, 1795

Ebenr Smith
John Mead *Selectmen*
Reuben Morgan

We the subscribers do hereby agree to the above return & recompence for said road

Isaac Farrar
Nathaniel Wadleigh
Elias Swain

Third Division of Land

State of New Hampshire
Strafford Co.

A return of a highway laid out by the Subscribers in the third division of land in said Town bounded as follows, to wit, begining at end of the road that lead by the house of James Gilman, to land William Mead jr, thence thru land, Meads land by his house so on to Zebulon Sinclairs by the east end of his house, thence on to Theophilus Dockhams by the northeast side of his house, thence to land where Philip Merrill lives to the range way between the Lots numbered 78 & 79, the course of said road are as the Cartway is cut out of the center of the road as the center of the way is now in use, the aforesaid road is laid out two rods and one half in weadth and we the subscribs Selectmen allow and set off unto the said William Mead jr, the whole of the range-way at the southeast end of his lot and one rod of the range way at the northwast end of the Lot we allow unto the owner, of the lot numbered 65, one rod of the sideway in weadth and one rod of the Range-way at the southeast end of the Lot adjoining the same and we allow up to the owner of the Lot numbered 65 one rod of the sideway at the east end of said lot we allow unto the owner of the lot number 64 and 75, as many rods or so much land as said road took from said lot out of the range or sideway adjoining said lot

Meredith Novr 1795

Ebeneezer Smith
John Mead *Selectmen*
Gordon Lawrence

We the Subscribers owners of land in part where the above said road is laid out agree to the same Laying out of said highway and of the Recompence allowed by the said Selectmen for the land taken from us by said road.

Meredith July 21, 1796

EBEN^{R} SMITH
THEOPHILES DOCKHAM
WILLIAM MEAD

LAYOUT OF ONE OF THE FIRST ROADS IN MEREDITH

A return of the highway laid out by us the Subscribers, begining at the road near the house of Jacob Bunker, and runing on the line between the said Bunker and Ensign Joseph Neal, north westerly 76 rods to a Rangeway, then on the same course across said range in to Reuben Mastons jr, land thence through the Marston land north westerly on the road now spotted and marked by the west end of his barn 132 rods to the line of the town of New Hampton, near the dwelling house of Johnson Norris, in said New Hampton, and the lines as here described are the senter of said highway and the same is laid out forty feet in weadth, and as the aforesaid highway taken twenty feet in weadth 76 rods in length of land of the said Neals, we allow and set off to him therefor the land left for a cross way between the 16 & 17 Lots in the wast division joining the said Neals land, and on the said road takes the same quantity of land from the said Jacob Bunker, we allow unto and set off unto him the range way at the northwest end of his land, being about 36 rods in length, and we allow and set off unto the said Reuben Marston jr, for the land taken from him for said rangeway at the northwest end of his land that he purchased of Bradbury Gilman 26 rods in length, and two rods in weadth, of the range way at the southeast end of his land that he owns in the 4th lot in the said 3d division, from the land where on James Black live to the afore said new road, also the range way to the northeast of the said new road until it conyain 22 rods in length from said new road.

Meredith August 14, 1794

EBENEZER SMITH
JOHN MEAD *Selectmen*
REUBEN MORGAN

The same day we the subscribers agree to the above laying out of said road and the recompence for the land taken from us.

JOSEPH NEAL, REUBEN MARSTON JR., JACOB BUNKER
EDMUND BLACK, SAMUEL SPILER, JAMES BLACK

A return of a highway laod out by us the subscribers, begining at the road by Samuel Sibleys dwelling house in the second division in Meredith, and is laid out in the Cart Way is now trod thru the said Sibleys, Thomas Dolloff, Amos Leavitt, Samuel Leavitt and Nathaniel Sanborns land to the brook south of the said Sanborns barn thence on the road is spoted thru the said Sanborns land, Samuel Edgerlys land Ebeneezer Seaveys land, Deacon Trues land and school lot to Sanbornton line to meet the road in said Sanbornton,

leading by the house of John Taylor, said road is laid out three rods in width, the senter of the Cart Way, and the spotted line is the center of the road.

Meredith Nov 8- 1792

EBENEZER SMITH
JOHN MEAD *Selectmen*
REUBEN MORGAN

Meredith Aug 16, 1794, We the Subscribers have this day been and viewed the above said road and turned the same to the northwestward thru Nathaniel Sanborns pasture and field fifty three rods in length where the same is spotted and marked about three years since.

EBENEZER SMITH
JOHN MEAD *Selectmen*
REUBEN MORGAN

We the subscribers Selectmen of Meredith, herey allow and set off unto Samuel Sibley of Meredith, ninty five rods of the rangeway at the northerly end of his lot of land where he now lives the whole width of the Range, it being an allowance, made him for that length of high way thru his land at the northerly part of his said Lot which he has not before had an allowance for. Meredith Jan 22- 1799

EBENEZER SMITH
JAMES GILMAN *Selectmen*
DANIEL SMITH

I Samuel Sibley agree to the above laying out, by the Selectmen.

A LEGEND OF BEAR ISLAND

Several decades gone by Charles Prescott and William Neal owned land on Bear Island, where they pastured cattle during the summer months. This land had considerable wood and timber on it, and one winter they put some woodchoppers over there cutting wood. One evening after supper they thought they would drive over and see how the men were getting along with the chopping. One of the owners had a spry stepper, and they started out from Meredith, on the ice, and drove down around the Neck and over by Stonedam Island, supposing the ice was strong over the ledges there. All at once the horse and sleigh went down through the ice. The horse gave a spring and landed on a rock, and the two men climbed out on the rock, pulled the sleigh out, started out again and landed on Bear Island. They went to Aunt Dolly Nichols' for shelter, feeling pretty chilly after their dip. She at once came to their rescue, took the men and wet horse into her kitchen, helped dry the horse, and then made some hot drinks for the men. All came out none the worse for their scare, so the story goes.

Deed of Land for Meetinghouse and Burying Place

Copy of deed of land for meetinghouse and burying place, the first one in Meredith, opposite the "Old Pound."

John Leavitt to the town of Meredith, N. H.

John Leavitt of Exeter for one shilling paid by Ebenezer Smith, in behalf of the town of Meredith to the "Inhabitants of said Meredith and their successors for ever, one acre of my land in Meredith aforesaid, to be taken out of the first Division Lot drew to my original Right in Said town, the westerly side of the so called Province Road, within thirty rods of the north side of said Lott, to be taken in a square piece ajoyning said road for a privilage for said town to set a Meeting House, and have a Buiring place, and aney such publick useses of said town and no other useses but such as Publick in Said Town."

(Signed) John Leavitt.

1767. James Gibson, for his share 20 pounds in New Salem, to Eben[r] Smith.

Copy of conveyance from Eben[r] Smith, to John Jenness, September 19, 1795:

"Whole of James Gibson, (Meredith Bay) for $300, where Said Jenness now lives and has for sundrie years past lived and improved and built a Corn Mill, House, Barn, and part of a Saw Mill, thereon, excepting out of the same the one half part of the stream whereon said Mill stands, with the priviledge to hole Logs and Boards from Winnipisoco pond thru the mill yard to Measle Pond, in said Lot which I have deeded to William Davise by the desire of said Jenness."

One right purchased by Ebenezer Smith of John Neal: "1773. John Neal to Eben[r] Smith, the original Jonathan Wadleigh, 1st Div., No. 1, 5th Range, for ninty pounds."

(This John Neal was a brother of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, who walked up from Stratham with Joseph and settled in Meredith. He sold out and removed, according to tradition, to Vermont; never been able to trace the family or descendants.)

The Old Cemetery at Laconia

The land was given for it by Col. Samuel Ladd for a family burying ground for the Ladd family.

Edward Ladd, father of Col. Samuel Ladd, was the first one to be buried there, some time previous to 1801.

Col. Samuel Ladd had two children, both girls, who became the first and second wives of Stephen Perley.

After the decease of Colonel Ladd the lot went into the hands of the Perley heirs.

Col. Samuel Ladd died Apr. 9, 1801, aged 57 yrs.; his wife died June 18, 1808, aged 56 yrs.

There were many stones that crumbled and fell to pieces. There were 166 disinterred, and probably over 60 bodies not moved from where they had rested since 1801.

The bodies in this old yard were removed in 1865, as they were in the heart of Laconia, which is now the center of the town, to make room for buildings, but tradition states that many bodies were not found.

The Old Meredith Pound

The "Pound" was one of the chief public structures, in use instead of private barnyards for caring for stray stock.

The town of Meredith had built a wooden "Pound" previously, but in 1789 they voted to build one of stone, thirty-six feet square, which was used for many decades; but as the farmers gradually fenced their land with stone walls this venerable landmark was deserted, and gradually grew to be an unsightly spot on the old "Province Road" over Meredith Parade. It was built of common stones except the front, which was of split rock, with a wooden gate that was gone except the hinges, and the posts were tipped forward.

Mrs. Mary Gale Hibbard, the Mary Butler Chapter historian, found an old deed that was never recorded, donating the "Pound" and the first burying ground, where the pioneers and Revolutionary soldiers were laid to rest. She at once had the deed recorded.

This property was deeded to the town of Meredith. Later the town was divided and the part where this is located called Laconia. A committee of ladies went before the City Council and asked the town to clean up the graveyard and repair the "Pound," as it was town property.

An appropriation was made and the yard cleaned up and the front of the "Pound" repaired, as far as the money would go. One of the D. A. R. members donated a granite marker in memory of three of her grandfathers, Jeremiah Smith, Joseph Neal, and Reuben Marston, Jr., who was the former pound-keeper, and had it placed on the front wall of the "Pound." It bore the inscription: "Old Meredith Pound, 1789."

Personnel of Early Pioneers of Meredith Bridge

Daniel Avery was a trader in 1790. He built a factory.

Dr. Zadoc Bowman was practicing medicine in Laconia. His descendants were David Bowman and Mrs. Daniel Tilton.

Malachi Davis, 1790. Nathaniel Davis, called Island Davis, occupied Davis Island. He was a commanding leader in preaching and public discussions. In his house were twenty-one rooms. They had a school there which was attended by children who came over the bridge from the mainland. He had four sons and four daughters. John Davis taught school there on the Island. Later he was agent in a factory at Lake Village. They were Millerites. William Miller in 1840 had a camp meeting on the Island.

A tavern opposite the courthouse was run by Eager, the name and tavern gone.

Abraham Folsom settled in town in 1781. He had a mill, and his old house, renovated, still stands at Lakeport.

Col. Samuel Ladd had a mill bought of Stephen Gale. A freshet in 1779 carried it away, then another was built. It was carried away three years in succession, and another built each time.

THE MEREDITH BRIDGE FELLOWS

Compliments of Fred H. Coffin, Job Printer

The "varses" below were the contents of a letter passed through the post office at a Levee held at Meredith Bridge about 1850, and were given to the public at the request of the anxious "marms" of these nice young men.

Some write of flowers, and hills and streams,
Some write of hopes, and sighs and dreams;
But mine shall be a nobler task,
The Meredith Beau the theme I ask.

Highest among them stands C. S. Gale,
Who ne'er feared of riding a rail;
Query—why? his legs are so long,
Ten men couldn't raise him though ever so strong.

Then Rufus Parker, so tall and so slim,
That the young ladies say he looks very prim;
And right on his track is Isaiah A.,
Who acts with the girls tho' the d—l's to pay.

Next on the list is Henry G. Tilton,
Who some people think is a second John Milton,
While others declare that the great Henry Clay
Will be far eclipsed by his namesake some day.

And now we come to James H. T.,
Who's as clever a fellow as you often see;
Treat him well and he'll use you right,
But steal his fruit and he's apt to fight.

There's another Tilton, by most called Dan,
And all agree he's a nice young man;
But 'tis my opinion he's one of the b'hoys!
Brim full of his fun, and frolic and noise.

Lo, who comes next? 'tis Doctor Sam,
With his jolly fat face—as happy as a clam;
If you're troubled with hypos, or some call 'em blues,
Just send for the Doctor, he'll tell you the news.

John T. Coffin acts well his part,
Tho' small of stature he's large of heart;
And since never before his name I've rung,
Let me now introduce you to Samuel Young.

Then there's Joe Hill and Albert Clough,
Where the girls all go to purchase such stuff,
As laces and ribbons and other such trash,
As tickles their fancy and swallows up cash.

Now comes James Garland, the young machinist,
A first-rate trade, but none of the cleanest;
He sings serenades in a style quite peculiar,
Some in long meter and some in hallelujah.

There's another professional man, Doc. True,
Whose system of curing is said to be new;
And just o'er the way is Doctor Frank S.,
Who pulls people's teeth for a nine-pence or less.

Joseph E. Odlin, who sells hats and caps,
And sort of a mesmerizer who gives people naps;
A Hull & Sanborn—don't accuse me of lying—
Who get their living by other folks dying.

Then Nathan H. Baldwin and Brother Charles A.,
Who are both quiet men and have little to say;
But you know the old adage—confound this quill—
"'Tis the quiet pig that eats all the swill."

Last but not least comes Doctor Ayer,
Who, when you are sick is sure to be there;
Wherever he goes 'tis a pretty sure sign
That the girls will go into a gentle decline.

If any have been overlooked in this ditty,
'Tis all their own fault, the more's the pity;
But let me add that each one of them
Are first-rate chaps, "every mother's son of 'em."

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT MEREDITH

Seventy-five Persons Injured, and Six Fatally

March 13, 1855, the floor of the new townhouse fell in and 300 were precipitated into space below. It was estimated 800 persons were in the building, which was 80 by 50 feet square. Only a part of the floor, 30 by 14 feet, went down.

Those fatally hurt were: George Clark, John O. M. Ladd, John Leavitt; back broken, Hiram Plumer, B. C. Tuttle, Thomas Eastman.

Those severely hurt: leg broken, Benning Muggridge, William Langley, Benjamin Robinson, Isaac Shaw, Coffin Cook, Hubbard Jackson, Nathaniel Nichols, Simeon Hatch, Mooney Baker; both legs broken, John Piper, Jefferson Verrill, Simeon Drake; arm broken, Theophilus Sanborn; ankle broken, John Magoon; several ribs broken, D. Corliss, Jr.; thigh broken, Jacob Perkins; foot smashed, John Perkins; body crushed, William Edgerly, Charles Hunt, Moses Sargent; shoulder broken, David Corliss; shoulder dislocated, Eben Leavitt; back injured, Noah Robinson; badly hurt, Shephard Pierce; internally injured, Louis Boynton, Eben Varney, H. N. Burnham, Benj. F. Wiggin, John Smith 5th, Benj. Swain, Richard Stanton, Daniel Eastman, T. P. Hannaford, Washington Smith, Ira Simms, John Chase, Charles Hunt, L. M. Tuck, Geo. Kelley, William Fernald, Joseph R. Mead, Charles P. Huntress.

Slightly injured: Joseph Wiggin, Harrison Swain, John L. Chase, Edward Chase, Benj. Libbey, L. H. Hadley, John Gilman, William Wentworth, Edward Bacon, Dr. J. Sanborn, Eben Bickford, William Pike, Sr., Moses Plummer, James H. Mudgett, Thomas Hart, Stephen C. Lyford, D. S. Prescott, Elihu Davies, Rufus C. Stevens, Caleb Gilman, Obed Gray, Veranus York, John C. Glidden, Ben Perkins, William Pike, Jr.

THE OLD FACTORY BELL

By J. D. C. Hoit, M.D.

'Mid sunshine and the lightning's flash,
True to mold in height and girth,
High above the restless river,
Hurrying onward in its mirth;
You have rung alarms of danger,
In the years long passed away,
Yes, in truth, but few remember,
When you summoned to the fray.

You have told the busy workers
When to come and when to go;
You have told the hills of Belknap
When fiery billows raged below;
You have told of war's glad ending,
After years of charge and strife;
Of the nation saved through carnage
Springing into stronger life.

Oh, Bell of lasting melody,
Yes, of memory dear to me;
Scarce surpassed by Rome's St. Peter's,
Nor by Shandons on the Lee,
As the faithful watchman urging
Peals that called both out and in;
How the heights of Gilford echoed
At the music of your din.

Factory domed with cadent Tocsin,
Greeting hills and distant bay;
Harbinger of labor's grandeur
Ringing timely, night and day,
In thoughts of youth thy tones I hear
Responding still to duty;
Again, thy rhythmic notes resound
In realms of scenic beauty.

A heritage it seems to me
Deserving well in story;
Assailed by blows and wintry blasts
Alas with age now hoary;
From thy hanging in the belfry
On the old time Avery mill,
Midst the hills of old New Hampshire,
Are you ringing, ringing still?

GHOST STORY

Perhaps an old story, located in the Massachusetts Colony, may be of interest to some.

The legend runs that in days of "Long Ago," Bridget O'Hare haunted the Magoun mansion, on the Mystic River, where she had faithfully worked for her employer during her life. Thatcher Magoun, being very dependent on his Irish housekeeper and fearing he should lose her, proposed to make her a permanent fixture in the Mansion. After several talks he found her judgment very valuable, and gradually he became very dependent on her business ability, and married her, amid the rebellious gossip of the matrons thereabouts, who would not take her into the aristocratic circle. The Tory and his Irish helpmate became much attached to each other, and owing to the snobbish treatment she received outside, which did not jar Bridget, they lived much in seclusion. He, being in the late 1600's a large shipyard owner, was a wealthy man, and he made his wife his sole heir.

This proved her ability, as she managed the business in good shape; but it was a hard shock to the gossips. She disposed of the estate a little at a time, but was so snubbed that she vowed she would put a Gypsy curse on the neighbors.

Her only relative was brought from Ireland and lived with her sister. They were devout Catholics, and sent much support back to the home church, as there were no Catholic churches in America. After 1792 the Catholic church was started in New England, the first one in Boston, a century after Bridget's life. She was so persecuted that she developed a great hatred for those outside her church.

Before she went to work for Mr. Magoun she became attached to Mickie O'Hearn, who took the view, "Out of sight, find another," and married before she was long gone.

When her sister came to her, Mickie's wife had died, and Mickie longed for his first love, but refused to communicate with Bridget, and she, sad from trouble, gave the mansion to her sister. They finally settled in three rooms in the mansion and shut up the rest of the house; they never went out. Finally she and her crippled boy deserted the home. Bridget said no Protestant should ever occupy the house; if they did her ghost would haunt the place until they were driven out.

After she moved, the place was rented to people from Boston, who brought many loads of furniture and opened the house and did much repairing; but after a few weeks the furniture was taken away, and the house was closed and deserted.

People imagined they saw Bridget going up and down stairs with a candle, then doors would creak, and something seemed to flutter around outside.

Late one night the whole neighborhood was aroused, with screams coming from the haunted house. It was a serious situation, for the gossips had frightened the neighbors and revived the story that Bridget had threatened to haunt the house, so that no one dared to venture inside.

A little later came news from Boston that the widow had filed suit in court against the tenants for rent. The answer came back that the house could not be lived in, and the rent was not collectible. So earnest were the witnesses that the court suspended the trial, and instructed an officer to go to the old house and remain until he unmasked the ghost.

The man sent was Dick Whipple, who was a strong physical person and professed to fear nothing, and no man but he was to be admitted.

One night he got a thrill that he admitted. He wrote: "I had my misgivings as I slowly wended my way over the long walk from the gate to the big front door, to begin grips with the ghost.

"It was just coming evening. I brought along a luncheon, also candles and matches. When I opened the big door the hinges creaked, which gave me a start, and I felt crinkling gooseflesh on my arms, but I lighted a candle and began to brace up and look around the living room. I amused myself reading a paper and smoking. At midnight I ate my lunch and began clearing away the crumbs. I heard sounds of some person weeping, then a scratching, and suddenly my candle was extinguished and I trembled in the dark room. I felt objects whisking around my head and tappings on the window panes. One of the chairs in the room began rocking violently, and I was terribly afraid.

"I finally found a match and lighted my candle again. There was a large fireplace in the farther side of the room, and I heard tappings on that end of the room as though someone were walking on the staircase.

"Soon it was quiet, but I trembled and thought as I waited for daylight. At 7 A.M. I took my bag, went out and locked the door. I went to the courthouse, wrote my report, then went home and to sleep.

"When I went back to the mansion the next night it was chilly and rainy. The old place did not look very welcome, and a policeman was hanging over the gate, saying he did not begrudge me my job, and that he would not stay there through the night for a thousand dollars.

"He said it was positive that the house was haunted, and that he had seen and heard the ghost. I unlocked the door and stepped inside; the air was damp and chilly. I lighted my candle and looked around; the things seemed to be as I had left them. It was so cool I decided to build a fire in the fireplace. I found shavings, papers and some sticks outside, and started a fire sometime after midnight. The kindlings blazed high and the wood burned furiously, and soon pandemonium reigned—weird noises, chairs rocking, loud tappings on the window panes. My candle was extinguished and I felt something brushing my head and body. If I had not been held as if bound to the floor, where I was thrown by some unseen force, I should have fled screaming from the house. Suddenly I was brought to my senses by a voice screaming to me to come outside. I wobbled to the door and got outside. The policeman was at the gate waving and screaming to me to look. There I saw smoke and a tongue of flame, and also saw what looked like a great winged monster flopping out of the haze and smoke. Suddenly I looked again, and it dawned on me that I might be seeing the ghost departing from his haunts.

"I asked the cop to go in with me, and promised to permit him to see me unmask the ghost. He declined, saying he would not go in for a thousand dollars, as he had a wife and family and was afraid of being killed. I went in alone, and what met my eye I shall never forget. That room that had been so quiet was a mess of life and death, the floor was littered with the bodies of the disturbers; one was yet struggling but finally dropped to the floor dead. I lighted my candles and looked the place over. The floor was littered with bats; one measured four feet ten inches from tip to tip of wing, and his rat-like body weighed two pounds. I had unmasked the ghost, and made my report at the courthouse."

WINNEPESAUKEE GRANGE

By GEORGE FRANK SMITH

On February 9, 1875, a meeting of the citizens of Meredith and Center Harbor who were interested in agricultural pursuits was held at the office of Dr. George Sanborn to discuss the question of organizing a Grange of Patrons of Husbandry in the town of Meredith.

Charles P. Towle was chosen chairman and George E. Gilman, secretary. The chairman read the constitution and by-laws, and the "declaration of purposes" of the National Grange, after which a general discussion of the subject followed, resulting in a unanimous vote to organize a Grange.

Dr. George Sanborn was chosen to select names for charter members, and was instructed to draw up a petition and forward it to the secretary of the New Hampshire State Grange. At a later meeting at the house of Dr. Sanborn, he reported that he had secured the requisite number of names to the petition and had sent it in to the secretary of the State Grange, and that he would name an early date to institute a Grange in Meredith.

Dr. Sanborn was chosen temporary treasurer and all present paid their fees to him.

It was voted that the Grange should be called "Winnepesaukee Grange." A committee was chosen to prepare a list of officers, and the following names were reported:

Worthy Master....William H. Wadleigh
Overseer.....Ebenezer S. Robinson
Lecturer.....Simeon F. Wadleigh
Steward.....R. Lewis Coe
Assistant Steward..Arthur E. Leavitt
Treasurer.....Dr. George Sanborn
Chaplain.....Levi Leach
Secretary.....George E. Gilman
Gate Keeper.....John Deaborn
Ceres.....Mrs. William H. Wadleigh
Pomona.....Miss Ruth Smith
Flora.....Mrs. William C. Marshall
Lady Assistant Steward
Mrs. John Deaborn

and the names were unanimously chosen for the several positions.

William H. Wadleigh declined to serve as master and Charles W. Neal was chosen in his place.

March 2, 1875, the meeting was held in the North Church society rooms. Brother J. F. Keyes, master of Ashland Grange, and Brothers Scribner, Deaborn and Brown from Ashland Grange were present. Having been invited by Deputy Shaw to assist, Brother Shaw administered the obligation to all charter members present, and the officers were installed in their several positions.

The following were the charter members:

Charles W. Neal
Mrs. Georgia A. Neal
Simion F. Wadleigh
Charles Wadleigh
Ebeneezer S. Robinson
R. Lewis Coe
Mrs. J. M. Coe
Arthur E. Leavitt
Mrs. Arthur E. Leavitt
John Deaborn
Mrs. E. E. R. Deaborn
Dr. George Sanborn
Mrs. S. D. Sanborn
George E. Gilman
Mrs. Edna E. Gilman
Miss Ruth Smith
Miss Abbie Pease
John Mead Neal
Mrs. Jane (Wadleigh) Neal
George W. Hoyt
Mrs. Mary Hoyt
William H. Wadleigh
Rebecca Wadleigh
William Neal
Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Neal
Miss Fannie Ladd
Miss Laura Pease
Charles C. Towle
John C. Towle
D. Wardsworth Coe
Charles L. Towle
Charles R. Swain
Miss Orissa Knowles
William C. Marshall
Mrs. C. C. Marshall

Other names enrolled as members previous to reorganization in 1887 were: Lina F. Coe, Daniel B. Eaton, John F. Woodman, Bradbury R. Deaborn, Miss C. E. Elliott, and Rev. William H. Stewart, making a membership of forty-three.

The members met at various homes as invited, and as years passed changed officers at times, according to the records.

In 1887, State Deputy Emri C. Hutchinson was called and reorganized the Grange, and installed by proxy:

Worthy Master.....D. W. Coe
Overseer.....J. W. Lang

Lecturer.....William B. Smith
Steward.....Edward F. Wiggin
Assistant Steward....Fred W. Towle
Chaplain.....William Neal
Secretary.....Charles W. Neal
Gatekeeper.....Charles Wadleigh
Treasurer.....Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Neal
Pomona.....Julia A. Smith
Flora.....Lucy A. Lang
Ceres.....Bertha Neal
Lady Assistant Steward
Fannie L. Coe

December 15, 1888, G. Frank Smith, Fred H. Smith and George N. Eaton were made Patrons of Husbandry. This being the annual election, the following officers were chosen:

Worthy Master.....G. Frank Smith
Overseer.....Joseph W. Lang
Lecturer.....Fred H. Smith
Steward.....Edward F. Wiggin
Assistant Steward....Fred W. Towle
Chaplain.....George N. Eaton
Treasurer.....Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Neal
Secretary.....Charles W. Neal
Gatekeeper.....Simeon F. Wadleigh
Ceres.....Lucy A. Lang
Pomona.....Julia A. Smith
Flora.....Bertha Neal
Lady Assistant Steward
Fannie L. Coe
Fair Director.....Charles W. Neal

The latter was sent to the State Grange meeting at Manchester, which was the first time the Winnepesaukee Grange was represented for many years. It created a spirit of faith, hope and charity, and success in the years that followed. The meetings at this time were held in the Baptist vestry which was kindly offered free, and much prosperity followed through the efforts of many members.

In 1913 a lot was purchased and a two-story building was

erected. The upper floor was leased to the Masons, and the basement served as a dining room and kitchen, where many pleasant meetings and gatherings convened.

To Sister Emma Ballard, who was master during the building construction, great praise is due for the energy, spirit and good judgment displayed; she showed that a woman can *work* and *win*, and equal a man.

Over fifty years passed and many changes took place; many went to the great Grange above. We believe they are active and happy in the service of the "Great Master," beyond.

After another reorganization in 1889, the following officers served:

G. Frank Smith	1891–2
Fred H. Smith	1893–4
Orville P. Smith	1895–6
Edward F. Wiggin	1897–8
J. Fred Philbrick	1899–1900–01
Dudley Leavitt	1902–3
William H. Neal	1904
Arthur J. Mead	1905
Roy F. Bickford	1906
Hollis L. Wiggin	1910–11–12
Freeman G. Smith	1913–14 (Died in service)
Emma Ballard	1915–16–17
Orville P. Smith	1918–19
Frank J. Robinson	1920
Hollis L. Wiggin	1921
W. Irving Brown	1922
Emma Ballard	1923–24
Roy F. Bickford	1925

Thus we see many of Meredith's prominent citizens were members, and interested in this good work.

CARROLL COUNTY HISTORY

Description of Winnipiseogee

Two parts called the "Broads," from Center Harbor, form a straight waterway of nearly 20 miles. The "Broads," merging with each other in the middle of the lake, with the long bays

and smaller coves irregularly on all sides, suggest a huge crab with broad back and long claws: the Northwest Cove, or Meredith Bay, on the west side; Moultonborough Bay on the east side; Merry Meeting, or Alton Bay, on the southeastern part of the lake.

The name was taken from "winne," beautiful; "nipe," water; "kees," high; "cuke," place. Algonquin translation, "good water," with large pour-out place or outlet; the beautiful water of the high place; or "The Smile of the Great Spirit."

In early days when there was clear passage, no dams, the salmon and shad came up and separated; the salmon going up the Pemigewasset, and the shad going up the Winnipiseogee in myriads to the lake, where many were caught in the "ah-que-dau-ken-ash," or weirs.

Buchanan Reed's poem reads in part:

I heed not, if
My rippling skiff
Floats swift or slow
From cliff to cliff;
With dreamful eyes
My spirit lies
Under the walls of Paradise.

SQUAM LAKE

"A peaceful lake, by frowning woods o'erhung
Sleeps like bright waters among Alpine hills;
No voice is heard, nor lisp of human tongue,
No sound, save gentle moan of purling rills;
'Tis far away, beyond the purple mountains,
Beyond the sunset clouds of golden hue;
Far in the west among the crystal fountains
That rush from earth to smile neath skies of blue.
While sinks the sun o'er wooded hills to rest,
While golden radiance of the burning west
Fades o'er the billows with the fading day,
When midnight lamps o'er moon-bright waters play,
And crimson clouds, tinted with fiery hue,
Look from the waveless depths to depths of blue;
When myriad stars burn in the silent lake;
While flashing waters round dark islands break;
When gleaming wavelets at the set of sun
Bask in his glories when his course is run;
As breaks the sweet, wild vision on the eye,
We dream we roam in Classic Italy."

THE TOWN REGISTER OF 1908

Which Comprises Meredith, Tilton, Gilmanton, Sanbornton, Belmont and New Hampton

We all know the location of beautiful Meredith, with its lovely views. Across the lake is Moosilauke, Asquam Range, Mt. Prospect, Osceola, Passaconaway, White Face, and the Belknap Range.

The Indian records are few that tell us what happened in centuries long gone.

Hiawatha's rhyme runs—

Lo, how all things fade and perish
From the memory of the old men,
Fade away the great traditions,
The achievements of the Warriors,
The adventures of the hunters,
All the wisdom of the "Medas,"
All the craft of the "Wahenoos,"
All the marvelous dreams and visions
Of the "Passakakeeds," the Prophets.

The fresh water Indians of the interior of the State were called "Nopmumks," and the Indian tribes around the lake were named "Winnipesaukees," as they inhabitated the lake region, and dressed in the furs of the animals they had captured on their trails.

When the white man came they began to imitate his clothing and his manner of living, even to imbibing fire-water.

Their "asquedaukenash," or fish-weir, was a rendezvous for the many tribes for a semi-annual gathering, and later for the "pale-face" to trap shad.

The "Great Medicine Man," Passaconaway, was influenced strongly by the "Great Spirit," and held the natives in check, to keep peace, and after his death his son, "Wonalancet," kept on in his father's ways, and became a good Christian.

In November, 1748, many white men banded together and voted to lay out a township between "Pond and Pemigewassett River." The layout ran thus: "Begining at a hemlock tree by the Great Bay of Winnipesaukee River, which is the southeasterly corner bounds of that tract of land granted to John Sanborn and

others by said Proprietors, and which lies adjoining to the land hereby granted, and runs from said tree northwesterly six miles, joining on said lands granted to said Sanborn, or near six miles, to a beach tree marked, which is the northwesterly corner bounds of the said tract of land; then runing fifty-five degrees east about seven miles to a white oak tree by the side of Winnipesaukee Pond, marked on four sides; then running southeasterly by side of said pond to the river to the Great Bay aforesaid; then to the said bay to the hemlock tree first mentioned."

It was voted, January, 1753, that Jonathan Longfellow should have one shilling, old tenor, per acre for every acre added to the township of Salem, but according to history he failed, as there is no record that he received any monies for service.

The name of New Salem was changed to Meredith in 1769. In 1855 the eastern portion was taken to make a part of Laconia, including Lake Village and Meredith Bridge, and until 1873 a part of Center Harbor was called Meredith.

Among the earliest settlers was Ebeneezer Smith of Meredith, also James McCrillis, the great grandfather of Philip McCrillis, who lived at the foot of what is now called Neal Hill, and whose nearest neighbor was Captain William Ray, who lived four miles away, nearer Meredith Bridge, at what is now called "Ray's Corner." There were no buildings at Meredith at this date.

Historians state that Nicholas Gilman, with 23 other Gilmans and over 150 pioneers, in 1727 received grants of land in what they called Gilman Town.

During the Revolutionary War days, after the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, it was reported to Lieutenant Eastman's wife, who was Mary Butler before her marriage, that the lieutenant had been killed in battle. There were no hard roads then—the only guide to go by was spotted trees—but Mary (Butler) Eastman determined to know if she was left a widow with an infant child. The brave woman mounted her horse, with her babe in her arms, and rode to her father's home in Brentwood, where she left her babe and rode on to Charlestown, Mass., where she found her husband alive and well. B. F. Taylor wrote of the story thus:

Then up rose Mary Butler, and set her wheel at rest;
She swept the puncheon floor, she washed the cottage pride—
The cottage pride of three weeks old—and dressed him in his best;

She wound the clock that told the time his mother was a bride,
And porringer and spoon she deftly laid aside;
She strung a clean white apron across the window pane,
And swung the kettle from the crane, for fear of rusting rains;
Then tossed the saddle on the bay, and donned her linen gown,
Full seventy miles to Cambridge town: bring out your civic crown.
I think we'll fit that brow of hers, who sadly smiled and said:
"We'll know about your father, boy, and who is hurt and who is dead."

In 1720 the Governor's Council ordered that Gilmantown, should run from Barnstead to Winnipishoky Pond. One comment on it was "that it was a liberal slice of land."

In 1748 the early inhabitants voted to lay out a town on the east side of Pemisgavaset River, and for a time it was called "Crotch-Town," or what they should think best to call it, and in 1770 the boundary ran thus: "Beginning at a hemlock tree, standing by the Great Bay of Winnipesaukee River, marked with the letter B, and other letters, and year 1748, and spotted on four sides, then running west to a beech tree, marked on four sides, thence west to Pemmigewassett River, and running as the river runs, bounding on the same to a crotch made by the said river, then easterly up the river to the bay, to the tree where the bounds started."

Moultonboro Gore, or Addition, in 1777 was named New Hampton. The story goes that Gen. Jonathan Moulton gave Governor Wentworth an ox that weighed some 1,400 pounds and in return was given a tract of land of over 19.442 acres. In early days cattle were scarce and land cheap.

In 1854 a few decided to start a Freewill Baptist Church at Meredith Village. They had been attending the "Oak Hill Church," up above Meredith on the hill. For a long time they held service in Union Hall.

In 1858 the society decided to build a Free Baptist Church at Meredith Village; but the Antipedobaptists on the Parade had split up and offered them the "North Meeting House," which was situated just this side of the first burying ground, opposite the "Old Pound" on Meredith Parade, and the Freewill Society accepted it and moved it down to the Village. A few pairs of oxen helped roll it along until they reached the top of Ladd Hill, now called "Mile Hill," just this side of the Village, then the force of gravity had to be checked in a measure with logs.

It is described as 38 by 40, with 30-foot posts. When it reached its destination, the box pews and sounding board were removed and more modern pews installed, and an organ was purchased that had to be pumped by hand when in use. A steeple was put on and it was modernized in other ways, but the same old building, "The North Meeting House," stands today, and is used by the school. It was built in 1786, and in 1936 it will be 150 years old.

The people worked hard through the week and some of them got sleepy during the service, so they had a "tithing man" to keep them awake. When he saw a man nodding he went along and tickled his ears with a rabbit's foot tied on a short pole. For short he was called a "tidy-man."

In 1852 the Oak Hill Free Baptist Church was very prosperous, and at the outdoor meetings in the oak grove on warm days many decided to lead a Christian life. The ordinance of baptism was performed at Waukewan Pond, a short distance down the hill. One writer states that it seemed as if the Spirit of God descended and hovered over those who went down into the water and followed the bidding of the Master. At times the religious interest spread far into other towns and the membership increased to 350 members.

A PIONEER PREACHER

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Correspondent of the Boston Journal

Some Interesting Notes About the First Church and the First Settled Minister in the Winnipiseogee Lake Region

Every section of this New England of ours—in fact every section of this broad country—had its pioneer preacher. This ordained servant of God and the people either went in advance of the schoolhouse or closely followed it, and it is an obvious fact that it is largely due to his unrequited and zealous labor—to his unselfish devotion to the cause which he was commissioned to present to men and women—that the country owes its proud position as the most enlightened and progressive nation on the globe in the nineteenth century. Of the pioneer it may be truthfully said that he endured hardships and privations to which the

preacher of today is in a large degree a stranger; and yet, notwithstanding his discomforts—as comforts are measured in this generation—he doubtless experienced the happiness that comes of duty conscientiously performed, the same that the faithful minister of today experiences. There is, however, another view that lightens the contrast. It is this: He delivered the message of the Master to a practically uneducated people, while the ministers of today must meet the requirements of the advanced thought that our system of education has developed. While, then, he was forced to make more physical effort—for he was compelled to till the soil for a livelihood and to travel long distances on horseback over uneven roads, and often through nearly pathless forests—he was in a large measure free from great mental strain in the preparation of discourses, which is more exhausting to the energies and which is the burden of the men of his profession today.

But it is the pioneer preacher of the Winnipiseogee Lake region of New Hampshire that we would write of at this time. He was not an educated man. He was, however, a man of more than ordinary gifts, a man of sterling integrity, of practical common sense, thoroughly in earnest and deeply impressed that the Master had chosen him as an instrument through which to deliver an important message to the children of men. These convictions coupled with a sense of duty and responsibility, caused him to assume what proved to be a great task, and although in many ways handicapped, to persevere in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel, as he understood it, for nearly fifty years of his life. The name of this pioneer preacher was Nicholas Folsom. During a recent visit in this section of New Hampshire, where he lived and labored, we undertook the task—purely a labor of love—of rescuing from fading memories and scattered history records the story of his life and the early history of the church which he founded.

The following—which includes three or four corrected paragraphs which we published some time ago—is the result of our research.

Somewhere in the fourth decade of the eighteenth century, there landed on the shores of New England, a young Englishman named John Smith. He settled at Brentwood, N. H., and finding another man of the name of John Smith in the neighborhood

he changed his name to John Folsham—Folsham being the name of his native place in the old country. He was a farmer, but turned his hand at other employment. He therefore became the assistant of Ebeneezer Smith in surveying and laying out the towns of Sanbornton, Gilford, Meredith—then New Salem—Moultonborough and Sandwich.

During this time he became possessed of a tract of land, one hundred acres, near Sanbornton Bay, and when he was about to remove thither with his family and build a log house, Ebeneezer Smith made him the offer of a gift of thirty acres of land in New Salem providing he would settle upon it. Folsham accepted the offer and selected a valley—from which there is a commanding mountainous view on all sides—two miles southeast of what has since become known as Meredith "Parade" and about three miles north of Lake Village. Here in the wilderness with his friend Smith and others who had settled ten years before he built a log house. The conveyance of the land is dated January 19, 1778, and to the original thirty acres, twenty-three acres were added by purchase in 1794.

In 1778, with his family, which included Nicholas Folsham—then a returned veteran soldier, who had taken a heroic part in the battle of Bennington—he removed to Meredith, as the place was then called, and here he spent the declining years of his life. The farm became the property of Nicholas, whose name had now become Folsom, and in turn the property of his son Nicholas. The fourth house—a tidy white cottage farmhouse—takes the place of former houses and in it reside the three successive generations—the fourth, fifth and sixth generations from the original—Joseph G. Folsom, aged 80; John C. Folsom, aged about 50, and Charles H. Folsom, aged 18.

It is to these three generations together with indisputable records that we are indebted for new facts contained in this article and for corrections to the paragraphs heretofore written and herein incorporated.

The Meredith settlement was visited from time to time, beginning probably as early as 1770, by Dr. Samuel Shephard of Brentwood, a Baptist missionary, who, besides being a learned physician, was an eloquent preacher. Through his efforts the cause of religion was kept alive, and, six or eight years later, when the population had increased—although a good deal

scattered—he held a revival in which there were more than one hundred and fifty conversions and more than one hundred persons baptized in one day.

In 1779 a movement was started to organize a church, and on the 4th of November of that year the people met at the house of William Mead for that purpose. They adopted the name Antipedobaptist Church of Meredith, and at a subsequent meeting, held Aug. 3, 1780, adopted Calvinistic articles of faith.

On the 21st of August in the same year nineteen male and eight female members were added to the church, and at the meeting held to vote on their reception, John Gilman was chosen clerk of the society. Nicholas Folsom and Abram Swain were chosen the ruling elders and Jonathan Edgerly and Brother Crockett deacons. The right hand of fellowship was given to the chosen deacons by Elder Folsom, and the ordination prayer by John Mead. John Kimball and Gideon Robins assisted in the laying on of hands. Meetings were held at private houses, and a good degree of interest manifested. In fact, their numbers increased so that in 1782 it was voted, after a season of prayer and fasting, to set apart Nicholas Folsom for the work of the Christian ministry. Accordingly, on the second Wednesday in September of the same year a council of the ministers and delegates from the churches in Brentwood, Madboro, Gilmanton and Sandwich met and ordained Mr. Folsom, the sermon being preached by Elder Hooper of Brentwood. In the same year an effort was made to make Elder Folsom the town minister, but the town voted not to receive him. He was generally respected, but the voters objected to his doctrinal views. From this time till near the close of the eighteenth century Elder Folsom continued to preach one-half the time in Meredith, and one-half in Sanbornton, during which time the church in Meredith lost forty-five members, who removed their membership to the last named place for the obvious reason that it was nearer their homes. The meetings of the church were held in various places, at schoolhouses, and in private dwellings, in the three divisions of the town, and were called branch, or neighborhood meetings. In the absence of Elder Folsom, some of the associate elders or deacons officiated.

Concerning these men who founded the first church in the Winnipiseogee Lake region the Rev. James Graham of Waldoboro, Maine, a former settled minister in Meredith, says: "They were

men of strong conviction concerning the truth, and considered doctrinal views essential to church membership, withdrawing the hand of fellowship on more than one occasion from those who dissented in some way from the articles of faith. They took the Bible as their counselor in all spiritual matters, and they refused to walk in fellowship with those who perverted and ignored the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. They were also zealous in propagating the peculiar tenets of their faith. Yet it was not only purity of doctrine, but purity of life and conduct for which they earnestly strove."

The records of their times show that it was not only considered a matter for discipline when any church member indulged in intemperance or any other vice, but, as now, it was in some degree an occasion for social ostracism.

Elder Folsom received no compensation for his services except voluntary contributions of the people. He rode about the country on horseback and whatever he received by way of donations found a place in his capacious saddlebags. "As a preacher," says Mr. Graham, who sought knowledge of the Elder among the venerable people of the neighborhood where he lived, "he was plain, direct and forcible; preaching what he believed to be true and that, too, without fear or favor." "As a figure," says the eldest of his descendants, "he was more than six feet tall and well proportioned. He had black hair and black, piercing eyes. His features were round and his expression was that of an exceedingly good-natured man who never thought it necessary to be stern, even in moments of religious fervor." The domestic life of Elder Folsom was not altogether a pleasant one. He had his "thorn in the flesh," being most unhappily married. His wife, who was commonly believed to be insane, gave him no peace. She was irritable and fault-finding and many strange stories are told concerning her treatment of him.

The first meetinghouse which Elder Folsom's society built—probably about the last of the century—was located on the left of the highway on the south hill of the "Parade," and a schoolhouse now marks the site. It was about the size of the district schoolhouse of today, unpainted and unadorned. Early in the century it was set on fire at the instigation of a Mrs. Morgan, an erratic woman, and wholly destroyed. She was offended because the people came to her house, at the intermission of services, to warm

themselves—in those days there were no stoves and places of worship were not warmed—and declared that she would have relief from the annoyance. Her husband paid for the building destroyed.

Following the destruction of the meetinghouse, the society worshiped in the Town House—which stood on the Meredith Village border of the "Parade," on the right, and which is now, having been reconstructed and improved, the Freewill Baptist Meeting House—in the Village one Sunday and the Congregationalists the next, each society alternating in its occupancy, and the occupancy of the meetinghouse in the third division of the town.

The Town House had the old-fashioned high backed pews, a high pulpit, above which was a sounding board, and a gallery on the highway end, which was the entrance end.

This latter arrangement by which the society alternated in the use of the Town House, could not have lasted many years, for it is clear that a second place of worship was built at an early day.

It stood on the north of the hill, from the "Parade," near the General Wadleigh place, where the Union schoolhouse now stands, and was a large and more pretentious building than the first. This meetinghouse—the people having become largely identified with the church of the same denomination at Meredith Village—was taken down somewhere about 1844 and removed to Lake Village. It is the building now occupied by the Advent Society of that place.

From 1800 to 1820 little of note occurred. The church was compelled to discipline several members and fight a continuous battle against the besetting sin of the times—intemperance—but it flourished, increased in membership and continued its labor for the Master by branch and neighborhood meetings. In the last named year Elder Folsom began to show signs of old age and loss of power, and therefore the society called, ordained and installed as his assistant Parker Fogg. Elder Folsom continued to preach —now intermittently—two or three years and finally, in old age, surrounded by family and friends, loved and respected by the community which he had faithfully served more than forty years, he retired to his farm and spent the remainder of his life in freedom from care and in those enjoyments which are consequent to a well-spent life. He died in December, 1830, at the age of 83 years and 3 months. In his last hours he was attended by Elder Lewis

Caswell, then conducting a revival meeting in Meredith and afterward for many years a faithful missionary in Boston, who closed his eyes in death and spoke his eulogy, assisted by Elder Crockett, the settled minister at Lake Village. His mortal remains were interred in the Smith (now called Opeeche) burying ground on the main road (Province Road) between Meredith and Laconia. No gravestone was erected, and some years ago the place was plowed without notifying his descendants [an error, as his grave is known] of the location of his and his father's (John Folsom's)graves. [The article states that his last resting place cannot be located with any degree of certainty, but there are rough stones for him and his father (common granite).]

It is an undoubted statement among the residents of Meredith, that Elder Folsom tried for a time to keep the records of the church upon pieces of birch bark. He wrote by the light of a tallow candle and upon complaining to his wife of the insufficiency of the light, she replied that she would make it light enough for him and thereupon seized the records and threw them into the fireplace before his very eyes. The records were afterward rewritten from memory. Elder Folsom was the first moderator of the Meredith Baptist Association. Later he presided several times over its deliberations, and also wrote the annual missive to the churches and brethren.

In his youth Nicholas Folsom was a soldier in some of the Indian Wars. In July, 1777, at a time when the country was in great peril and Stark had called the patriots of New Hampshire to arms he enlisted in a company of volunteers from Sanbornton, commanded by Capt. Chase Taylor, and was a valiant soldier in the battle of Bennington. (See his war record in "Old Meredith," new book by D. A. R.'s.) The state records show that he was in service one month and 28 days, and was mustered out September 18, 1777.

The service which he rendered in camp and battle accounts for the fact that he lives in the memory and tradition of Meredith as a man who was exceedingly fond of relating stories of exploits in hunting redskins, and of hairbreadth escapes when under fire.

These stories were told by him both in and out of the pulpit, and it is said that partly because of them his visits in many neighborhoods were looked forward to as bright events in the lives of the early settlers. His story-telling often ran far into the night,

and not a few old people can recall some that were told in their childhood days. They were accustomed to beg the privilege of their parents to sit up and hear Priest Folsom tell about the Indians and the British. It may be added in this connection, for it is true, that the good priest was in accord with the customs of the fathers and counted it no sin to indulge in an exhilarating glass of grog. The grog undoubtedly gave fervor to the story-telling.

The brief details we have given regarding the career of this pioneer preacher are not without their lesson. They teach, for example, the virtue and manliness there is in self-sacrifice, in the faithful performance of duty. Nicholas Folsom knew what it was to endure hardships, for they were his constant companion. He knew what domestic infelicity was, for his wife gave him no peace, but continually annoyed him. He knew what it was to be cold and hungry and fatigued for the cause he represented, for he braved all sorts of weather and traveled long journeys to fill his appointments. It is stated—and it is an unquestionable fact—that he often started from home without his breakfast and preached in Meredith, Moultonborough and Sandwich in the same day, thus traveling nearly forty miles, to reach home at night when all his family were asleep and go supperless to bed. Indeed all this —and more that might be told— is an instructive lesson touching fidelity to duty.

It seems to me that the little that we do, in recalling the heroism, patience, fortitude and devotion to duty of men who laid the foundation of our civil and religious liberty and who, as the condition of our country today amply proves, laid the foundations broader and deeper and more enduring than they knew, is merely justice. We ought to build them monuments, as enduring as the principles which they crystallized and the institutions which they established. So we become worthy sons of worthy sires. It cannot but be gratifying to all sons of New Hampshire that the State has taken the initiative in perpetuating the names and recording the services of these old heroes.

The granite monuments which we build will be as enduring as the granite hills, and not only this, they will be the pride and the incentive to patriotism and devotion to duty for all coming generations.

(Signed) NASHOONON.

Tradition tells us that Nicholas Folsom was drafted into service in 1777, and having no gun went to his neighbor's, Mr. Crockett's, and asked him to loan him his gun. Mr. Crockett replied, "No, you won't bring it back." Elder Folsom replied, "Yes, I will," and reached up and took it from the wall where it was hung and walked out. The same gun is in the possession of Captain Foss. He returned it. The country was in great peril, and General Stark had called a company to be commanded by Capt. Chase Taylor and march to Bennington, where Folsom was a valiant soldier. He was mustered out after almost two months' service.

It is said that he was fond of relating his war service, his exploits hunting redskins, and hairbreadth escapes when under fire.

It is said that he sometimes told of his experiences in the pulpit; and it was looked forward to with much interest to have him visit and relate what he had been through. Often the parties stayed up until the wee sma' hours to hear him talk. Nicholas Folsom knew what it was to endure hardships, for they were his constant companion. Many times when he started off early to preach he had to go without his breakfast and came home late at night and, as no one was up, went to bed supperless after a long, hard day of preaching at three different locations, where he had been on horseback. Much more could be added as an instructive lesson touching fidelity to duty.

One year there was a scarcity of food, and Priest Folsom was talking in church, when someone entered and said, "The shad have come. The shad have come." Priest Folsom said, "The shad have come. I close my sermon. They will do you more good than my talk." The fish were coming upstream at the Weirs, and the inhabitants needed the fish for food, so the men all rushed down the "Shad Path," now called the "Roller Coaster Road."

Priest Folsom was a surveyor. He and Mr. Longfellow surveyed most of the country in Meredith and near by. The last land they came to was a point of land on Meredith Neck. They hesitated and said: "What will we call this point of land?" Elder Folsom said, "It looks to me like a spindle." Then they decided to call it "Spindle Point," which name it still retains.

The old barn on the farm still stands, built over 150 years ago.

Five generations of Folsoms were born on this farm, and have all passed on. [These facts were given by Mrs. Abbie (Blaisdell) Folsom, wife of one of the Folsoms. She resided at the "Home," and died in 1928.]

THE MEETINGHOUSE

We love the venerable house
Our fathers built to God—
In Heaven are kept their grateful vow;
Their dust endears the sod.

Here holy thoughts a light have shed
From many a radiant face,
The prayers of humble virtue made
The perfume of the place.

. . . . .

They live with God, their homes are dust;
Yet here their children pray,
And in this fleeting lifetime trust
To find the narrow way.

On him who by the altar stands,
On him Thy blessings fall;
Speak through his lips Thy pure commands
Thou Heart, that lovest all.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

AN OLD LEGEND

In Portsmouth, in 1662, at a town meeting, a motion was made to build "a cage or some other means invented by the selectmen, to punish such as sleep, or take tobacco on the Lord's Day, out of the meeting, in the time of the publique exercise." The men delayed this motion for nine years, but in 1671 it was revised, and Capt. John Pickering was selected to carry out the contract. He being a carpenter, miller and lawyer, started the cage, twelve feet square, and seven feet high; "the studs to be six inches broad, four inches thick, and the openings between them three inches. The studs round the said cage, and at the bottom, and overhead. He also was to make a good strong dore, and a substitantial payre of stocks and place the same in the cage; also to build on the rough of said cage a firm pillory. All which cage, stock and pillory to be built and raised some convenient space from the westward end of the meetinghouse, by the last of October next ensuing."

The bargain also included a ladder. The old church had the

only bell in New Hampshire at that period. On the front door were marks where wolves' heads had been nailed up to get the bounty. There were no pews in the church. In after years the cage was to be seen where one man was put for smoking tobacco on Sunday. Another the tithing-men had set there in the stocks for drinking, and another was placed in the pillory on top for disturbing the meetinghouse which a Boston merchant had built for his family that lived up the river, where they could stop and warm themselves and eat their dinner when they came down to meeting.

Imagine the terror of the youngsters, their feet and legs bare up to their knees, when the orderly pointed to the cage outside the door, and the array of wolves' heads that had been captured during the past week and nailed up, and the guns set up on the porch!

From the Free-Baptist Cyclopedia

Rev. Simeon Dana, born in Lebanon in 1776, at the age of 22 years went to New Hampton as schoolteacher and physician, under the labors of Rev. Winthrop Young.

About 1800 the first New Hampton Church was organized and a house erected for public worship. Dr. Dana was ordained and installed as pastor, which position he retained during life until 1853. His labors were shared by Rev. Josiah Magoon and Rev. Thomas Perkins.

Soon after Dr. Dana went to New Hampton he married Miss Jane Bean of Sandwich. They had ten children. His eldest son, J. A. Dana, M.D., who died at Ashland, N. H., in 1882, was a successful doctor.

On January 6, 1800, a Freewill Baptist Church was organized with 64 members, in the Hanaford District, where hard battles were fought and won. Capt. Peter Hanaford was one of the first settlers.

The Brook Meetinghouse in the third division in Meredith, just east of the line between Meredith and New Hampton, was organized in 1837, as Freewill Baptists. (The Mooney District in the western part of Meredith.)

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF MEREDITH

Jonathan Smith, his wife Sarah.

Reuben Marston, Jr., his wife Mary (Batcheldor) Marston.

Payne Smith, a son of Daniel Smith, and brother to Ebeneezer.
Joseph Roberts, his wife Unice.
Jacob Eaton.
Widow Martha Batcheldor.
Joseph Conner.
Mary Farrar, wife of Isaac Farrar.
John Boynton.
Sarah Quimby.
Simon F. Williams and wife Polly.
John Rand.
Widow Lydia Robinson.
Rebecca Tosser, widow.
John Karr, his wife Rhoda Karr.
Samuel Cram, his wife Betsey.
Jesse Sturtivant, his wife Susanna.
John Cate, his wife Nancy.
Elizabeth Neal, wife of Joseph Neal.
Stephen Fogg, his wife Sarah (Marsh) Fogg.
Moses Senter, his wife.

Simon F. Williams, Pastor, August 30, 1792

October 14, 1792.—Unice (wife of Lieut. Joseph Roberts), Joseph Conner, John Boynton, and Polly (wife of Simon F. Williams) were received to full communion.

October 26, 1792.—John Rand, received to full communion.

December 16, 1792.—Sarah Quimby, received to full communion.

February 11, 1793.—Received from Epping Church, Lydia Robinson, also Rebecca Tosser, to full communion, from reccomendation from the church at Hawk.

April 14, 1793.—Received John Karr and wife Rhoda.

July 28, 1793.—Received Samuel Cram and wife to full communion.

June 1, 1794.—Received John Cate and Widow Elizabeth Neal to full communion. Received Stephen Fogg and wife Abigail Chase; married Sept. 16, 1749. Stephen born October 19, 1724, a son of Samuel Fogg and wife Mary Fogg.

Baptisms in Meredith Church

Under the Pastoral care of Simon F. Williams

David and Jonathan, sons of Samuel Cram and wife Betsey.

October 27, 1793.—Nancy, wife of John Cate.

November 10, 1793.—Children of John and Nancy Cate, Nancy, Polly, Thomas French (perhaps the mother's name was French), John, Ebenezer Febius, Hannah.

December 15, same year.—Nabby, wife of Benjamin Foss; children of Benjamin and wife Nabby Foss, Ebenezer, Benjamin, John, James, Betsey, Nabby, Walter.

Under the same date.—Stephen Fogg.

January 18, 1794.—Children of David Robinson and wife (perhaps her name was Sturdivant), Sally, Betsey, Jesse Sturtivant.

January 8.—Children of Stephen Fogg and wife, Stephen, Jonathan Judkins (born October 4, 1784), Joseph, Isaiah, Parker, Jeremiah.

March 9.—Nabby, wife of Joshua Norris.

March 16.—Josiah, son of Joshua and Nabby Norris.

June 1.—Hannah, daughter of Mr. Sawyer and wife, Gunstock.

July 27.—Children of Captain John Roberts, Susa, Daniel Smith, Unice, Sally.

December 14, 1794.—Sally, wife of John Weeks.

1795, February 15.—David, son of Stephen Fogg and wife, born August 18, 1759.

March 22.—Betsey, daughter of John and Nancy Cate.

April.— —— Eastman, child of Mr. Sawyer and wife, Gilmanton.

May 31.—Molly, daughter of Joshua Norris; Sally, daughter of Benjamin Foss and wife.

October 18.—Sally, daughter of Simon F. Williams.

1796, February 21.—David, son to David Robinson and wife; John, son to John Roberts and wife.

August 28, 1798.—Voted that the pastoral relation between Rev. Simon F. Williams and the church be dissolved, on account of his unchristian conduct.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, *Moderator.* JOHN CATE, *Clerk.*

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

To pay a serious and constant attendance to the administration of the word and Ordinances, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, not absenting ourselves from special Ordinances without reasonable warrant—

We Covenant and agree to watch over each other in Brotherly Love and tenderness, and to admonish each other, as need may require and conveniency offer—

Not being willing to put a bar in the way of any from enjoying the privilidges to which they may have a Gospel right. We will admit to Baptism the seed of all professing Parents, who are under no Moral scandal, on their making a profession of their belief of the Christian faith.

All Parents being themselves baptized and under no moral scandal shall have liberty to bring their Children to baptism on their assent to the Confession of the Christian Faith—and that all Adults, who are desirous of baptism shall be admitted on their assenting to the same—

And as Christ Jesus Instituted his supper for the remembrance of him and the nourishment of his children—

We will "leaving it with God to judge the heart"—admit to full communion with our selves, all who are visibly Christians, giving evidence by their fruits that their views are serious and such as the Gospel inculcates, always having such an eye to the order of the Chh as to endeavour that no root of bitterness spring up to trouble us—exercising Charity and forbearance to the weak, and ever using all mild and Gospel endeavour to reclaim any who may err or be out of the way—

Bearing with one another in love, and restoring in meekness any who have

been overtaken in a fault—on the first appearance to a charitable mind of their repentance and desire to return—

But in obedience to the Divine rule we will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them; If anyone be a Fornicator or Covetous, or idoliter, or railer or Drunkard, or extortioner, with such we will keep no company. If any walk disorderly, and being often admonished continue still incorrigible, after all mild and brotherly attempts are made for his reformation, we promise to note such an one agreeable to the Apostles advice and have no company with him that he may be ashamed—yet that we will not count him as an Enemy but admonish him as a Brother, in fine we will make it our great design as a Christian Chh to walk in a Christian manner, and endeavor to make it appear that we are Disciples of Christ indeed—and let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in Heaven.—Ever striving by our prayerful endeavour for the wellfare of Zion.—Praying that the God of peace may be pleased to own us as his people and bless us as a branch of his Chh, to whom be glory in the Chhs throout the world from henceforth and forever, Amen.

Jonath Smith, with his wife Sarah . . . Reuben Marston . . . ditto Mary.—Pain Smith at the same time; Joseph Roberts was rec^{d}.

Jacob Eaton . . . Widow Martha Batcheldor
Mary wife of Isaack Farrer

This Covenant owned and signed before me Simon F. Williams, Pastor Aug^{t} 30, 1792, at a meeting of the Bretheren Lords day.

Unice wife of Lieut^{t} Joseph Roberts . . . Joseph Conner, John Boynton were rec^{d}.

At a meeting of the Chh Lords day Oct^{r} 14, 1792, were rec^{d} to full Commun^{n} with this Chh . . . Simon F. Williams, with Polly his wife . . .

At the same time Jonathan Smith, Reuben Masten and Pain Smith, to send the Letters missive for the Instalation.

At a meeting of the Chh, Oct^{r} 16, voted that the installment be on the 7 day of Nov^{r} ensueing . . . non concured . . .

At a Chh meeting held this day Oct^{r} 23, 1792, Unanimously agree that Wednesday the 28th of Nov appoint^{d} for the Installment of the Rev^{d} Simon F. Williams, to the Pastoral care and charge of s^{d} Chh and People in this Town and to desire the Selectmen to insert an article in their warrent for the next Town meeting for the concurrance of s^{d} Town in s^{d} matter, if s^{d} Town non concur for s^{d} Town then to appoint such day as shall be most agreeable for s^{d} purpose . . .

Oct^{r} 28, 1792.—John Ran rec^{d} to full Communin^{n}.

Nov^{r} 28, 1792.—Simon F. Williams, Installed to the Pastoral care of this Chh and people.

Dec^{r} 16.—Sarah Quimby wife of James Quimby, rec^{d} to full Communion.

At a Chh meeting Feb^{y} 11, 1793, opened by prayer rec^{d} to full communion by virtue of a dismission from Epping Chh, Lydia Robinson.

Also to occasional Commun^{n} Rebeca Tosser, by a recom^{n} from ye Chh of Hawk—a . . .

At the same time Lieut Joseph Roberts, was unanimously chosen to the office of a Deacon Ap^{l} 14.

Rec^{d} to full Communion J^{no} Karr, with Rhoda his wife.

July 7, 1793, voted that all acknowledgements be required to be made before the Chh only

Leaving it with the Chh to req^{r} y^{m} to be made the whole Congrega^{n} as circumstans may be necss^{y}.

1795, July 28, Sam^{l} Cram and wife rec^{d} to full Com^{n}.

Sep^{r} 1, Jesse Stordivant, and wife Susan^{a}, his wife rec^{d} to full Com^{n} for furnishing the Communion Table.

Oct^{r} 3, 1793.—the members gave as follows—

Simon F. Williams	1 Platter and Linnen.
Reuben Marsten, and Pain Smith,	1 Platter and Bason.
Reuben Marsten to buy Cups & c	3/
Deacon Joseph Roberds,	3/
Jacob Eaton	2/8
John Rand	3/
Cap^{n} Stordivant	6/

June 1, 1794, J^{no} Cate & Wife rec^{d} to full Com^{n}.

June 8, Widow Elisabeth Neal rec^{d} to full Commu^{n}.

Stephen Fog and wife rec^{d} to full Comm^{n}.

1795, Sep^{r} 28.—Dismissed in good standing John Karr, and his wife.

Oct^{r} 11.—Lieut^{t} Mosses Senter and wife rec^{d} to full Cm^{n}.

March 2d 1797.—Chh convened according to timely and legal notice, at the Meeting House at 2 O'clock, P. M.

Opened by prayer. Members present: The Pastor, Deacon Joseph Roberd, John Boynton, Reuben Marston, Pain Smith, Jacob Eaton, Stephen Fogg, Deacon Roberd, who was chosen Moderator for s^{d} Meeting, Simon F. Williams, Scribe.

1 Ruben Marsten gave charge against the Pastor that his conduct was not nor had been agreeable to the Gospel.

2 The Pastor then requested the Chh to take under consideration and answer a request this day read to them that he might resign the Ministry, the same request he read to the Society last Lord's Day.—The Chh wished at present not to act upon the subject, but to take the matter under consideration.

Voted to adjourn to the house of L^{t} J^{no} Gilman on monday 13 Inst, 10 O'clock A. M.

March 13, the Chh met according to adjournment. Members present, Deacon Joseph Roberd, J^{no} Boynton, Moses Senter, Pain Smith, Jacob Eaton, Theoplus Sanborn, Sam^{l} Cram, Step^{n} Fog, John Rand.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 22 Inst, 5 O'clock aft^{r} noon.

Met according to adjourn^{t}, March 22.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 30th Inst, 5 O'C P. M.

March 30, Met according to adjournment. Voted to adjourn the meeting till the first monday in June 3 O'Clock P. M. then met according to adjournment on the 5 June. Voted that John Cate keep the minutes of the meeting.

2ly Voted that Pain Smith and John Cate be a commite to receive the Church book.

3ly Voted to choose a committee of two men, Joseph Roberds and Ebenezer Smith Esq, to go to Maj^{r} Wallses and other placeses as they shall see fit to

inquire into the conduct of Simo F. Williams in regard of a number of Storyes reported about him not becoming agreeable to a Minister of the gospel.

4ly Voted to adjourn the Meeing to the 22 day of June Aft noon at this place. Met according to adjournmentt. . . . June 22.

Voted to adjourn to the 28 of Aug, at two Clock after noon at the meeting house.

Met according to adjournment 28 August, Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 18 September 1 Clock after noon at the meeting house. Met according to adjournment September 18. Voted to adjourn to the 23 September, 4 Clock after noon at the meeting house. Met according to adjournment September 23, firstly voted to choose Deacon Joseph Roberds and John Cate to be a commity to get the advice of the neighboring churches concerning the desmishon of the Rev^{d} Simon Fin Williams

2ly Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 4 of December at the home of John Cate at 2 Clock after noon.

Met acording to adjournment the 4th December, then voted to adjourn the meeting to the second monday in march at ten oclock fore noon at the house of Mr Carer in Meredith.

Met according to adjournment the 12 day of march.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 21 day of May at 4 clock after noon at the house of John Cate in Meredith. Met acording to adjournment 21 day of May.

Voted and apoint the 28 day of June as a day fasting and prayer in regard to our difaculty that hath arison between the church and Minister; that God would please to direct us into such measures as shall be for our good and his own glory.

2ly Voted that Deacon Joseph Robards should send letters to them in behalf of the church that they would grant us their kind assistance on said day.

4ly Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 28 day of June at 4^{cl} afternoon at the meeting house.

Met acording to adjournment 28 June.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Deacon Joseph Roberds at 5^{cl}.

Met to Deacon Joseph Roberds acording to adjourn.

Voted to adjourn to the 28 of August at the North Meeting House at 4^{ck} after noon.

Met according to adjournment 28 of March. Signed JOHN CATE, *Scr*

Baptisms in Meredith Chh, under the Pastoral Care of Simon F. Willis

Baptized 1793 July 28

David and Jonathan, sons of Sm^{l} Cram and wife; Oct 27.

Nov^{r} 10. Nancy
Polly
Thomas French, Children of J^{no} & Nancy Cate,
John
Eben^{r} Febius
Hannah

Dec^{r} 15. Nabby wife of Benj^{n} Foss
Stephen Fogg

	22	Ebenr
		Benjamin
		John
		James Children of Benjn and Naby Foss
		Betsey
		Nabby
		Walter
1794		
Jan	18	Sally Children of Davd Robinson and wife.
		Betsey
		Jesse Stordivant
1794		
Jany	8	Stephen Children of Stephen Fog, and wife
		Jonathan Judkins
		Joseph
		Isaiah
		Parker
		Jeremiah
Mch	9	Nabby wife of Joshua Norris
	16	Josiah son of Joshua & Nabby Norris
June	1	Hannah Daughr of Mr Sawyer & wife. Gunstock.
July	27	Susa Chiln of Capn Jno Roberds
		Danl Smith
		Unice
		Sally
Dec	14,	Sally Wife of John Weeks
1795		
Feby	15.	David son of Stephen Fogg
Mch	22.	Betsey Daugher of Jno & Nancy Cate
Apr		—— Eastman, Child of Mr Sawyer & Wife, of Gilmanton
May	31.	Molly Dautr of Joshua Norris
1795		Sally Daughter of Benjn Foss and Wife
Octr	18,	Sally Daughter of Simon F. Williams Wife
1796		
Feby	21,	David son to David Robinson & wife
Mar	20.	John son to John Roberds and wife

August 28th 1798 met according to adjournment & unanimously Pased the following vote.

Voted that the pastoral relation between Revd Simon F Williams & this church be dissolved, agreeable to his request to the church, at their meeting March 2d 1797, at the same time the church cannot consistantly with duty dismiss him in regular standing, nor reccomend him to the communion & service of sister churches, nor hold him in fellowship, as a private brother, but are constrained in faithfulness to God, to themselves, & to him to bear testimony against his unchristian conduct, as a forfiture of his christian & ministerial character & to suspend him from all special previlages in the church, until he shall testify his repentance, & seek forgivness of the church.

Joseph Roberds, *Moderator.* John Cate, *Clerk.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN MEREDITH

"The First Baptist Church in Meredith," according to John Asplan, "was constituted in 1779, with fifty-one members. It is to be regretted that at the origin of the church they were very deficient in recording the doings of the church. The records which they have left us are in such a broken manner, that we thought advisable not to transcribe any farther back than the year 1825."

In 1823 the church met at Brother Levi Towle's; later at other people's homes, until a church was built.

List of the members' names belonging to the First Baptist Church in Meredith, received by baptism and letter:

1779	Elias Swain	Died 1842
1780	John Wadleigh	Dead 1842
	Benj. Swain	" 1838
	Elsie Kimball	Dropped 1833
	Mehitable Brown	" "
	Moses Plumer	Dismissed to Sanbornton
	William Simons	Dead 1833
	Mrs. William Simons	" "
	Edward Fox	Dismissed to Pine Hill Church, Sanbornton
	Mrs. Edward Fox	" " " " " "
	Polly Moses	" " " " " "
	Sarah Sibley	Dead 1840
	Nicholas Folsom	Dropped
	Hannah Sibley	Dead 1841
1831	John Folsom	Dismissed " " " " "
	Lydia Dow	
	Abigail Wadleigh	Dead 1849
	Molly Leavitt, now Rollin	Dismissed to 2d Church, 1831
	Anna Leavitt	Dropped 1833
1801	Hannah Philbrick	Died 1851
	Hopey Towle	Dismissed to 2d Church, 1832
	Abigail Cass	" 1832
1803	Lydia Perkins	
	Elizabeth Dockham	Excluded
	Mercy Weeks	Dead
1808	Abigail Pitman	"
	Hannah Danforth	Dropped 1836
1809	Molly Chase	
	Elisha Piper	Dismissed to Pine Hill Church, 1833
	Samuel Taylor	Dropped 1833
	Joseph Robinson	" "
	Abigail Robinson	" "

	Mrs. Polly Wadleigh	
1813	Mrs. Hannah Gordon	Died 1843
	Hannah Cass	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Betsey Leavitt	"
	Deborah Gilman	Dead
	Joseph Fogg and wife	Dismissed to Church in Lowell; dead in 1838
	Abial Bartlett	Dismissed to Rumney, 1831
	Mrs. Abial Bartlett	" " " "
	Oliver Clough	Dismissed to 2d Baptist Church in Meredith
1820	Mahala Robinson	" " " " " " "
	Sibbel Webster	Dismissed to New Hampton Church
	Parker Fogg	Excluded 1835
	Wear L. Leavitt	Dismissed to Haverhill Church, 1832
	Sally M. Plumer	" 1835
1824	Betsey Fogg	Died 1832
1827	Noah Folsom	" "
	Josiah Piper	Dismissed to Pine Hill Church, 1833
	Betsey Piper	" " " " " "
	Susannah Leavitt	" " Vermont, 1836
	Jenny Adams	Died 1840
	Polly Clark	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1832
	Joseph R. Mead	" " " " " " "
1829	Benj. Rollins	" " " " " " 1831
	Lavina Leavitt	" " Haverhill
	Mahala Leavitt	" " "
	Miranda Leavitt	" " "
	Betsey Leavitt	" " 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Linda Fogg, now Lovejoy	" " " " " " "
	Sally Leavitt	" " Haverhill
	Polly Mead	" " 2d Church in Meredith, 1832
	John Cass	" " Salem, Mass.
	Polly Cass	" " " "
	Mary Leavitt	" " 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Claresy Kelley	Died 1833
	Judith Leavitt	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1834
	Lewis E. Caswell	" " Weare, 1835
1830	Josiah Perkins, Jr.	
	Zadoc B. Robinson	
	Polly Robinson	
	John M. Wiggin	
	Samuel Doe, Jr.	
	Betsey Hill	
	Hannah Chase	
	Elizabeth Doe	Died 1846
	Mary Perkins	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Doe	Dead
	Judith Robinson	

	Sally Hill	Died 1845
	Lydia Yeaton	Dismissed
	Mary Crocket	" to Gilford, 1840
	Betsey R. Mead, now Caswell	" to Weare
	Nancy Pitman	
	Betsey Pitman	Dismissed to Congregational Church
	Susan Roberts	Dropped to the Methodists
	Mrs. Clark	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Nancy Wadleigh	D. 1858
	Nelly Hill	
	Simeon Cate	
	Polly Cate	D. 1850
	Simeon Wadleigh, Jr.	
	Nancy Smith	Dropped
	George Hilliard	
	Simeon Pottle	Dismissed to Meredith Church, 1834
	Joseph Dow	" " 1834
	Joseph Wadleigh	Died 1851
	Joseph Roberts	Dead
	Polly Roberts	"
	Daniel Tilton	"
1830	Sally Tilton	"
	Bradley Hanaford	
	Ann Hanaford	
	Hiram Folsom	Dropped
	Polly Folsom	
	Mahala Hawkins	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1832
	Nancy Cram, now Lane	" " " " " " "
	Mary Jane Cram	" " " " " " "
	Mrs. Nancy Leavitt	" " Haverhill, 1832
	Phebe Smith	" " 2d Church in Meredith, 1832
	Elisha Smith	" " " " " " 1847
	Joshua Wiggin	
	John Leavitt	" " " " " " 1834
	Betsey Wadleigh	
	Sophronia Cram, now Pease	Dismissed to F. W. Church, Meredith
	Samuel Merrill	" " 2d Church in Meredith, 1842
	Abigail Morrill	" 1856
	Matilda Crocket	" to Gilford, 1840
	John Boynton	" 1845
	Sally Boynton	" 1852
	Stephen Farrar	" 1850
	James Wadleigh	" 1847
	Mrs. Sally Farrar	Dead

	Francis Lyford	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Samuel Cram, Jr.	" " " " " " "
	Sally Cram	" " " " " " 1832
	Sally Fogg	" " " " " " 1831
	Lucinda Fogg	" " " " " " "
	Tirza Folsom	" " " " "Sanbornton, 1831
	Caroline Kelley	Dropped
	Dorothy Jenness	Dismissed to 2d Church in Meredith, 1831
	Anna Bartlett	" " Rumney
	Caroline L. Gordon	" 1834
	John Tilton, Jr.	" to Lowell
	William Farrar	
	Mrs. Nancy Wadleigh	
	Susan Blaisdell	
	Caroline Tilton	
	John S. Perkins	
	Polly F. Wadleigh	
	Irene Neal	
	Joseph Neal	
	John Wadleigh, Jr.	
	Mrs. Mary Ann W. Hanaford, now Wadleigh	
1831	Eliza Perkins	Dismissed to Pittsfield
	Mrs. Susan Perkins	
	Mrs. Lucy Doe Neal	Died 1854
	Sally Blaisdell	Dismissed to New Hampton
1833	Polly (Mary) Neal	Dismissed
	Mrs. Betsey Neal	" to 2d Church in Meredith, 1842
1835	Mrs. Mira Wadleigh	
	Mary Clough	
	A. M. Swain	Dismissed to Gilford
	Stephen F. Swain	Died 1848
	Mrs. Eliza Jane Swain	
	Olive Roberts	
	Joshua R. Robinson	
	Abigail Pitman	Dismissed
	Clarissa Crockett	" to Gilford
1836	James P. Hill	Dropped
	Mrs. Hepzibeth Hill	
1836	Mrs. Ann Chase	Dismissed
	Mrs. Ephraim K. Baley	" to Amoskeag
	Mrs. Amanda Baley	
	Mrs. Nancy Neal, married Wiggin	
	Eliza Ann Watson	Dismissed 1840
	Barzilla Pierce and wife	" 1840
	Abram Tilton	Died 1852
	Abigail Hall	

Alfred Robinson
Angelina Robinson
John Robinson
John Wadleigh
John Watson
Abram Morse
Matilda Cate

RECORDS OF THE SECOND BAPTIST SOCIETY IN MEREDITH

Meredith, January, 1832

Among the articles it states that the object of the society, shall be to support preaching by employing some minister, who shall be in full fellowship with the Baptist Convention in New Hampshire.

The subscribers names were:

Benjamin Rollins
Sam[l] S. Cram, Jr.
David P. Philbrick
John W. Cass
Josiah S. Prescott
Ebenezer M. Corliss
Abel Philbrick
Nath P. Hall
Benj. B. Rollins
Chas. S. Prescott
Geo. W. Gilman
E. R. Brown
Wm. Knapp
Wm. E. Green
Jas. R. Mead
Chase Fogg
Benj. Philbrick
Mark A. Johnson
Thomas S. Robinson
John Leavitt
Andrew Smith
Isaac L. Robinson
John Page
John Neal
Joseph Neal
William Neal
Israel Woodman
Francis Lyford
Jona P. Cram
Daniel Vittum
Sam[l] Robie
Benjamin S. Sutton
Elisha Smith
James Gilman (3)
John V. Barron
David Gilman
Joseph S. Neal
S. G. Abbott
S. Young
J. M. Wiggin

September 10, 1832

The pews were sold at auction to Benj. Rollins, Chase Fogg, Francis Philbrick, Sam[l] Robie, Jonathan P. Cram, Sam[l] Cram, Francis Lyford, Jas. R. Mead, Jona P. Cram, David Philbrick, Daniel Hilton, Stephen G. Wadleigh.

The building committee employed the following men to work on the church:

Jas. R. Mead
Jake Hains
John P. Meloon
Hawkins
H. Hill & Co.
David Corliss
Perkins Drake
N. Sleeper
E. Prescott
J. Smith
N. G. Ladd
W. Kents

G. Tofo
D. Norris
F. Hawkins
Francis Lyford
G. Corliss
W. Kent
Sewall Leavitt
Davit Vittum
John Thing
Foss & Wiggin
S. Clark
S. Bean
John Towle
G. & Wm. Swasey
C. Flanders
N. Tailoys
Charles Chase
C. Flanders
H. Adams
J. Foss

D. Hilton
J. Bartlett
Samuel P. Sanborn
Daniel Hilton
Daniel Smith
Corliss Kenney
Lawring Cupper
John Roberts
B. Patten
J. Paine
B. Gilman
J. W. Cram
E. Chapman
Will Swasey
W. Hunt
P. Drake
S. Chesley
W. Reading
J. Chapman

J. Leavitt
D. Philbrick
John Hains
Jona P. Cram
Bradbury Robinson
Joshua Wiggin
L. H. Chesley
Smith & Lang
Josiah Leavitt
J. Gaps
Avery & Melcher
Smith & Lang
D. Johnson
J. Dodse
Berry & Bean
E. Boynton
A. P. Ladd
J. S. Marston
J. Jenness

June 2, 1831

In Article I, "voted to purchase a lot of land to be deeded to the Second Baptist Society in Meredith."

In Article II, "the house to be built of brick, on said land, 40 by 50 feet on the ground, one story, which shall be 18 feet high with a belfry and steeple; which shall be voted on and sell shares in said building, and a committee shall manage the same and be recorded."

Names of shareholders and shares taken by each one:

Joseph R. Mead	5 shares
Benj. Rollins	4 "
Jonathan P. Cram	3 "
David Philbrick	2 "
Chase Fogg	2 "
Francis Lyford	2 "
Samuel T. Cram	2 "
Sewal Leavitt	1 "

Committees were chosen to carry on the work.

The above names show some of the early inhabitants who worked for the church, which has prospered and stands today as a monument to these early residents.

POTTLE MEETING AT OAK HILL FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

The church of New Durham, in New Hampshire, was founded by Benjamin Randall in March, 1780.

In their articles of faith, they professed to take God's Written Word for a perfect rule of faith and practice.

A branch of the Freewill Baptist Church of New Durham, N. H., was founded in August, 1800, under the preaching of Elder Simon Pottle.

The original place of worship was called the "Pottle Meeting House." They believe "all men to be equally free in their will or choice either to reject or believe in Jesus Christ as God's only Son as our only means of salvation, and that the church is a spiritual kingdom in which every member who believes on forsaking sin and accepts Jesus Christ, who died for us, will be saved."

The duties of the officers of the church are "teaching elders who are preachers in word and doctrine of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to preach it freely without money and without price."

"They are to administer all the ordinances of the gospel, viz., such as baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet, and if there be any other performances required to perform, the same as they may have faith to perform."

"They must be humble, grave, sober, discreet, patient towards all men; not reviling any, but praying for all endeavoring to live godly lives as examples of righteousness, to stand as way marks to Heaven; in food and sleep moderate, temperate; in dress they must be cleanly decent."

August 1, 1800.—In the first meeting held by Elder Simon Pottle, the Spirit of God was seen to be present.

September 3, 1800.—Elder Richard Martin came and preached, and held a glorious meeting. The following members professed faith in God: Robert Smith and wife Abigail (Cass) Smith, Polly Smith, William Pike and wife Phebe (Smith) Pike, Nancy Pike, Robert Pease, Rebecca Pease and her daughter Rebecca Pease, Nathaniel Pease, Simeon Pease, Peter Peters, Theodah Hart, Sally Sinclair.

September 23, 1800.—Elder Martin baptized eleven more members: Ann Boynton, Ebenezer Boynton, John Boynton,

Polly Sinclair, Nancy Pease, Benj. Pease, Jr., George Huntress, Samuel Hart, Robinson Peters, John Peters, Sarah Johnson. These were added to the monthly meeting in Meredith.

September 24, 1800.—Elder Simon Pottle examined and baptized Mary Pease, Lydia Griffin, and added these to the meeting.

October 11, 1800.—Elder Pottle opened by prayer to God and praise for his goodness. Each member gave a testimony of their happiness and satisfaction. Two more came forward and gave their experience and desired baptism—David Boynton, Mary Smith. They repaired to the water, and he baptized them and admitted them to the meeting.

Simeon Pease was chosen to go to New Durham to the quarterly meeting and for the members of the meeting asked "that the New Durham meeting would accept the poor company from Meredith, so lately gathered together out of the rubbish of the world, for we desire to live and die, and reign with you in Eternity."

The signers were:

Robert Smith	John Boynton	Polly Sinclair
Benj. Pease, Jr.	Hezekiah Swain	Sarah Johnson
Nath[l] Pease	Abigail (Cass) Smith	Nicholas Smith
Eben[r] Boynton	Nancy Pike	Robert Pease
John Peters	Lydia Griffin	David Boynton
Nancy Pease	Wm. Pike	Peter Peters
Phebe Pike	Simeon Pease	Anna Boynton
Mary Pease	George Huntress	Rebecca Pease, 5th
Benj. Pease	Robinson Peters	Sally Sinclair
Theodore Hart	Rebecca Pease	Mary Smith
Sam[l] Hart	Polly Smith	

The preceding names were accepted through Simeon Pease.

November 12, 1800.—Met at house of Wadleigh Cram in Center Harbor, where they examined the applicants, and repaired to the water to baptize Clement Hawkins and wife Mehitable, Judah Cram, Betsey Edgerly, Dolly Berry, Betsey Canney, Eugene Gordon. These names were added to the Meredith meeting.

December 3, 1800.—Met at house of Wadleigh Cram, and Elder Pottle examined and baptized William Clark and wife Deborah, Comfort Hawkins, Abigail Huntress (wife of Noah Huntress), Sally Huntress, Noah Huntress, Jr., Joseph Kenney, John Knowles, Jr., Susanna Nichols, Hannah Cram. These

were given the right hand of fellowship and added to the meeting.

December 4, 1800.—Elder Pottle preached at Brother William Pike's, then examined and baptized Nathaniel Hart, Anna Sinclair (wife of Thomas Sinclair), Susanna Pease (wife of James Pease) and added them to the Meredith meeting. They now had fifty-six members.

January 23, 1801.—Met at William Pike's, after a good meeting, examined and went to the water and baptized Walter Sanborn of New Hampton and gave the right hand of fellowship to Brother Abel Bennett of Lebanon, and added them to the meeting.

January 28, 1801.—Met at William Clark's, Center Harbor, examined and baptized Stephen Hawkins and wife Mary, James Huntress. These were added to the Meredith meeting. (The ice where they were baptized that day was two feet thick.)

March 1, 1801.—Examined and baptized Chase Wiggin, Jr., Sally Wiggin (wife of John Wiggin) and added them to the meeting.

March 26, 1801.—Met at the house of Joel Cram. Elder Pottle preached and examined and baptized Nicholas Smith and his wife Mary Marston Smith, Jonathan Cram and wife Mary, Enoch Cram, John Morse. These were added to Meredith meeting.

April 11, 1801.—Received members from other branches: John Knowles and Daniel Veasey from Sandwich, N. H.

April 12, 1801.—Examined and baptized Thomas Dolloff and Sally Cram. These were added to Meredith meeting.

April 20.—Baptized Anna Randlett at Moultonboro Neck and she was added.

April 21.—Preached at Center Harbor and baptized Hosea Sturdivant.

May 9.—Those members present gave in the travail of their minds with strong resolutions, adjourned to meet at Noah Huntress' at Center Harbor, where he was baptized. Voted to receive as members Thomas Blake and sister, Rebecca Knowles.

June 3.—Voted to receive Charles Cox.

These members were taken in at different times Senter Roberts, Samuel Wallis, Josiah Page, Peggy Inness, Jane Bean, Ebenezer Dow, Joseph Hall, Isaac Currier, Joseph Canney, Benj. York, Robert Glines, Benj. Eaton, Obadiah Bunker, Sarah Paine, Betsey Paine.

There were 134 members in two years' time; names not all given in the church book. Some had been labored with for not attending church.

In 1804 Nicholas Smith became slow in attending church. He was dissatisfied but returned to church.

Some of the members of the First Freewill Baptist Church petitioned about 1805 for the privilige of becoming a church by themselves: John Hodgdon, Obadiah Bunker, Nathan Dow, Josiah Blake, Livi Fogg, Samuel Blaisdell, Nathl Blake, Elisha Smith, John Clement, Samuel Wallace, Noah Robinson, Merriam Baily.

Capt. Noah Robinson of New Hampton was a member of the Antipedro Baptist Church, but a constant attendant of these meetings.

Elder Dana Church and Elder Magoon served in 1804. Richard Martin churched some that did not attend church and they were watched carefully.

Abigail Foss departed life February 17, 1815, aged 86 years; Robert Smith, March 13, 1815; Charles Cox Holderness, May 20, 1815.

May, 1817.—Met at meetinghouse. Elder Moses Cheney preached. The church was in a broken down situation. A committee was sent out to visit the following members:

Theodore Hart (d. 1823)
Bradstreet Leavitt
Joseph Pease
Noah Dolloff (d. 1825)
Amos Dolloff
John Chase
Isaac Currier
Perkins Doe (d.)
Jeremiah Smith
Christopher Smith
Joseph Dolloff
Nathaniel Woodman
John Cate
Ezekiel Leavitt
William Pike
Simeon Dana Pease
Thomas Robey (d. 1826)
Mark Whidden
Nicholas Smith, Jr.
Simeon Pease
Robinson Peters
Thomas Dolloff (dis.)
Chase Wiggin
Sewal Dow
Samuel Doe
John Cotton
Samuel Leavitt
Richard R. Wiggin
Levi Fogg
Joshua Wiggin
Jess Dolloff
Jeremiah Wedgewood
Benj. Pease
Ebenezer Dow
Eleazer Young
Winthrop Wiggin
Nicholas Smith
John Peters
Simeon Hatch
Wadleigh Cram
Stephen Leavitt
John Dolloff
Benjamin Foss
David Blake
Samuel Smith
Daniel Veasey (d.)
Samuel S. Dolloff
Joshua Batchelder (d. 1836)
John Wiggin
John Cotton
John S. Pease
Simeon Johnson
Charles Robinson
Eber[r] Clifford

List of the Sisters

Phebe Pike	Abigail Wiggin	Mary Leavitt
Abigail Hart	Sally Cotton (d. 1837)	Polly Cate
Sally Boynton	Nancy C. Wiggin	Polly Dow
Betsey Whicher	Eunice Roberts	Sally Dockham
Susanna Woodman	Rebecca Perkins	Mary Goss
Sally M. Woodman (d.)	Hannah Young	Phebe Blake
Nancy Sinclair (d.)	Susanna Page	Polly Veasey
Polly Pike	Nancy Dow	Mehitable Pease
Elsy Dolloff	Nancy Drake	Susanna Pease
Mary Dolloff	Betsey S. Wiggin	Nanna Sinclair
Betsey Dow (d.)	Nancy Nichols	Sally Fogg
Betsey Boynton (d.)	Mary Smith	Sidney Whidden
Martha Johnson	Abigail W. Knowles	Lucinda Pease (d.)
Fanny Stevens	Betsey Plummer	Rosilla Cate
Polly Sinclair	Molly Smith	Eunice Wiggin
Jane Boynton	Isabel Sinclair	Phebe Nichols
Lydia Ladd	Sally Cram	Betsey Clark
Charlotte Boynton	Molly Pease	Hannah Mead
Eliza Clark	Desire Boynton	Abigail Johnson
Betsey Dow	Sally Chase	Matilda Smith
Polly Plummer	Elener Dow	Mary J. Nichols
Rebecca Pease (d. 1837)	Abigail Glidden	Belinda Sinclair
Hannah Pease	Molly Blake (d.)	Sally Cotton
Polly Woodman	Deborah Davis	Sally Clark
Jane Dow	Eliza Dockham	Betsey Lovejoy
Molly Blake	Maria Hart	Polly George
Ruth Cheney	Mary A. Whicher	Mary A. Morse
Sophia Boynton	Polly Sanborn	Betsey Veasey

1818.—After this stirring up of the church, they sent out to different people and asked them to attend the meetings:

Martha Copp	Relief Smith	Mary Cotton
Elizabeth M. Sinclair	Hannah Odel	Betsey Dow
Betsey Boynton	Mary P. Hart	Sally Cate
Rebecca Woodman	Mary Nealey	

The Brothers

Joseph Smith	Joshua Paine	John Haines
Horace Heath	Abraham Briant	Albert E. Johnson
Jeremiah Jenness	William Odell	Stephen Crosby
Simeon Page	Levi Pettingell	Wm. Nichols
Edmund George	Moses Russell	Simeon Cate
Hezekiah Ward	Nathaniel Nichols	Parker Nichols
Samuel Perkins	John L. Sinclair	Daniel Veasey

Phineas Fogg
Thomas C. Hart
Nath Dockham
Ithamus Blake
Madison Chase
Edmund George
Simeon Veasey
Andrew Nealley
Smith Morgan
Samuel Smith

1840.—Oak Hill Church was organized by George Cram, Thomas S. Cram, Marston Smith, Levi W. Smith, Levi Jenness, Abigail Smith, Sally Boynton, Ruth Smith.

It being forty years since the organization of the church, when at the lower end of the pond, fourteen happy converts were baptized by Elder Martin of Gilford, Gunstock Church. Prosperity seemed to follow for a time and many were baptized.

Elder Pottle's Marriages

Hezekiah Smith of New Hampton married Dolly Sinclair of Meredith, September 3, 1801.

Enoch Currier of Meredith married Polly Batchelder of Center Harbor, February 1, 1803.

Sally Cram of Meredith married February 21, 1803, Ezra Hoit of Cabot, Vt.

William York married Mrs. Lydia Morrill of Moultonborough, May 28, 1803.

Phineas Weeks married Marcy Page, 1802, in Meredith.

Names of Members of the First Freewill Baptist Church in Meredith on Oak Hill; Formerly the Pottle Meeting House

Andrew Nealley
Daniel Veasey
Joseph Pease
Ithamar Blake
Sidney Blake
Polly Smith, widow
Isabel Sinclair
Timothy D. Hawkins
Susan Hawkins
Louiza Hawkins
William D. Boynton
Amanda Boynton (d. 1903)
Sally Boynton
Sally Boynton
Eunice Robie
Mary Robie
Sally Fogg
Abiah Smith
Relief Smith
Thomas Woodman
Polly Woodman
Betsey Copp
Betsey Veasey
Nancy Woodman
Sally Ward
Samuel Ward
Nancy B. Pease
Elizabeth Veasey
Lavina Veasey
Russell S. Doe (d. 1897)
Joseph S. Hard
Hannah Cotton
Phebe (Smith) Whicher
Matilda Smith
Polly Pike
Clara M. Sanborn
Thomas Batchelder
Sarah Batchelder
Elizabeth M. Sinclair (d. 1898)
Narinda J. Sinclair
Simeon D. Pease
Betsey Pease (d. 1898)
Sophronia J. Hawkins
Clara A. Woodman
Lucinda Cram
John R. Pike
George C. Boynton
L. Mead Boynton
Marilla Boynton

Daniel. B. Whicher
Etta L. Sinclair
L. Etta Sinclair
Mrs. Almira Pease (d. 1904)
Moses C. Pease
Eliza Batchelder
Luther Boynton
Joseph S. Whitcher (d. 1915)
Thomas Sinclair (d. 1897)
Moses Webster
Moses G. Webster
James Pike
George Corliss
Ebenezer T. Blake
Frank Webster
Simeon P. Smith
Manual J. Meader
George Brown
Robert C. Pike
Frank Hacket (d. 1870, age 27 yrs.)
Noah Sinclair
Nancy Hatch
Mary L. Lawrence
Augusta E. Pease
Ann Maria Batchelder
Maria Pike
William Robie
Lewis H. Cheney
John W. Edgerly
Mary E. Boynton
Maria A. Doe
Arzelia J. Pease
Laura E. Pease
Mary R. Pease
Sarah F. Smith
Martha Cotton
Elder Gilman Sanborn
Mrs. Gilman Sanborn
Almyra A. Sanborn
Leonette Pease
E. Josephine Whitcher
Nellie E. Brown
James D. Bartlett
Lydia R. Bartlett
Rev. Justin Erskine
Martha J. Erskine
Henry L. Smith (d. 1919, his wife)
Mary E. Smith (d. 1920, their daughter)
Lottie J. Smith (d.)
Daniel S. Burleigh
Clara M. Burleigh
Charles R. Pease
L. Etta Veasey
Luella B. Pease (d. 1926)
Anna A. Smith
William Brown
Sarah Smith
Mrs. Amanda Boynton (d. 1903)
J. S. Whicher
Mamie E. Whicher
J. Milton Whicher
Charles Ward
Rev. Arthur Lewis
Phebe M. Whicher
Mina J. Whicher
John W. Pease
Mrs. Fannie Ward

May, 1852, Members Joined

Moses C. Pease
Betsey M. Pease
Moses G. Webster
Luther Boynton
Thomas J. Sinclair
Elder Knowles

Received

		Died			*Died*
1800	Theodore Hart	1843	1829	Joseph Smith	1848
	Simeon Pease	1843		Thomas C. Hart	1830
1801	John Knowles	1845	1830	Simeon Cate	1830
1802	Benj. York	1845	1800	Joshua Payne	1844
1811	Isaac Currier			Simeon Veasey	1848
1811	Christopher Smith	1843		Daniel Veasey	
	Robert Smith	1816		Hezekiah Ward	1843
	Joseph Pease		1800	Abigail Hart	
	Jeremiah Smith			Phebe Pike	
	Nicholas Smith			Nancy Sinclair	
	Simeon Hatch			Mary Smith	
1818	John Cate, Jr.	1847	1800	Mary Pease	
	Ebenezer Dow	1846		Betsey Payne	1845
	Winthrop Wiggin	1844		Judith Cram	1844
	Eleazer Young		1800	Hannah Smith	

		Died
	Susanna Pease	
1801	Mary Cram	
	Sally Taylor	1846
1801	Hannah Pease	1850
	Polly Stanton	1845
	Alice Veasey	1846
1801	Alice Dolloff	
	Mary Dolloff	
1801	Nancy Cram	1845
1803	Molly Blake	1846
1811	Sally Fogg	
	Polly Smith	
	Susan Hart	
	Polly Pike	
	Sally Smith	
1831	Andrew Nealley	
1832	Sewall Smith	1848
1834	Ebenezer Smith	
1835	Levi Fogg	1853
	Ebenezer Smith	1846
	Ira Davis	
	John Smith	
	Mark Davis	
	Moses B. Smith	1845
	William Mead	
	Nathan Davis	
	Thomas Roberts	1843
1835	Solomon Mead	
1836	Miles Buzzell	1846
1837	Benaiah Dolloff	1844
	John Buzzell	1844
	Mark F. Cotton	1845
	John Mudgett	1844
	Jeremiah Veasey	1843
	James Bartlett	
	James Bickford	1846
1838	Joshua W. Wiggin	
1811	Polly Woodman	
	Mary Whicher	1845
	Jane Dow	
	Lavina Smith	1872
1812	Sally Woodman	
	Sally Boynton	
	Isabel Sinclair	
1817	Sidney Blake	
1818	Hannah Wiggin	1844

		Died
	Deborah Folsom	1845
	Eunice Robie	
	Hannah Young	
1826	Mary Sanborn Batchelder	
	Mary Sinclair Bean	1864
	Betsey S. Wiggin Hart	
	Charlotte Boynton Cotton	
	Sally Dockham	1846
1829	Nancy C. Wiggin Roberts	1843
1830	Maria Hart Payne	1844
	Matilda Smith	
	Nancy Dow	1846
	Polly Veasey	1848
1838	Ebenezer Boynton, Jr.	1845
	Russell S. Doe	
	Thomas Woodman, Jr.	
	Charles M. Seavey	1845
1838	Benj. P. Woodman	
	Benjamin Ward	
	George Smith	1846
	Charles Smith	1847
	Elisha Smith	1846
	Parker P. Boynton	
1839	David P. Cotton	
1840	Dexter Smith	1847
	Jacob Reynolds	1850
	Samuel G. Bartlett	
	Joshua Jenness	
	William Pike, Jr.	1844
	James Pike	
	George O. Cram	1845
	Thomas S. Cram	
	Levi Jenness	1845
	Levi W. Smith	
	Betsey Veasey	
	Martha Copp Veasey	1845
	Mary P. Hart	1850
	Relief Smith Woodman	
	Mary Nealey	
	Sally Cate	
	Betsey Boynton	1840
	Mary Goss Smith	
1831	Irene Buzzell	1846
	Abiah Smith	
	Nancy Woodman	
	Hannah Currier	1845

		Died
	Hannah Cotton Sinclair Hart	
1833	Betsey Copp	
1834	Polly Randlett	1845
	Mary Prescott	1845
	Mary Davis	
	Elizabeth Davis Bartlett	
	Lois Davis	
1835	Eliza Batchelder	
1836	Mary J. Reynolds Wentworth	
	Clarissa Dolloff	1845
1840	Joseph S. Hart	1837
	William D. Boynton	
	Solomon Bickford	1845
	Charles Boynton	
	Amos Crockett	1855
1842	Jonathan Jenness	
	Ezekiel Jones	
1843	Ithamir Blake	
1838	Samuel Ward	
1846	Joshua W. Payne	1847
1847	John L. Sinclair	1851
	Daniel Smith	
	David Vittum	
	John Haines	
	Calvin Fogg	
	Harrison Smith	
	Hanson Beedee	
	Ebeneezer Chapman	
	John How	
	Richard J. Plummer	
	Francis Hawkins	
	Samuel Leavitt, Jr.	
	Elias Philbrick	
	Stephen Crockett	
	Mooney Baker	
	Ebeneezer Stevens	
	Nathaniel Clark	
	Benj. F. Vittum	1891
	John Chapman	
	Amos Cram	
	True Bean	
	Woodbury Watson	
1837	Anna Mudgett	
	Ruth Leavitt Smith	
	Rhoda Maxfield Davis	1850
	Polly Hill Pease	
	Maria Davis	1847
1838	Sally Cotton	
	Susan R. Boynton	1845
	Eliza Doe	1843
	Nancy B. Pease Ward	
	Naomi Sinclair	1847
	Lavina S. Veasey	
	Mary wife of Sewall Smith	1846
1839	Sarah Cram Smith	
	Nancy Boynton	
1840	Eliza Smith Brown	
	Louisa Demeritt	
	Sally Boynton	
	Ruth Smith Shephard	
	Mary Boynton	1845
	Clarissa Bachelder	
1847	Samuel Hall	1840
	Greenleaf Maloon	
	John Batchelder	
	Timothy D. Hawkins	
	William S. Cram	
	Newell Ladd	
	John M. Hendricks	
	Joseph M. Robinson	
1850	Hiram Stevens	
1840	Priscilla Caverly	
	Mary E. Boynton	1845
	Nancy S. Boynton	
	Maria Pike	
1842	Aseneth Davis	
	Crasina Jenness	1849
1840	Cynthia Clark	
1844	Clarissa Copp	
	Affy Cumings	
	Hannah S. Cawley	
	Elizabeth Veasey	
1846	Maria Payne	1847
1847	Olive E. Sinclair	1851
	Ruth Smith	
	Dolly Vittum	
	Ruth Cotton	1853
	Rhoda M. Cotton	
	Sarah Ann Smith, wife of Harrison Smith, sister of Freeman Hawkins	
	Caroline M. D. Vittum	

	Died
	Patience B. Vittum Towle
	Susan Bean
	Polly Hawkins
	Lucinda How
	Laura Clark
	Mary Boynton
	Abigail W. Haines
	Nancy Plummber
	Polly Fogg
	Adeline Chapman
	Lucy Crockett
	Mary Jane Haines
1847	Martha Sanborn
	Abigail Gale
	Mary Brown
	Elizabeth H. Woodman
	Sally Thomas
	Mahala Leavitt
	Jane S. Cram
	Abigail Hall
	Polly Maloon
	Lydia Jones
	Mary Ann Beedee
	Susan P. Hawkins
1847	Susan Hawkins
	Louisa H. Hawkins
	—— Busiel 1849
	Catherine P. Hill
	Mary Sinclair Bean
	Caroline Copp
	Dolly Hanson
	Lavina Lane
	Mary Ann Chapman

Thus ends, in 1848, the names of the early members of "Oak Hill Church," which shows the names of many that could not be found in other ways, or connected up with family records, so we take this way to remember many of the early settlers of Meredith.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH AT MEREDITH CENTER

In June, 1810, a few of the people agreed to band themselves together and "watch over each other for their own good, in the fear of God." The following were the signers:

Daniel Smith	Betsey Roberds	Polly Roberts, 2d
Washington Smith	Easter Tilton	Polly Mead
Samuel Crocket	Daniel Tilton	Polly Quimby
Sally Smith	Jerusha Kelly	Nancy Tilton
Polly Roberds	Sally Crocket	Joseph Roberds

A quarterly meeting at the upper meetinghouse towards New Hampton was held. Elder Knowlton spoke from the words, "Take heed to yourselves, what you intend to do"; which "fastoned on Polly Swain, till she happily was converted to God." A reformation started and many were converted and baptized and added to the Church of God.

A meeting at the house of Washington Smiths to consider ourselves children of one family, and to watch over each other, for our good in the fear of God, and take the New Testament for our rule of faith and practice.

In 1810 fifteen had been converted and with the assistance of Rev. Stephen J. Pitman and Rev. David Knowlton they organized what was called "The Second Freewill Baptist Church of Christ," in Meredith, N. H.

In 1822 and afterward the church sent a delegate to the New Durham quarterly meeting with the desire to be a branch of that body, where they had retained membership for twenty years, when it came 1830.

In 1831 the people gathered material and built the present church, much to their credit and after a hard struggle, but God was their guide and helper, and through the passing years added some to their members. Land was given by Lane Plummer and lumber by Deacon Ashael Sanborn. Others aided as time passed with the work given. They succeeded and later built a parsonage and had the buildings free from debt.

At times some of the members were not present for various reasons, perhaps illness, or the home comfort and dread of the cold winters. At times there was a committee sent out to labor with them. In 1830 a conference was held at the schoolhouse and they were united together as a church, and some had gone to join the Calvin Baptists.

List of the Members in 1813

Andrew Woodman	Joseph Swain	Jeremiah Marston (died)
David Fogg	John Swain (died)	Nath^{l} Ray
Levi Benny	Jacob Swain (gone)	Brother Gilman (gone)
Leonard Stevens	Asa Randlet	John Batchelder
Nath^{l} Morgan	Nath^{l} Wadleigh	Jeremiah Glidden
John Cate	Josiah Wadleigh	John Swain
Joseph Neal	John Hill (gone)	Benj. Dowan (died)
David Woodman	Joshua Pitman	Nath^{l} Batchelder
Thomas Blake	Jacob Perkins	Daniel Piper (died)
Newel Richardson	Peter Robinson	Noah Robinson
Levi Swain	Noah Lawrence	Philbrick Perkins
James Johnson	Isaac Currier, Jr.	Eben^{r} Bickford

Baptized by Elder Moses Cheney February 20, 1819

Betsey Swain	Polly Farrar	Phebe Page
Fanny Woodman	Lydia Robinson	Nancy Williams
Polly Stevens (gone)	Hannah Sanbourne	Polly Sanbourne
Nancy Quimby (gone)	(died)	Polly Eager
Hannah Cate	Sister Woodman (gone)	Eliza Smith
Eleanor Bickford	Priscilla Lawrence	Betsey Brandbury

Polly Gilman
Lydia Sleeper
Hannah Glines
Judith Swain
Betsey Young
Anna Marston
Charles Swain (died)
Lydia Vickney
Hannah Stevens
Hannah Folsom
Abigail Wadleigh
Polly Robinson
Polly Ray
Rachel Randlet
Nancy Marston
Sally Ray
Eunice Marston
Polly Leavitt
Polly Marston
Lilly Robinson
Polly Flanders
Sally Danford
Dotha Ray
Susanna Swain
Sabrina Huntress
Irene Leavitt
Polly Hill
Hannah Pitman
Mercy Smith
Hannah Fogg
Eleanor Bryant
Hannah Smith
Nancy Cate
Sarah Bickford
Dorothy Robinson
Nancy Crocket
Betsey Judkins
Persiler Swain
Betsey Blake
Sally Williams
Nancy Leavitt
Sally Randlet
Betsey Glidden
Nancy D. Pike
Sally Chase
Nancy McCrillas
Sally Swain
Sally Glidden
Betsey Glidden
Elizabeth Shephard
Stephen J. Pitman

Baptized by Elder David Moody, 1826, Magil Pickering
Elder John Sinclear, 1835, John B. Swain and wife
Elder Hill, 1835, William Crocket

Names of Those Members Taken from the Old List, Which We Found in Good Standing in 1832 in the Church

Joseph Neal
Nathaniel Batcheldor
Daniel Smith
Andrew Woodman
Ebenr Swain
Hannah Cate
Betsey Blake
Nancy Williams
Betsey Glidden
Datha Sanborn
Elizabeth Shephard
Mercy Smith
Hannah Currier
Betsey Mudgett
Sally Crockett
Abigail Pickering
Thomas Blake
John Cate
John Swain
John B. Swain
Fanny Woodman
Sally Robinson
Eunice Marston
Polly Leavitt
Eliza Smith
Susanna Swain
Betsey Young (d. 1733)
Salley Smith
Betsey Robinson
Elinor Bryant
Polly Blaisdell
Mrs. John B. Swain
Jacob Swain
Joseph Swain
Washington Smith
William Crocket
Nancy Cate
Polly Wadleigh Woodman
Nancy Leavitt
Sally Robinson, 2d
Sally Chase
Hannah Glines
Anna Marston
Betsey Bickford
Jerusha Kelly
Betsey Robinson
Nancy Tilton

Names of the Brethren and Sisters that Were Found United at the Conference Holden at the Schoolhouse in 1830

Dea. John Batchelder
Washington Smith
Ebenr Bickford
Stephen J. Pitman
Newel Richardson
John Rundlet, Jr., 3d
Mary Robinson
Priscilla Swain
Mrs. Mary Marston

Priscilla Lawrence	Abigail Bickford	Asa Randlet
Anna Marston	Sally Ray	Noah Lawrence
Sally Leavitt	Betsey Glidden	Andrew Woodman
Hannah Rundlet	Polly Moses	Eleanor Russell
Polly Folsom	Sister Richardson	Polly Marston
Benj. Batchelder	Nancy Perkins	Sister Pitman
Chase Crocket, Jr.	Polly Perkins	Dorothy Tilton
Stephen Pickering	Freeman Randlet	Sally Perkins
Thomas Eastman	Daniel Fogg	Lydia Robinson
Samuel Crocket	Benj. Batchelder	Sally Randlet
Jacob Perkins	John S. Morgan	Samuel Mudget
Porter Robinson	Hazen Marston	Benj. S. Manson
Josiah Swain	James Johnson	Andrew Pickering
Noah Robinson	Philbrick Perkins	Jeremiah B. Swain
Isaac Currier	Joshua Pitman	Joseph Neal
Nathaniel Ray	John Leavitt	Jesse Dolloff

Elder Benj. S. Manson Baptized April, 1830, and January, 1832

Barnett Currier	John B. Swain	Sally Grant
William Crocket	Marian Swain	Jane Pitman
Susan Mudget	Asneth Swain	Sally Pickering
Mehitable Swain	Eliza Rowe	Betsey Batchelder
Mehitable Pickering	Ruth Batchelder	Sally Perkins
Eliza Manson	Leah Rundlet	Caroline Pitman
Hannah Crockett	Rachel Smith	Polly Smith
Polly Roberts	Betsey Perkins	Polly Wiggin
Susan Smith	Invreas Bachelder	Abraham Bachelder
Rachel Swain	John Currier	Robert Carr
Daniel Pickering	Eben Swain	

December 17, 1831

William Watson	James Gordon	Henry H. Swain
	Alvin Batchelder	

February 14, 1832

Winthrop True Phillip Clough

February 22, 1832

Henry Swain

February 28, 1832

Jeremiah Leavitt	Sally Hart	Eliza Glidden
Olive French	Lucinda French	Sally Shephard
Sally Harriss	Warren Sanborn	Hannah Currier
Sally F. Bickford	Sobria Willard	Elizabeth Pitman
Nancy Dolloff	Sally Wiggin	Charlotte Morgan

Sally Crockett
Hannah Mudgett
Susan Hart
Hannah Swain
Polly Richardson

JANUARY 31, 1832

Mary A. Matten
Diana Bryant
Nancy Sinclair
Abigail Moulton
Sally Currier
Margaret Watson
Ruth Hoyt
Polly Yetton
Harriet Shephard
Susan Gordon
Nancy Calley
Susan Blaisdell

FEBRUARY 14, 1832

Patience Williams
Asenath Swain
Mrs. John B. Swain
Martha Clough
Hannah Sanborn
Abigail Pickering
Mahala Sanborn
Mary Dame

In 1831 the present church edifice was erected and a monthly conference was held for the first time April 30, 1833, with Rev. Benj. Manson, Pastor. The church prospered.

February 10, 1838, names of those members taken from the old list who are found in union and who have agreed to watch over each other in the fear of God.

Elder Steven J. Pitman
Jacob Perkins
Henry Swain
John J. Currier (d. 1843)
Wm. Watson
Andrew Pickering
Hazen Marston
Noah L. True
John Glidden
Elbridge Leavitt
Joseph B. Tilton
Edward Chase
Gilman Plumer
Ruth C. Batchelder
Sally Perkins
Aseneth Swain
Roxanny Wilson
Jane Webster
Hannah Pickering
Hannah Chase
Widow Mary Marston
Sally Perkins
Nancy Batchelder
Tryphena Marston
Susan Severance
Joshua Pitman
Daniel Pickering
John G. Robinson
Oliver Hill
Jonathan Ladd
Dea. John Batchelder
David Fogg
Jeremiah B. Swain
Abigail Batchelder
Ebenr Bickford
Washington Smith
Jonathan Dow
Samuel Lawrence
Benj. Mudget
Alvin Batcheldor
Jewel Severence
Peter Severance
Betsey Glidden
Susan Mudget
Nancy Perkins
Betsey Bickford
Theophilis Sanborn
Abigail Swain
Ursula Severance
Susannah Smith
Susan Batcheldor
Sally Tilton
Elizabeth Batchelder
Hannah Davenport
Sylvana Bickford
Ebenezer Swain
James Gordon
Sherborn D. Batchelder
Charles Perkins
Joseph Chapman
Dea. Benj. Batchelder
Josiah Swain
Increase Batchelder
Winthrop True
Chase Crockett
Freeman Pitman
Abram True
Smith Glidden
Dana Woodman
Philbrick Perkins
Thomas Robinson
Charles Crocket
Hannah Swain
Mehitable Swain
Eliza Dow
Mary True
Nancy Glidden
Sister Jane Woodman

Mary Ann Blake
Sister Veasey
Eliza Rowe
Marian Blake
Nancy Cummings
Betsey Blake
Emeline Bickford
Chase Crocket, Jr.
Noah Robinson
Daniel Robinson
Thaddeus Ward
Samuel Lawrence

In 1841 more were added:

Mary Perkins
Hannah Swain
Susan Smith
Betsey Plummer
Elizabeth T. Perkins
Rachel C. Robinson
Hannah Chase
Rachel Sanborn
Nancy Lawrence
Polly Smith
Nancy Glidden
Sibbel Webster
Belinda Webster
Reuben Stanton
Sally Leavitt
Hannah Crocket
Susan Gordon
Nancy Sinclair
Wid. Sally Smith
Dorothy Tilton
Sally Peabody
Nancy Robinson
Susan Lawrence
Lorenzo Crockett
Priscilla Swain
Sally Robinson
Sally Perkins
Susan Hart
(J. Batchelder w.)
Ruth Hoyt
Abigail Bickford
Polly Leavitt
Lydia Howe
Lucinda Robinson
Susan Dow
Priscilla Lawrence
Lydia Robinson
Betsey Perkins
Sally Foss
Elizabeth Shephard
Polly Robinson
Wid. Betsey Peabody
Sally Glidden
Priscilla Lawrence

Names of Members Added to the Church in 1842–3

	Age
Widow Nancy Wadleigh	40
Olive Jane Pickering	18
Precentia J. Pitman	13
Precentia A. Pickering	11
Mehitable M. Swain	15
Mary E. Swain	13
Betsey Jane Pitman	11
Catherine A. Pickering	15
Malvinah Pickering	13
Hannah Pitman	13
Olive Wiggin	13
Eliza Wiggin	17
Lucy A. Wiggin	11
Mary A. Tilton	13
Sarah A. Weeks	14
Mary A. Pain	14
November 29	
Hannah F. Plummer	
Sally Batchelder	
Mrs. Stephen Pickering	
John Wiggin (d. 1852)	
Aaron Tilton (d. 1847)	
John G. Busiel	16
Horatio N. Busiel	19
Lois Currier	16
Stephen Pickering (d. 1843)	
Daniel L. Lawrence	20
Mary A. Moses	21
January 31, 1843	
Geo. W. Swain	30
Arthur Atwood	27
John L. Swain	18
Sarah Glidden	22
Polly Pickering	47
Asa Peabody	38
Lucinda French	26
Hezekiah Swain	21
John Batchelder	24
B. F. Mudgett	16
William Swain	25

Names of Members Added to the Church in January, 1843

Benjamin Badger
Angeline Blake (d. 1844)
Joshua W. Hart
Wm. C. Crockett
Wm. Edgerly
Lauretta Dolloff
Sally Graves
Joseph Straw
Nancy French
Charlotte Doten
Thomas Leavitt
Paul H. Stanton
Wm. M. Webster
Joseph Robinson
Eliza Sanborn
John Blake
David Wilson
Jane Leavitt
Greenleaf Shaw
Lafayette Kimball
Sarah Jane Robinson
Addalade Bradbury

SECOND FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The following is a list of the members composing the Second Freewill Baptist Church in Meredith, May 10, 1845, in regular standing, as reported by the committee chosen to investigate the church book:

	Died		*Died*
Elder Stephen J. Pitman		Jane Woodman	
Dea. Benjamin Batchelder		Hannah Lewis	
Dea. Jacob Perkins		Mary Ann Blake	
John Batcheldor		Susannah Smith	
Josiah Swain		Wid. Mary Marston	1851
Henry Swain	1857	Eliza Pickering	
Abram Batchelder	1849	Sally Perkins	
Ebeneezer Bickford	1844	Sally Tilton	
Chase Crockett		Mariam Blake	
Hazen Marston		Elizabeth Batchelder Randlett	1857
Jonathan Dow	1846	Tryphena Marston	1853
Samuel Lawrence		Betsey Blake	
Smith M. Glidden		Susan Sevrance	
John L. Glidden		Sylvanus Sanborn	
Benj. Mudgett	1846	Emiline Sanborn	
Dana Woodman		James Gordon	
Alvin Batchelder		Oliver Hill	
Joseph B. Tilton		Elizabeth Perkins	
Thomas J. Robinson		Ruth Swain	1852
Moses G. Plummer		Rachel C. Robinson	
Hannah Swain		Polly Smith	
Ruth C. Batchelder		Susan Blaisdel	
Sally Perkins		Betsey Plummer	
Nancy Perkins		Susan Shores	
Eliza Dow		Priscilla Swain	
Betsey Bickford	1850	Sally Robinson	
Theophilis Sanborn		Lydia Robinson	1859
Nancy Glidden		Betsey Perkins	1847
Jane Webster		Susan Gordon	

	Died		*Died*
Elizabeth Shephard	1846	Jane Webster	
Abigail Bickford	1849	Caroline Pitman	
Polly Robinson		Hannah Mudgett	
Dorothy Tilton		Aseneth Swain	
Betsey Peabody	1846	Hannah Sanborn	
Sally Peabody		Jeremiah Glidden	
Lydia How		Ruth Perkins	
Sally Glidden		Polly Swain	
Nancy Hill		Abigail Swain	
Lucinda Robinson		Polly Wadleigh	
Susan Lawrence		Sally Wiggin	
Percentia J. Pitman		Lewis S. Wells	
Mary E. Swain		Francis Reed	
Betsey Jane Pitman		Jacob F. Perkins	
Hannah Pitman Swain		I. M. Bedell	
Olive Wiggin		Mary P. Corliss	
Eliza Wiggin		Rachel A. Swain	
Lura Wiggin Pike		John W. Pitman	
Mary A. Tilton		Asa Randlet	
Sarah A. Weeks	1845	S. G. Randlett	
Sally Batchelder		Eliza Robinson	
Olive Pickering		Peter Severance	
John Wiggin	1852	Betsey M. Martin	1856
Stephen Pickering	1851	Robert E. Downing	
Geo. W. Swain		Julia A. Downing	
Mary A. Batchelder		Abigail Downing	
Arthur Atwood		Mary B. Glidden	
John L. Swain		Mary A. Randlet	
Sarah Glidden		Martha Glidden	
Polly Pickering		Cyntha A. Sanborn	
Lucinda Swain		David Philbrick	
John H. Batchelder		O. Butler	
William Swain		Elisabeth Swain	
John Blake		Anna Marston	
Charlotte Doten		Belinda Webster	
Joshua W. Hart		Joseph Chapman	
Paul H. Stanton	1858	Benjamin Badger	
William Edgerly		Andrew Pickering	
Launettee Dolloff	1856	Hannah Pickering	
Sarah J. Robinson	1850	Prudence Ann Pickering	
Sally Graves		Catherine A. Pickering	
Eliza Sanborn	1848	Melvinah Pickering	
Addelaide Bradbury		Olive Jane Pickering	
Wm. W. Batchelder		Sarah Hanes Glidden	
Betsey Hatch		Mary Wells	
Almira Ann Hart	1846	Aphia G. Reed	
Olive B. Pitman		Mary Corlis	

	Died		*Died*
Clarinda Dolloff		Betsey Downing	
Israel P. Plummer		Adline Downing	
Abby L. Sanborn	1857	Warren Taylor	
Melvina Taylor		Judith Severance	1855
David Edgerly		Warren L. Glidden	
Sarah S. Edgerly		Laura D. Smith	
Rebecca Hall		Marilla A. Perkins	
Rosanah G. Pitman		Abigail Philbrick	
Aramenta D. Robinson		M. S. Butler	

As we review the past fifty years they show pleasures and some clouds as we go along the pathway of life, and it brings to mind the words—

Showers of blessings, showers of blessings we need,
Mercy drops on us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

The Meredith Center Church still stands, and in 1877 we find the many changes that come to all. The older founders are gone, but not forgotten.

	Died		*Died*
Hazen Marston	1890	Lucy H. Plummer	
Smith M. Glidden	1884	Ida B. Batcheldor Corliss	
John L. Glidden	1901	George L. Corliss	
Joseph B. Tilton	1878	Elisha S. Cram	
Thomas B. Robinson	1886	Rev. John Willis	
Moses G. Plummer	1886	Jane Willis	
Ruth C. Batchelder	1884	Eva L. Perkins	
Nancy Glidden	1893	Hattie E. Tilton	
Sally Tilton	1882	Sarah J. Ladd	1890
Sally Glidden	1892	Cora Agnes Plummer	
Miriam Blake	1887	Dwight E. Arnold	
Elizabeth J. Carr	1900	Flora E. Chase	
Rachel E. Robinson	1892	Abbie Weymouth	
Betsey Plummer	1898	Rev. Geo. H. Pinkham	
Dorothy Tilton	1880	Mrs. Geo. H. Pinkham	
Mary E. Robinson	1877	Gracie Pinkham	
Ruth Tuttle	1886	Fred L. Batchelder	
Mary F. Tuttle	1887	Frank Arnold	
Mary M. Cate		Rev. Lyman E. Hall	
Warren B. Leavitt		Emuly H. Hall	
John H. Batcheldor	1906	Frank P. Corliss	
Mary Fogg	1877	Fannie E. LeBarrow	
Albert Pitman		Mary E. Piper	
Ellen B. Swain	1879	Sarah D. Glidden	1893
Lyman D. Veasey	1913	Ruth Perkins	1897

	Died		*Died*
Jacob F. Perkins		Rev. David Calley	
Melvina Chase	1901	Mary E. Calley	
Laura D. Veasey		Ida M. Perkins	
Mary A. Pitman		Lucinda Swain	
Eliza Robinson	1901	Rebecca Call	
John Webster	1903	Marilla Butler	
Eliza Pease Clifton	1884	William B. Swain	1883
Ashael Sanborn		Sylvania Robinson	
Nathan G. Plummer		Joseph S. Plumer	
Mary A. Sanborn		Noah H. Chase	
Hannah Shores	1887	Clara F. Chase	
Caroline Batcheldor		Henry Hall	
Charlotte J. Leavitt	1878	Sarah M. Chase	1901
Emma R. Robinson Emory	1877	Phebe Plumer	
Eliza A. Perkins		Abbie Weymouth	
Sarah E. Plummer	1913	Emma Veasey	
Eleanor Russell	1879	John Veasey	
Eliza R. Chase		Mary A. Sanborn	
Mary Ann Batcheldor	1897	Orlando S. Marsh	
William H. Cate	1902	Sarah F. Marsh	
Francis Graves Davis		Mary A. Pitman	
Emma Pitman		Dwight Arnold	
Newton B. Plummer		Anna Swain	
Nancy D. Plummer	1902	Jacob F. Perkins	
Annie E. Swain		Eliza A. Perkins	
Warren K. Kimball		Mary F. Tuttle	
Orin F. Swain		Martha Plummer	
Rev. Francis Lyford		Etta H. Filgate	
Catherine Lyford		Eva J. Perkins Felker	
Emma Robinson		William I. Filgate	1898
Carrie E. Webster Pickering	1890	Aseneth Hoyt	1885
Nellie P. Ladd Harriman	1888	Cynthia A. Copp	
Mary Grace Perkins		Warren L. Glidden	
Elmer E. Perkins		Nancy Crocket	1883
Orlando S. Marsh		Joseph S. Robinson	
Sarah F. Marsh		Martin B. Plumer	
E. W. Smith		Sarah H. French	
Hattie Pitman		Wilber J. Collins	
J. Frank Batchelder		Betsey A. Crocket	
Nelson Chase		William C. Marshall	
Eliza J. Kimball		Carrie Marshall	
John R. Robinson		Hattie Osgood	
Hannah G. Robinson		Jessie F. Sanborn	
Edgar A. Adams		Asahel Sanborn	1881
Herbert N. Plummer		Flora E. Chase	
Noah F. Chase		Francis Graves Davis	1910
Clara F. Chase		Hattie E. Swain	

Died	*Died*
Elisha Cram	W. B. Leavitt
Philena Rider	Mary Grace Perkins Jones

Thus ends the members of over half a century, and may God bless the present members and help them to gather more in and flourish as in days past.

THE MEREDITH CENTER HARBOR CHURCH

By Sarah M. Noyes

On the 20th of February, 1815, a council of ministers convened at Mr. Moses Morse's in Center Harbor—Rev. Messrs. Shaw, Hedden, Habard, Turner, Field and Warren.

The church was organized as "The Congregational Church of Christ in Center Harbor and Meredith, Third Division."

The place of meeting was a small church building built in 1813, west of Center Harbor Village, which had been used by different denominations.

The First Congregational Society in Meredith was incorporated by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1817. This society was composed of twenty-two men members. Many years later women were allowed to join the society.

For four years the church had no pastor; only pastors of neighboring churches came and served.

The members indicated by a vote in 1816, "To worship God, statedly in a public manner, on the Sabbath, even if they had no preaching."

The first pastor was Rev. David Smith, who was installed 1819 and died 1825. We are indebted to his daughter for particulars.

He came from Temple in the District of Maine, with his wife and six children on an ox sled, 130 miles, and his household goods. It took ten days to make the journey. They were genuine pioneers.

The house they came to was the one occupied by Mrs. James Hines, one mile from the Village on the road to Center Harbor from Meredith.

The minister's salary was 200 dollars. The story runs that Dr. Sanborn, passing on horseback, reproved the minister for working Saturday afternoon, as he thought he should be in his study preparing for his Sunday sermon. Rev. Smith replied: "Yes, but

my family must have bread, and I must plant my corn to furnish it. I feel rich when I can have Saturday afternoon in my study, but I can't have even that today."

The old meetinghouse was on the other side of the road, not far from the parsonage, a plain wooden building too cold for comfort in winter, so the services were held in cold weather in the schoolhouse.

Mr. Smith died in 1824 of consumption; his wife died two years later. She walked to church with a crutch and kitchen chair, which she had to rest in on the way. The membership was forty-one members when Rev. Smith died.

The next minister was Rev. Reuben Porter who settled in 1829, and was dismissed in 1830, with an addition of eleven members during that time.

Rev. Joseph Lane came next. In 1832 the church voted to build a meetinghouse without a cupola. It was built at the foot of the Neal Hill, near the lake shore. The pews were sold at vendue to the highest bidder. During Mr. Lane's pastorate there was a great growth in membership.

In 1833 Mr. Lane became agent for the New Hampshire Bible Society and Rev. Abram Wheeler filled the pulpit. Twenty-eight were admitted to the church, and Miss Jane B. Leavitt married Rev. John L. Seymour, and went as a missionary. Judith Leavitt, another member, married Rev. John Taylor. She joined the Baptists, and went to Siam as a missionary.

Dudley Leavitt, the astronomer, attended this church. One evening his wife made a fervent prayer that her husband might be saved. When she was through, Dudley Leavitt arose and said: "We read in God's Word that the unbelieving husband shall be justified by the prayers of the believing wife." He took his hat and walked out. Their son, Isaac Leavitt, and wife were members, and their descendants are faithful to the church of their ancestors.

In 1838 a church was started in Center Harbor with Rev. Eli W. Y. Taylor as pastor. Fourteen members were transferred.

As the years passed the members made resolutions about slaveholding, that it be abolished.

In 1842 they voted to keep boys in their place during worship, also in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. The same year Rev. Giles Leach was installed. He was an earnest worker and

much respected. Two of his daughters married in Meredith. One married Dr. Henry Sanborn and one married J. W. Lang, Jr. During 1842 the church was removed to Highland Street in Meredith.

Dr. Sanborn joined in 1817 and remained faithful as clerk. Deacon Furber joined in 1831, also Deacon Levi Leach, Daniel Norris, George H. Norris, Charles D. Maloon and Frank Bartlett.

As time passed to 1871, Mr. Burnham served some time and repairs were made. The bill was given by Mrs. Joseph W. Lang; chandelier, by Mrs. Geo. W. Lang; pulpit, by Mrs. Metcalf; pulpit lamps, by Mrs. Irene Neal Smith; the communion table, by Mrs. S. W. Rollins; organ lamps, by Mrs. N. B. Wadleigh; and many other ladies assisted.

In 1886, Rev. John E. Wildey resigned and Rev. Frederick Perkins, a brother to Mrs. Joseph Wadleigh, supplied.

In 1833 the members were:

John Sanborn
Josiah Norris
Reuben P. Smith
Samuel Bean
Stephen Tilton
Joseph W. Lang
John Bachiler
Daniel Norris
Jonathan Cram
Jonathan Brown
Dea. Richard Furber
Joshua Norris
Bradbury Robinson
Burley Gilman
Alice Swasey
Newell Tilton
John Towle
Jabez W. Berry
Jonah Leavitt
Guerille Corliss
John Furnald
Timothy Badger
Daniel Norris, Jr.
Peter Genness
Seth Bartlett
Daniel Meloon
Jeremiah Prescott
Daniel Hilton

These were the records of the First Congregational Church, organized 1817.

Signed by J. W. Lang,
Daniel Norris,
Isaac Leavitt,
Josiah Norris.

Stones in the First Congregational Yard in Rear of Richard Neal Farm

David Robinson (probably son of Joseph Robinson), 1759–1834
His wife
Hannah Robinson, 1745–1825
Second wife
Elizabeth Robinson, 1763–1833
Hannah, daughter of David and Hannah Robinson and wife of John Batchelder, 1781–1837

Hannah, wife Reuben Prescott and daughter of John and Hannah Batchelder, 1811–1834
Reuben Prescott, 1798–1830
Eliza A., daughter of John and Hannah Batchelder, 1813–1836
Moses Kenney, 1777–1851
Abiel Bartlett, 1749–1816. A Revolutionary Soldier
His wife
Maria Goodhue, 1750–1826
Horace Twichell, 1817–1844
James W. Lane, 1804–1836
Willard, son of J. W. and Nancy Lane, 1830–1835
Hannah Gennis, 1793–1837
Nancy, wife of Nehemiah Leavitt, 1788–1829
Children
Nancy P., daughter of Nehemiah Leavitt, Jr., and Nancy, 1813–1830
Daniel, son of Nehemiah and Nancy Leavitt, 1814–1816
John D. Leavitt, 1827–1866

The Third or North Sanbornton and Meredith Baptist Church

History states that there were "Christian brethren and sisters, living in North Sanbornton, and over the line in Meredith, who in 1828 commenced to build a meetinghouse on 'Pine Hill,' near Merrill Brook in Meredith, which was finished in 1829, on the south side of the road."

An old neglected burying ground is all that marks the location where many early pioneers that lived near worshiped.

The church was organized in June, 1833, where four churches convened as the Meredith and Sanbornton Baptist Church, under Meredith Hill.

Samuel Mathison was pastor, and the church membership grew from nine to twenty-seven members. (We have not been able to find the charter members.) A few were added until 1839; then they did not have a pastor and the meetinghouse was moved from "Pine Hill" in Meredith to North Sanbornton. In 1840, Elder Moses Cheney supplied.

The records are very scarce preceding that time, but it prospered better later on. Being in a sparsely settled locality, the people were not able to always support a pastor.

A few were dismissed from other churches to join this one. Among them were:

Moses Plummer, dismissed in 1833
Dea. Edward Fox,
His wife
Anna Fox
Elisha Piper, August 3, 1929
Josiah Piper, January, 1837
His wife
Betsey Piper, " "

We tried to find out who were buried in the old grown-up yard and were told that there were a few stones, but we failed to find any. Probably overgrown. A few were buried in "Merrill Brook" churchyard.

Moses Merrill, and wife Eunice.

Noah Smith. He had no children.

Moses Merrill lived across the road from where the church stood, and where the yard is fenced in. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MEREDITH AND CENTER HARBOR

The church was organized February 20, 1815, with thirteen members.

The First Congregational Society was incorporated as a legal body by a special act of the New Hampshire Legislature, June 18, 1817.

The church had residents of Center Harbor and Meredith. The first meetinghouse was situated on the Center Harbor Road, about a mile from Meredith, on what is now called "Neal Hill." The old churchyard is grown to bushes and contains many graves of the early settlers. Many are unmarked and will never be identified.

The names of the original members were:

Ephraim Doten
Jeremiah Towle
Hannah Morse
Abigail Norris
Susanna Doten
David Robinson
Joshua Norris
Elizabeth Robinson
Dorothea Sturtevant
Moses Morse
Stephen Norris
Mary Ladd
Sarah Norris

Original members of the Society:

John Towle
David Corliss
Jonathan Brown
Isaiah Fogg
John Sanborn
David Bean
Samuel Bean
Jeremiah Fogg
Josiah Norriss
Josiah Bean
David Robinson
John Roberts
Moses Senter
Timothy Tilton

The above of Meredith. Those of Center Harbor were:

Moses Morse	Nathan L. Morse	Jeremiah Towle
Moses Morse, Jr.	John Adams	Joshua Norris
Daniel Norris		

Most of the members of the society later joined the church.

In 1833 a meetinghouse was erected at Meredith Village, and in 1843 was moved to the present location.

In 1838 a Congregational Church was organized in Center Harbor, and there was a separation of members, a part going to Center Harbor.

In 1832 the church voted that "no person be admitted to the church who would not pledge entire abstinence from ardent spirits, except in sickness."

The story runs, through the old church records, that when they got ready to raise the church in Center Harbor, one of the deacons stated that it would be raised on "cold water." The custom at all "raisings" was to have a barrel of rum. Some of the outsiders of the church, that always frequented and helped to raise buildings, stood back and stated "they would not help if they could not have some rum to drink." Everything was ready to start the next morn at 9 A.M., but the helpers stood out.

After supper (the night before), the deacon hitched his horse in the two-seated wagon and drove away up towards Cass Hill. Nothing developed that evening, and the men went home and retired for the night.

About 8 A.M. the next morning the deacon was seen coming down the hill with three men besides himself in the wagon, and close by team after team followed the deacon until quite a crowd had gathered. They deliberately got out and each owner hitched his horse and the crowd went over to the pile of lumber, getting ready for raising the church. The story goes that the few natives that had stood out, seeing that they were going to succeed, were ashamed and stepped up and gave a helping hand, and the church frame went up with plenty of help and the deacon succeeded in his prophecy that they would raise it with "cold water." God helps those who help themselves in a worthy cause, and the church stands today, in a prosperous condition, a monument to show the power of God through man to keep the pledge.

MEREDITH NECK CHURCH

By Eleazer D. Cawley

Some time ago there came into my possession through the death of a relative an historical document, at least to the old timers of Meredith and Meredith Neck, that dates back some ninety years. The names are partially illegible. (One whose first name was Nathaniel—his surname perhaps Nichols; at least, it commenced with the letter N. One lady whose first name was Susannah, possibly her name was Page, because by an act of conference "it was voted to add to the list of signers Sister Page.")

The document relates to the formation of the church situated on the Neck, on the summit of what was known as "Boardman's Hill."

There are several old letters relating to this interesting event from the clerk of the Freewill Baptist Church of Meredith Village, whose name was Noah Sinclair. These letters were addressed to "Brother Daniel Wiggin," who was also the first signer of the petition, and seems to have been one of the leaders in the movement to withdraw from the Freewill Baptist Church at the Village. It is plainly evident from the letters that those in authority did not want to grant letters of dismissal to form the Neck Church and it nearly came to a split in the church at the Village. Committees were appointed "to meet with the Neck Brothers to try and patch up their differences," but it appears that the Neck folks remained firm in their determination to withdraw until finally the committee capitulated and recommended "that their prayer be granted."

I knew many of the signers of this old document when I was a boy and lived on the Neck, where I was born.

Some were my relatives. Daniel Wiggin was my grandfather. The people of the Neck were bound together by very close ties. They were a community by themselves and each depended upon the other for all necessary aid, when the snows of winter packed and drifted the roads high across the stone wall fences; when motive power was almost wholly the slow and patient ox team; when they raised their sheep and carded and spun their wool into yarn to be worked up in the old hand loom into cloth, with which they clothed themselves; in short, when their entire living had to be wrested from the stony soil. No telephones, no

electric lights, no automobiles, no rural free delivery, no summer boarders, and being situated as they were, is it any wonder they became closely bound together? What was the joy of one family was the joy of all families, or the sorrow of one the sorrow of all.

My mother tells me that there was very little real money among any of them, but since they had to have a meetinghouse in which to worship they talked the matter over and each agreed to furnish something. Some donated lumber and had it sawed at the old mill on "Fish Brook"; others something else. My mother states that my grandmother became responsible for the necessary nails used in the building, also glass for the windows. She had to make butter which grandfather would take to the Village to exchange for its value in nails or glass; no cash, but all barter or trade.

After everything needed had been collected together, one day all the Neck folks assembled by previous arrangement and started work on this new church. The women did their part by seeing that all had enough to eat at the noon hour, and how everybody worked! There were no shirkers that day and I imagine that the scene on the old hill would remind one of Nehemiah, 4: 6, "For the people had a mind to work."

If that old meetinghouse could only speak, what a tale it could unfold of love and hope and help it had rendered to the community during those many years. There are still some living in Meredith, whose parents signed this document; but the signers have played their part in their day and generation. The snows of many winters have covered their graves, where their bodies rest while waiting for the final summons, in the little cemetery, beside the church for which they labored and accomplished so much and loved so well.

Following is a copy of the old petition:

We the undersigned members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Meredith think that being located as we are it would be more convenient and for our best interest to become a Free Will Baptist Church by ourselves, therefore we ask for letters of commendation, and dismission.

We in Duty Bound Ever Pray.

Meredith, July 27, 1839.

SIGNERS

Daniel Wiggin	Eleazer Bickford	Nancy B. Lovejoy
John Nichols	Jesse Lovejoy	Nathaniel Dockham
Priscilla Nichols	Sally K. Lovejoy	Sally Wiggin

Parker B. Nichols	James Roberts	Nancy Jenness
Mahala Bryant	Martha Ann Clark	Madison Chase
Ebenezer Bickford	Adeline Wiggin	Stephen Boardman
Augusta Chase	Ruth Bickford	Sally Boardman
Susanna Page	Chas. Wiggin	Nathaniel Nichols
Priscilla Bickford	Hiram Bryant	John Clark
Charles Bickford	Paul P. Nichols	Thomas Chase, Jr.
Thomas Bickford	Robert M. Nichols	Elizabeth Nichols
Jonathan Bickford	Eleanor Lovejoy	Huldah Nichols
Betsey Chase	Mary Jane Dockham	Betsey Lovejoy
Nancy Roberts	Phebe Nichols	

October 12, 1839.

Agreeably to a vote passed in two conferences—

This certifies that the above named brothers and sisters are regular members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Meredith, and agreeably to their Petition we hereby commend and dismiss them.

In behalf of the Church,

NOAH SINCLAIR, *Clerk.*

Attached to this note of October 12, on the reverse side, was the following petition of brethren on the Neck:

Bro. Wiggin:

You will perceive that the Petioners will remain Members in the old Church, until they become organized into a Church; ALSO, that it will be necessary for your organization to inform our Clerk of the same, &c.

Yours

NOAH SINCLAIR.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT MEREDITH BRIDGE

ADOPTED JUNE 28, 1824

The Church at Meredith Bridge was organized June 28, 1824. Rev. Francis Norwood was ordained as its first pastor, July 6, 1825, and dismissed June 8, 1830. Rev. John K. Young was installed over the church and society November 30, 1830.

OFFICERS

Rev. John K. Young	Pastor
Benj. T. Sanborn John B. Jewett	Deacons
Benj. T. B. Sanborn	Clerk
Stephen W. Mead	Treasurer

Ebenezer S. Lawrence
Timothy D. Somes
Benjamin Boardman
} Examining Committee

Members of the Church at Meredith Bridge

1824

Jacob Jewett (Deceased)
Daniel E. Jewett (Dismissed)
Sally Pollard
Ruth Jewett (Dead)
Mercy B. Robinson
Benjamin Jewett
Ruth E. Jewett
Hannah Maxwell (Excommunicated)
Huldah Jewett Blood (Dismissed)
Benjamin Swain (Dead 1825)

1825

Martha Gilbert (Dismissed)
Eliza Rowland
Betsey Avery
Lucy Stevens
Charles D. Horr

1826

Lois Jewett
Anna Randlett
Oliver L. Avery (Dismissed)
Ruth Plummer (Dead)
Elizabeth Piper

1827

Hannah Tucker
Caleb Haines
Hannah Haines (Dismissed)
Isaac S. Jewett
Betsey Bradbury
Harriet Fernald
Abigail Parker
Nathl Goodhue (Dismissed)
Sarah Goodhue (Dismissed)
Asa Parker
Ann Gilman
Abigial Ladd (Dead)
Mariah Parker (Dismissed)

1828

Irene Marsh

1829

Clarissa Robinson
Mary Ann Coolridge (Dead)
Joshua Avery

1831

Isaac M. Parker

1832

Jona C. Prescott (Dismissed)
Mary H. Prescott (Dismissed)
Lucy Ann Cheney (Dead)
Hannah P. Swasey
Emily Swasey
Horace L. Hazelton
Mary Ann Hazelton
Stephen C. Lyford
Stephen Wingate
Abigail Wingate
Ebenezer S. Lawrence
Hannah P. Lawrence

Sally B. Swain
Sarah F. Marsh
Hannah Cole
Caroline Hunt
Therina Brown
Catherine L. Wording
Jane Rowe
Elizabeth S. Rowe
Leah Prescott
John B. Jewett
Joanna Jewett
Lous Jewett
James V. D. Wardwell
Polly Hunt
Statira Jewett
Ann Leavitt
Betsey Stevens
Benj. T. Sanborn
Clarissa L. Sanborn
Betsey Gilman
Harriet Taylor (Excommunicated)
Alice Jane Swasey (Excommunicated)
Benning Mugridge
Thomas M. Sanborn (Dismissed)
Nancy Horr
Betsey Mudgett
Olive Eager
Benj. Jewett, Jr.
Leonard Sanborn
Lucia P. Badger
Nancy Randlett
Mary Ann Nichols
Ann Buzzell
Sarah L. Currier
Abigail Jewett
Smith Jewett
Hannah Jewett
Betsey (Smith) Lawrence
Mrs. Chas. Martin (Dead)
Eunice Hunt (Dead)
Sally Jewett
Lucian H. Davis
Mary Beaman
Frances N. Stevens
Salmon Stevens

1833

Otis Beaman
Josiah Crosby
Olive S. Crosby
Mary W. Young
Joseph Danford
Elizabeth Danford (Dead)
Mary Ann Lawrence
Ursula Freeze
Betsey Morrison (Dead)
Benj. Jewett, Jr.
Maria F. Jewett
Hugh Wilson
Rebecca Wilson
Sally R. Badger
Mahala Edwards
Nancy F. Hunt
Mahala Gilman
Sally Dame
Nancy Ames
Emma Jane Beaman
Elizabeth Vent

1834

Caroline A. Robinson
Sarah Stevens
Abigail Mead (Dead)
Abraham Brigham
Alma Brigham
Rhoda S. Clifford
Polly Fitch

1835

Sarah Dimond Joseph Hall Sarah Chase John Swain

MEREDITH CENTER MILLS

We found an old deed at Dover which shows a little data about the first mills at Meredith Center, where Elisha Thomas of Epping

deeded land and mill and power to Ebenezer Dow. Other papers show that Phillip Dow was an owner there earlier and Robert Smith was also interested.

The deed runs as follows:

Know all men by these Presents that I Elisha Thomas of Epping, in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire Tailor for & in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and thirty pounds of lawful money to me in hand, paid before the delivery hereof by Ebenezer Dow of Epping aforesaid yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained sold & released & by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien release convey & confirm to him the said Ebenezer Dow his heirs & assigns forever one half part of a certain lot of land lying in Meredith in the County of Strafford in said State which whole Lot contains one hundred and twenty acres which Lot I lately bought of Joshua Folsom & the half Lot is bounded as followeth, viz Beginning at the north end of said Lot Sibleys line called and extend Southerly carrying the whole width of said Lot so far as will contain one half part of said Lot and also one half part of my saw mill and one half part of my grist mill standing in said Meredith which is one half part of them mills I lately built & also one half part of the flowed land & also one half part of the privilege bought of said Folsom.

To have and to hold the said granted premises with the appurtenances thereof to him the said Ebenezer Dow his heirs & assigns to his & their proper use benefit & behoof forever I hereby, engaging to warrant & defend the said granted premises against all claims or demands of any person claiming by from or by me the said Elisha Thomas or any other person whomsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty first day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred eighty two.

Signed sealed and Delivered in the presents of Phineas Fogg Abraham Perkins. — Elisha Thomas [seal]

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham ss. Epping, October the 21st day 1782, Then the above named Elisha Thomas personally appearing acknowledged the above written instrument to be his voluntary act and deed Before me.

Abraham Perkins *Justice Peace.*

Received September Twenty third, 1783. Examined by Thos Wk Waldron *Recorder.*

SQUAW COVE

History tells us that "Squaw Cove," or Squam Lake, derives its name from a block of granite on one of its ledges that has the appearance of the figure of a woman. The Indians had a legend for this block of granite.

"Waunega," an old chieftain, lived here. His squaw had long ago gone to the "Happy Hunting Ground." As time passed he grew lonely and fell in love with the Princess Suneta, a beautiful maiden, whose father was the sachem of an allied tribe. The marriage feast was made ready, but the dusky maiden was sad, as she loved Anonis, a young warrior, who was heavy-hearted to lose the maid.

A fearful storm came that night and the father slept quietly while his daughter, Suneta, lay sleepless, moaning over her fate of being compelled to marry one she did not want, when suddenly a low voice whispered, "Come, the night is dark and stormy; my canoe is on the lake; my beloved, I cannot live without you; you are mine; without thee I cannot live." "But listen to the storm. The Great Spirit is angry, even now, and will punish me." "Thou art mine," answered Anonis.

In the darkness the lovers fled to the shore, but the storm awoke the chieftain, and, seizing bow and arrow, he pursued his daughter Suneta. He saw them entering the canoe and discharged an arrow at Anonis, who with a loud cry sank in the raging waters. Suneta reached a ledge. Imploring the Great Spirit, her father cried, "May the lightning blast her." His words were answered. A flash of lightning and a roar of thunder made the rocks tremble. Waunega plunged into the water, and was never seen again at the council fires of his tribe.

On the rock where Suneta had clung is the huge granite block which gave the name to the cove.

OUR ANCESTORS

TO CHERISH AND PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF OUR ANCESTORS IS NOT ONLY OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDMENT: "HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER," BUT IT IS A FINAL DUTY RECOGNIZED ALIKE BY JEW AND GENTILE, CHRISTIAN AND HEATHEN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

GENEALOGIES

ADAMS

Henry Adams lived in Meredith for a time, at the top of Ladd Hill. His farm was where the white schoolhouse stood until recently. His family are all gone.

Tradition says that he had a wen on his left cheek. He was one of the victims who fell through Meredith townhouse floor. It is said that when he went down through it scraped the wen completely from his face, and left no scar when healed. He is connected with the bear story, in 1814. He was a blacksmith.

Henry Adams, 1788–1871, married as his second wife, Esther F. Swasey, 1793–1880. The Adams family are buried in the Swasey yard in Meredith. John Q. Adams, 1835–1853, was their son.

A BEAR HUNT

By George Frank Smith

A bear hunt which George Frank Smith's father took part in happened about 1814. One day in early summer a young woman living in the family of Stephen Wadleigh, one of the leading farmers of that day, was out in the pasture picking berries; looking up she was startled to see a huge bear, not far away, also busily engaged picking berries, and seemingly not noticing her at all. Getting away as quickly and silently as possible, she ran to the house and gave the alarm.

Word was quickly sent to adjoining farms and soon several men arrived, armed with guns, clubs and knives, accompanied by dogs, and all set out to get the bear. In the meantime the bear had become alarmed and started away, taking an easterly course over the hill. The dogs were soon on his track, and followed closely until, nearing the shore of the lake, they pressed him so hard he climbed a tree to get away from them.

Here the hunters found him, and fired several bullets into him without effect, except to make him very angry; so he determined to come down and fight it out, which he did, backing down the tree very rapidly.

Now Henry Adams, one of the party of hunters, was a young

man, a powerful blacksmith, and entirely fearless. His home was on the hill near where the white schoolhouse stood, which was formerly a part of the Adams farm, and his shop was near by.

Adams had started out on the hunt accompanied by his large bear dog, a mastiff, and armed only with a club and his hunting knife.

When the old bear reached the foot of the tree, on his way down, Adams was there to receive him, aiming a blow at the bear's head with his club; but Bruin, being a skillful boxer, warded off the blow, leaped instantly at Adams, knocked him down and landed heavily on him, placing him in a very dangerous position. But his dog came to the rescue with a furious charge at the bear, fastening his teeth into the bear's neck, causing the animal to turn his attention to the dog. Adams jumped up, recovered his club, dealt the bear a blow that stunned him and then quickly finished him with his hunting knife. He then skinned the bear, which was estimated to weigh 500 pounds, and the carcass was divided among the hunters, and a piece was sent to each family in that part of the town.

This story, as Mr. Smith said, "was told me by my father, who was a lad of ten years, and was present when the bear was killed."

STEPHEN ADAMS

Inscription on a stone in the Lang Cemetery in Meredith:

STEPHEN ADAMS

He was a native of Hamilton, Mass., and followed the sea until the Revolution when he removed to Moultonborough, N. H., being one of the earliest settlers of that town. Thence he removed to Meredith, where he lived until his death, October 1819, aged 73 yrs.

He was the first tenant of this graveyard.
This stone was erected by his son, Ira Adams.
His posterity see that he is remembered.

John Q. Adams, died 1853, aged 18 yrs.
Henry " " 1871 " 82 yrs.
His wife, Esther F. " " 1871 " 83 yrs.

From Boston *Transcript*, February 6, 1929: The death certificate of a Henry Adams, 1788–1871, who died in Meredith, N. H., in 1871, states that his father, Stephen Adams, was born in Hamilton, Mass., which was a part of Ipswich, until 1722. Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 2, states that Stephen Adams was a

descendant of William Adams. Stephen Adams' wife was Jane B. Adams, as certificate.

SAMUEL H. BAKER

Among the Ashland men who responded to the first call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861 were John C. Thompson, George K. Hughes and James Small. Ai Baker Thompson was in the Second N. H. Regiment and some of the Ashland men who were in the Third were Francis M. Hughes, Avison Baker and John Haze Thompson. Of these Francis M. Hughes and Avison Baker were members of the band; John Haze Thompson was commissary general. The Fourth N. H. Regiment had only one Ashland representative; in the Fifth were Roy and Addison Heath, who were buglers. During the first year of the war the excitement in Ashland ran high. Military squads were formed and drilled in the main street. A company of men commanded by John Pepper and Nat Shackford was most noticeable. This excitement served to stir the hearts of the people and prepare them for the call of 1862. To this they responded with great enthusiasm and many of the young men went forth from the mills and the farms to shoulder their arms and loyally support their country in this dark hour of history.

Heavy were the hearts of those left behind as they resumed the regular routine of their daily occupation and strove to forget the danger of their loved ones.

Barnet Hughes was the foremost man of the town, being the first selectman during that year of 1861. He lived in the Hughes homestead and was engaged in the occupation of farming.

Among the industries of the town at that time were the following: A hosiery mill, managed by John Pepper. It was where the woolen mill now stands. George Stevens was manufacturing latch needles in the old shoe shop. Ambrose Scribner and Drake had charge of the paper mill. The town had two blacksmith shops. One owned by James Baker stood on the site of Fifield's garage. The other was owned by Eaton Plaisted and Caleb Huckins. It was on the corner now occupied by the fruit store. A peg mill was under the management of Ladd and Gordon and stood on the site of the glove shop. The merchants of the town were Hiram Hodgdon, Cutting Follansbee and John Shephard.

The store of Hodgdon and Follansbee was in the building now occupied by Thomas Carr as a meat market. John Shephard owned Ora Brown's store and lived in the house opposite, now the home of Miss Susie Dean. The hotel proprietor was Mr. Martin. He was followed by James Thompson, in the same year. The town's tailor was Thomas Neil, and his shop was in a room over that now used for a bowling alley.

The only physician at the time was Dr. Dana. His home was the house now owned and occupied by Dr. Cheney. James Baker lived on what is now Highland Street. His home was the John Carr house, opposite the Episcopal Church. Beyond Dr. Dana's house, on the left hand side of Highland Street, there were only four houses, those now occupied by Henry Dearborn, Cox and Timlin. On the right hand of the street were only fields and pastures which overlooked the river, until at the summit of the hill was situated the Drew homestead.

On River Street the only houses were what is now the Stevens homestead and that is owned by Lillian Draper. On Thompson Street, beyond the Francis Hughes home, the only houses then standing were those now occupied by George Hodgdon, Samuel H. Baker, the Ella Perkins home and the Curtis Baker house. Overlooking this street, on a small plateau surrounded by pine woods and commanding a magnificent view of the river, the sloping fields and the distant mountains, is the original Andrew Baker homestead (bought of Hercules Mooney, and he is buried under a willow tree by the side of the water). This house is one of the oldest in the town. It was built in 1796 on the track of land given to Andrew Baker by his father Joseph Baker, one of the original proprietors of the town. (Joseph Baker bought it of Hercules Mooney, as Dover History.) It is now owned by Bert Baker. Joseph Baker lived on what is now the Otto Willoughby farm. This tract of land was granted to him, as one of the proprietors of the town, by the charter of King George III. This old place has always remained in the possession of some descendant of Joseph Baker, and is now the home of Annie Willoughby, a direct descendant of Joseph Baker, whose people were of English descent or origin, and who came to this country about the year 1716.

The only houses on Depot Street were the John Murry place, the Caleb Huckins house, the Mandy Hussey place, the Lyford and Edward Warner houses. There were two schoolhouses.

One was the building now occupied by Albion Belanger; the other on the site of Mrs. O. D. Thompson's house. This building was afterward moved to River Street and is now owned by Charles H. Heath. The teachers of these schools were Frank Woodman and Mrs. Eben Thompson.

Other old places in town were the Cheney house, now owned by John Dow, and the house of Mrs. Davis, on the same street. This house was built by Russell Baker, who was guide to General McDowell at the battle of Bull Run. The Wilson place was occupied by Elder Sargent, the Baptist minister. The Byron Smith place was built and occupied by Thomas Hughes. All the other houses in that vicinity have been built since 1861. The railroad station was on the site of the present freight station or depot.

There were two churches in town at that period of its history, the Baptist in the same location, also the Episcopal, where it now stands. The same old bell in the Baptist Church belfry called the people to worship. The telegraph office was in the building now occupied by Arthur Fifield as a store. The telegraph operator was Thomas P. Cheney; he was also postmaster at this time in a building that stood where J. G. Morrison's shop now stands. Afterward the post office was in a small building next to Fifield's garage, known as "The Hole in the Wall Building." Mrs. Cheney and her sisters, Lucy and Emily Keyzer, assumed the duties of the postmaster when Thomas P. Cheney answered the call in 1861.

The only secret order at that time was the Masonic lodge, formed that year. Its past master was Ai Baker Thompson. For amusement the young people held dances in the Squam Lake Hall, afterward burned. This building was on the site of the present Town Hall. The Squam Lake Hall was built by contributions of money and labor by the people of the town.

There were two bands, the Squam Lake Band and the Thompson Band. Dr. Dana was the musical director of the Thompson Band and Hosea Thompson was the leader of the Squam Lake Band. In July, 1868, the town of Holderness was divided by political trouble. For the part now known as Ashland, two names were suggested, Oakland and Ashland; Oakland because of the many oak trees, which predominated. The men who assembled to decide the matter of names were Barnet Hughes, Henry

Dearborn, Orlando Keyes and Clark Wight. The result of the vote was to call the town Ashland. These facts were obtained from the memories of some of the oldest inhabitants of the town of the present day. There may be errors which we shall be glad to correct.

BAKER

Data from Mrs. Minnie (Baker) Smith of Ashland, N. H.

Joseph Baker, the emigrant, had, as history, a son named Samuel Baker. He had sons, James (who was killed by the Indians), Samuel Hazen Baker, also Andrew, 1740–1803, who married Anna Knowlton of Northwood, N. H., who was born in Hampton. They removed to Northwood after 1763.

Anna Knowlton, 1753–1846, wife of Andrew Baker. Their children:

James	1771–1843
Betty	1773–1872
Thomas	1775–1777
Anna	1777–1783
Sarah	1779–1854
Kozza	1781–1841
Stephen	1783–1815
Andrew	1786–1867
Ebenezer	1788–1871
Nathan	1791–1834
Joseph	1794–1874

James Baker, 1771–1843, married Jane Smith, 1776–1859. Their children:

Thomas	1795–1795
Andrew	1796
Samuel S.	1799
Married Avis Drew, 1801–1875, of Holderness	
James	1803
Charlotte	1806
Mary Mooney	1816

My Father's Family

Samuel S. Baker, 1799–1880, married Avis Drew, July 7, 1822. Their children:

Angeline W.	1823
George Washington	1826–1883
Frances O.	1829

Charles Albert	1832–1873
Esther Jane	1834
Daniel S.	1836
Samuel Hazen	1838
Mary Mooney Smith	1841

George Washington Baker, 1826–1883, married Ann Eliza Sanborn, 1831–1886, daughter of Jeremiah Sanborn and wife Caroline Basford of Candia, N. H. They lived in Holderness, N. H.

Their third child, Sidney Sanborn Baker, born October 8, 1858, at the Baker homestead in Holderness, married Hattie Wilmina Fernald, born February 10, 1861, on Plymouth Street in Meredith, daughter of William Fernald and wife, Loretta Burleigh. Tradition tells us that William H. Fernald and wife were married under an oak tree on the shore of Meredith Bay. (Was it the "Old Oak Tree" on Clough's Park?) He was representative for the town two years, and ran a tannery up near the cemetery.

Sidney Fernald Baker, son of Sidney Sanborn Baker, and wife, Hattie Wilmina (Fernald) Baker, born Sept. 22, 1890, at Milford, came to Laconia, in 1909. In 1921 he married Nora Eva Fecteau, born in Laconia. He is in the electrical business and now owns the Mount Washington boat on the Lake.
Their children:

Betty Jane, b. Sept. 30, 1922, in Laconia, N. H.
Sally Ann, b. 1929.

Children of Sidney Sanborn Baker and wife Hattie W. Fernald, born February 10, 1861:

A daughter, b. Mch. 7, 1880.
Ethel L., b. Nov. 20, 1881, in Meredith.
Norman Clyde, b. Jan. 8, 1883, is a physician in Boston.
A daughter, d. young.
Sidney Fernald.
A daughter, b. Sept. 3, 1886, in Meredith.

Notes.—Minnie Baker married Henry Smith of Ashland. Jennie E. married Earl P. Harrington of Hooksett.

Leonard Baker was born in Rowley, England, in 1622; later came to New England. He died in Rowley, Mass., in 1691; married Margaret in 1648. Her birthplace unknown.

Jonathan Baker, born in Rowley in 1657; died in 1741. He

married, first, Sarah Palmer, in 1687; she died; married, second, Margaret Ellenthrope, a widow Ward, in 1691.

John Baker, born in Rowley in 1703–1753. He married Jane Bailey in 1726. Connections not found.

Peggy (Margaret) Harriman, born in Manchester, Mass., married Samuel Smith, 1751–1838, of New Hampton, N. H. Peggy, 1749–1839. Their children:

Jane Smith,	1776–1859
A son,	1777
Rachel,	1779–1861
Peggy,	1780–1854
Nathan L.,	1782
Susanna,	1784–1864
Nancy,	1785–1869
Elizabeth,	1787–1853

John Smith Baker of Meredith, son of William Henry Baker, who married Elmira Sanborn. Their children:

George.
John Sanborn.
Nellie, m. —— Hawkins of Boston.
Anna, m. —— Moulton of California.
Matthew Piper, m. Caroline Burbank of Franklin.
Charles.

John Baker, son of Francis Baker, Meredith, married Lilla Piper. Her first husband, —— Gould of Holderness. She was a daughter of Charles Wesley Piper and wife Mariah Baker, the daughter of Sullivan Baker of Lowell, Mass. Her children by Everett Henry Gould:

Malcom Piper.
Kenneth Everett.

BALLARD

Jeremiah Ballard came from Connecticut, in 1761; probably went in Colonel Moulton's Regiment in the Revolution to Saratoga.

In General Moulton's field, some years since, was the grave of Mr. Ballard, where it was seen before the grave was desecrated by some thoughtless ploughman with no respect for a pioneer, and his plough removed the marks of what should have been left to be respected.

Llewelyn Ballard was born in Belfast, Maine. When he was 18 years old he went to Boston and worked as a machinist; later he went to California, and, as tradition, sent money home to his family. Later he was never heard from. He married Sophia, daughter of Nathaniel Maloon of Deerfield, later Meredith, and wife, Betsey Wadleigh, whose father was Josiah Wadleigh, a pioneer of Meredith.

Wilbur W. Ballard, born in 1860 in Meredith, at one time owned the farm where his wife's great-grandfather, Josiah Wadleigh, cleared the land and built a portion of the house which was built of lumber that Josiah Wadleigh hewed by hand. He had a brother, Charles Hartwell, who settled in Boston.

Wilbur Weston Ballard married in 1889 Emma N., daughter of Oren Roberts. Their children:

Frank L., b. 1891.
Alice J., b. 1893.

In 1891 they arranged the house for a summer boarding house that would accommodate about thirty people. The house stands on a high location, overlooking Waukewan Lake, and the mountains beyond make a very attractive picture.

BARTLETT

The Bartletts, as history, came from Normandy. Stopham County, England, is where they settled.

Richard Bartlett of the Wiltshire Colony came to Newbury, Mass., on the boat *Mary and John* in 1633.

No colony that settled in the Province of Massachusetts had among its men those who were more honorable than these.

Richard Bartlett married about 1610 Abigail ——— in England. They had children:

Joseph Bartlett, 1655–1736, married Margaret Rust. They had ten children all buried on "Burial Hill," in Plymouth, Mass. In 1773 John and Joseph Bartlett owned land in Stratham, N. H.

The Committee of Safety, in 1776, made a resolution, and directed the selectmen of Newburyport, Mass., to see that all men above 21 years old signed it (lunatics, idiots and negroes excepted). It was called the "Association Test."

In 1777 John Bartlett of Epping was sent to Fishkill, N. Y., to drive Continental teams.

Josiah Bartlett was mustered in 1777 to go to Saratoga.

Josiah Hall Bartlett was mustered as a Minute Man to Winter Hill as sergeant.

Lieut. Thomas Bartlett, was major of the Militia in 1775, and served as colonel of his regiment at West Point in 1780.

An interesting article of the Passengers, on the *Mary and John* boat in 1634 reads thus:

Whereas by a Warrt bearing date, 22ond of 1634, the sev^rall ships, following bound for New England, and now lying in the River Thames, were made staye of until further order from their L'offs Viz't; the *Clement & Job:* the *Reformation:* the *True Love:* the *Elizabeth Bonadventure:* the *Sea Flower:* the *Mary and John:* the *Planter:* the *Elizabeth and Dorcas:* the *Hercules:* and the *Neptune.*

The Masters of ships, gave bonds of one hundred pounds each; "That all and every Person aboard their ships, now bound for New England, that shall blaspheme, or profane the Holy name of God, shall be severely punish't: 2ond That they cause the Prayers be said Morning and evening, aboard their ships.

Among the passengers on the *Mary and John* was John Bartlett, also Rev. Thomas Parker, a Pilgrim who was a religious leader and fond of singing. After landing, Rev. Parker was compared (by a Boston minister as he was averse to the Mother Country form of religion), "like to a colt who kicked her dam."

The Bartlett family held together on their religious views of equal brotherhood in heart and voice, as "The God of universal aid—The God, the Father of us all." History tells us that in 1712 a mob tore down their second church, and eleven of the Bartletts still clung together and the Governor promptly favored them, and the bishop prayed that "God favor their pious endeavors," as they had conquered.

The second son of Richard [3] Bartlett and wife was John Bartlett, 1678–1741, called "John Tertius." He married Mary Ordway. He was a tanner and weaver in Newbury, Mass. Their second son and eighth child was Moses Bartlett, 1714–1804; married Judith Rogers of Newbury, Mass. Their fourth child was Abial Bartlett, 1749–1816, lived in Deerfield and there signed the "Test." He was a Revolutionary soldier. Later he lumbered in Rumney, and later settled in Meredith. His old home was east of the present Austin Moulton home. He and wife, Marie Goodhue Bartlett, were buried in the First Congregational yard back of the Richard Neal Home. Their children were:

Abial.
John G.
Joseph, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Dudley Leavitt, the Astronomer.
Moses.
Mary Jane.

Samuel G. Bartlett, 1807–1876, married Sally Rowe of Gilford in 1803, daughter of Ezekiel Rowe. He was a carpenter and farmer in Meredith. Their children:

James D., 1833–1861, m. Olive Libbey of Wolfeboro. He was chorister of the Free Baptist Church in Meredith many years.
James D., m. 2d, 1856, Lizzie R., dau. of Rodney Hubbard.
Elizabeth, m. Charles P. Leavitt of Meredith.
Lucinda, m. John R. McCrillis of Center Harbor.
Emily Jane, m. Jonathan Fox of Center Harbor.
Arvilla, m. Joseph Howard of Northfield, Mass.

James Bartlett, born in Center Harbor, settled in Meredith, also lived for a time in Campton, but returned to Meredith, where he died in 1891. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan Davis of Center Harbor. Their children:

Sarah, m. Melthro Clark of Center Harbor.
Mirrila, m. Charles Webster.
Maria, m. Ira Wilkinson.
Frank A.
George W. Bartlett, b. 1857, was a plumber in Meredith, also employed in the Shook and Lumber Co. He also kept stoves and ranges and was employed in the Electric Light Co.

Joseph Bartlett, 1791–1859, son of Abial and wife, Marie Goodhue, 1750–1826, married Elizabeth Leavitt, 1796–1858, daughter of Dudley Leavitt, 1772–1851, and wife, Judith Glidden, 1778–1853, who moved to Meredith in 1806. They had eleven children.

Betsey, m. —— Twichell.
Joseph, m. Charlotte Bruce.
Dudley, m. Hannah Pease. Lived in Tamworth.
Lorenzo, m. Ellen Brown.
Judith Maria, m. James Bryant of Laconia. Their dau., Jessie, m. Horace E. Stowe. They had two children. George, m. Emogene ———; a son, Clyde. Elizabeth, m. —— Brown; one son. Abbie, d. 1853.

Mary Jane Bartlett, born in 1826, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Leavitt, married in 1846 William Prescott Smith of New Hampton. They settled in Illinois. Their children:

Charles Harvey, 1855–1856.
Charlotte E., b. 1858, m. Henry S. Puterbaugh in 1879. Seven children.
Leonora L., b. 1861, m. Daniel W. Plumer, b. 1844, son of Benj. F. Plumer, b. 1802, and wife, Hannah Wilson of Holderness. They moved from Meredith to Fairhaven, Ill., in 1857. Benj. F. Plumer, was a son of Jesse, Jr., Plumer, and wife, Sarah (Pearsons) Plumer, a direct descendant of Francis Plumer, who came from Wales.
Wilbert H. Smith, b. 1869, in Illinois, m. Lorette Weir. They have six children. Henry Martin Bartlett, 1835–1913, m. Sarah Cragin, b. 1840. Their children: Emma May; Henry, d. young; Clarence C., b. 1868, m. Eleanor A. Tarbett of Stoneham. Their child: Lorna Tarbett, b. 1910.

Adam Bartlett, born in Beverly, Mass., had a son, Abial Bartlett, who settled in Deerfield, 1751–1816. He was a Revolutionary soldier, is buried in the First Congregational churchyard with his wife, Maria Goodhue. They lived on the Austin Moulton farm on the Center Harbor Road. The old yard is on the Neal farm. (Present owner.) Their children:

Abial.
John G.
Joseph.
Moses.
Mary Jane, who m. William Smith; went west.

James D. Bartlett, born in Deerfield, N. H., married Olive Libbey of Wolfeboro. He had farms in Meredith and Center Harbor. Their son:

Samuel G., b. in Meredith, 1807, was a carpenter and farmer. He m. Sally, dau. of Ezekiel Rowe of Gilford, N. H.; she b. 1803. Their children: Elizabeth R., m. Charles P. Leavitt of Meredith. Lucinda, m. John R. McCrillis of Center Harbor. Emily Jane, m. Jonathan Fox of Center Harbor. Josiah R., settled in Center Harbor. Arvilla, m. Joseph Howard; went to Mass.

James D. Bartlett, b. 1833, in Center Harbor, learned the mason's trade, in Lowell. In 1858 he went to Meredith and worked some years at his trade. In 1856 he married Lydia R.,

daughter of Rodney Hubbard of New London. He was of the firm of Bartlett and Smith, contractors of Meredith.

James Bartlett and wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan Davis of Center Harbor, settled in Meredith, where he kept a store and later was on a farm. Their children:

SARAH.
MARIA, m. Ira Wilkinson.
FRANK A., settled in Meredith.
GEORGE WRIGHT, b. 1857 in Center Harbor, was a plumber in Meredith and steam fitter, also kept stoves and ranges

Abiel Bartlett, another of the pioneers of Meredith, descended from Richard Bartlett, who came over on the *Mary & John* in 1633, and was classed as one of the Pilgrims. He brought his "Breeches" Bible with the family records in it, which is still in existence. He signed the "Association Test" in Deerfield and served in the Revolution in Deerfield, before removing to Meredith, and finally settled on the Center Harbor Road, on what is now the Austin Moulton farm. His one-story house was on a ridge down in the field. He was a maker of hand rakes, an industry that has descended down through the family descendants.

He married Maria Goodhue. They had a son Joseph Bartlett, who married Elisabeth, oldest daughter of Dudley Leavitt, a near-by neighbor.

LEAVITT

Dudley Leavitt, "Master Leavitt," so styled in early days, was born in Exeter, N. H., in 1772. He descended from fine Puritan stock.

The Dudleys were from Governor Thomas Dudley, whose ancestry dates back to 1576. He was chosen governor of Massachusetts Colony before leaving England for New England by Governor Winthrop.

In 1649 he served as preacher in Portsmouth, later preached in Exeter, where he was granted 600 acres of land near "Great Hill," now called Brentwood.

One of his descendants, Dorothy Dudley, married Moses Leavitt. One of their descendants was Dudley Leavitt, far famed for being a fine mathematician and astronomer, and the people of his day felt that the "Leavitt's Farmers' Almanac" was next to the Bible for reference. He published his first al-

manac in 1797 and made calculations some years ahead that were used after he had passed on.

Dudley Leavitt married Judith Glidden of Gilmanton. They settled in Meredith, not far from the Lake in 1806, and were favored with a large family of children. One of their sons married Sarah, daughter of Capt. Elisha Smith of New Hampton. One of their granddaughters, Huldah Leavitt, lived in the old home with her brother Arthur Leavitt, which was an attractive place for people to call and visit with Huldah. She was very intelligent and attractive and gave a cordial welcome to her friends. She died some years ago. The descendants of Arthur Leavitt still live in the "dear old home," and are very cordial to visitors.

Dudley Leavitt is a good farmer, who raises blooded stock, and is much interested in the Grange work. He and two sisters, Alice and Marion, are occupying and keeping up the old home in fine shape.

A hard, dark-colored rock, called "Trap Rock," which is scarce in this section and is used for road building, is being mined on the place. "Master Leavitt" used to hold the "Meredith Academick School" at his house, just beyond the present Dudley Leavitt home on the same farm, where many young people gathered for learning. He taught the higher branches, having acquired them by his own efforts.

Mrs. Polly Prescott, one of his pupils, stated that "when you saw one of Master Leavitt's children you would see a book."

It was said of him that he never came in from the field so tired but that he would take up a book to work his mind while he rested his body. It is stated that when twenty-five years old he took up the study of Greek and Latin, and after 1806, when he removed to Meredith, he took up the study of Hebrew and French.

One of Dudley Leavitt's daughters married John T. Jones, who went as a missionary to Siam. He was the first man to translate the Bible into the Siamese language.

Another daughter married Rev. John Seymour. They went as missionaries to Minnesota and taught among the Indians. While there they had a daughter born, who was the first white girl born in what is now the state of Minnesota.

A story comes to us that some white people cheated the Indians at that time and these missionaries' lives were threatened that night, but a terrific thunder shower quieted the Indians' wrath,

as they thought the "Great Spirit" was angry with them for their murderous threats, and no harm was done.

"Master" Dudley Leavitt was the oldest child of Joshua Leavitt and wife Elizabeth (James) Leavitt, and the great-grandson of Moses Leavitt and wife, Dorothy (Dudley) Leavitt of Exeter.

Dudley Leavitt's name is among the proprietors in 1727–28 of Gilmanton in the Masonian Papers.

Dudley Leavitt died suddenly in 1857 and left a record as a worthy man, respected by all.

BACHILER

Rev. Stephen Bachiler, born in England in 1561, married —— ———. She died in England. He married, second, Helen ——— 1583–1642; married, third, in Hampton, N. H., in 1648.

Steven, as the Batchelder Genealogy, matriculated at St. John's College, Oxford, in 1581. His home was in Wherweil, England.

In 1605 Mr. Bachiler (as then spelled) was deprived of his benefice, or Calvinistic opinions by order of James I.

History states that he went to Holland, as the Plymouth Pilgrims did in 1608.

His son-in-law, Rev. John Wing, was the first pastor of an English Church in Middleburg, Holland, from 1620 on.

Rev. James Samborne had a son, Rev. James Samborne, Jr., who was rector of "Grately," a place near by, in 1604. These Sambornes were of a Berkshire family, not far from Wherweil, England.

When Rev. Stephen Bachiler was in London, in 1631, while arranging to go to New England, he gained permission for himself, his second wife, and daughter, Ann Sandburn, widow (who was then living in the Strand in London), to go on a visit to his children at Flushing for two months. This town was garrisoned by English soldiers (probably Mr. Bachiler's children and grandchildren were on the island of Walcheren, which connects Flushing and Middleburg). He sold his property for cash before sailing March 9, 1623, on the *William and Francis*.

Rev. Stephen Bachiler's daughter, Theodate, and her husband, Capt. Christopher Hussey (born 1596), her sister, Deborah (born

1592), who married John Wing and settled at Plymouth, Mass., came with their father and others.

A son, Nathaniel[2], born in England in 1590, married Hester Mercer of Southampton, England.

Their son, Nathaniel, born 1630–1710, lived at Hampton, N. H.; he married December 10, 1656, Deborah Smith, daughter of John Smith of Martha's Vineyard. Deborah died in 1675, and he, not enjoying single life, thought he would marry again. Undecided which way to go, took up his cane (as the story goes) and took a chance with it. He held it up perpendicular and when it fell on the floor it pointed southwest in the direction of Woburn. So thither he walked and called on his wife's cousin, Mrs. Mary (Carter) Wyman, she a daughter of Rev. Thomas Wyman and widow of John Wyman. He proposed marriage to her and told her he was going to Boston and that she could think it over. He would call for her answer on his way back. She accepted and they were soon married.

A son, Samuel, born January 10, 1681, married Elizabeth Davis of Newbury, Mass. In 1707 he was in Lieut. Joseph Swett's Company in the fruitless expedition against Port Royal. He was in Capt. James Davis Company in 1712; served as a scout. He lived in Hampton, N. H.

Their son, Capt. Carter Batchelder, born October 31, 1726, married Huldah Moulton, daughter of William Moulton, 1732–1773. Carter married, second, in 1778, Hannah Lane, daughter of Thomas Lane, born 1742–1810. He was a sea captain, and died at sea, July 16, 1806. He lived in New Hampton and Sanbornton, N. H. They had nine children.

The third son, William Batchelder, born September 7, 1764, in New Hampton, married Mary Burley of Stratham, in 1786, she a daughter of David and V. (Smith) Burley, born 1767–1830. He moved to Sanbornton from New Hampton in 1788. He was a farmer and settled on the William Chase place near the Meadow School House. He moved to Meredith, but later returned to Sanbornton, where he died, on the William Batchelder farm, in 1816, beyond the William Odell farm, on the same side of the road. He was a Revolutionary soldier when he was 16 years old. He died June 1, 1846. They had eleven children:

Abraham, b. 1787, m. Nancy Mason.
Nancy, b. 1790, m. William Mason of Meredith. He died

and she m. 2d, Nath[l] Morris, Esq., of Meredith and d. there in 1857.

SAMUEL, b. 1792, m. Sally Clark.

BURLEY, b. 1793, m. Betsey Taylor.

WILLIAM, b. 1796, d. of consumption in 1820.

BENJAMIN, b. 1798, d. 1799.

NATHAN, b. 1800, m. O. Currier.

JOSIAH B., b. 1802, m. Louisa Sanborn.

JOSEPH, b. 1804, d. of consumption in 1830. He was a doctor and was the seventh son.

COMFORT MASON, b. 1808, m. 1833, John Buntin of Sanbornton, b. 1807. He resided for some 30 yrs. at Union Bridge, d. 1875; she m. 2d, Jeremiah Leavitt. Their children were: William M. Buntin, 1834–1864; Hannah B., 1840–1849.

HANNAH, 1810–1835.

Captain Josiah (William, Carter, Samuel, Nathaniel, Stephen), born in Sanbornton, N. H., October 10, 1802, married Louisa Sanborn of Meredith, daughter of Samuel Sanborn and wife Deborah (Gale), born in 1805. He was a farmer, a captain in the Militia and was a successful teacher in vocal music between 1823 and 1840. Their children:

JANE ORISSA, b. Mch. 23, 1835, m. Rufus Clark.

RACHEL, b. July 19, 1836, m. John Knowlton, son of Oliver, in 1832; he came from Northwood. Their children: Herbert Clarence, b. 1859; Amy Cora, b. 1861; Jennie Laura, b. 1863; Clara Louisa, b. 1869; Laura Ann, b. 1842, m. Daniel Fox of Meredith; Mary Elizabeth, b. 1849, m. 1867, George A. Furgeson of Lakeport.

BATCHELDOR

Hampton history states that Rev. Stephen Batcheldor, the first minister of Hampton, was born in England and came to America in 1632 with his second wife, Helena Mercer. He left married children in England: one Theodate, who married Christopher Hussey and came to New England. Helena, his wife, died and he returned to England after marrying, third, Mary ———, where he died at Hackney, aged 100 years.

A grandson, Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Batcheldor, who lived in England, married Deborah, daughter of John Smith of Martha's Vineyard, by whom he had six children. She died at the birth of the sixth child in March, 1676. In October, 1676, he married,

second, the Widow Wyman, former wife of John Wyman, she a daughter of Rev. Thomas Carter and was a cousin to his first wife, Deborah (Smith) Batcheldor.

The story goes that when his wife died he decided to marry again, so he played a game of chance before starting out to find another wife. The game was that the direction in which his staff, held perpendicularly over the floor, should fall when he dropped it from his hand, would be the direction he would follow. The story goes that it fell pointing to the southwest, and thence he started out. Reaching Woburn, Mass., he called on the Widow Wyman and proposed marriage to her, stating that he was going to Boston and on his return, he would call for her answer. She accepted him and they raised nine more children. She died and he married, third, in 1689, Elizabeth, widow of John Knill. He died in 1710, aged 80 years.

His twelfth child, Samuel[2], born January 10, 1681, married Elizabeth Davis of Newbury, Mass. They settled in Hampton, N. H.

Their tenth child, Carter Batchelder[3], born October 31, 1726; died in 1806; married Huldah, daughter of William Moulton (son of Robert) and wife, Abigail, she a daughter of Christopher Page and wife Abigail, she a daughter of Daniel Tilton and wife, Mehitable (Sanborn) Tilton. They had nine children.

Their fourth child, William[4], born Sept. 7, 1764; married Mary, daughter of David Burley of Stratham, who went to Sanbornton in 1778 and settled on what was later the Eben Chase farm, near the Meadow schoolhouse. He married, second, Mrs. Rachel, widow of Taylor Pearsons, Jr. They had six children. He moved in 1804 to the edge of Meredith, on the Benjamin Burleigh farm on Steel Hill, then later to Sanbornton, where in 1816 his son, Josiah, settled and died there in 1846, aged 82 years. He was the father of twelve children.

Their ninth child, Josiah[5], born Oct. 10, 1802, married Louisa of Meredith, daughter of Samuel Sanborn (and brother of Theoplis Sanborn) and wife, Deborah (Gale) Sanborn, she a daughter of John Gale and wife, Susan McCarty. A romantic legend, relating to Susan's father (great-grandfather of Josiah Batcheldor) runs thus: His parents died in Ireland and he was sent from there when very young by an aunt, who wished to get rid of him so that she could try and get hold of a large property which he should have inherited. The aunt gave him to a sea

captain to be taken to parts unknown. He was finally landed in Exeter. Here he married and the aunt on her death bed repented and sent for him, she having learned where he was located. Josiah Batcheldor was a teacher of music, and taught singing schools very successfully in many towns in New Hampshire. History states that he taught sixty-nine schools, between 1823–40. He was a captain in the training practice. They had four children.

(1) Jane Orissa, born in 1835; married Rufus Clark, son of Joseph S. and wife Nancy (Smith) Clark; she daughter of Captain Elisha, born in 1771 (captain in the training field) and wife, Mary (Hoit) Smith. They lived on her father's home place, Elisha Smith, who married Lydia Norris of Stratham, N. H. As tradition, Elisha Smith came into possession from his father of 700 acres of land that extended from the Samuel Calef land up to the Meredith line, and while living in Epping he used to walk back and forth with a willow cane while he was clearing land and building a loghouse to live in. On one of these trips up to Sanbornton from Epping he broke his cane in four pieces and stuck them in the ground. The one he stuck down near the corner entrance to his home grew and made a mammoth tree, and some of the old roots and sprouts still stand at the entrance to the present N. Davis house. Elisha Smith signed the "Association Test" in Sanbornton, so he was a resident there in 1776. He gave each of his sons 100 acres of land for a home out of the 700 acres he inherited. He built later a sawmill and gristmill on "Black Cat Brook." His numerous descendants have proved an honor and credit to their ancestors. He is buried with other Smiths in the old yard, back of the Parsonage, at Sanbornton Bay Church. Children of Jane Orissa and Rufus Clark:

Flora Ann, b. Dec. 22, 1854; m. Oscar Brown, b. 1854, son of David and wife, Hannah Densmore (Fox) Brown, who lived in Meredith on Sugar Hill.

David Leslie Clark, b. 1858; m. Sarah B., dau. of Lewis and wife, Mary E. (Cotton) Huckins; she a dau. of William and wife, Mary (Libbey) Cotton.

Rachel Batchelder, b. July 19, 1836; m. John Knowlton. (See Knowlton family.)

Laura Ann, b. Jan. 14, 1842; m. Daniel Fox of Meredith, 1862. She d. 1863.

Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 7, 1849; m. George A. Furgeson, 1867, at Lakeport. Both have passed on.

BATCHELDER

Abraham Batchelder was a descendant from Rev. Stephen, through Nathaniel, and was one of four brothers, John, Increase, Abraham, and Samuel. He married, 1773–1802, Abigail, daughter of John Buzzell; among ten children were Nathaniel and Solomon.

Nathaniel married Patience Page, settled in Gilmanton, now Belmont; afterwards he moved to Meredith. Their children:

Abigail, m. Uriah Lamprey of Belmont; they had Lourette, Josephine, Georgianna (who married Charles Neal, son of Richard Neal, of Meredith), Henrietta and Albion.
Mary, m. Albert Taylor; settled in Meredith Bridge.
Betsey, m. Simeon Pease; settled in Meredith with his father, Joseph Pease. Their children: Jennie, Laura, Mary, Abbie, Frank and Loren.
Lyman, m. Mary A. Moses; settled in Meredith.

Nathaniel married second Mary (Neal) Robinson, of Meredith, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Smith) Neal.

Solomon Batchelder, 1782–1854, as gravestone, married 1809, Hannah, daughter William Watson, of Pittsfield, settled in Meredith, and is buried with his family on their old farm, on the Province Road, in Meredith. Children by 1st wife Hannah Watson:

Eliza, never m.
Albert, 1815–1835.
William W., m. first, Ann Sanborn; m. second, Deborah Rowe, 1817–1862; m. third, Lizzie Perkins. They had a child who d. young. He lived with his father, Solomon, on the farm.
Maria, 1816–1844, m. John Buzzell; settled in Meredith and is buried in the family yard.

Solomon Batchelder, born 1782, married, second, Fanny Stevens, 1786–1861, of New Durham. Their children:

Clarrissa, 1823–1911, m. Charles Batchelder; they settled in Meredith, later in Lake Village.
Abigail, 1825–1843, single.

In a Yard Near the Other Yard

Deacon John Batchelder, 1778–1869, married Betsey, daughter of Increase Batchelder, 1743–1827, and wife, Anna (Taylor), 1743–1838, who lived in Meredith. Their children:

Increase, m. Susan Hart of Meredith; d. 1875.
Abraham, single.
John, m. Caroline Folsom in Meredith.
Frank A., 1855–1864, as gravestone.
Alvin, 1856–1911, m. Sarah Lawrence; m., second, —— Hill.

Deacon John Batchelder, married, second, Widow Mary (Sanborn) Folsom, daughter of Dudley Sanborn of Meredith. Their children:

Alvin, 1856–1911; his wife, Clarrissa, 1843–1911.
Abbie, 1858–1877.
Nellie, 1860–1862.
Edith, 1866–1888.

BATCHELDER

These Batchelders lived and died on the Corliss farm, beyond the Center.

Benjamin Batchelder, 1789–1871; his wife, Nancy, 1792–1822; his second wife, Ruth G., 1795–1884. Children: David, 1815–1860; Sherburn D., 1817–1839; William D., 1822–1849; Nancy D., 1823–1842.

Other People in the Same Yard, Probably Relatives

Benjamin Mudgett, 1767–1846; his wife, Hannah, 1759–1834.
Joshua Mudgett, 1769–1830.
Enoch Currier, 1779–1853; his wife, Mercy H., 1806–1875.
Mary L., wife of Josiah Randlett, 1826–1857; their son, Erving B., d., age five months.

BATCHELDER

Rev. Stephen Bachilar, whose son Nathaniel settled in Hampton (from history they changed the spelling of the name by adding the letter T) had descendants John, Increase, Abraham and Samuel.

Abraham married in 1773, Abigail, daughter of John Buzzell, who lived in Barrington. She died in 1802. Among their children was Nathaniel, born May 16, 1786; died in 1867. He married Patience Page and they settled in Gilmanton, now Belmont; afterward he moved to Meredith Village. He married, second, Mary (Neal) Robinson, widow of Joseph Robinson, 1795–1879, who formerly lived in Newcastle, but she was born in Meredith.

Nathaniel Batchelder of Meredith Village, born May 16, 1786; died in 1867; married March 7, 1862, Mary (Neal) Robinson, born September 15, 1795; died in 1869. She was born in Meredith and she and her sister, Irene (Neal) Smith, widow of Charles Smith, are both buried in Meredith Village Cemetery with their father, mother, a sister and brother, William Neal.

Nathaniel Batchelder was a son of Abraham Batchelder and wife, Abigail (Buzzell) Batchelder.

BATCHELDOR

This is a branch of the family from Rev. Stephen Bachiler, born in England, 1561. The lineage runs down through Nathaniel to Samuel, 1713–1797, in Hampton.

Three of Samuel's sons, Abraham, Increase and John, started out for themselves into the wilderness with their flintlock guns and axes and stopped in what is now Northwood. History tells us they did not dare sleep for three nights, as the wolves were very vicious, but they built a log house, where they could get in for shelter. They cleared up some land, and built more shelter. In 1773 Abraham Batcheldor married Abigail Buzzell. They had five daughters and four sons that attained manhood—Abraham, Solomon, Nathaniel and John.

John Batcheldor, worked farming until 21 years, then tied his things up in a handkerchief, and went to Meredith. He was a deacon of the Freewill Baptist Church at Meredith Center and prospered and earned a good property. He married Betsey ———. They had children:

Increase, d. in Campton.
Abraham, d. 1858.
Alvin, d. 1889, in Concord.

John Batcheldor married, second, Mrs. Mary F. Folsom. John, the only living child, had the home place, but worked in Meredith as a wheelwright. He went to Boston and worked for a time, but returned home and worked the farm with his father.

In 1849 John Batcheldor married Caroline, daughter of Noah and wife, Polly F. (Sanborn) Folsom. Her father, born in 1803, was a son of John Folsom, born in 1781, and a grandson of Rev. Nicholas Folsom, born in 1742, the first Baptist preacher who settled in Meredith. Polly Sanborn's mother was a daughter of

Dudley Sanborn of Meredith. Elder Nicholas Folsom was a son of John Folsom, both buried at Opeechee in the town of Laconia; both Revolutionary soldiers. John Folsom was a son of Nathaniel Folsom, who was killed by the Indians at Nottingham. Children of John Batcheldor and wife, Polly Sanborn:

Mabelle.
Alice.
Frank, d. young.
Freeman, lived in Concord.
Burton, a farmer.
Lyman, a carpenter.
Edward, went to California.

Samuel Batcheldor, born in Sanbornton in 1792; died in 1855; married in 1818, Sally Clark, 1790–1863. Their children:

Olive, b. 1819; m. 1839, John L. Swain of Meredith.
Sally, b. 1820; m. 1837; d. 1838; child, John W., m. Sarah F. Tilton.
George W., 1840–1863; wounded in Civil War.
Frank B., m. Mrs. Jennie Tucker; two sons.
Mary A., d. young.
Emma, 1848–1863.
Morrill S., b. 1850.
Laura J., b. 1852; m. George Downing.
Mary H., b. 1859.

Josiah Batcheldor, born in Sanbornton, 1802; married in 1833, Louisa Sanborn of Meredith, daughter of Samuel and wife, Deborah (Gale), born in 1805. He was teacher of vocal music from 1823–1840. Their children:

Jane Orissa, m. Rufus Clark.
Rachel, m. John Knowlton, son of Oliver of Northwood, a farmer in Meredith, and taught school many terms. Their children were: Herbert, Clarence, Amy Cora, Jennie Laura and Clara Louisa.
Laura Ann, m. Daniel T. Fox of Meredith.
Mary Elizabeth, m. George A. Furgeson of Lakeport.

Hezekiah Drew Batcheldor, born in 1796; married in 1820, Nancy Willey of Northfield, born in 1797. They had seven children. The seventh, Joseph Burleigh Batcheldor, born in 1837, married in 1857, Martha Ann Sanborn, daughter of B. M. Sanborn; died in 1878. He was a printer, and editor of the *Laconia Democrat* for six years.

John Batcheldor, born in Meredith in 1815; married in 1849, Caroline Folsom, born in 1829. He was a son of Deacon John Batcheldor, was born on the old homestead in Meredith, which is now in Laconia. He worked for Mr. Lang and later worked on piano cases. He married the daughter of his stepmother. When his father died the old homestead fell to him. He was a Free Baptist Church member. Their children:

John F., b. 1851; m. Abbie E. Bartlett.
Frank A., 1854–1862.
Freeman H., b. 1857; lives at Meredith Center.
Burton L., b. 1863.
Lyman P., b. 1867.
Edward W., b. 1870; went to California.
Alice, 1872–1873.

Lucinda Batcheldor, born in 1819; married in 1840, Newell Sanborn of Meredith. He was born in 1844. She married second, Joseph B. Swain of Meredith; third, John Fields of Vermont; resides in Laconia. Children:

Odell Batcheldor Sanborn, b. 1840.
Georgia Anna Swain, b. 1853.
Albert B., d. young.

Lucinda Batcheldor was a daughter of John Batcheldor, born in Northwood in 1793, and wife, Dorcas Demeritt, 1791–1850. He married, second, widow Mrs. Ruth Sanborn, widow of William of Gilford, where he moved and died.

Nathaniel Batcheldor, born in Northwood, in 1786; married Patience Page; second, Mrs. Mary (Neal) Robinson, daughter of Joseph and wife, Hannah (Smith) Neal of Meredith. They lived at Meredith Village. His children by the first wife, Patience Page:

Abigail, m. Uriah Lamprey of Belmont. Their children: Lauretta, Josephine, Georgianna, who m. Charles Neal of Meredith. They had George, Richard and Abby, who m. James Youngman. She died soon after marriage with measles.
Mary, m. Albert Taylor; went west.
Betsey, m. Simeon Pease of Meredith. Their children: Jennie, Laura, Mary, Abbie, Frank, Loren.
Lyman, m. Mary A. Moses.

BEAMAN

Peter Beaman and wife, Mary (Stone) Beaman, came from Grafton, Vt., to Meredith Bridge in 1832. Their son, Otis Beaman, 1803–1879, born in Grafton, Vt. He and his brother, Alexander, went into mercantile business. They made cotton goods. He married Emma J., daughter of Zachariah Robbins, in 1833, who was in the Revolution. He was a farmer, after helping to defend his country. Mr. Beaman was a director in the Meredith Bridge Savings Bank. Their children:

George Otis, b. 1835–1895, in Laconia.
Emma J., m. Frank J. Osgood, of Laconia.
Edward F.

BEAN

Scribner Mudgett, born in England, came to Gilmanton and settled, in 1783, on two hundred acres of land and cleared a farm. His children were: Edward, Richard, Samuel, John, Mary, and Sally, who married Levi Sleeper. Susan married —— Clifford. Betsey born in 1788, twin to William, married Elijah Bean, born in 1788. Elijah Bean and wife, Betsey Mudgett, had children:

Fanny G., b. 1815, m. Joshua Wood, son of John Wood.
Joseph M., b. 1817, d. in Manchester; m. Catherine Tilton. They had three children. He m. second, Hannah, dau. of Richard Neal and wife, Betsey Neal, of Meredith. They had a dau., Ellen Catherine, b. 1858, m. Otis Clark of Manchester. They had a dau., Carlie Clark, m. Daniel F. Healey. They have two sons in College. Mr. Clark d. 1892, and later she m. Frank Davis of Canterbury. They had one dau., Dorothy Davis. Mrs. Davis died.
Betsey, b. 1822–1839.
Erastus, b. 1827–1852, m. Augusta Ewer of Belmont.
Alpheus L., settled on the homestead in Belmont; was successful as a farmer and business man. He m. in 1844, Polly G., dau. of Joseph Dow; she d. 1846; m. second, Matilda A., dau. of Joseph Bean of Brentwood; m. third, Mrs. Addie L. (Leighton) Morrill, dau. of Moses Leighton, who was a son of Edwin Leighton.

Moses Leighton of Sanbornton had children:

Lydia, m. Colleen J. Smith; one dau., Carrie, d. young.
Samuel, enlisted in N. H. Cavalry; d. from disease contracted in the Civil War.

Ira, m. Martha A. Somes of Laconia; two children, d. young.
Wesley, enlisted in the Civil War, was killed at Fredericksburg.
Freeman, d. in early manhood.
Edward, m. the widow of Frank Morrill of Gilford, who was Lottie Currier of Belmont. They had three children. After Edward Bean married they had: Mattie May, b. 1870. Later she m. Edward G. Rand of Belmont. Frank A. Bean, b. 1876, is a farmer.

BEEDEE

John W. Beede married Caroline Fogg, born in Laconia. Their son, J. Fred Beede, has been associated with his father in business, and the store was kept in the name seventy-two years. He married Martha B. Melcher, daughter of Woodbury Melcher and wife, Elizabeth (Boker) Melcher. Their children:

Frances M.
John A.

Fred Beede has been in the banking business in Meredith and is also associated with the Laconia Bank.

BEEDE

John Fred Beede, born in Meredith in 1859, is a descendant of Judge Daniel Beede of Sandwich, through John Beede, who lived on the Wentworth farm, near Israel Mountain.

J. F. Beede married, in 1901, Martha B. Melcher, daughter of Woodbury Melcher of Laconia; they have a daughter, Frances, and a son, John A. Beede. Mr. Beede attended school at Tilton, and has been a trustee of the school for several years. He is one of the directors of the Peoples National Bank at Laconia and is president of the Meredith Village Savings Bank, also is connected with many business propositions in and around his native town.

John W. Beede of Meredith married Caroline Fogg of Gilmanton in 1857.

Another branch of the family was Hanson Beede; he married Mary Jane Clark of Bristol in 1839. Members of the family that are left have removed from Meredith.

BERRY

Jonathan Berry, 1782–1867, born in Dorchester, married Nancy Howe, 1797–1856, born in New Hampton, N. H., daughter

of Ebenezer Howe. They later settled in Holderness, in dairy business. Their children:

DEXTER.
MARY JANE, m. James Gardner; settled in Methuen, Mass.
LAVINA, m. Reuben Grant; settled in Boston.
PARKER.
GEORGE.
ELECTA, m. —— Robinson; settled in Baltimore, Md.
PERRIS.
MELISSA, m. Horace Dudley of Laconia.
SARAH, m. Charles Jackson.
ASA.
HORACE W., settled in Boston.
JEANETTE, m. Simeon D. Rollins, went to Minnesota.
CHARLES H., settled in North Adams.
NAPOLEON B., went to New York City.
JOHN HOWE BERRY, after he attained manhood, went to Boston and worked ten years, then came back home and bought a farm near "Little Squam" (now Asquam), where he lived for a short time, then he sold and bought a larger farm, from which he produced a good income. He m. 1861, Clara, dau. of Jonas Buzzell of Meredith. They had ten children, of which four d. young.

BICKFORD

John Bickford was the pioneer of the family in America. He went to Wolfborough early; was a weaver. His son, Jonathan, was a farmer and millwright. He settled on land now occupied by his grandson, Joseph H. Bickford, son of James Bickford.

Samuel Bickford of Epsom, son of Thomas of Epsom, 1765–1773, leaving a wife, Mercy; she died in 1824. They had seven children. Benjamin married 1779, Hannah, daughter of Francis Locke. Samuel was called "Drummer Sam"; he married Abigail; had eight children. Thomas, 1764–1819, married 1786, Olive Haines, 1765–1848, daughter of John Haines. Mary, born 1765, married 1787, Jonathan Elkins of Gilmanton. John was born 1768.

An Eleanor Bickford of Epsom married 1891, John Bryant of Meredith. Sally Bickford of Epsom married 1799, Nathaniel Bryant of Meredith.

Thomas Bickford, 1660–1706, son John, and his brother, Thomas, who married Bridgett Furber, 1690. They lived at Bickford's Point, and kept a garrison.

Benjamin Bickford, born 1672, married Sarah Bassum. They lived at Bloody Point. Their children:

Mary, m. 1707, Joshua Crockett.
Benjamin, m. 1718, Deborah Baur.
Thomas, m. 1711, Sarah Simpson. They had eleven children.
Abigail, m. 1716, Zebulon Damm.
Elizabeth, m. 1718, John Damm of Newington.
Deborah, m. 1720, Joshua Babb.
John, m. 1725, Sarah Hodgdon of Rochester; settled in Northwood, also Solomon Bickford.

James E. Bickford, 1841–1916. His wife Mary A., 1843–1902.

Henry A. Bickford, 1863–1879.

Clara Bickford, 1866–1890, married Hiram E. Cook, 1860–1922, son of Albert and wife, Hannah E. Cook.

Meredith Neck

From an old Bible printed in 1830

Jonathan Bickford, born November 16, 1766. Lived on south end of Bear Island. His wife, Abigail ———, born May 12, 1769. Their children:

Lydia, b. July 22, 1789.
Bracket, b. Apr. 1, 1791.
Jonathan, b. Feb. 6, 1793; m. Priscilla ———, 1811–1882.
Phebe, b. Jan. 4, 1795.
John, b. June 26, 1798.
Ebenezer, b. Oct. 5, 1800.
Priscilla, b. Sept. 19, 1803.
James, b. Oct. 5, 1805. They had four sons: James, Alonzo, Oliver, Moses.
Abigail, b. July 27, 1810.

From the same Bible

Abram Bryant, born October 10, 1810, son of Robert Bryant and wife, Abigail. Probably his wife, Mahala ———, born January 26, 1812, of Moultonboro. Buried in Meredith. Probably their children:

Lorenzo F., b. Oct. 7, 1832.
Harriet B., b. Nov. 7, 1834.
Arvilla J., b. June 2, 1840.
Hosea H., adopted son, b. Sept. 8, 1850; adopted May, 1857.

Eleazer Bickford, 1781–1873, lived on Bear Island. His wife, Sally ———, 1783–1866. Their son, Eleazer Bickford, 1822–1904. His wife, Ann ———, 1835–1894. Their children:

Charles, 1840–1916. He settled on the main land, Meredith Neck.
Joseph, 1844–1914. Yet owned land on Bear Island.

Charles Bickford, 1809–1893. His wife, Augusta Bickford, 1812–1881. Their children:

Hezekiah, 1843–1918.
Amenda, 1845–1917; m. —— Moulton.
Anna, 1846–1897.
Henry, 1848.
Frank P., 1851–1876.
Eleanor, 1853–1924.
Eben, 1856–1857.
Mabel, 1876; m. 1896, Willie D. Brown.

Charles H. Bickford married in 1871, Eleanor L. Wilkenson.

BLAISDELL, BLASDALE, BLISDALE

Ralph Blaisdell was a tailor in Salisbury and received land there in 1640. He bought rights of John Harrison, 1642; died in 1650; married Elizabeth ———, who died in 1667. Children:

Henry[2], b. 1633 in England. Three others.

Henry[2] (Ralph) was one of the first settlers of Amesbury, Mass.; received grant of land in 1632; married in 1656, Mary Haddon, daughter of Jarrett. He died in 1707. Children:

John[3], b. 1668. Eight others.

John[3] (Henry[2], Ralph) was born May 27, 1668; married in 1692/3, Elizabeth Challis, daughter of Philip and widow of John Hoyt; died in 1793. Children:

Philip[4], b. 1700. Four others.

Philip[4] (John[3], Henry[2], Ralph), born August 9, 1700; married Elizabeth Goodwin. Children:

Jacob[5], b. 1735. Two others.

Jacob[5] was born July 23, 1735. He married, first, —— ———; second, June 4, 1761, Lydia Morrill, daughter of William Barnes and his second wife, Judith. He served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. Children.

Philip[6], b. Mar. 16, 1762; m. Lydia Randlett.
Thomas.
John, b. Mar. 31, 1765; m. Elizabeth Sanborn; second, Esther Kelley.
Elliott, 1767.
William[6].
Judith, b. 1771; m. Henry Sanborn.
Rhoda[6], b. 1773; m. John Rice Smith.
Joshua, m. Olive York.
David, m. Rachel Randlett.
Jacob[6], b. 1780; m. Deborah Barker.
Betsey, d. single.

John[6] (Jacob, Philip, John, Henry, Ralph) was born in Epping. He settled on Meredith Parade, about 1792. He married Betsey Dearborn Sanborn in 1793, She was born October 18, 1773, died July 14, 1801. He married, second, Esther Kelley, daughter of James Kelley of Stratham, who served in Deering's Company, at the defence of Portsmouth Harbor, 1781. She was born November 12, 1775; died February 28, 1864. John lived in Meredith; died January 8, 1844. Children:

Elizabeth (Betsey[7]), b. Jan. 21, 1795; m. Stephen Boynton.
William[7], b. Dec. 30, 1798; d. June 12, 1854.
Hannah, b. Sept. 21, 1800; m. Isaac Farrar.

Second wife's children:

Daniel[7], b. Feb. 20, 1805; d. 1847.
Mary, b. Oct. 5, 1807; m. Benson Clock.
David, b. Feb. 9, 1809; d. 1888.
Sally, b. Feb. 16, 1811; m. Cyrus Coffin.
Susan, b. Nov. 8, 1813; m. Cyrus Baldwin.
Laura, b. Sept. 5, 1816; m. Anderson Corning.

David Blaisdell[7] was born February 9, 1809, at the old homestead on Meredith Parade; spent his boyhood on his father's farm, attending the district school. At an early age he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed all his life. August 22, 1837, he married Eliza Sanborn Gilman of Tamworth. She was born March 17, 1814, the daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah Sanborn Gilman. She died March 28, 1899. After her marriage to David Blaisdell they lived for a few years at Lakeport, but after the death of his father he moved back to the old home on the Parade. In 1854 he built the house now occupied by C. H. and William B. Swain. After a few years the old house was taken

down. A depression in the field is all that is left to tell where the old house stood. Children:

David Napoleon[8], b. Jan. 3, 1839; d. Feb. 19, 1850.
Charles Henry, b. July 1, 1841; m. Marion Wardwell.
Eliza Anna, b. May 27, 1845; m. George Gray; d. May 19, 1923.
John Clark, b. Sept. 23, 1874; d. 1919.
Hannah Gilman, b. ——; m. John H. Robinson; d. Jan. 5, 1925.
Frank Napoleon, b. Sept. 20, 1851; m. Grace E. Weeks; d. June, 1913.
Mary Susan, b. Aug. 25, 1853; m. J. Frank Weeks; d. Sept. 30, 1902.
Stephen Boynton, b. Mar. 4, 1856; d. Jan. 20, 1918.

Frank Napoleon[8] (David, John, Jacob, Philip, John, Henry, Ralph) was born September 25, 1851, at the old homestead on Meredith Parade. He attended the district school. At an early age he learned the carpenter's trade and worked with his father. He also worked for many years on the steamboat *Lady of the Lake*. April 29, 1886, he married Grace E. Weeks of East Boston, Mass. She was the daughter of John Francis and Mary R. (Strate) Weeks. She was born August 13, 1863. He died June 11, 1913. The latter part of his life he spent as a farmer. Their child:

Carl Forrest, b. Aug. 31, 1887.

Hugh Blaisdell, a son of Jacob Blaisdell, born October 18, 1765, at East Kingston, was buried in the McCoy yard. Hugh Blaisdell was an early settler in Meredith; born June 6, 1793; died June 10, 1876; he married Mary Quimby, September 3, 1816; she was born in 1788 and died June 10, 1860. They had a son, Winchell Blaisdell, born in Meredith, February 15, 1821; died June 6, 1892. He married Mary Jane Runnells, July 21, 1843. She was born May 20, 1821 and died in 1893. She was a daughter of Israel Runnells, who was the only child of Hannah Follett Runnells. History states that the line runs back to John Alden and Priscilla. Abbie (Blaisdell) married a Folsom. She was a daughter of Winchell and wife, Mary Jane Runnells.

Bertram Blaisdell, born in Meredith in 1869, was a son of Philip D. Blaisdell and wife, Jane B. (Leavitt) Blaisdell. He has been associated with several kinds of business, besides his legal

practice. He married Georgia Moulton of Roxbury, Mass. Their children:

Beatrice, b. 1898; m. Edward K. McDonald.
Dorothy F., b. 1901.

BOYNTON

From Mrs. (Sanborn, daughter of Jacob) Bond's Papers

Taken from a copy of deed from Simon Finley Williams to Richard Boynton, of what he had left of the land of Minister's lot in Meredith:

Begining at a stake and stones South of my house, close by the ledge, on the Province Road, then runing on said road northwardly till it Strikes the bound of land to the said Richard Boynton's formerly a part of said Lot then Runing on said Line North about seventy & a half degrees west to (Isaac) Farrers line then on said Farrers line to the Corner tree that bounds said Lot thence on the rangeway till it comes to a Stake & Stones the bounds of a fifteen acre piece of Land Sold to the Town then on said line eastwardly or thereabouts to the bound in the Road first mentioned.

Dated Aug 1st 1799.

Richard Boynton's wife was a Williams. (From Boynton Book.) Richard[5] Boynton, born May 15, 1756, in Rowley, Mass.; married Susannah Williams, who was born on Davis (Governor's) Island, July 11, 1754. He removed to Meredith about 1795 and was the leading merchant there; he died in 1802. She died in 1835. They had a daughter, Sally, who married Nathan Davis of Meredith, also a son, John, born in 1786; married Sally (Durgan) Page, born in 1789. He was a farmer in Meredith and town clerk for some years; he died in 1845. They also had a son, Stephen, born in 1782; married; died in 1852. This Stephen had a daughter, Mary Boynton (from local people), who married a Mr. Hall of Portsmouth, Ohio. Stephen[6] Boynton and a daughter, Mary, later lived in a small house on the right side of the lane going in to the County Farm. Mrs. Lewis Perley knows where the house stood. This must be the house where Mrs. Herbert Sanborn states that her great-grandfather, David Boynton, a brother of Richard, lived for a short time, while building the red house, where Mrs. Joseph Pitman's house now stands.

From the Boynton Book: David was a brother of Richard, above; baptized 1745/6. He married, first, Susanna Woodman

of Rowley, January 7, 1773; married, second, previous to 1794, Lydia, widow of William Sibley. They removed from New Rowley, Mass., to Meredith about 1790. He died about 1790; she died October 19, 1826. Their children, sixth generation:

Susanna, m. William Moses; lived in Gilmanton.
Betsey, moved west.
Nathaniel, b. Mar. 20, 1778; m. Hannah F. Morse, Oct. 3, 1806; both d. in Vermont.
Francis W., b. 1786; m. first, Mary Gilman; she d. Nov., 1841. He m. second, the Widow Clough.

Children, seventh generation:

Susan B., m. Bradstreet Wiggin.
Charlotte, m. William F. Noyes.
Mary, m. Harrison Messer.
George.
Lewis W., b. Mar. 7, 1825; m. Eunice E. Smalley, 1848. They had a son, David, d. single at Campton; also a dau., Ella A. Boynton.
Nancy, b. Nov. 3, 1791, in Meredith (her mother d. then, opposite Mrs. Perley's. Mrs. Sanborn is authority for this). Nancy m. Nathaniel J. Randlett of Gilmanton. She d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1880.
Susan Ranlet, seventh generation, m. William Moses; resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Line of David and Richard:

John, b. 1614; came to Rowley, Mass., 1638; was a tailor by trade, also tilled "acre and a half of land."
Joseph, b. 1644; m. Sarah Swan of Rowley, 1669.
Richard, b. 1675; m. Sarah Dresser[6] 1701; children b. in Rowley.
Nathaniel, sixth child, b. 1712; m. Mary Stewart of Rowley, Mar. 8, 1736/7. He was shipwrecked and lost near Annis Squam, Cape Ann, May 13, 1762. Their twelve children b. in Rowley.

The history of Rowley, Mass., gives the name of John Boynton, who early settled there. He came to America with a brother. William Boynton and wife were dismissed from church at Salisbury to join a church at Kingston, August 20, 1732.

David Boynton came to Meredith before 1800; he married Mrs. Sibley, who had a son, George L. Sibley. He has a son, Francis Worcester Boynton, who married Mary Gilman Sanborn of

Gilmanton, 1784–1841, a daughter of Josiah Sanborn and wife, Jeminah, of Epping. Their children:

Matilda, 1811–1814.
Susan, b. 1813.
George F., 1815–1815.
Charlotte, b. 1817.
Mary G., b. 1819.
George F., b. 1822.
Lewis W., b. 1825.
Charles H., b. 1827.

David Boynton had a daughter, Charlotte, born March 1, 1785.

Richard Boynton, a brother to David, had land and buildings in 1763, in Kingston, from William Boynton, perhaps his father. Richard Boynton lived in Meredith on a small place, the land a part of the "Minister's lot," so called, about opposite the old Pound. Later it was the "Davenport Tavern," which inn he kept for a time. He married Susanna ———, 1754–1835, as her gravestone states. They are buried in the first yard in Meredith, opposite the Pound. Tradition tells that he died of spotted fever. His pension record is among the Revolutionary pensioners of Meredith and states that he went as a substitute for Joseph Smith of New Hampton, who was mustered the second time. Richard Boynton was given a land bounty of 160 acres; part of the land lies in Meredith and a part in New Hampton. The cemetery is on the line on his land bounty. The land has a road on each side, one leading to Meredith Centre. The east side road leads up the hill, towards Meredith, this side of where Robert Smith, the Pioneer, settled. The old Boynton farm was the one where John Pollard now lives. It had a log house first, and a spring near the house supplied water on the bounty land.

From Gravestones

William Boynton, 1761–1814, married Mary ———, 1763–1831.

Ebenezer Boynton, 1777–1847, married Sally Boynton, 1783–1860.

William Boynton, 1780–1860, married Amanda Hawkins, 1784–1858. Their daughter, Emma Boynton, married John Reynolds. Lives in Meredith.

A sister, Mary Etta, married Charles McCrillis. He died and she married, second, Freeman Jewell.

John Boynton, married Sally (Durgin) Page, widow of Dr. David Page.

Joseph Boynton, 1789–1834, married Nancy, 1794–1854.

David Boynton, 1744–1807, married Anna, 1757–1842.

David Boynton, 1808–1879, married Mary, 1808–1892.

Charles McCrillis' father was Hiram. He lived on McCrillis Hill. Charles had a brother, George.

Old Bible Records

Mark Boynton, married Desire ———. Their children:

Capt. Coburn R., 1815–1845; m. Mary —— in 1843.
John C., 1817–1819.
Mark W., 1819–1867; m. Desire Barrell in 1814.
Josiah B. and Desire (twins), b. 1820.
James M., b. 1821.
Susan T., b. 1823; m. Andrew J. Walker, Lawrence, Mass.
Nathaniel, b. 1828; had a son, Hosea; lives near Beech Hill.
Thomas R. and John S. (twins), b. 1830; Thomas m. Mary R. Cram in 1853, sister of Samuel. John m. Sally Smith; another sister, m. Moses Pease.
George H., b. 1832.
Oliver Otis, b. 1834.

Mark W. Boynton, born in 1819, and wife, Desire Barrell. Their son, Nathaniel Boynton, married Mary ———, 1831–1850. Their child, Lizzie B., 1868–1868.

Nathaniel Batchelder Boynton married, second, Olive Jane Chapman, 1830–1899. She was a daughter of Joseph Chapman, 1770–1812, and wife, Phebe R. Boynton, 1798–1867. They lived nearly opposite the Ed Wiggin place, and are buried in the Wiggin yard.

Christopher Chapman, 1807–1835, his wife, Polly Chapman, 1773–1809. Josephine Chapman, 1822. Stones are also in this yard.

Mark Wentworth Boynton, born in 1856, a grandson, inherited a beautiful set of china from the Chapman family, which he has in his home, on the D. W. Highway, above Meredith. He married, in 1879, Nellie J. Smith, born in 1857, daughter of Francis Fisk Smith and wife, Mary J. Philbrick, she a daughter

of Joseph and Polly Chase of Deerfield. Francis Smith was a son of Stuart Smith and wife, Lydia Hoyt.

Mark W. Boynton and wife had a son, Albert C. Boynton, 1886–1911. Another son of Mark Boynton was George Henry Boynton, who married Jane Fogg, daughter of Levi Fogg and wife, Sally (Wedgewood) Fogg, who lived at Winona. They were buried at the Fogg's Tavern yard, but were removed to Meredith by Mr. Stone, who bought the farm. Another son of Mark Boynton was Mark C. Boynton, who married Ruth Hawkins in 1845.

John Boynton, 1782–1859, married Eliza, widow of Francis Lyford, 1808–1873. Their child died in 1849, aged 19 months. Another child, Colburn, 1815–1845. Buried at Winona.

Luther Boynton, 1823–1892, married Sarah E. Mead, 1819–1896. Their son, Mead Boynton, married S. Eliza Veasey, 1859–1894, daughter of Aaron Veasey of New Hampton. She died and he married, second, Alice Mary Lawrence in 1897. Their children:

Hazel Elizabeth, b. 1898; m. Ronald E. Downing. Their child, Rosamond Downing. They live in Meredith.
Leslie Mead, b. 1901; m. Evelyn Dow of Moultonborough.
Marion Mead, b. 1903; m. Bernard Cady Smith, son of Cady Smith of New Hampton. Their children: Bernard Cady Smith, Jr., b. 1926; Bessie Elizabeth, b. 1928.

Markers in the Boynton Yard at Winona

Mary Boynton married Benjamin Hawkins; parents of Albert, Edwin, Rufus, Mary Ella (who married Harrieson Perkins), William Hawkins. Samuel Boynton, Nathan and Mary were brothers and sister.

Inscriptions

Ira C. Boynton, 1837–1920; his wife, Sarah Chase, 1842–1916. Their children:

Bessie I., b. 1875.
Mariette E. Chase, b. 1846.

Nathan Boynton, 1814–1891; first wife, Johanna L., 1808–1866; second wife, Lucy Sceggel, 1827–1913.

Arthur W. Boynton, 1848–1871.

Charles R. Boynton, 1821–1864, was in 12th Regiment, Co. 8, N. H. Vols. His wife, Lucy Hawkins, 1830–1913. Their children:

Elbridge G., 1853–1928; d. at Ashland. He was born in Center harbor; buried at Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland. Their children: Mrs. Minnie Drake of New Hampton; Mrs. Blanche Taylor of New Hampton; Mrs. Alice Hughes of Ashland; Eddie and Elmer Boynton of Ashland; Carl Boynton of Wayne, Maine; Clarence Boynton of Littleton.
Eddie V., 1858–1865.
Charles M., 1859–1915.

Rufus Boynton, 1823–1898; his wife, Joan S., 1823–1867.
Mark Boynton, his son, Nathaniel Boynton. Children:

Joseph, lived beyond Slab City.
Mark Wentworth, 1790–1807, Meredith.
Lizzie B., d. young.
Hosea, lives near Beech Hill.
Harry C., m. Catherine ———; lives on Meredith Neck.
Nathaniel, m. Abby Pierce. He b. 1858; she d. 1929.

Aaron Chase's mother was Sarah Boynton.
David V. Boynton, 1744–1807; married Anna ———, 1758–1843. Their children:

William B., 1761–1814.
Nancy B.
Augusta B.
David B., 1808–1879.

Mrs. Reynolds' Bible Records

Marietta Boynton, born in 1854, married Freeman Jewell of Holderness.
Emma A. Boynton, born in 1856, married John J. Reynolds in 1882.
Susan Hawkins married John Hart; lived on the Sinclair Farm; moved west. Children:

Sands M., b. 1852.
Fred A., 1853–1854.
Charles D., 1856–1877.
Elmer W., b. 1863.
Lilla A., b. 1864 in Racine, Wis.
Nellie Louisa, b. 1868.

Monument in Smith Yard at Winona

Eben[r] Boynton, 1798–1881; his wife, Betsey; his second wife, Susan Boynton, 1812–1856. Their daughter, Ann B., 1831–1847, married McKinley, 1847–1920. Children: Emily and Edwin. Relatives of above Boynton family.

Monument in Meredith Village Cemetery

William D. Boynton, 1814–1878; first wife, Mary Woodman, 1813–1845, daughter of William D. and Mary Woodman; second wife, Amanda Hawkins, 1822–1902; Laura J., 1843–1856.

Front of Monument in Meredith Village Cemetery

Timothy Dudley Hawkins, 1795–1881, was a soldier in War of 1812. His wife, Susan, 1793–1873. Their children:

Alonzo, 1819–1826.
S. Jennie, 1833–1856.
Harriett T., 1840–1843.

Sarah Boynton was the wife of Luther Boynton. She was Susan Mead.

Mrs. Roberts was a Davis, a sister of Mrs. Folsom, who had a son, John.

John Folsom's grandmother, Sally (Davis) Boynton, and Nancy (Davis) Boynton were twins, and they married Eben and William Boynton.

BROWN

John Brown, born on the Island of Jersey, off the coast of England, came to New England and settled in Hampton in 1639, on four acres near a branch of the river, which was granted him. He did not stay there, but bought ten acres not far away from it, and had more land. He married Sarah ———; they had eight children; he died in 1687. Their third son and fifth child, Jacob, born in 1653, married Sarah Brookin of Portsmouth. They had nine children. Their oldest child, John, born about 1684, married in 1706, Ruth, daughter of Roger Kelley; they lived at Hampton Falls, and had five children. Their third son, Daniel, of Stratford, 1712–1786, married in 1749 (Polly) Mehitable, 1724–1786, daughter of Jacob Brown and wife, Mary Brown. She was a daughter of Isaac Green and wife, Mary (Cass) Green.

Jacob Brown, born in 1691, was the son of Benjamin and wife, Sarah (or Elizabeth) Brown of Salisburg, Mass. (the division called Seabrook). Benjamin Brown was son of John Brown, as first mentioned, and wife, Sarah. He was born in England.

Daniel Brown of Strafford and wife, Polly, were cousins. They moved from Strafford to Holderness and later to Campton. Their children:

William, m. Eliza Smith; he b. 1822.
Nicholas, m. Eliza Page of Holderness. Two children.
Edward, m. Mehitable Perkins of Campton. One child.
Nancy, m. Newman Crowell of Campton. Five children.
Daniel, m. Caroline Willoughby of Holderness. Two children.
Mary, m. Oscar York. Seven children.
John, m. Amanda Downing. Nine children.
Stephen, m. in Iowa.

Lightning at one time struck a maple tree near the house, ran into the chimney and through a brick, leaving a hole the size of a knitting needle, then out and around the room and down into the cellar.

William Brown, born in 1822, married Eliza, daughter of Robert Smith and wife, Sally Morrill, a daughter of Smith Morrill and wife, Sally Smith; she a granddaughter of Moses Smith, who lived on the Sayward farm. They had five children:

William Harrison, b. in Holderness, July 4, 1843; d. 1924. He m. Sarah Elizabeth Willoughby in 1865. Their children: Harry Leslie, b. Dec. 1866; m. Mary Webster in 1888, dau. of Amos Webster of Center Harbor. She d. 1890; he m., second, Mrs. Emma Wilson, dau. of Alanson Cox of Meredith. No children. Bertha Beartice Brown, b. 1871, m. 1901, Ira L. Powers, b. in Lyman. Their children: Sarah Mary, d. 1903; Bernard L., b. 1905 in Meredith.
Sarah J., m. John Ames. Five children.
Mary Elizabeth, m. Henry L. Smith. Four children. (See Smiths.)
Elmina J., m. Daniel Whicher. Five children.
Nellie E., m. John Adams; both dead; buried in Los Angeles, Calif.

BRYANT

Old Bible Records from an old Bible sold at Auction

Robert Bryant, a Revolutionary soldier, buried on Meredith Neck.

Abram Bryant, born October 10, 1810; his wife, Mahala, born in 1812. Their children:

Lorenzo F., b. 1832.
Harriet B., b. 1834.
Arvilla J., b. 1840.
Hosea H., b. 1850. He was adopted by them in May, 1851.

BICKFORD

Jonathan Bickford, born in 1766; his wife, Abigail, born in 1769. Children:

Lydia, b. 1789.
Bracket, b. 1791.
Jonathan, b. 1793.
Phebe, b. 1795.
John, b. 1798.
Ebenezer, b. 1800.
Priscilla, b. 1803.
James, b. 1805.
Abigail, b. 1810.

As history, Walter Bryant was born in New Castle, about 1710; was at "Lamprey River Village" in 1735. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah and wife, Elizabeth Folsom, she a sister of Col. Jeremiah Folsom of Revolutionary fame.

Walter[2] married Molly Watson in 1778. He married, second, 1786, Hannah Goodwin. He was a land surveyor and run the line between Kingston and Exeter. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

John[2] settled in Pembroke; was a member of the legislature from Bow and Dunbarton. He was prominent in church work.

Mary[2] married Edward Smith, son of Benjamin Smith and wife, Jemina, she a daughter of Edward Hall.

Anne[2] married Eliphalet Smith, born in 1759, son of Cornet Winthrop Smith, born in 1732, married in 1756, Mary, daughter of Rev. John Moody. She was, as history states, a woman of strong intellect and very amiable.

Another daughter married Eddy Hall Burgess.

Henry Bryant settled in Lowell. James was a soldier, in 1755, in the French and Indian War.

Benjamin Bryant settled in Moultonboro. His son, Hazen Bryant, 1797–1868, was in Meredith.

Ensign Robert Bryant was a Revolutionary soldier. He was in Meredith, lived on Meredith Parade, on the Wadleigh Farm, before the Revolution, working as a carpenter, and later lived on Meredith Neck. He married Abigail ———. They had among children, as their old Bible states, Abram Bryant, born October 10, 1810, in Moultonboro, who married Mahala ———, born in 1812. They lived on Meredith Neck. They with his father, Ensign Robert Bryant, and wife, Abigail, are buried on "Boardman Hill," Church yard, in the northwest corner, with field stones to mark their last resting place. These new settlers were poor, but descended from the best New England families.

Children of Abram and Mahala Bryant:

Lorenzo F., b. Oct. 1, 1833.
Harriett B., b. 1840.
Hosea H., b. 1850, adopted by them in 1857.

Meredith town records state that Charles Bryant married Julia E. Jenness, in 1868, in Meredith.

Robert Bryant had a sister, Dolly (Bryant) Nichols, who lived part of the time on Bear Island and ran a "carry" to the main land.

In the allotment of seats in the Meetinghouse at Portsmouth, 1693, impowering the Selectmen to allot seats for the men, Robert Bryant was among them, and "the room over ye womens stairs if for women to sit in." Among them was Robert Bryant's wife.

Walter Bryant and wife, Elizabeth (Folsom) of Dover, had a daughter, Mary, who married Edward Smith, a descendant of Capt. John Smith.

Walter Bryant, born 1710 at Newcastle, lived at Newmarket (Lamprey River Village). James Bryant was a soldier in 1755.

From Old Bickford Bible

Robert Bryant and wife, Abigail, of Moultonboro, had a son, Abram Bryant, born in 1810; his wife, Mahala Bickford, born in 1812. Their children:

Lorenzo, b. 1832.
Harriett B., b. 1834.
Arvilla, b. 1840.

Hosea H. Bryant was adopted by them in 1857. He was born in 1850.

BURLEY OR BURLEIGH

Runnells writes that the name Burley, or Burleigh, according to history, dates back to Queen Elizabeth's day. "Burghley, the castle on the moor." Later the name was shortened to Burley, by four brothers—Joseph, Nathaniel, David and Daniel. At one time when they were together, they stepped on the scales and tipped 900 pounds.

Giles Burley married Elizabeth ——— in Ipswich, Mass., in 1648. Runnells gives a good history and lineage in the "Sanbornton Town History of the Burley Family."

They, like other new settlers, went farther into the interior country to make homes, through Newmarket to Gilmanton, where some of the fourth generation signed the "Association Test."

Nathaniel[4] married Sarah Powell, and settled for a short time in New-Market, later in Canterbury. In 1767 he signed the "Petition" there, and moved on to Sanbornton. They crossed the river at Sanbornton Bridge (now Tilton), not far below the present Tilton Island, on a bridge covered with birch poles. Mrs. Burleigh rode a horse with her two youngest children, and had a sack containing a half bushel of meat to cook, and also their poultry in a straw bed-tick with holes cut through for the chicken's heads so that they could breathe. These were put on each side of the horse's back. The father, with the two older children, boys, drove two cows along to their new settlement of 50 acres, which he had received from the proprietor's, as he was the first carpenter for houses in town, where he had previously built a small log cabin. When they arrived he helped his wife and children off the horse, opened the door of the cabin made of bark, and said to his wife, "Walk in, ma'am." She laughed and cried.

The story goes that for sometime he had to go back for work as far as Deerfield, as they had no crops, or much land cleared to plant crops. He went to Deerfield, some 40 miles southeast, and brought corn home on his back for them to eat. Their cows ran and browsed in the woods, and he gathered meadow grass to help feed them in winter. He was a highway surveyor of the town in 1795; he died in 1818; they had nine children. Their youngest son, David Burleigh, settled in the Second Division near the Meredith line. He married twice, had six children, one who served in the Revolution. David, the youngest son, born in 1773,

married Polly, daughter of Jacob Thompson. He finally settled in Meredith Hill; died there in 1819, aged 46 years. They had ten children. The oldest son, Jacob Thompson Burleigh, born in 1797, married Nancy S. Mason of Meredith, daughter of Comfort Burleigh and her second husband, —— Mason of Meredith. He married, second, Lydia (Bodwell) widow of Daniel Smith Burleigh of Meredith. Their son, Daniel Smith Burleigh, born in 1844, drove a mail stage from New Hampton to Tilton for eight years. He married Clara Minnie Pike of Peabody, Mass. She was born in Laconia in 1852, daughter of James and wife, Lucy Ann (Wiggin) Pike. They settled in her father's home (Ridgefield Farm), near Meredith Center, where he died. Children:

Gracia Josephine, b. May 19, 1870, in Peabody, Mass.
James Pike, b. Sept. 7, 1872, in Meredith.
Ada Belle, b. Apr. 4, 1876, in Meredith.

BURLEY

Giles Burley, as history states, had a wife named Elizabeth. Their children: Andrew, James, Giles and probably John.

Giles Burley's will (as Essex records), dated July 18, 1668, states "that all ingagements by my uncle deceased, be fulfilled." He mentions "wife Elizabeth, eldest son Andrew, James, John and his property." He makes "his friend Theophilus Wilson exeter, and friend decon Thomas Knowlton, and Jacob ffoster overseers to see that the will is performed."

Their second son, James (2), born February 10, 1659; died in Exeter about 1721. He married in 1685, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and wife, Susanna (Worcester) Stacy. She died in 1686. Susanna was a daughter of Rev. Witham Worcester of Salisbury. In an agreement in 1723 between Joseph, Josiah, Giles and James Burley they are mentioned as sons of James Burley, late of Exeter.

Their fifth son, Josiah (3), born in 1701; died in Newmarket in 1756. He married Hannah, daughter of Hon. Andrew Wiggin, who was judge of probate.

Their second son, Thomas (4), died in Sandwich. He married Mercy Norris at Deerfield in 1776. He was one of a committee to "look out for a suitable place to Sett a meeting house." In 1774 he was justice of the peace and in 1775 moved to Sandwich to what was known as "Burleigh Hills."

Their fourth child, Samuel (5), died in Sandwich, July 5, 1851. He married Ruth daughter of Joshua and wife, Ruth (Carr) Prescott, she born December 7, 1768; died in 1843. Their children:

Molly, b. 1785; m. Joseph Kelley, son of Jacob and wife, Deborah (Page) Kelley. Deborah Page was a dau. of David Page of Epping. Their children were: Samuel and Eliza, who m. Henry Bean.

Sally, b. 1788; m. Benjamin Tuttle of Meredith.

Stephen, b. 1791; m. Hannah, dau. of Rev. Daniel Quinby of Lyndon, Vt. He m., second, Hannah, dau. of Col. Parker and wife, Priscilla (Senter) Prescott. She was a widow of Charles Cox, b. 1800. Their children: Charles A., who m. Emma Cummings of Holderness; also Daniel and Elvira.

Samuel Norris, b. 1793; m. his cousin, Ruth, dau. of Rev. David and wife, Annie (Prescott) Bean.

Benjamin, b. 1795; m. in Boston. They had one dau.

Hannah, 1796–1829; m. 1819, her cousin, Daniel Q. Bean.

John, 1798–1877; m., first, Priscilla, dau. of Col. Parker and wife, Priscilla (Senter) Prescott of Holderness, she b. 1802; m., second, 1864, Sally, dau. of Ebenezer and wife, Sally (Wentworth) Hodsdon. She was a widow of Andrew Folsom of Ossipee. Their children:

Betsey, 1825–1848.

Priscilla (7), m. John Ambrose.

John Curtis, b. 1829; m. Rebecca Leeds; one son, Josiah Leeds, and a dau., Ann, who m. Norman Woodbury.

Josiah, 1823–1855; m. Clara Ham in California.

Samuel H., b. 1839; m. Betsey Smith, dau. of Andrew and wife, Sally (Wentworth) Hodsdon, b. 1831. Their children: Evelyn, b. 1871; Emily, b. 1848.

Ruth, b. 1800; m. Daniel Randlett; settled in Vermont.

Mercy, b. 1802; m. Samuel Smith of Sandwich.

Thomas, b. 1804; m. Theresa Pierce. Their children: Hannah, m. Dr. George Sanborn; Annette (7), m. Dr. George Sanborn. Their children:

Annette and Annie. Annie Theresa (7), b. 1838; m. 1858, Levi Wentworth. Their children: Mary, b. 1861; Grace, b. 1865; Theresa, b. 1870.

Frank E. (7), b. 1843; m. 1867, Emily M. Ambrose of Sandwich; one son, Thomas, b. 1868.

Polly, 1807–1830.

Joshua Prescott (6), b. 1810; m. Betsey Bowker, dau. of David and wife, Lydia (Creig) Silsby, b. in Maine. Their children:

Laura Amanda (7), m. John T. Nanus of Clay, N. Y.
Horace Webber (7), b. 1841; enlisted in the 18th Maine Artillery. He died in a hospital in Washington in 1864.
Charles Lewis (7), b. Aurora, Maine; m. Ann Giles. He served three years in 81st New York Regiment, and was discharged.
John Henry (7), b. 1845; m. Mary McCarthy; was one month in the army.
Frances Elizabeth (7), b. 1847; m. Robert Parker.
Maria Langdon (7), b. 1849; m. Cyrus Pierce; lives in Brewster, Maine.
David Silsby (7), b. 1851; m. Flora Parker.
Samuel Melvin (7), b. 1852; m. Aurelia Foster; lived in Michigan.
Clarence Edwin (7), b. 1858.
Brainerd Willis (7), b. 1861.

Stephen Burley (Samuel and wife, Ruth (Prescott) Burley), born in 1791, married Hannah Prescott. Their children:

Daniel, who lived on Oak Hill, Meredith.
Elvira, m. M. Daniel Hawkins.
Olive, m. —— Stone.
Loretta Wilhelmina, m. William Fernal of Meredith.
Harriett, m. —— Gordon.
Chase.

Another Record

Stephen (6) Burley married, first, Hannah, daughter of Rev. Daniel Quimby of Lyndon, Vt. He married, second, Hannah, daughter of Colonel Parker and wife, Priscilla (Senter) Prescott, she a widow of Charles Cox, born in 1800 in Holderness. Stephen was a son of Samuel (5) Burley and wife, Ruth (Prescott) Burley.

Samuel (5) was a son of Thomas (4) and wife, Mercy (Norris) Burley. Thomas died in Sandwich. He married, first, 1779, Hannah Etheridge. He married, second, Susan, daughter of Benjamin and wife, Lydia (Hanson) Watson, widow of Colonel Lewis Wentworth of Dover.

Note.—Perhaps both are right, as many of them named their children the same name.

BURPEE

From the old Burpee Bible, printed in 1809. The Burpees of New Hampton, N. H., came from Boscawen, N. H.

Joshua W. Burpee, married Mary A. Webster, January 1, 1833.

Eliza Burpee, married John Knowlton, March 10, 1825, at Potter Place,

Judith W. Burpee, married Reuben Goodwin, December 6, 1832.

Mary S. Burpee, married Hiram Simpson, March 24, 1836.

Roxy Burpee, married James H. Peabody, October 26, 1836.

Augustus Burpee, married Sarah G. Robinson, September 25, 1837, at New Hampton.

Hubbard G. Hutchinson, married Phebe Webster, October 20, 1834, at Canterbury.

Nath[1] F. Webster, married Miriam Couch, September 22, 1834.

James R. Webster, married Mrs. Catherine Cannon, July 31, 1886.

Joseph W. Webster, married Eliza Bogardus, June 15, 1842.

Mrs. Mary A. Burpee, married Samuel Gilman, Sept. 5, 1843.

Augustus Burpee, died May 22, 1885, at New Hampton.

Births

Jeremiah Burpee, born February 19, 1748; married Elizabeth Maxfield, born May 1, 1748. Their children:

Betsey, b. May 25, 1777.
Jeremiah, b. Mar. 15, 1779.
Nathaniel, b. Feb. 27, 1781.
Betsey, b. Mar. 17, 1783.
Elizabeth, b. Oct. 2, 1786.
Esther, b. Nov. 30, 1788.
Cynthia, b. Apr. 3, 1792.

Old Bible Records

Joshua W. Burpee, born April 29, 1809; died in 1839; married Mary A. Webster, born May 20, 1810. Their children:

James R. W., June 17, 1834–1836.
Phebe E., Aug. 1, 1836–1837.
Joshua Francis, July 3, 1838–1859.

Jeremiah Burpee's children:

Eliza., b. Feb. 20, 1805.
Judith W., b. Mar. 8, 1807.
Joshua W., b. Apr. 20, 1809.
Augustus., b. July 12, 1812.
Roxy B., b. Feb. 3, 1815.
Mary S., b. Feb. 9, 1817.

Deaths

Betsey Burpee, died May 28, 1701; daughter of Zerah and Elizabeth Burpee.

Elizabeth Graves, died October 8, 1801; daughter of Thomas Thompson.

Thomas Burpee, died May 22, 1807; son of Nath[1] and Catherine Burpee.

Betsey Emery, died July 20, 1809, aged 27; daughter of Zerah and Elizabeth Burpee.

Esther Burpee, died May 20, 1810, aged 88 years; daughter of Ezra Scott Burpee.

Elizabeth, died October 13, 1812, aged 82 years; daughter of Eliphalet Burpee.

Lewis Sheridan, died November 16, 1812; son of Zerah Burpee.

Eliphalet Burpee, died January 6, 1819, aged 29 years; son of Zerah and Elizabeth Burpee.

Deacon Nath[1] Burpee, died December 25, 1815.

Nancy Burpee, died December 17, 1817.

Catherine Burpee, died February 14, 1818.

Hester Burpee, died February 22, 1819.

Old Bible Records

Amos Wardwell, born October 11, 1770.
Polly Wardwell, born August 28, 1772.
Isaac Wardwell, born November 29, 1775.
Abiel Wardwell, born November 25, 1777.
Phebe Wardwell, born April 29, 1780.
Sally Wardwell, born February 11, 1785.
Ihon Wardwell, born September 19, 1786.
Jose Wardwell, born December 3, 1788.
Jese Wardwell, born December 3, 1790.
Reuben Wardwell, born April 23, 1795.

BUZZELL

The early Buzzells came from Barrington. John Buzzell, born in 1802, was a carpenter, and settled in Meredith, now Laconia. He attended the Advent Church, in Lakeport, for over fifty years; he and four other men built the church. He married Miss Hill; they had four children. He married, second, Miss Batchelder

of Meredith; they had two children. He married, third, Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer Marston of Tamworth; they had five children. The oldest was Charles E. Buzzell, who left school to go into the Civil War. He was in the midst of several battles and badly wounded, was discharged in 1864 and returned. He worked for the Concord and Montreal Railroad and built several passenger stations; also built the Greene residences on Long Island, the Senter House at Center Harbor, and superintended building the Court House at Laconia. He married in 1867, Jennie, daughter of Amos L. Veazey of Meredith. They had a son, Charles W. Veazey Buzzell, who filled many offices of public trust.

CALEF

The earliest record, as history states, of the family is of Jeremiah Calef, or Calfe, in Exeter in 1751, who married Molly (Mary) Calef of Exeter in 1772; she died in 1797. Jeremiah was a clothier in Exeter. His will was probated in 1762, in which he bequeathed domestic utensils and plate to his son, Jeremiah, then abroad, or in case he did not return to New England, his native country, the same to go to Jeremiah's daughters. He moved to Sanbornton in 1789, in a double sleigh, and bought a place and called it "Calef Hill." Evidently he gave a saw and grist mill and 27 acres of land in Exeter village for his Sanbornton farm, where he built a house in 1793, and history states that Elder Woodman offered a prayer "when the frame was ready to raise." (A much better example than the custom with many in ye olden days, that celebrated with a barrel of rum at a raising.)

The descendants of the several generations that followed were highly respected and good citizens.

Samuel, son of Samuel, born in 1816, was a farmer and shoemaker. He married, first, Sally Ford, daughter of William Ford, a descendant of Capt. John Ford of Nottingham, who kept a garrison. William's wife was Hannah W. Coffin.

Sally's father, William Ford, established the iron foundry business in Concord and made a specialty of ploughs and stoves. Their stove, the "Eclipse," bears the palm. Sally died in 1852, at Meredith, near the Center, where they had settled. He married, second, Nancy Badger, born in 1798, widow of John Ladd

of Upper Gilmanton (Meredith); she died in 1858. There were children that drifted to other homes.

JONATHAN CALLEY

Elisabeth, His Widow

August 16, 1832, Jonathan Calley of Sanbornton, aged 76 years, deposed:

that he enlisted at Epping, N. H. in Mch or Apr, 1775, under Capt Brown, of Poplin, N. H. and was stationed at Portsmouth, and at Great Island, under Col Long, for three months:

September 1st 1775, he enlisted under Capt Norris, Col Cilley, as a substitute for his brother Eliphalet Calley, for six mos, lacking four days:

that he again enlisted in May 1776, under Capt Daniel Gordon, serving at Peeksville, N. Y. and Plonk's Point for three mos;

that in Aug 1778, he voluntered at Epping under a Muster Master, and served three mos in R. I. under Capt Dalton;

that in June 1780, he enlisted under a committee sent from Newburyport, Mass, and was to appear at Newburyport, in a few days to muster. After this he was drafted from Daniel Gordon's Co, of Militia in Epping, for a Continental Soldier, and the town of Newburyport, paid his fine of $500. to Capt Daniel Gordon, for not responding to the draft; was put under Sergeant Oliver Stearns, and marched directly to West Point, where he was put under Capt Brimhall, Col Weston; (Certificate from Town Clerk of Newburyport that $900. dollars was paid Jonathan Calley for six mos service, as a soldier for said town, raised by virtue of a resolve of the General Court of Mass, June 1780, is annexed to Soldier's declaration: that while at West Point he saw a Soldier by name of Clifford, from Rye, N. H. condemned to death by General Washington, and shot, and declarent made his coffin: he served six mos, at West Point and in N. J:

that he was born in Epping, and lived there until the close of the Revolution, when he moved to Sanbornton, N. H. where he has since resided.

(Signed) Jonathan Calley.

Rev. Abraham Bodwell and John Sanders, both of Sanbornton, certify to their belief in soldier's veracity, etc. A receipt is also enclosed in application:

Epping the 22day of June 1780: Received of Jonathan Calley, five hundred dollars, I say received by me as witness my hand, It being for his fine, as he was drafted for the Contal Service.

(Signed) Daniel Gordon, *Capt.*

Aug 2d 1832, John Osgood, of Gilmanton, N. H. aged 71 years, testified that Soldier served in R. I. for three mos, with himself, under Capt. Moses Dalton of Epping, in 1777 or 1778.

John Osgood

Aug 20th 1832, Jewett Sanborn, of Kensington, N. H. aged 73 yrs, testified to service with soldier at West Point, in 1776, for three mos, beginning in Aug, in 1776, under Capt William Prescott, Col Tash,

JEWETT SANBORN

Claim allowed.

March 8, 1843, Elisabeth Calley of Sanbornton, aged 85 years, applied for pension, Act of 1838, and 1842, and deposed:

that she is the widow of Jonathan calley, Revolutionary Pensioneer, who died Jan 18th 1840, in Sanbornton, N. H.

and that she was married to him, June 28th 1781, at Epping, N. H. her maiden name was Betty Cole. (Certificate from Town Clerk of the record of town is annexed);

Signed by a mark.

Same day, Jonathan Calley, of Sanbornton, N. H. aged 54 yrs, testified that he had lived under the same roof with applicant for more than fifty yr years: that Soldier died as stated, and that she remains his widow.

JONATHAN CALLEY

Claim allowed, under Act 1843.

CARR

Robert Carr of Newbury, Mass., married Ruth ———.

Robert Carr, aged 60 years, born in New Hampton, lived in Meredith (Laconia), as vital records show. He married, second, Clara (Bean). Her first husband was —— Graves. She was a daughter of Henry Bean of Brentwood, and was married in 1873. They are buried in the Page yard (Community) at Weirs.

Robert Carr, aged 63 years, was a farmer in Meredith; married in 1873, Abigail Smith of Laconia, aged 50 years, which was her second marriage. Tradition states that he kept the Carr Tavern, as early as 1823, on Meredith Parade, where Clarence Jones now lives. In 1850, Capt. William Pike was the last landlord. It was sold in 1856 to John Blaisdell.

Dr. Orren M. Carr of Meredith, aged 25 years, son of Robert Carr, born in Cambridge, Mass.; married in 1876, Mrs. Lizzie J. (Perkins), widow of —— Batchelder, aged 44 years, her second marriage. She was a daughter of Jacob Perkins of Ashland. It was said that Dr. Carr was a man of great strength and a good farmer. At one time his judgment failed him. He did not feel well and went to Meredith to mill and to see Dr. George Sanborn. The doctor looked him over and gave him a box of pills, with directions to take one pill as a dose. He went back to the mill

after his grist and showed the pills to Frank Canney the miller, saying, "I don't believe those little things will do me any good, one at a time, and I will eat half of them if you will eat the other half." This was agreeable to the miller, so they divided the pills and each ate half of them. The result was that Frank had to take his bed for a time. The doctor was tough and would not give up, but he had a hard time. The story went that Dr. Carr carried rocks in his pockets to keep him balanced so that the wind would not blow him off the hill.

Robert Carr, father of Dr. Orren Carr, was born near the Bennett Swain farm and is buried in Meredith Village Cemetery. He married, first, a Miss Batchelder and, second, Lizzie Perkins. He lived early in life with Ebeneezer (called Sullivan) Robinson. Tradition tells the story that Dr. Carr was quite a talker. It is told that at one time some summer people called for a drink of water, which he gave them. (His well was deep and the water very cool. They remarked that it seemed as cold as ice water, and asked the doctor how he kept it so cold. His reply was: "I'll tell you. In the fall of the year I pump the water all out of the well, then I turn in a pailful and let it freeze, then after it freezes I turn in another pailful and let that freeze, and keep doing it until the well is full, and as it thaws out we draw it up. That makes good cold water." The callers believed the story for a long time and told it, and they often returned to quench their thirst.

Another yarn was: "A man came along, and said I should like to buy some milk of you. Yours looks good and clear and that that I have been buying has a scum on it after it sets over night and I don't like the looks of that scum." The doctor sold him milk.

Inscriptions on stones in Carr Burying Ground, Gilford:

Robert Carr, died 12 Mar. 1849; aged 71 years
His wife
Ruth died 30 Mar. 1865; aged 84 years
A daughter
Dolly, died 22 Feb. 1814; aged 2 years, 9 months
John L. Carr, died 28 Apr. 1851; aged 37 years
Capt. Richard Carr, died 28 Nov. 1891; aged 85 years
Betsey Clifford, wife of Capt. Richard L. Carr, died 21 Aug. 1883; aged 73 years
Mary O., wife of Charles H. Boynton, died 16 Mar. 1887; aged 41 years

Back row in yard, next the fence:

Simon C. Carr, died 8 Aug. 1880, aged 47 years
Masonic emblem on stone
Wife
Harriet B., died 7 Feb. 1865, aged 34 years

Small stones, children:

Elisabeth, died 26 Dec. 1863; aged 5 years
Hattie F., died 17 Aug. 1868; aged 3½ years
Richard S. Carr, died 23 Aug. 1868; aged 1 year

CARTER

The family of Daniel Parsons Carter. He had sisters: Mary, married Nason Smith, lived in Meredith; Betsey, married Asa Ladd. The family moved to Holderness, as statement of Roxanna C. Fogg, who was over 90 years of age; she was the wife of Albert C. Fogg of Sandwich. They went with an ox sled and cleared the land and built a log house near Rattlesnake Mountain. In later years, the house burned. The names of other families that lived on that road were Smiths and Felches, near Chick's Corner to Holderness.

Daniel Parsons Carter was a Revolutionary soldier. He married (Polly) Mary French, a relative of Asa French. They lived in Holderness, near Rattlesnake Mountain, going to Sandwich. Their children:

DANIEL, b. 1805; m. 1826, Mary W. Carr, b. 1804, of Meredith, a sister to Robert Carr, who lived on the "Province Road."

ROBERT CARR, m. Clara Bean, 1817–1873, dau. of Henry Bean, 1793–1872, and wife, Comfort Bean, 1790–1869. The Bean family are buried in the Page yard, at the Weirs, also other children of Henry Bean and wife. Comfort Bean, 1828–1856, was the wife of Dudley Swain. Betsey, wife of Levi Bean, 1805–1827; Mary and George Gault.

Children of Daniel Carter and wife, Mary W. Carr:

JOHN MARTIN, 1826–1856; m. Susan M. Webster of Holderness in 1846.

CHARLES SARGENT, 1828–1902; m. 1892, Mary Jane Gould of Vermont. Their children: Augusta L., b. 1857; m. George E. Anderson; second, George E. Tasker. Charles E., 1866–1873.

Roxanna Clara A., b. 1830; m. Albert C. Fogg in 1848. Their dau., Mary A. Fogg, b. 1850.
Russell Hoyt, b. 1833.
Alfred Dana, 1837–1839.
Alfred Lewis, b. 1842; m. Martha Boynton; second, Mary Frances Wiggin. Their son, Guy, married Jennie Ladd, on Ladd Hill. Their children: Daniel and Russell.
Mary Frances, b. 1851.

CATE

Ebenezer F. Cate, 1792–1850; his wife, Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Norris, formerly wife of Ebenezer Grove, 1796–1864.

Simeon Cate, 1763–1852; his wife, Nancy, 1766–1850.

Simeon Cate, 1793–1879; his wife, Polly, 1799–1850.

Ebenezer H. Cate, 1799–1873; his wife, Naomi P., 1810–1860.

John Mooney Cate had a son and daughter—John Lyman Cate and Mary Cate, who married Norman Corliss. They had children: Norman, Jr., and Clarence Corliss, who married Clara Belle Cox.

CAVERLY

From Daniel Perkins Record Book

George A. Caverly was born in Meredith, May, 1834. After attaining manhood he worked as a shoemaker at Meredith Center. He married Mary J. Sanborn, born 1840, daughter of Christopher Sanborn and wife, Mehitable Philbrick. Their children:

Nellie May, b. 1861.
Charles, b. 1863.
Elizabeth, b. 1865.
Carrie Lenora B., b. 1867.
Jennie L., b. 1869.
John C. Ervin, b. 1871.
Annie Maud, b. 1877.
Dan, b. 1879.

Stephen Hunt, the youngest son of Philip and wife, Anna Perkins Hunt, born in Sanbornton, married Polly Folsom of Gilmanton in 1824. Their son, Charles Albert Hunt, born in 1827, married Mary Susan Dudley in 1849. He was a soldier in the Civil War, lived in Laconia; died in 1868. Their son:

Fred Oscar, born in 1851, learned the printer's trade. He married Sadie Wilkinson in 1873. Their son, Harry Frederick Hunt, born in 1874 in Laconia.

CAWLEY

Thomas Cawley and wife, Mary ———, as history states, were early in Epping, a subdivision of Exeter. They had three sons who were said to be the ancestors of the branch of the family in Meredith. Their sons:

THOMAS, JR.
JONATHAN, b. 1757 in Epping.
JOSIAH, b. 1758 in Epping.

History states that one Thomas Cawley removed to Sanbornton, probably from Stratham, and lived near "Turkey Bridge," over Salmon Brook (where a mill was built, and some one stole a turkey for the raising, so the story goes). This was before 1784.

Thomas Cawley had a sister, Mahala Cawley, born March 18, 1780, who married Timothy Smith, Jr. He was in Sanbornton before the Revolution and was one of the four Smiths in Sanbornton who signed the "Association Test"; he died February 12, 1812, and was buried on his farm west of the Obadiah Eastman farm on "Steele Hill," where they lived on the brow of the hill overlooking one of nature's wonderful views of the lakes and mountains, and in the distance can be seen land in the state of Maine. The land was later owned by Benjamin Burleigh, and is now the property of Mr. Tyler.

From Mrs. Olive E. (Cawley) Swain

Thomas Cawley of Sanbornton, ancestors of the Meredith branch, also the Thomas branch that lived at "Turkey Bridge." Their children:

MAHALA, b. Mar. 18, 1780; m. Timothy Smith, Jr.
CHASE, 1782–1810.
SALLY, b. Oct. 18, 1784; m. Richard Moulton.
NANCY, b. Jan. 23, 1787; m. Henry Morrill.
THOMAS, JR., b. Aug. 31, 1789; m. Huldah Wadleigh.

Chase Cawley, 1782–1810, married —— ———. Their child, William Dame Cawley, 1803–1833, married Nancy T. Sanborn, daughter of Lowell and wife, Mary (Marden) Sanborn, born in Gilford. Lived at Weirs. Their children:

LOWELL CHASE, 1826–1877, m. Olive Chandler Wiggin, 1851, dau. of William Whitehouse Wiggin and wife, Sally Swain Wiggin. Lowell Chase was a farmer on Meredith Parade.

Henry Morrill, 1828–1831.
Amanda Dame, 1830–1897; m. Wilson Chase; m. second, William H. Wiggin of California, 1864.
Francis Moses, 1832–1889, m. 1860, Susan Maria Wiggin, dau. of Daniel Wiggin of Meredith Neck. Their children: Eleazer Davis, b. 1862 in Meredith; Sarah Maria, b. 1864 in Laconia; Nancy Lucinda, b. 1866 in Laconia; Katie Lizzie, b. 1869 in Meredith.

By Mrs. Cawley

Lowell Chase Cawley branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Lowell Chase[4]). Lowell Chase Cawley, born September 23, 1826, in Gilford, died October 24, 1897; married January 7, 1851, Olive Chandler Wiggin, daughter of William Whitehouse and Sally (Swain) Wiggin, who was born March 26, 1829, and died February 16, 1913. They lived in Laconia. Children:

Henry Morrill, b. Mar. 18, 1857; m. Caroline Lavinia Bonyman.
Emma Sarah, b. Oct. 13, 1859.
Frank Lowell, b. Mar. 13, 1862.
Annie May, b. July 2, 1864; m. Charles Everett Morgan.
Fannie Louise, b. May 14, 1866; m. Herbert Rufus Young, son of Rufus Young of Easton.
Olive Eva, b. May 23, 1868; m. Aug. 3, 1893, Charles E. Swain.
Charles Wilbur, b. Aug. 5, 1871; m. June 20, 1908, Elsie Vanzandt Jensen of California, b. Jan. 31, 1877.

Henry Morrill Cawley branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Lowell Chase[4], Henry Morrill[5]). Henry Morrill Cawley, son of Lowell Chase and Olive (Wiggin) Cawley, was born March 18, 1857, in Laconia; married Caroline Lavinia Bonyman, December 28, 1887. She was born March 14, 1867. He lives in Salem, Mass. Children:

Ada Verbena, b. in Salem, Mass., Oct. 10, 1888; d. July 29, 1911; m. Dec. 25, 1908, Frederick Osborne Morrill, b. Dec. 29, 1883. Child, Marjorie, b. Feb. 6, 1909.
Frank Bonyman, b. in Salem, Mass., Mar. 23, 1891; m. May 3, 1924, Winifred Morris Catlin, dau. of Dr. Arnold Wells Catlin, who was b. Jan. 12, 1903. Child, Arnold Wells Catlin, b. Mar. 31, 1925.
Henry Lowell, b. in Salem, Mass., July 25, 1893; m. Nov. 21, 1923, Ethel Florence Brown, who was b. Mar. 16, 1903. Child, George Lowell, b. Mar. 12, 1925.

Annie May Cawley branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Lowell Chase[4], Annie May[5]. Annie May Cawley, born July 2, 1864; married September 20, 1882, Charles Everett Morgan, son of Langdon Gilman and Olive (Sanborn) Morgan. He died March 11, 1894. Children:

HENRY LANGDON, b. in Laconia July 8, 1884; m. June 6, 1906, Caroline Evelyn Taylor. Child, Kathleen Olive, b. Apr. 23, 1909.

HARVEY FRANK, b. in Laconia May 7, 1887; m., first, Bernice E. Twombly, Oct. 9, 1907. Child, Roland Douglas, b. July 10, 1908; m., second, Catherine A. McCabe, Oct. 10, 1920. Children: Ann Louise, b. Jan. 25, 1922, and d. Mar. 20, 1923. Richard Everett, b. Apr. 26, 1926.

Fannie Louise Cawley branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Lowell Chase[4], Fannie Louise[5]). Fannie Louise Cawley, born May 14, 1866; married November 27, 1889, Herbert Rufus Young, son of Rufus W. and Lucinda (Merrill) Young, who was born May 30, 1865; died February 18, 1912. Children:

Infant, b. July 1, 1891; d. July 3, 1891.

RAY, b. Apr. 8, 1895; m. Feb. 4, 1924, Irene Gage Southwick, who was b. Sept. 27, 1898.

HAROLD HERBERT, b. May 30, 1903.

Amanda Dame Cawley branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Amanda Dame[4]). Amanda Dame Cawley, born May 8, 1830; died October 2, 1897; married, first, July 26, 1851, Wilson Chase, who died November 4, 1864. Children:

HENRY EUGENE, b. Sept. 3, 1852; d. Mar. 15, 1871.

MATTIE ANN, b. Oct. 5, 1854; d. June 5, 1869.

Married, second, September 6, 1868, William Henry Wiggin, who lived in California. He was an eastern man, but no one seems to know where he was born.

Francis Moses Cawley Branch (Thomas[1], Chase[2], William Dame[3], Francis Moses[4]. Francis Moses Cawley, born in Gilford, May 20, 1832; lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was a railroad man; died December 9, 1889; married August 9, 1860, Susan Maria Wiggin, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Robinson) Wiggin of Meredith. Children:

ELEAZER DAVIS, b. Mar. 28, 1862; m. June 12, 1902, Edith Fulghum Stewart, dau. of Rev. Robert Stewart. Child, Ruth Wiggin, b. Mar. 9, 1903.

Sarah Maria, b. July 22, 1864; unm.
Nancy Lucinda, b. July 24, 1866; m. Mar. 21, 1897, William A. Walker, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., who d. Feb. 16, 1925. Child, William A., b. Aug. 8, 1900.
Kate Lizzie, b. Feb. 11, 1869; d. July 23, 1874.

CHAPMAN

Robert Chapman, born in 1616, was one of the first settlers of Say Brook. The Saxon word Chapman means marketman or merchant. In the "History of the Pequot War" he was in 1637 in a skirmish with the Indians.

Robert Chapman settled on land at Oyster River (Dover); probably he was a native of Yorkshire, England. His parents were Puritans. He married Ann Blith in 1642. They had seven children.

The early Chapman family were in Newbury, and later in Hampton, on the Winnicut River. History tells us that they came from the northeastern part of England, near the Scottish line, about 1642.

Moses Chapman married Almeda Blake. They had a son, born in 1867.

Moses E. Chapman, son of Moses of Dover, married, in 1875, Sarah E. Cram, daughter of Lucian Cram of Meredith.

Robert Chapman was an early taxpayer in Dover, in 1663.

Mary B. Chapman married Andrew Nealey of Meredith. Their son, John Nealey, died in 1854, aged 65 years.

Nellie Chapman died in 1890, aged 16 years, daughter of Moses Chapman and wife, Margaret Westwood.

Sarah P. Chapman married Caleb Swain. He died in 1855. Their son was Samuel B. Swain.

Ebenezer Chapman married Adeline Neal in 1820.

Edward[1] Chapman came from Yorkshire, England, to Ipswich, Mass. He married there and had several children. His wife, Mary Symonds, died in 1653. He married, second, Dorothy, a daughter of Richard Swain.

A descendant, Moses Chapman, went to Meredith from Danvers with the Martin shoe factory after the railroad came in. He married in Danvers, Mass., Margarey Westwood from Dunfermline, Scotland; they had ten children. The eighth one, Jennie Alberta Chapman, was born in Meredith, where Camp

Anawan is now located, near Center Harbor line. She married Rev. Justin D. Fulton of Somerville. He had been a pastor in Tremont Temple ten years.

The old Chapman homestead is still owned by the family and leased to Camp Anawan, which is a recreational camp for girls.

Mrs. Fulton still occupies a summer home on the old homestead. She has one daughter married, Mary Fulton Brinig, who came here with her mother in summer for a time.

Moses Chapman was in the 12th New Hampshire Volunteers. Joseph Lang was Captain of the company, from Meredith and William Foss was drummer boy.

From Mrs. Jennie C. Fulton

Moses Chapman was the first of that family to settle in Meredith. His ancestors came from England and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1835. He was born in Danvers, Mass., where he married Margaret Westwood of Dunfermline, Scotland, and where he remained until, with his family, he removed to Meredith to superintend the first shoe factory established there prior to the Civil War.

In 1858 he purchased the farm bordering on Lake Winnepesaukee, on the Center Harbor town line. After the death of the parents, their son, George, and their daughter, Anna, occupied the homestead during their lives, and it still remains in possession of the family, although used by Camp Anawan as a summer recreation camp for girls.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Moses Chapman enlisted in the 12th New Hampshire Volunteers and served with Company I in many of the major battles of the war.

Two of his children, Dr. Frank H. Chapman of Groveton and Mrs. Jennie (Chapman) Fulton of Somerville, Mass., are, with their families, still summer residents of Meredith.

CHASE

As history states, Aquilla Chase came to America in 1630. He was at Newburyport, Mass. Thomas [2], born in 1646. Jonathan [3], born in 1683.

William [4], born in 1709, married Phebe Rollins. They removed from Newbury, Mass., to Stratham, N. H. Their son, William,

1742–1806, married Phebe Piper, 1751–1834, a daughter of Thomas Piper. They removed to what was then Sanbornton (later Meredith) in 1777 and settled near the site of the First Baptist Church, originally "Meredith and Sanbornton Church." The church later was moved to Gaza, in Sanbornton, but the old burial yard has grown to trees, partially walled in and deserted. He was the first deacon of that old church, when Elder Crocket preached there.

William Chase had thirteen children. The eighth child was William [6], 1774–1816. He married Abigail Piper, daughter of Gideon Piper and wife, Widow Rachel (Sanborn) Griffith of Meredith. This William [6] lived and died on the John Russell farm, beyond the Dolloff neighborhood.

Abel Chase and Susan Russell were married in 1819 by Elder Moses Cheney. Abel is buried on the Russell farm. They had children:

Frank of New Hampton.
Moses Russell, 1832–1901; m. Jane Corliss of Meredith.
James, m. in Lynn, Susan Newhall. Their children: Emma, m. John Veasey; Ethan, lived in Massachusetts.
John B., settled one mile over the New Hampton line from his father's home (Abel). He m., in 1854, Sarah Ann Marston, dau. of Hazen Marston and wife, Tryphena (Ray) Marston; Tryphena Ray, a dau. of Capt. William Ray of Meredith. Their children: Ida, b. 1855, m. George Saunders of Laconia. Harry S., b. 1859, m. Katherine, dau. of Samuel B. Smith of Laconia. Their dau., Olive Chase, m. George Mayo. Their children are George Mayo, Jr., and Katherine Olive Mayo.

John Chase, born in 1786, at Meredith. His wife, Sally Leavitt, born in 1790. Their children:

Luther M., b. 1811; m. Roxanna Gordon; lived in Meredith. Their children: Albert A., a physician who d. in the Civil War, and Noah H., who lived in Meredith.
Aaron B.
William, d. 1871; m. Mrs. Melvina (Smith) Taylor, dau. of William Smith of Holderness. Children of Mrs. Melvina Smith Taylor: Flora E., m. George H. Mooney of Lakeport. Abbie, m. Harry Peeks. Nelson J. Chase, b. 1869, a successful farmer in Meredith. After William Chase died his brother, Luther M., m., second, his widow, Melvina (Smith) (Taylor) Chase.

John W.
Stephen L.
Wealthy.
Maria.
Hosea.

Russell Farm in Meredith

Abel Chase, 1798–1855. His wife, Susan Russell, 1802–1861. Their son, Moses, married Jane Collis, a sister to George Collis and Frank Collis.

Nathaniel Chase, 1843–1831.

There are several graves with field stones.

James, m. Susan ———.
John B., m. a dau. of Hazen Marston.
Frank, m. Sarah Swain.
Mark, single.
Mary, m. Leavitt Dolloff.
Eliza, m. —— Dolloff.
Susan, m. Jared Sparks; second, —— Webster.
Eleanor, m. —— Martin.

Nathaniel Chase, a Revolutionary soldier, was killed in 1781. His wife's name was Betsey.

Thomas Chase had a son who lived on Meredith Neck. He had a son, Madison, buried in Meredith Village.

Edward Chase lived on Chemung Road, and owned mill property he bought from Captain Bickford.

Daniel Chase lived near the David Gilman place.

Moses Russell Chase married Sarah Susanna Blood, in 1829, both of Meredith; married by Elder Parker Fogg.

James Chase of Meredith married Eliza Davis of Gilford in 1834.

John S. Chase of New Hampton married, in 1871, Frances J. Tilton, a daughter of John Sanborn Tilton and wife, Mary F. Thompson; lived near the Cawley farm in Sanbornton. Their children:

Lillian Irene, b. 1872.
Mary Francis, b. 1873.
Mary, m. Leavitt Dolloff.
Susan.
Nellie.
John Busiel.
John Chase, m. Mary Perkins in 1839; both of Meredith.

Aquilla Chase, born in Cornwall, England, about 1618, was in Hampton. He married Anna, daughter of John Wheeler; died in Newbury, 1670. They had eleven children.

John Chase, grandson of Aquilla of Newbury, Mass., married Abigail Chase. As history, these were the ancestors of the Chase family in New England.

Old Bible Records

Mrs. Myra (Chase) Burpee's Record at Lakeport

The Chase family lived in Meredith, down near the lake. The road runs east, opposite the Roller Coaster Road on the D. W. Highway.

Jonathan Chase. His son, John Chase, married Mary Chase of Meredith. Their daughter, Myra Ella Chase, married Augustus Ross Burpee of New Hampton. They lived in Meredith, near the Perkins family.

Jonathan Chase, born October 9, 1779; died in 1861; married in 1805, Polly Tilton, 1785–1861. Their children:

Almira, 1807–1846; m. Joshua W. Wiggin, as his second wife, in 1826. Their children: Jane, m. Abram Moore; they moved west. John, settled in Belmont. Martha. Sarah, d. young.

John, 1810–1862; m. in 1839, Mary Perkins, 1812–1897. John Chase and wife's children: Avis Ann, 1842–1870. Lydia J., b. 1845. David P., 1847–1864. Myra Ella, b. 1852; m. Augustus Ross Burpee in 1875. Their dau., Ethel Theodate Burpee, b. 1884, is a teacher near Boston.

Hannah M., 1812–1861.

Mary Ann, 1818–1895; m. Benjamin G. Young in 1850.

Cynthia, 2d wife, 1821–1872.

Mary Eliza, 1855–1877, m. Manley Burpee in 1875.

John D., b. 1867, lives with his sisters, Lydia, and Mrs. Burpee at Lakeport.

From the Chase Bible, Printed in 1830

Thomas Chase, born March 20, 1775; his wife, Abigail, born June 13, 1775. Their children:

Thomas, Jr., b. Dec. 17, 1799.

Sally, b. Mar. 15, 1801.

Moses, b. Mar. 13, 1803; m. Sarah S. Chase, b. May 27, 1809.

Nancy, b. Jan. 4, 1805.

Clarissa, b. Feb. 27, 1807.

Madison, b. Aug. 1, 1809.
Augusta, b. Nov. 20, 1811.
Belinda, b. Mar. 12, 1815.
Abigail, b. June 8, 1817.

Mira Abby Eaton, married April 2, 1829; died in 1856.

Salmon S. Chase, born July 22, 1879; married Salmon Farrar, born May 13, 1809.

Asa Blood, born December 15, 1780; died in 1853.

Sally Blood, born August 30, 1803.

Martha Blood, born December 7, 1835; died in 1857.

Asa B. Blood, born July 2, 1807; died in 1825.

Sarah Susanna, 1809–1827.

Jonathan Blood, born in 1811.

Martha Blood, born in 1814.

Hannah A. and Frances M. Blood, born October 2, 1822; died in 1822.

CHENEY

John Cheney, the emigrant, came from England to Newbury, Mass., with his wife, Martha ———, where he died in 1666. Their grandson, Daniel [3] through Daniel, 2d, born in Newbury in 1670, married Hannah (Emerson) Duston of Indian fame. Their grandson, Nathaniel [4], through Nathaniel, 3d, born in Haverhill, Mass., was a Revolutionary soldier and moved to Sanbornton. He died in Campton.

Nathaniel Cheney, born October 7, 1747; died August 3, 1833; married Elizabeth Ela, born August 4, 1746; died June 12, 1832. Their children:

Daniel, b. June 26, 1770; d. Dec. 18, 1849.
Elizabeth, b. June 11, 1772; d. July 19, 1807.
Moses, b. Dec. 15, 1776; d. Aug. 9, 1856.
Hannah, b. Mar. 19, 1779; d. about 1869.
Abigail, b. June 21, 1781.
Marah, b. July 28, 1783.
Nathaniel, b. Aug. 20, 1785.
Israel, b. June 10, 1788.
Rebecca, b. Oct. 4, 1790; Nov. 23, 1830.

(These inscriptions were taken from the old family Bible, published by His Majesty's Printers, Mark & Charles Kerr, MDCCXCV.)

The third child of Nathaniel and wife, Elizabeth Cheney, Moses, born December 15, 1776, married Abigail Leavitt, daughter of Moses Leavitt. They lived in Sanbornton, where he studied for the ministry. He preached his first sermon on a large rock on the Batcheldor farm, and was the first man to preach in the Bay Meeting House in Sanbornton. He preached for a time in several towns; was settled in Meredith (then Gilmanton), in the Pease neighborhood; he was a Baptist. There are many descendants in different towns and states.

Moses Cheney, son of Nathaniel Cheney, the Revolutionary soldier (who died in Campton, and was removed to Blair's yard, on the Cheney lot, with his wife), born in 1776. He married Abigail, daughter of Moses Leavitt, born in 1767, who was a Revolutionary soldier also; both lived in Sanbornton. He learned the joiner's trade, but felt a call to preach and studied at Gilmanton Academy. He preached his first sermon on a rock ledge, on the Batchelder farm, and was the first man to preach in the Second Baptist Church at the "Bays," which church was built in 1808. He preached there some eight years and later at "Pine Hill Church." (Pine Hill was a Meredith and Sanbornton Union Church, but later was moved down to the town of Sanbornton and is now the Third Baptist Church in that town. I am informed it is the original building repaired; a very neat little church.)

When settled at "Oak Hill Church" in Meredith, he felt that he had better go to Hill to preach, and, being undecided, one evening at prayer he asked God's guidance as to his decision. Rev. Moses had a son, Joseph, a lad some ten years of age, who did not want to go to Hill to live. Being a lively lad, he went up on to the roof of the house, while his father and mother were at their evening prayer, and when his father was asking guidance, young Joseph spoke down through the big square chimney and answered his father thus: "Moses, tarry thou another year in Meredith."

Another son of Elder Moses Cheney was Moses, born in 1812, in Sanbornton. He was a fine scholar, very musical, and he taught singing at schools in many locations, also in eighty towns in Vermont. He was a very good teacher, but had a bad temper when bothered. While teaching in Montpelier, Vt., where he

was very strict, there was one boy among his scholars, not liking his disipline, who wrote:

"The Devil flew from North to South
With Old Mose Cheney in his mouth,
And when he found he'd got a fool
He left him here to teach our school."

CLEMENT

The Clement family came from Leicistonshire, England, about 1642. After being here for a time Robert Clement was at Salisbury, at the mouth of the Merrimac River, and went up to Penntucket, where some acquaintances of his had stopped and bought land of Passaconaway, where Haverhill now stands, which was named for Haverhill in England. Here Robert Clement cleared land for "ye planting of ye corn." In 1645 he was one of thirty-two landholders there. History states that he caught a stray horse and gave this description of her: "She is a sorrel, with a little white star on her forehead and a few white hairs on her left shoulder; she is a mare which has been ridden."

As the generations grew up and increased they began to build places of worship. In 1708 Nathaniel Clement having attained manhood, being 19 years old, was one of fifteen who were given permission to build "a seat to sit in," in the west gallery of the meetinghouse at Haverhill. They promised not to build it so high as to "damnify the light of the window at the end of the gallery" and to make up the number of twenty persons to occupy the seat.

Jonathan [4] Clements, born in Newbury, Mass., was a great-grandson of Robert[1]. He was a prominent shipbuilder in Newbury, Mass. He married Mary Greenleaf, born in 1699. Their children multiplied and married, and the generations that followed down to Jonathan [6], who was born in Kingston in 1753, a subdivision of Hampton. He married, in 1773, Hannah Page, daughter of Ephraim and wife, Hannah (Currier) Page. In 1773 he went to Warren and was given a lot of land there by Enoch Page, one of the proprietors. He built a log house, and went "down country," and got him a wife. He was not of age at the time he was married. He enlisted in 1777 with a company that marched from Concord and joined the Continental Army; he

attained the rank of sergeant. After his return he kept a tavern at Warren.

The story runs that at one time the people had a church service at the inn. Jonathan Clement sat inside the bar of his inn, with his hat on, as there was a crowd in the office. The minister preached a while to the saints, then began talking to the wicked. Mr. Clement jumped up and shouted *Amen*, and said that he thanked God that the minister was preaching to sinners. Another man arose and said that he advised the minister not to dwell long on the subject, as there was only one sinner present and that he was shut up in the liquor bar, where he couldn't do any harm. Tradition states that he always wore a hat, and was never seen with his head bare.

Jonathan Clement and wife, Hannah Page, had fifteen children. Six died from spotted fever in 1815. He was a good citizen, and the children who lived married well and raised families.

Their fourth child, Jonathan, born in 1780 at Warren, married Margaret French, born at Epping in 1778. As there were no railroads, he started a freight route between Boston and Montreal, where he carried, by wagon, tea, tobacco, molasses, etc., up into the country, and on the return trip took produce which he either bought or had pay for transporting. Later he ran the Clement Tavern, which was a meeting place for the county. They had political meetings that were called "Hotbeds of enthusiasm." They also had religious conventions. He was strongly religious, and his wife also. He was elected deacon in the church, and was active in the militia.

They had eight children. The second, Jonathan, born in 1805, married Betsey P. Aiken, born at Wentworth. He was a surveyor and was in the lumber business in Warren; also a member of the militia.

They had ten children. The oldest, Albert Aiken [9] Clement, born in 1836, at Warren, married Hannah E. Page, and married, second, Susan E. Marston. They had seven children, the first, Albert Aiken, born in 1836, married at Woburn, in 1873, Hannah E. Page, daughter of Luther and Hannah (Murray) Page. He was in the ice business for a time, but later was in real estate. In 1891 he moved to Laconia and bought a farm on Ladd Hill in Belmont, where he farmed for ten years, then returned to Woburn, Mass. By first wife he had three children. The first was Louise

Page Clement, born in 1874. She married, in 1895, Edward M. S. Culver. She married, second, in 1898, Dr. Greenwood H. Knight of Dexter, Maine. He died. Their children: Dorothy Hathaway Knight, Enid Louise, Weston Clement. Mrs. Knight resides in Laconia.

CLOUGH

John Clough, sometimes spelled "Cluff," sailed from England, on the ship *Elizabeth*, in 1635, as history states. He stopped for a time in Charlestown; later drifted inland. He married Jane ———, by whom he had seven children. She died in 1680 at Salisbury, Mass. He married, second, in 1686, Martha Cilley. The Norfolk records show several transfers of land as he went farther inland.

The several generations of descendants ran down to Phillip, born in Canterbury. He named a son Phillip, born in Canterbury, 1799–1887. After attaining manhood he went up into Meredith and bought land and settled there, where he lived several years. He was a great reader, and thereby secured much information on the topics of the day. In his last years he had the great misfortune of being blind. He married Martha S., daughter of Samuel and wife, Louisa (Sanborn) Shaw of Meredith, she having been born in Chichester. Their children:

Martha S., m., second, Ezra Avery of Campton. They had one child. Mr. Avery d. and she m., third, Eli Bunker of New Hampton.

John S., d. young.

Aaron Sanborn, b. 1834; traveled extensively dealing in stock. He was in the rebellion on a hospital boat on the Potomac. After a time he returned to Meredith, and ran a provision store. In 1890 he opened a house to accommodate summer boarders, which became very popular and profitable. He m. Ellen N., dau. of Joseph Knowles of Moultonboro. Their only child, Bessie M. Clough, 1877–1892. He made several inventions, among them a plough, which was liked.

This branch of Cloughs are of Scotch descent.

Oliver Clough, 1762–1847, was a Revolutionary soldier in Col. Alexander Scammell's 3d N. H. Regiment; he is buried in Meredith Village Cemetery. He married Martha, daughter of John Libbey, whose ancestors settled in Portland. They were some of

the oldest members of the Congregational Church of Meredith, probably after it was moved into the village. Oliver Clough married, second, Sally Kenney. He moved to Meredith in 1843. Children by second wife: John Kenney Clough, 1812–1877, married Ellen Lunt of Gray, Maine. They had seven sons:

William O., 1840–1906, m. Julia Moore of Manchester. He was editor of the *Nashua Telegraph*. Their children:
Charlotte, m. Chester Cornish of Portland.
Christine Rolfe, b. 1888 in Manchester; lives in Nashua.

John Freeman, b. 1841, was mustered in 1862, in the 12th N. H. Regiment, was wounded at Chancellorville, Va., and discharged at Concord in 1863. He married Annie L. Kenney.

George S., 1843–1898; d. in Goffstown. Their children: Mrs. Mae Poore and Mrs. Lizzie Mudgett.

Charles B., 1845–1863.

Henry Byron, b. 1847; m. Irene Cilley of Meredith.

Frank E., 1851–1917.

Edward Hamlin, b. 1860; lived in Meredith until 1880, when he moved to Manchester and went into business. He m. in 1884, Etta P. Prouty, b. 1866 in Spencer, Mass. Their children:
Frank E., b. 1886 in Manchester.
Elsie, b. 1888; m. Frank G. Gilcrest. Five children.
William Oliver, b. 1892; d. in France in the World War.
Julia Marion, b. 1899; m. Richard I. Bouton in Manchester. They had two children. The mother passed away.

The "Spindle City" has not weaned Edward Hamlin from his birthplace, "Old Meredith," and the old home ties of his childhood. He has built a pretty home, which fronts Meredith Bay, near his birthplace, where he spends many week-ends. He cleaned up the water front, has put in a nice wall, and has a park with stones from many parts of the world around it, where he has preserved an old oak tree whose age is unknown. He has beautiful shrubs and statues which attract much attention from passers-by on the road to Center Harbor and Meredith Neck. Mr. and Mrs. Clough entertain many friends there.

Oliver Kenney Clough, another son of Oliver Clough, the Revolutionary soldier who rests with his kindred in Meredith Village Cemetery, was born in Gray, Maine, 1816, and died in 1852. From a fly-leaf of a pocket Bible it shows that he resided in Nashua in 1839.

In 1843 he left Meredith Village for Illinois (at that time it was sparsely settled) and joined a company of eastern pioneers who had settled at Du Quoin, Ill. Here he took up land and followed his trade as carpenter. He took an active part in social and church affairs, and was a charter member of one of the First Presbyterian churches organized in Central Illinois.

In 1844 he married Mrs. Mercy Ann Hill, widow of Rev. Jeremiah Hill of the M. E. Church; she died in 1872, aged 57 years.

Oliver K. Clough died, leaving a wife and two children—Harriett, 1848–1857, and John P., born in 1845. In 1864, while in school in Chicago, he enlisted in the Union Army.

In 1866 he drove four yoke of cattle across the plains, from the Missouri River to Montana, which took three months and twenty days.

In 1868 he rode horseback from Montana down through Utah and the Colorado Canyon to Arizona and to Los Angeles, a town then of 4,000 inhabitants. Later he went to Nevada and, upon the completion of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads, he returned to Du Quoin, Ill.

In 1871 he married Lucy A. Ross, whose parents were from Vermont, she being their only child.

Oliver T. Clough, born in Du Quoin, Ill., in 1873, married and is proprietor of a drugstore at Fillmore, Calif. His son, Oliver P. Clough, is married and resides in Los Angeles.

COE

Robert Coe was born in Suffolkshire, England, in 1596, as history states. In 1634 he took his family, a wife and three sons, and sailed in the *Francis* to Boston. He later went to Wethersfield and settled. It was the custom there to trade with the Indians. After he was made a freeman, in 1643, he helped in settling the colonies and was a prominent man in establishing the settlements.

The descendants run down through several generations to John Coe, born in Durham in 1797–1862. After attaining manhood he worked at shipbuilding with his brother, Joseph. Tradition tells us it was a custom among shipbuilders to serve liquor every day at 11 A.M. The new firm decided to stop the practice and posted notices that no liquor would be served, but that the money value

of the drink would be added to each man's pay. This created an uproar and a strike followed, but the new firm soon found men to fill the strikers' places.

He married Lavina V. Senter, daughter of Samuel M. and wife, Lettice Alls (Bean) Senter. After some years he bought his father-in-law's hotel at Center Harbor, the Senter House, which later he let his son, Curtis Coe, have charge of. He also ran a hotel in Boston, and went into the real estate business for a time. They had children:

Curtis Senter, m. Laura Merrill.
Annie L., m. Charles P. Towle.
John Lyman.
Ellen L., m. S. J. Quimby.
Rufus L., m. M. J. Canney.
Daniel Wadsworth, b. in Center Harbor in 1838; m. Fannie, dau. of Seneca Ladd of Meredith.

John Senter of Londonderry, in 1719, was the first Senter in Center Harbor.

COLLIS

(Disconnected)

Woodbury Collis. His sons, Daniel, George and David. David had sons, John and Charles; lived near Meredith Center.

Sherburne Corliss, 1813–1870, lived in New Hampton; married —— Smith. He married, second, Hannah Smith, daughter of John Smith, who lived on the Straights. Their son, Frank Corliss. Sherburne married, third, Nancy Shaw.

Frank Corliss married Luella Belle Batchelder, daughter of John Huntress Batchelder and wife, Mary Ann Blake, by a former husband, Ithamer Blake, 1804–1858, and wife, Sydna L. Whidden, born in 1804, of Holderness, who were married in 1824. Their children:

Mary A., 1825–1827.
John S., 1827–1853.
Olive, 1829–1844.
Ellen, b. 1834.
Laura J., b. 1838.

Millie M. Corliss, born in 1884, married William F. Edgerly of New Hampton. Their son, Walter H., born in 1888, married

Susie Guards; live in Meredith. Children: Florence, Charles, Mary, Harriett, Abraham and Thomas.

Reuben S. Corliss, born in 1892. Single.

Nancy M. Corliss, born in 1895, married Richard Daniels; live in Lakeport. Their children: Virginia, Theda, Richard, Kenneth and Esther Belle, born in 1899, married David Philbrick from Vermont. No children.

Clarence Corliss, son of Norman Corliss and wife, Mary Cate, she a daughter of John Mooney Cate of Meredith.

Clarence Corliss married Carrie Belle Cox. Their children: Delwin, died young; Harry R., born in 1901.

Eben Cook was born near Red Hill in Moultonboro. He was a fine mechanic, and made many wooden articles, also farm implements. He married Hannah Batchelder. Their son, Nelson B. Cook, born in 1814, was very successful. After a time he carried on the Town Farm, and lived there for a time, but later bought a farm of his own. He married Adeline, daughter of Thomas Moulton, who was born in Moultonboro, but later moved to Vermont.

Thomas Moulton was one of Benning Moulton's sons and he was a grandson of Gen. Jonathan Moulton, the ancestor of the family in that section of the country.

Their son, Charles C. Cook, born in 1843, owned a large farm in Center Harbor. After reaching manhood he went to Illinois and was an engineer on the railroad for some years, then returned to his native country and bought a farm, where he raised good crops. He married, in 1873, Abbie A., daughter of James M. Paine, born in 1803, at Center Harbor. Her great-grandfather was John Paine, who came from Rye, N. H., and her grandfather, Jonathan Paine, came with his parents when he was twelve years old.

Their son, James M. Paine, was a prosperous business man and very capable. He married Sally, daughter of Levi Towle. Their children:

Arthur L.
Addie A.
James M., m., second, Mrs. Linda S., dau. of Samuel M. Senter, who was a widow of Dr. William Bailey.

Charles C. Cook and wife had children—Lillian May and James Nelson.

Samuel Cook, as history states, came from Newburyport and

settled in Campton. His son, Ephraim Cook, born in 1765, was born and lived in Campton as a farmer. His son, Jacob Cook, did some farming, but ran a mill, where he ground wheat and corn. He died in Gilmanton. He has several children.

One son, Gardner Cook, born in 1824, at Beech Hill in Campton. When he attained manhood he went into the car shops at Laconia that had just started. He claimed he cut the first timber used there, in 1849. In 1852 he went into the lumber business with W. H. Leavitt. Some years later he bought the whole business and took his son, Addison, in as a partner. In 1847 he married Martha Allen. Their children:

Frank D., of the Nashua Co.
Addison G., who was a partner with his father.

COX

Alanson E. Cox, born February 25, 1827, died in 1912, was a son of William and wife, —— (Marden) Cox. He was a lumber surveyor, and was in the Civil War in the 12th N. H. Vol. Inf. He married Elizabeth A. Huntress, 1833–1848. They lived in Holderness. Their children:

Heman Alanson, b. at Hill, 1848, d. 1888; m. 1871, Zorada Plummer, b. at Hill, 1848, d. 1888, a dau. of Henry J. Plummer and wife, Mary J. (Parks) Plummer. He m., second, 1888, Abigail A. Sanborn, dau. of Charles Sanborn and wife, Sarah (Ayer) Sanborn; Abigail, b. 1841, d. 1922.

Zelma, b. 1852; m. 1866, Corp. Freeman Cox of Holderness. He was in the 6th N. H. Vol. Inf.; b. at Stanstead, P. Q. Freeman Cox was a son of Jacob Cox.

Frank Dudley, alias Frank Pierce, of Center Harbor, b. 1853, d. 1903; m. 1878, Emma B. Swain, b. at Meredith, 1857, a dau. of Benaiah and wife, Sarah A. (Kelley) Swain. She m., second, 1896, Jeremiah Downing of West Campton.

Fred John of Meredith, 1854–1912, a machinist; m. Myra J. (Shedd) Corliss, b. at Ossipee Center, 1860, d. 1890, a dau. of Horace and wife, Harriett (Aldrich) Shedd, she a widow of Moses Corliss.

William G. of Meredith, a farmer, b. 1856; m. 1877, Mary G. Plummer, b. at Hill, 1858, dau. of Henry J. and wife, Mary J. (Parks) Plummer. He m., second, 1886, Ella M. Welch, b. at Concord, a dau. of Albion and wife, Martha Welch, b. at Hebron, 1855, she a dau. of Robert L. and wife, Hannah Francilla (Wise) Wise, she a widow of Frank B. Mudgett.

Ai Otis, b. 1860, a barber; m. 1880, Frances Fogg, b. at Moultonborough, 1864. He m., second, 1882, Jane C. Clark, b. at Franklin, 1866, a dau. of Horace W. and wife, Irene —— Clark. He m., third, Grace Evelyn Whitten, b. at Laconia, 1879, a dau. of Elmer C. and wife, Nancy J. (Davis) Whitten.

Colby Dana of Meredith, b. 1863, a painter; m. 1888, Eliza H. (Skidgill) (Goodwin) Kelley, b. at Wolfboro, 1854, dau. of Horace and wife, Harriett C. (Aldrich) Skidgell, and widow of Charles Goodwin and William Kelley, her second husband.

Emma L., b. 1863; m. 1881, Fred B. Wilson of Laconia, photographer, b. at New Boston, 1857, son of Benjamin Wilson. She m., second, Harry Leslie Brown, a machinist, b. at Campton, son of William H. Brown and wife, Sarah E. (Willoughby) Brown.

The only child of Frank Pierce Cox, born in Meredith, Lulu Belle Cox, born in 1876, married in 1912, Stephen Herbert Ennis of Meredith. He was born at Lacolle, P. Q., in 1879, son of Stephen and wife, Mary (St. Amand) Ennis.

Frank Pierce Cox was a brother to Ai Cox and others. He married Emma Belle Swain, daughter of Benaiah P. Swain of Meredith. Their daughter, Lulu Belle, married Stephen Herbert Ennis.

Jonathan Cox lived in Holderness. His son, Andrew Smith Cox, born on the homestead, married Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and wife, Mary (Crawford) Cummings. They were farmers in New Hampton. Their children: Clara Cox married George H. Gay. Edwin Cox, born in 1844 at Holderness. When he was seven years old his father passed on, and he early began to work in a mill. Later he worked for Daniel S. Beede in express and livery work. In 1867 he was appointed agent of the Cheney & Co. Express, which later was transferred to the American Express Co. He was a popular man, ready to accommodate the public, and served in several public offices. He married, in 1867, Arzelia J., daughter of Simeon D. Pease and wife, Betsey (Batchelder) Pease of Meredith. Their son, Clarence Edwin Cox, who took up his father's business. Both have passed.

CRAM

John Cram was the first in New England. He came from England in 1639 and was among the settlers of Exeter, where a Government Combination was framed.

The name was then spelled "Cramme." When he first came he could not write, but made his mark. Later he learned to write. He settled at Hampton Falls. He and his wife, Esther, were members of the church. His reputation was of the best. The town book of Hampton records his death, "Died 5th of March, 1681, Good Old John Cram, one just in his generation." His wife, Esther, died in 1677.

Their oldest son, Benjamin, married a relative of Oliver Cromwell, "the Protector of England." Benjamin, born in 1666, married Sarah ———. They had a large family.

Among the descendants was John, born in 1730 at Hampton Falls. He married Elizabeth Heath. Their sixth child, Joel, born in 1743/4, married Betsey, daughter of Deacon Stephen Batchelder. She died in Deerfield. He married, second, Sarah Hoitt, sister of Joseph Hoitt, and in Deerfield signed the "Association Test," in 1776. In 1789 he sold his farm to Capt. Jonathan Jenness of Rye and moved to Meredith.

Two brothers, John and Alfred, in 1639 were among the early settlers at Exeter from England. A son of John, Benjamin, married Argentine Cromwell in 1662. Benjamin and wife, Argentine, had nine children. Their second child, John, born in 1665, married Mary Wadleigh. They had seven children. The fourth child, Wadleigh Cram, born in 1703, married Hannah Marston, daughter of Samuel Marston, in 1723. John Cram married, second, Susanna Batchelder.

Wadleigh Cram married, second, in 1725, Ruth Gilman of Exeter. They lived in Deerfield, where he was a successful business man. He was a moderator of the first town meeting in Deerfield, which was held in Capt. Samuel Leavitt's house in 1766. In 1746 he, with thirteen others, was impressed and sent to Canterbury, under Serg. Joseph Rawlins, to carry provisions for the people living in the Garrison House there.

Wadleigh Cram, 1754–1840, a Revolutionary soldier, removed in 1780 from Pittsfield, where he had lived a time, to Meredith at the head of Lake Waukewan (now in Center Harbor), and settled on what is now called the Lovett farm. The family burying ground, with old slate stones, is back of the barn on a side road. His son, David Cram, 1784–1842, married Harriett B. Paine in 1822 Their son, David Wadleigh Cram (named for his father and grandfather), married Cora Cox, daughter of

Daniel Cox, born in Holderness. Their daughter, Mary E. Cram, married James R. Lovett.

Jonathan Cram, 1778–1858, married in 1810, Margaret Fogg, born in 1786, daughter of Samuel Fogg of New Holderness. Their children:

Climena B., b. 1811; m. Calvin Fogg. Their dau., Mary Jane Fogg, m. Oscar Sanborn of Lakeport. Eliza W. Fogg, b. 1813
Samuel B., b. 1815; m. 1843, Sarah Smith, dau. of Moses Smith and wife, Sally Cram. Their son, Elisha Smith Cram, m. 1868, Annie E. Batcheldor, aged 21; also a daughter Lucinda.
David C., b. 1817.
Sarah B., b. 1819.
Nancy W., b. 1821.
Almira, b. 1823.
Mary A., b. 1825.
Lucinda, b. 1827.

Calvin Fogg and wife had a daughter, Sarah, who married Charles Clay. Their children:

Harry E., b. 1868.
George F., b. 1875.

Capt. John Fullerton lost his wife. Before she died she charged him not to marry Molly, who lived at Deacon Cram's. The man thus charged had a mind to do so, however, and at dusk the captain would wend his way to where Molly lived. Mr. White, knowing the case, thought to frighten him out of it. So one night as the captain reached the dooryard, Mr. White appeared all wrapped in a sheet, thinking the captain would take it to be the ghost of his departed wife, but the captain did not believe in ghosts or hobgoblins. He was aware that true love does not run smooth, and Molly he meant to have in spite of the Devil and all his works, so he gave chase while White fled, carrying the sheet on his arm, and ran home for fear of a beating.

From J. Franklin Cram of Dorchester, Mass.

I will give you the Cram history back some years.

J. Franklin Cram, son of Charles W. and Ella E. (Brown) Cram.

Charles W. Cram, son of Samuel Tilton, Jr., and Sally D. (Jenness) Cram.

Samuel Tilton Cram, Jr., son of Samuel Tilton and Betsey (Philbrook) Cram.

Samuel Tilton Cram, son of Benjamin, Jr., and E. Mary Cram.

Benjamin Cram, Jr., son of Benjamin and Abigail (Deaborn) Cram.

Benjamin Cram, son of John and Mary (Wadleigh) Cram.

John Cram, son of Benjamin and Argentine (Cromwell) Cram.

Benjamin, son of John and Hester Cram.

John and Hester Cram settled in Boston, Mass., in 1635, went to Exeter in 1639, then to Hampton Falls, where he died in March, 1681. Hester died in May, 1677. John was born at New Castle on Tyne, England, in 1609, and was the youngest of twelve children of Burkart and Barbury Cram.

Samuel T. Cram, born at Poplin, N. H., 1760, died in Meredith in 1834. He married Betsey Philbrick in Epping. She was born in 1762; d. at Meredith in 1855. Their children:

DAVID, b. in Poplin, 1783; d. in Meredith, 1815. He m. Polly Adams in Aug., 1808.
SALLY, b. 1789, d. 1792.
JONATHAN THEOPHILUS, b. 1791; d. in Meredith, 1857. He m. Polly Norris, May 27, 1818.
BETSEY T., b. in Meredith, 1798; d. 1872. She m. Josiah Robinson in 1841; m., second, —— Ladd.
SAMUEL TILTON, JR., b. 1803; d. 1876; m. Sally D. Jenness, Mar. 3, 1825. Children:
  Lucius W., 1827–1898; m. Harriett Davis.
  Mary E., 1831–1860; m. E. W. Boynton.
  George T., m. Carrie D. Trobridge.
  Charles W., 1849–1879; m. Ella E. Brown. Their son, Charles H., of Meredith, b. 1877; m. 1896, Mabel E. Sampson of Haverhill, Mass., dau. of Charles W. Sampson and wife, Euola Wedgewood.

Lucius W. Cram, born at Meredith on "Cass Hill" in 1827; died in 1898; married in 1850, Harriett M. Davis, born in Sutton, Vt., in 1831. Their children:

CHARLES WAYLAND, b. in Manchester, 1851.
GEORGE HENRY, b. 1853; m. Emily Farnsworth Marston, dau. of Samuel and wife, Lucinda (Farnsworth) Marston of Pembroke, Maine. Lucinda Farnsworth was a dau. of

Jonas Farnsworth and wife, Abi Gardner, of Pembroke, Maine. Their children:

Lura Estelle, b. 1886.

Harriett Lucinda, b. 1888. She was named for her two grandmothers. She m. Guy L. Smith, son of Milton and wife, Maud Tucker Smith, of Plaistow. They had three daughters. Maud Augusta, b. 1891; m. Lee Prince, son of Frank and wife, Ruth Prince, of Salisbury. They had two boys. Ruth Marston, b. 1895; m. Ray Prince of Salisbury.

Sarah Estelle, b. 1857.

Edwin Lincoln, b. in Roxbury, Mass., moved to Meredith. He m. Lillian G. (Lee) dau. of Orvis Merrill. He son of Edmund Merrill and wife, Lydia (Drew) Merrill, of Woodstock. Lillian G. Lee Merrill was a daughter of Daniel Merrill and wife, Martha J. (Bagley).

Lucius Samuel, b. 1863; m. Harriett M. Davis at Manchester in 1850. Their child, Harriett M., m. David Bickford of Meredith. David Bickford had a sister, Priscilla, who m. Jazreel Robinson of Meredith.

CRAM–DAVIS

Thomas Davis, 1786–1883, married Clarissa ———, in 1796. Their children:

Sylva, b. 1816.
Darius, n. 1818.
Charles, b. 1822.
Alvah, b. 1824.
Thomas, 1826–1848.
Daniel, b. 1828.
Harriett, b. 1831; m. Lucius W. Cram of Meredith.
Mary, b. 1833.
Clara, b. 1838; m. Charles Fox, ancestor of John Fox, near Center Harbor Town House.

Jonathan Cram, born at Meredith in 1785; died in 1858. His wife, Sally, born in 1783; died in 1834.

Enoch Cram, 1785–1858. His wife, Sally, 1783–1834. She married George Frank Smith of Meredith.

Annis Cram married Jane S. Prescott of Meredith in 1821. Married by Elder Parker Fogg. He also married Samuel T. Cram in 1825 to Sally Jenness of Meredith.

David Cram of Meredith married in 1817 Hannah Thompson of Deerfield.

John Cram married in 1825 Sally A. Lane, both of Meredith.

Jonathan Theophlis Cram, born in Poplin, married Mary Norris of Center Harbor in 1818. He died at Meredith in 1857.

Daniel Webster Story

(From the Manchester Union)

Meredith May 19.—The following letter was written to John Smith, Jr., a real estate agent of Boston, and a former resident of Meredith, in answer to an inquiry from Mr. Smith in regard to one of the incidents that marked one of Daniel Webster's visits to Center Harbor, about four miles from Meredith.

Dear Sir—Yours received and I make haste to comply with your request. The words are easily recalled, but to produce Jonathan T. Cram, with all his inimitable styles and quaint drolleries as you and I knew him, no pen can write or pencil portray. My father used to say that in point of ability he might have become one of the most brilliant men in the state.

He was in early life a music teacher of repute, a popular instructor of public schools and well versed in the law. He had a wonderfully retentative memory and I have heard him repeat a sermon that he had listened to many years before, giving the text, heads of the discourse, the prayers that were offered, hymns that were sung, and wind up with the benediction without a skip or a break. He would come into my office when deep in his cups, quote Latin and Greek and recite Burn's poems by the hour, and that, too, with the veritable Scotch brogue.

On the occasion you refer to, the immortal Daniel Webster, with a number of friends, was stopping at the Center House at Center Harbor. John Coe, the landlord, seeing Squire Cram go by, called him in and introduced him to the godlike man, whereupon he seized one of Webster's hands in both of his own, and with a voice tremulous from age said to him:

"Reverend and most honored father, I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now, blessed be God, mine eyes beholdeth thee face to face. I have preserved thy speeches between the lids of my Bible at home and when the Sabbath comes around, I read a chapter in that and then one of thy speeches, and upon my honor I cannot tell which is the best.

"I heard thee many years ago at Exeter and thought if I could peradventure, but touch a hem of thy garment, I should be made whole.

"Didn't thou discover that virtue went out of thee at that time? And now, oh Lord, let me exclaim with Simeon of old, 'having seen thy salvation, let thy servant depart in peace.' Farewell, Daniel." And Webster pinched Coe's arm until it was black and blue.

This letter is signed by John W. Sanborn of Franklin Falls.

Mrs. Climena B. (Cram) Fogg

Mrs. Climena B. (Cram) Fogg, aged 88 years, 7 months and 21 days, passed quietly away at the residence of her son, John Calvin Fogg, at 31 Bridge St., Lakeport, on Thursday evening, January 11, 1900, at 6:55 P.M. Death was the result of an accident which occurred December 24. As she came down stairs, on entering the dining room her dress became tangled in the door, throwing her heavily to the floor, and breaking her limb two inches below the thigh. Owing to her advanced age, she was unable to stand the result of this painful accident. A peculiar circumstance in regard to her death is that a brother, Samuel B. Cram of New Hampton, aged 84 years, fell through a scuttle on the 13th of last month and died on the 27th from the injuries received, while a sister, the late Mrs. Sarah Jones of St. Johnsbury, aged 76 years, fell on the floor in a similar manner in which Mrs. Fogg broke her hip and died from the result of the accident. This occurred some six years ago.

Mrs. Fogg was the daughter of the late Jonathan and Margaret (Fogg) Cram, and was born in the town of Meredith on May 21, 1811. Her family are a long-lived race; her mother was 86 years of age when she died and her father 81. She was united in marriage to Calvin Fogg at Meredith, on March 15, 1834, and they moved to New Hampton a short time after and entered the hotel business (Foggs Tavern) in the vicinity of what is known as Fogg Station (now Winona).

Mr. and Mrs. Fogg moved to this place 41 years ago (1859), and were always highly respected in the community. The deceased was the oldest person in Lakeport. She is survived by a son, John Calvin Fogg, foreman of the woodwork department of the Boston and Maine Repair Shops at Lakeport; two daughters, Mary Jane, wife of Fred Gilman of Meredith, and Sarah Clay; also three sisters. Mrs. Charles Currier, aged 86 years, resides in Minneapolis.

Buried in the First Congregational Churchyard, near the Richard Neals:

Ephraim Cram, 1750–1839, a Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Mary, 1754–1826. Their child, Jonathan W. Cram, 1780–1850. His wife, Polly Dockham Cram, 1779–1861. Their son, Amos Cram, 1800–1879. (He built the Elm Hotel in Meredith.)

His wife, Jane S. Prescott, 1779–1867. They were married in 1821. Their daughter, Maria J. (Cram) Cox, born in 1836; Albert Cox, 1835–1885.

Buried in the same lot, Alice W., wife of Charles W. Maloon, 1854–1885.

A son of Amos Cram, George F. Cram. The G. A. R. Post at Meredith is named for him. His son, Frank H. Cram. His daughter married Orville Smith.

Jonathan Cram came to Meredith in early days. He was a carpenter. His son, Amos Cram, born in Meredith, worked with his father, also did some farming. He married Jane S. Prescott. Their son, George S. Cram, born in 1826, learned his father's trade. He enlisted in the Civil War. In 1863 he was promoted to the rank of first lieut. He was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. He married in 1846 Abbie J., daughter of Jeremiah Dean of Maine. Their children:

Clara J., m. John James.
Alberto J.
Francis Henry, b. 1848; m. Mary C., dau. of Benjamin P. Woodman and wife, Elizabeth N. (Hill), in 1870. Mrs. Mary C. (Woodman) Cram's grandfather, Thomas Woodman of New Hampton, who was an early settler, m. Polly, dau. of Benjamin Pease of Meredith. Benjamin Pease, m. Elizabeth N., dau. of Rev. John Hill. They had children: John O., Mary C., W. Scott, Benjamin F., Emma L., and Charles S. Pease.

Charles H. Cram, born in 1876 in Meredith, a son of Charles W. Cram and wife, Abbie M. (Drake), born in Holderness. He has been connected with the Meredith Shook and Lumber Co., also with the G. H. Clark Lumber Co. He ran a successful bakery for a time, and at present has a furniture store. He owns about twenty-five acres of land, called "Hilltop," where he has a little colony of "over-night porches" for tourists, and has good accommodations for quite a crowd. He married Martha Hallihan of Rhode Island. They reside in Meredith.

Jonathan W. Cram, 1780–1859, married Polly ———, who died in 1861, aged 82 years.

Almira Adams Cram, born in 1823, daughter of Jonathan Cram and wife, Margaret Fogg.

Amos Cram, 1800–1879; his wife, Jane S. ———, 1799–1867.

Alberto J. Cram, 1852–1912; his wife, Eleanor E. Bruce, 1845–1918.

Francis H. Cram, 1843–1910.

Mary C. Cram, 1847–1910.

CROCKET

Among the first settlers in New Salem were Ebenezer Smith and Joshua Crocket. They with five others (who returned back early) walked up into the wilderness and stopped on Cotton Hill, where they built a campfire, as it was early spring. After a night's rest they awoke and looked north into the valley which is now Laconia, and, as history states, were much pleased. They pushed on and selected a piece of land with water on both sides. He afterward was called Captain Crockett. He established his land on Lake Paugus and Lake Winnisquam, staked out his claim and began to build a log house, which was the first dwelling house nearer than forty miles.

The next year he went to Newburyport for his widowed mother and brought her to his cabin, and the struggle that followed was severe. He was a good hunter and they had plenty of wild fowl. He was captain of a company of rifle men in the Revolutionary War. He married, but his wife died giving birth to a son. Captain Crocket died at the age of 76 years.

His son, Samuel Crocket, born in 1780, inherited his father's estate and his natural ability. He married Sarah, daughter of Moses Wilcomb, an early settler of Gilford. They had a fine estate, the Crockett farm, above Laconia, and attended church at the old Gunstock Meetinghouse in Gilford, called the "Fortress Church," which was built on a hilltop.

Joshua Crockett was a son of Joshua Crockett, who lived near Portsmouth at a point called "Bloody Point," where Smith's fort was located, so named on account of having been in charge of Col. Ebenezer Smith's ancestors, which accounts for the fast friendship that existed between Col. Ebenezer Smith and Col. Joshua Crockett. Previous to going to New Salem the Crocketts lived at the Isle of Shoals, in the old town of Gosport. There were no roads in this new locality, only trails and spotted trees.

William Crockett, 1760–1813.

Samuel Crockett, 1780–1854. His wife, Sarah Wilcomb, 1781–1876. Their son, William W., 1818–1839.

Capt. Joshua Crockett, 1783. His wife, Sarah, 1752–1792; second wife, Merian, 1833. Only inscription on the stone.

James Crockett, 1777–1855, son of John T. Crockett. His wife, Mary, 1780–1877. A son, 1820–1824.

A field stone in the Smith yard is marked "E. Z. D. 1792, D. of S. C., A. E. 46."

Capt. Joshua Crockett, born in 1773. Their third child, Joshua Crockett [2], born in 1772, son of Capt. Joshua, married Judith Swain, 1800–1863. They were married in 1822, she a daughter of Hezekiah Swain and wife, Marion York, of Meredith.

From Joshua Crockett's monument at Robinson yard, Meredith Center: "Joshua Crockett, died Mch. 8, 1848, aged 75 yrs., 11 mos." Their children:

Lorenzo, b. 1823; m. Sarah B. Thayer of Nashua in 1849.
Melvina, b. 1826.
Sulden, b. 1830.
John Frank, b. 1833.

Hiram Crockett married Nancy Downing. He had a son, Warren Crockett, aged 24 years, who, as vital records say, married Betsey A. Lawrence, aged 18 years, in 1859, at Meredith. Their daughter, Betsey Crockett, married John Lawrence.

John Crockett married Nancy Glidden at Epping in 1806. Their son, John Crockett, of Meredith, 1809–1897.

Samuel Crockett, 1780–1854, married in 1791, Deborah Doe at Exeter; married, second, Sally Wilcomb, 1781–1866. They were married in 1803 by Elder Richard Martin. They had four boys and one girl. Their son, Seldon Crockett, was proprietor of the Bromfield House many years and a highly respected man. He was born in 1804; married in 1831 Lucy, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Larned) Elliott of Watertown. Children by second wife:

Selden Frank.
Sarah W. (Mrs. William W. Hague).
Susan E. (Mrs. S. Stillman Blanchard).
Grace H. (Mrs. J. L. Granden).
Lucy E. (Mrs. S. A. Shannon).

Moses Crockett, born April 19, 1810.

Solomon Crockett of Meredith married in 1818 Sally Harper of New Hampton.

Solomin Crockett married in 1853 Mariana Beckford of New Hampton.

Stephen Crockett of Meredith Center married Lucy M. Fogg in 1846.

William Crockett married Mary ——— of Meredith. They had a daughter born in 1855.

Charles W. Crockett married Nancy Swain of Meredith in 1843. Their son, 1847–1889.

William T. Crockett of Meredith married Susan R. Leavitt in 1844, she a daughter of John Leavitt and wife, Sarah Edgerly, of Lake Village, where she died, 1821–1888.

George A. Crockett, born in 1847, son of Charles Swain and wife, Nancy Swain, born in 1850, she a daughter of John Swain and wife, Hannah L. (Folsom) Swain. George A. Crockett married, second, in 1886, Nellie Kilpatrick, born in 1851 in Canada. They had one daughter, born in 1887.

William Crockett, brother to Capt. Josiah Crockett is buried in the Randlett yard, two miles below Meredith Center, on the Chemung Road. He married Nancy, daughter of Benjamin Swain and wife, Polly (Davis) Swain. They had a daughter Sarah, who married —— Johnson in Concord. They had a son, Zachara Taylor, born in Meredith in 1851; married in 1875 Flora E. Dalton, daughter of Joseph Dalton of Meredith and wife, Ann (Lewis) Dalton, born in Meredith, she a daughter of C. Burnham and wife, Susan Smith Dalton, born in Center Sandwich. Their children:

J. Frank, b. in Laconia.
William.

George A. Crockett, born in 1847, married in 1886 Nellie E. Webster of Plymouth. He married, second, Sarah A. Swain, daughter of Langdon Swain and wife, Hannah Weeks. Their son, Edwin Clarence, married Agnes Shea of Braintree, Mass. Mr. Crockett died and she married, second, Frank Sargent of Laconia.

Charles H. Crockett, born in Sanbornton, married in 1868 Rosy M. Gault, daughter of John Gault, born in Canterbury, and wife, Emily L. (Tobins) Gault, born in Bridgewater. He married, second, Allal Stevens of Plymouth, daughter of Freeman and wife, Mary (Howe) Stevens, born in Holderness.

John Crockett, son of Ephraim of Stratham, born in 1739, died in 1817, married Mary, daughter of Deacon Lane and wife of Stratham, born in 1744, died in 1806. Their children: Mary, John, George, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ephraim and James, who settled in Meredith and married —— ———. Their children:

Mary, m. —— Blaisdell; lived in Gilford.
Matilda, m. —— Robinson; lived in Meredith.
Clarissa, m. —— Smith; lived in Laconia.
James.

Joshua Crockett, son of Joshua, born in 1809, died in 1861, married Nancy Downing. Their children:

Mary Jane, 1831–1851.
Sarah Ann, 1833–1856.
Warren L., 1835–1900; m. Betsey Ann Lawrence. Their children:
  George Smith, b. 1861.
  Ena Estella, b. 1868.
Martha Etta, b. 1840.

Joshua Crockett, buried at the Robinson yard in Meredith Center, was a son of Capt. Joshua Crockett, buried at the Smith yard (Opeechee).

Joshua Crockett [2], born in Meredith, as death certificate (at Concord), married Judith Swain, a daughter of Hezekiah Swain and wife, Marion (York) Swain. She died March 26, 1863, aged 65 years.

Hezekiah Swain's pension record gives his birth and death in Meredith, and we know that he is buried on his old farm, alone. His wife died in Canaan at her daughter's; burial unknown. We failed to find the grave in Canaan yard. Their children:

Hiram, m. Nancy Downing. Their children: Mary Jane, Warren Lovell, Sarah Ann and Martha Etta.
John Frank, m. Melvina Houston. They had no children.
Elmira, m. —— Carlie. They had a son George.
Melvina.

Warren Lovell Crockett, son of Hiram, married Betsey Ann Lawrence, daughter of Smith Lawrence. Their son, George Smith, married Julia McIntosh. They had a daughter Georgia, who teaches in Massachusetts. He married, second, widow Hannah Hunter. Their daughter, Ena Estella, lives in Meredith Center when at home.

DOE

History tells us that the name of Doe is found in several countries.

Nicholas Doe, in 1666, resided at Oyster River, Dover, and from family legends it appears that he came from London, England, and that his father owned a street with all the buildings on it painted blue.

Nicholas Doe, 1631–1691, married Martha Thomas. They had three children or more.

JOHN, b. 1669; m. Elizabeth ———.
SAMPSON, b. 1670; m. Temperance.
ELIZABETH, b. 1673.

John [2] Doe, who married Elizabeth, history states, had seven children.

John [3] Doe, who settled in Durham, was one of the proprietors of Canterbury. He married M. Susan Wormwood, and had three children. Each generation went farther inland, where they could get more land to cultivate.

Capt. John Doe, born in 1762, was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Mary Sanborn, born at Rumney in 1786. Their second daughter, Mary, married Samuel Chase. The story runs that she had a nice flock of geese, and one day there sounded a big commotion among them. She ran to the rescue and found a large fox with one of her geese in his mouth, trying to swing the goose over his back. She, being pretty spunky, took Reynard by the ears and, after a fierce battle, conquered him and dragged him into a back room in the house and shut the door. After the fox had been there awhile and she had rested a little she looked through the door, which she had opened a little, and saw Reynard sitting on the projection above the fireplace as though planning to go through the glass in the door, Mrs. Doe had no idea of letting him escape, so she went and put on some thick leather gloves and, going into the room, caught Mr. Fox by the ears and dragged him to her bedroom, put a bushel measure over him, lifted one leg of her bedstead onto the bushel measure, and there kept him until her husband returned, when he despatched him for his pelt.

Jonathan Doe, 1740–1814, is buried in the Doe yard, near Charles Johnson's home, in Sanbornton. This inscription is on his stone: "Old Mr. Doe." He married Mrs. Mollie Borden.

His son, John Doe, 1775–1850, born probably in Northwood, married Rhoda Mead of Deerfield, 1775–1848. They started the Doe-Ford burying ground. He lived near Charles Johnson's in Sanbornton, a beautifully kept yard. The farm was later owned by Thomas J. Sanborn, on the Bay Road. He was a trader in furs, purchased in Canada, going on horseback to collect his furs. He was active in the Second Baptist Church and prominent in town business in Sanbornton. Jonathan Doe's children:

Mary, m. Joseph Johnson.
Deborah, b. 1771; m. Samuel Crockett of Northwood.
Sally, b. 1773; d. young.
John, b. 1775; m. Rhoda Mead.
Nabby, b. 1777.
Samuel and Sally, b. 1780; Samuel m. Eliza Merrill.

The Doe-Ford yard was so called for Jonathan Doe, who lived on the Thomas Sanborn farm. William Ford lived on the Oliver Calef place.

John [2] Doe, Esq., born in 1775, married Rhoda Mead, born in 1773. They lived on the Thomas J. Sanborn farm. Their children:

Mahala, 1803–1810.
Sarah Smith, 1804–1837; m. David Taylor in 1826. Their children:
John Doe, b. 1827; a successful lawyer in New York.
Rhoda Ann, b. 1829; m. Jeremiah Leavitt Fogg in 1854.
Sarah Woodman, b. 1834; m. Martin L. Abbott.
Martha Rundlett, b. 1837; m. Samuel J. Lane.

Mary Doe, sister of John D. Doe, Esq., married Joseph Johnson. Their daughter, Mary H. Johnson, married Christopher Sanborn, and lived on what was the Town Farm in Sanbornton. He married, second, Mehitable Philbrick of Franklin. A daughter by second wife, Mary Johnson Sanborn, born in 1840, married George A. Caverly of Meredith.

From the Old Doe Bible

Jonathan [4] Doe (Lieut. Samuel, Sampson, Nicholas [1]).

Samuel M. Doe, 1780–1851, married in December, 1800, Eliza Merrill, 1774–1853. Their children:

Sarah Ann, 1807–1808.
Joseph M., b. 1809.

Elizabeth, 1811–1846.
Samuel Merrill, b. 1814; m. widow Charlotte (Smith).
Charlotte Moulton, 1824–1887.
Lizzie M., 1849–1851.
Helen M., 1851–1863.
Martha E., 1853–1881.
Charlotte E., b. 1856.
Abbie F., 1859–1877.
George S., 1864–1865.

Samuel Doe bought a farm in Meredith, the place west of the Jonathan Dow farm, on the "Roller Coaster Road," in 1816. After his death the farm was sold to his son, Samuel Merrill Doe, in 1851, by a brother, Joseph Merrill Doe, in Meredith.

Joseph Merrill Doe, son of Samuel Doe, married in 1834 Laura, daughter of David and wife, Sally Page, of Meredith. She died in 1884.

Joseph Merrill Doe, born in Meredith in 1809, where the family for several generations had lived, worked as a farmer, but after his marriage he and his wife went to Lowell and had a furniture store there. Later he moved to Boston and followed the same business. He died in 1871.

Each generation raised a family and scattered, and made other homes.

Ezra W. Doe, born in 1816 at Rumney, married Louise J. Lockwood. She died in 1874. He married, second, in 1876, Lydia P. Wiggin. He married, third, in 1877, Mary E. York, daughter of Daniel York and wife, Mary E. (Brown). Children by first wife:

Alonzo W., b. in Cambridge, 1836; m. Jane Masterson of Newport. He m., second, Ellen ———, 1853–1912.
Laura Jane, b. 1848; m. Nathan B. Shaw.
Elizabeth M., m. Thomas J. Sinclair of Meredith.

Augustus Doe, 1809–1887, born at Laconia, married Mahala Blaisdell, daughter of Elliot Blaisdell and wife, Susan Chase, born in 1811. She died at Meredith in 1881. He was a large land owner in Gilford and Lake Village. He was left fatherless when young, and was bound out to James Hoyt of Gilford, where he stayed his time. He then went to Boston, later returned to Laconia, and was foreman of dredging the channel at the outlet of the lake. Mr. Blaisdell left his farm to his daughter, after his

decease. After Mr. Doe went there he bought more land and started a brickyard. It was said of him that he was one of the most energetic business men that Laconia has ever known. He was well informed on business of the day, a good debater, a most influential man, and strict in his religious views. Their children:

Morrill B., 1834–1882; m. Sarah Walker.
Lydia Ellen, b. 1840; m. O. P. Warner of Ashland in 1869. He was a manufacturer of woolen goods.

Eliza Doe, born in 1844, married William J. Morrison, born in Plymouth. After he got his education he worked for Mr. Doe. He began work as a brakeman on the B. C. & M. Railroad. He soon became a passenger conductor, for four years, then resigned and cared for Mr. Blaisdell in his old age, taking charge of the farm and brickyard. He was a member of the first City Council of Laconia, where he served three years.

Jacob Doe, Jr., born in 1771 at Deerfield, married in 1794 Sarah Thurstin Jones, 1778–1865, of Rumney. He and his brother, William, settled in the part of town called "Doe Town." William moved to Rumney. They had thirteen children. The seventh one, Russell Sanborn, born in 1807, married in 1831 Eliza Fogg. He married, second, Lucretia Perkins in 1843. She died in 1880. He died at Meredith in 1897, aged 97 years. He lived on "Oak Hill Farm," after 1839. Children by first wife:

Eliza Jane, b. 1833; m. William C. Burleson of Boston.
William Frank, 1839–1872; served in the Civil War.

Children by Lucretia Perkins:

Mary Adelaide, b. 1844. She was a teacher for several years, and died on the home place in Meredith.
Mary Ellen, 1846–1848.

Augustus Doe was born in Meredith, 1808; died in 1887. His father died when he was young, and he was taken by James Hoyt of Gilford to bring up, and served his time. It was told of him that when a boy he pointed to a piece of land lying between the road to Meredith and the lake. He said that he would own it some day, and he worked until his prophecy came true. After attaining manhood he went to Boston for a time, but at the time of the project of opening the channel from out of the lake he came back and was foreman of the job until the work was

done. He resided with Elliot Blaisdell and helped him on his farm.

Elliot was a son of Thomas Blaisdell. He later married Mahala, daughter of Elliot Blaisdell, who fell heir to her father's farm. Mr. Doe bought more land and started a brickyard above the Weirs, which was quite a source of income. He was called an "honest man, which is the noblest work of God." He was just and truthful in all his dealings. Children:

Morrill B., 1834–1882, who d. from an operation.
Lydia E., m. O. P. Warner of Ashland.
Eliza, m. William J. Morrison, b. at Plymouth in 1846, and later came to her old home and carried on the farm and business.

Thomas Sinkler's daughter, Etta, married —— Anthony. Their daughter, Bessie, married —— Smith. Tradition states that they owned the Addie Doe farm near Oak Hill Meeting House at Winona.

Addie Maria Doe was a daughter of Russell Doe, who married, second, Lucretia Perkins. Their children:

Addie Mariah.
Mary Ellen, d. young.

DOLLOFF

The earliest record of a person named Dolloff is Christian Dolloff of Exeter, in 1667. His first wife was Rachel ———; the second, Sarah ———. He died in 1708, leaving Samuel, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Prudence and Catherine.

Samuel and Richard spelled their names Dolloff, although there were other spellings previously. No trace of the name of Dolloff has been found in England or Scotland.

Tradition states that in early days an Englishman brought a Russian lad by the name of Dolloff to New England, and he may be the ancestor of the family of Dolloffs.

Christian Dolloff was a man of influence and some property. The Dolloffs are mostly confined to New England.

Samuel Dolloff lived in Epsom and had a son, Samuel, in Epsom. In Meredith was a Samuel Dolloff called "Little Samuel." "Little Samuel" had a son, John Steven, who was the father of Phebe Ann Plummer of Laconia, and another son.

Samuel, born in 1809, who lived in Waterville, and there died in 1895. In this line were four generations of the name of Samuel.

Early records show Samuel Dolloff of New Hampton signed a deed with his wife, Rhoda (Flanders) (born December 19, 1734, at Salisbury, Mass.), where they sold land in Poplin (a part of Exeter, now Freemont) in 1772 to Thomas Chase. The land was given to him by his grandfather, Samuel Dolloff of Exeter, in his last will. In this deed he signed himself "Samuel Dolloff of Poplin." In 1782 he deeded to one Giddings of Exeter the homestead of his late father, Samuel Doloff of Exeter. In this deed he signed himself "Samuel Dolloff of New Hampton."

These two deeds show that Samuel Dolloff of New Hampton formerly lived in Poplin and was the son of Samuel Dolloff, Jr., of Exeter and grandson of Samuel Dolloff, Sr., and great-grandson of Christian Dolloff of Exeter.

Rhoda (Flanders) Dolloff was the daughter of Samuel Flanders, who was the great-grandfather of Capt. John M. Flanders of New Hampton Village. Rhoda had brothers and sisters, Samuel, Abigail, Mary, Mehitable and Onesiphorus.

The Sanbornton Town History states that Samuel Dolloff of Exeter early removed to New Hampton, when his son, John, was 16 years old. He was born in 1701, so it looks as though Samuel Dolloff and family moved to New Hampton in 1717, the year that the town was incorporated. He preëmpted a claim and built a log house, and tradition states that he said when he cut the first tree, "Here I cut my first tree and here my body shall lie." Their burial ground was made on this spot, and here Samuel and wife, Rhoda (Flanders), and John and Elizabeth are laid. Jonathan, Joseph, Betsey and others rest here. No stones mark the graves of Samuel and wife. A record shows that in 1782, Samuel Dolloff and John Dolloff were present when 250 acres of land were purchased for seventy-five pounds. This land was a hill farm where a beautiful view of country was to be seen, some two and one-half miles from Winona station, five miles from New Hampton and three miles from Meredith Center. The old house was removed, and a frame building was also pulled down and another house built. Mr. Dolloff died, aged 86, in 1820, and the place was sold, but a son of John Dolloff, Sr., purchased the place in 1836, and it still remains in the family. The youngest daughter (Erma) of Joseph P. Dolloff now owns it.

Samuel Dolloff probably married in Poplin (now Freemont) in 1760. His children, John and Mary, who married Deacon Joseph Sanborn, born in 1760 and died in 1834. His wife, born in 1766 and died in 1826. Their children:

Levi, b. 1786; d. 1818; m. Hannah Prescott of New Hampton.
Polly.
Asahel, m. Sarah Favor; they had a dau.
Joseph, b. 1791; d. 1824.
Polly, b. 1794; d. 1878.
Betsey, b. 1798; d. 1821.
Rhoda, b. 1801; d. 1827.
Parker, b. 1803; d. 1833.
Plummer, b. 1806; d. 1829.
Ashahel J., b. 1810; d. 1846.

There are two unmarked graves.

Genealogical descent: Christian Dolloff[1], Samuel[2], Samuel[3] (born February 1, 1703), Samuel[4] of New Hampton, John[5], John and brothers and sisters[6], their children[7], grandchildren[8], great-grandchildren[9].

From New Hampton Town Records

John Dolloff, Sr., born September 19, 1761; died in 1833; married Elizabeth Preston, born September 18, 1762; died December 25, 1846. Their children, born in New Hampton.

Samuel, b. Sept. 19, 1785; d. 1824.
William Preston, b. July 5, 1788; m. 1816 Mary Emmons of Bristol. They had a son William, who lived and died in New Hampton.
Polly H., b. 1790; d. aged 75 yrs.; m. Jonathan Judkins, Jr., of Sanbornton; he b. 1794, d. 1834. They had five children.
John, Jr., b. July 23, 1792; d. 1847; m. Nancy Thomas, b. July 20, 1798, d. 1875; she dau. of Jacob Thomas and granddau. of "Master Abraham Perkins" of Sanbornton. In 1817 he removed to Strafford, Vt. In 1821 he returned and lived on the Bunker place in Sanbornton, living with his wife's father, Jacob Thomas; later he lived on the Alonzo Dolloff place in New Hampton, thence to Meredith Center, and lived with his dau., Laurenia (Mrs. Daniel Pike Smith), where he died aged 79 yrs. It was said of him that "his word was as good as his bond."
Laurenia, b. 1815; m., first, Amos Small; second, Nathan

Ballard; third, Daniel Pike Smith. Mrs. Smith cared for her parents. She d. 1879. They lived in the old homestead and their home fell to their son, Joseph.

John Dolloff, Jr., married Nancy Thomas. Their children:

Laurenia, b. 1815.
Joseph Preston, b. July 27, 1818.
Jacob Thomas, b. July, 1820.
John Simpson, b. March, 1824.
Elizabeth Perkins, b. July, 1826.

Erma Perkins Dolloff, born January 22, 1845 (Joseph Preston Dolloff, born in 1794, and wife, Betsey (Young) Dolloff; John D., Sr., and wife, Elizabeth Preston, born in 1762; Samuel, "Little Samuel" Dolloff, born in Epsom). Erma Perkins Dolloff married in 1869 John W. Edgerly of Meredith. She owns the Samuel Dolloff homestead, and lives there in summer and in Concord in winter. Joseph P. Dolloff bought back the old home in 1836. Mrs. Edgerly is the youngest daughter of Joseph P. Dolloff.

John Dolloff, Jr., who married Nancy Thomas, their sixth child was as above.

Julia Ann, b. Sept. 1829.
Betsey A. Harvey, b. 1831.
Susan Perkins, b. 1834.
Alonzo Franklin, b. 1836.
Lydia M. Perkins, b. 1840.
Lyman Perkins, b. 1842.
Edwin Allen, d. young.

Joseph Preston, born July 23, 1794; died in 1847; married Betsey Young; she died in 1847. They had nine children:

Jonathan, b. Jan. 5, 1796; d. 1831; m. 1822 Martha Copp, b. 1797.
Betsey Simpson, b. May 8, 1798; d. 1872; m. Joseph Palmer; six children.
Sally Veasey, b. June 20, 1801; d. 1872; m. Henry Batcheldor, who was b. in Meredith in 1800. They moved to Maine.
Elijah Blake, b. 1803; m. Sally Bryant of Meredith, Feb. 12, 1825. They had two sons and a daughter.
Beniah, b. April 18, 1805; d. 1869; m. Clarissa Veasey of Boston in 1827. He cared for his parents. His father d. 1833. In 1842 he sold the place to Deacon Daniel Veasey and his son, Lyman Veasey. Mr. Dolloff removed to Maine. They had nine children.

There were two other families of Dolloffs in Meredith, David and Thomas.

Some of the Meredith Dolloffs lived at times in New Hampton.

Miss Ellen A. Mills, 41 Chestnut Street, Nashua, is said to be compiling a genealogy of the Dolloffs.

The journal of Rev. John Pike, dated September 15, 1707, states that John Dollar of Exeter was slain by "ye" Indians in the woods.

Kingston, N. H., First Church records state that February 14, 1853, Sarah Dollar married Alexander Gordon.

From Boston Transcript

Amos Leavitt was in Meredith before 1800. Did his sister, Elsey, born in 1761, marry Thomas Dolloff, 1780, at Raymond?

Thomas Dolloff removed to Meredith from Brentwood with his family, and among his associates were Leavitts.

There was an Amos among them, and Thomas and Elsey (Leavitt) Dolloff. They named their second son Amos.

Thomas Dolloff was a Revolutionary soldier (record is proved), born in 1759, died in 1841. His father was Thomas; mother's name unknown.

Thomas Dolloff, 1759/60–1818, Revolutionary soldier, who enlisted at Raymond for the town of Kingston, married in 1780, Elsey Leavitt, 1761–1854, at Candia.

Samuel S. Dolloff, 1784–1871, born at Epsom; intention of marriage filed in Epsom, June, 1808, with Mary Dolloff, daughter of Thomas Dolloff of Meredith and wife, Elsey Leavitt. They were married in Meredith, September 22, 1808.

They had a son, Samuel, Jr., 1810–1895; married in 1832, Mary H. Webster of Meredith. Their son, John S. Dolloff, 1822–1897, married in 1845, Harriett S. Kimball, 1821–1893.

Their daughter, Phebe Smith Dolloff, married Joseph L. Plumer of Meredith in 1865. (This runs back to Mary Plumer, who married Clemenceau.)

Their daughter, Mary, married George Thompson of Gilford. They had a daughter, Arabelle Thompson, who married Edwin M. Pitman of Laconia in 1888.

Their son, Benjamin Dolloff, married Lulu Merrill. They had

a son, Carl, born in 1886, who married Winnifred Barlow. Children:

Florence Winifred, b. 1906.
Armena, b. 1908.
Freda A., b. 1911.
Carl Fred, Jr., b. 1915.

Another son living in Dorchester, Mass., Rev. Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff, born in Gilmanton in 1890, married Eva Belle Bucklin of Hill. Their children:

Maurice Eugene.
Lawrence Stanley.
Ruth Marjorie.
(This is from the grandmother.)

Children of Thomas Dolloff and wife, Elsey (Leavitt) Dolloff: Jesse Dolloff, 1800–1878, Meredith, married in 1822 Nancy P. Huckins, 1801–1881 (as on gravestones) of Meredith. They had a son, Alpheus, born in 1823, who married Eliza Jane Chase, daughter of Abel Chase of Meredith. She died and he married, second, Love, daughter of Nicholas Folsom of Meredith.

As Thomas Dolloff's pension record: Joseph Dolloff, born in 1800 at Meredith, married in 1825 Hannah Smith, 1842–1908, of New Hampton.

Disconnected

Gravestones in old yard, towards New Hampton, in Meredith:

Samuel S. Dolloff died November 20, 1871, aged 87 years. His wife, Mary, died February 3, 1800, aged 93 years. A daughter, Ella Annette, died in 1862.

John Dolloff, son of John S. Dolloff and wife, Harriett, died June 6, 1863, aged 13 years.

Betsey B., wife of Thomas J. Kimball, died April 25, 1860, aged 48 years.

Emogene E., daughter of E. A. Kimball, died February 15, 1857, aged 2 years.

Joseph G. Smith died August 23, 1857; wife, Betsey, died October 23, 1872.

Joseph Smith died September 19, 1865 (child); Rosey Smith died May 19, 1865.

Mary M. Dow, died October, 3, 1865.

Ella Annette, daughter of Moses and wife, Mary Webster, died in 1862, aged 3 years.

Stones in Oakland Yard, Meredith Center:

John Dolloff, 1792–1871; wife, Nancy, 1798–1875.

Alonzo F. Dolloff, 1836–1910; wife, Nance P., 1837–1913.

Harriet S., wife of John Dolloff, 1821–1893.

Eliza Dolloff, widow of Moses Seavey, 1821–1892.

Disconnected

Noah Dolloff of New Hampton married Nancy Merrill, 1818, both of Meredith.

Thomas Dolloff of New Hampton had sons, Asahel and Col. Jesse, and daughter Abigail, who married Stephen Gordon.

As pension record: Mahala Dolloff, 1800, married Amos Veasey (Veasey) of Bridgewater, 1834.

In Meredith was Samuel Dolloff (called "Little Samuel") who had a son, John Stephen Dolloff, who was the father of "Phebe Ann Plumer." He had a son, Samuel, born in 1809, who lived and died in Waterville, Maine, in 1895.

Amos Dolloff, 1800 (as pension records), married Nancy Dolloff of New Hampton. Amos was killed driving down a hill. Their daughter Abigail Dolloff, married Daniel Smith. Children:

Nancy Elizabeth, m. Mooney Russell.
Thomas Smith, m. Lizzie Veazey. They had an adopted son Charles. See Smith family.
Mary Susan, m. —— Sanborn.
Stephen, single.
Gilman, single.
Joseph Frank, b. 1849; m. 1881, Belle Robinson, dau. of Thomas J. Robinson; she b. 1855.
Mariam S., m. 1835, Thomas Veazey. Their son, Kendal Veazey, m. Mahala Chase, dau. of William Chase. They had a dau., Alma; Albert, d. young.

A granddaughter of Amos Veazey and wife, Marilla Dolloff, married Jacob Fred Perkins, 1852. Their son, Elmer F. Perkins, married Anna Sanborn in 1899 at Meredith. They have two children.

Ellis Dolloff married Eliza, daughter of Thomas Veazey in 1810 at Meredith.

Abigail Dolloff, 1806, married Daniel P. Smith of Meredith.

Among their children, Joseph F. Smith, married Belle Robinson. Their children:

JOSEPH, m. —— Swain, dau. of Morrill Swain. Two children.
ROBINSON, m. 1918, Ruth Hull, dau. of Charles E. and wife, Florence N. (Green) Hull of Meredith.

Widow Abigail (Dolloff) Smith married, second, 1832, James M. Marston of Meredith.

Leavitt Washington Dolloff, 1824–1891, born in Meredith, a railroad man at Lancaster, married Mary, daughter of Abel Chase, 1823–1852. He married, second, Sarah Smith Herrick at Franklin. Children, Rozina and Augusta.

Alonson Dolloff married Susan Harriman; married, second, J. Taylor.

Alpheus Dolloff married Eliza Jane Chase, 1844, of Meredith.

Leavitt Washington Dolloff married, third, Mrs. Ellen (Manahan), widow of Emerson Marston, 1826–1888, she daughter of John Manahan and wife, Winnie Manahan of Milton, Mass. They lived in Meredith. He married, fourth, Octavia J. Ricker, born in 1847 on the Atlantic Ocean. After his decease, she married John Elder of Meredith.

Mrs. Boynton's Line

According to history, Christian Dolloff came from Holland. He married Rachel ——— of Exeter. In 1667 Christian had a daughter, Mary. His second wife's name was Sarah.

Bell's *History of Exeter* states that Christian Dolloff's name was on the Exeter town books in 1668. Records state that Christian Dolhoof of Exeter died in 1708. His children were Samuel, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Prudence and Catherine.

History of Exeter states that about 1716 the Indians carried away four children that were playing, three of them undoubtedly daughters of Richard Dolloff. Their father in 1717 petitioned the Assembly of the Province for them and went to Canada to redeem them, and got one by paying her Indian captor twelve pounds and seven shillings. He again prayed the Province of New Hampshire would aid him to get the other two released. The Assembly voted him in 1717 ten pounds and the next year a like amount. Tradition tells that after peace was established

the father brought two back; the other one had married an Indian. She also returned, but, thinking she was slighted on account of her marriage with an Indian, she was ashamed and returned to Canada.

Christian[1] Dolloff, Samuel[2], Samuel[3], born February 1, 1703, went from Salisbury, Mass., in 1770 to New Hampton, N. H.

Samuel Dolloff[4] went from Exeter to New Hampton. He married Rhoda Flanders.

Mary[5] married Deacon Joseph Sanborn. They had eight children.

John[5], 1761–1833, married Elizabeth Preston, 1762–1846. They had ten children:

Samuel[6], 1785–1824.

William Preston, 1788–1817, m. Mary Emmons; their son, George[8] A. Dolloff, m. Laura A. Ward.

William Preston[8] m. Phebe T. Smith, 1840, dau. of John Smith.

Mary[7], 1790–1865, m. Jonathan Judkins in 1814. Five children.

John[2] Dolloff lived at the head of Nigger Pond. When less than 16 years old he was cutting a large tree in the woods and found a bear in the trunk that had hibernated there for the winter and was asleep. He despatched Bruin with his axe, his little dog trying to help him. He later removed to Vermont. His son, John, b. Mar. 22, 1792, in Vermont, d. 1871; m. in Sanbornton Nancy, 1798–1875, dau. of Jacob and wife, Ruth (Perkins) Thomas, she a dau. of Abraham Perkins, and his wife, Mrs. Mary (Sanborn) Fogg, she dau. of Jeremiah Fogg.

John[3], Jr., 1792–1871, lived on the Bunker place, in Sanbornton, and d. at Meredith Center at Mrs. Daniel P. Smith's, his dau.

Abraham Perkins was called "Master Perkins." He was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1735, and did much to help the town by laying out roads, and was very influential in many ways. After finishing his last school on Calef Hill, he went home and said "his lifework was done." He died soon after, in 1804. His wife's father, Jacob Thomas, was a fifer in the Revolution at the age of 15 years. He settled on the Bunker Farm in Sanbornton, but died with their daughter at Meredith Center.

Joseph Preston, 1794–1847, m. Betsey Young of New Hampton in 1823. Their dau., Louvina P. Dolloff, m.

William E. Gordon in 1847. A son, Charles H., b. 1845, also a son, John Samuel Simon Dolloff, who had a son, Dr. Albert Simeon, b. 1863, who m. 1888, Amy J. Babb, dau. of John Babb and wife, Josephine.

Samuel[4] Dolloff and wife, Rhoda Flanders went to Meredith from Exeter, or Poplin, with his mother, Esther (Beard) Dolloff; she widow of Samuel[3] of Exeter. In 1781 they removed to New Hampton and Meredith. Samuel Dolloff married Mary, daughter of Thomas and wife, Elise Leavitt of Raymond.

Thomas Leavitt, 1759–1841, son of Amos Leavitt. Some of their children were Amos, John R., Noah, Jesse, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Abigail and Mahala.

Samuel Dolloff is buried in a yard on the old farm in Meredith, which is now owned by Fred Dolloff, son of John, born in 1822, and grandson of Samuel, 1784–1871.

Jonathan[7], 1796–1831, m. in 1822 Patty Copp of Tuftonboro.

Betsey[7] Simpson, 1798, m. in 1816 Joseph Palmer; both of New Hampton.

Sally[7] Veazey, 1801–1872, m. Nathaniel Chase; m., second, in 1821, Henry Batchelder of Meredith. They had ten children. Their son, Charles S. Batchelder, 1802–1869.

Elijah[7] Blake, 1803, m. in 1825 Sally Bryant; m., second, in 1845, Lucy Ann Moses.

Benaih, 1805–1869.

Stephen G. Dolloff married in 1831, Abigail Smith, 1812–1851, of New Hampton; she married, second, in 1841, Jonathan Dolloff Huckins.

Mrs. Frank (Francis) Robinson's Ancestry

Thomas Dolloff, 1729–1811, married Elsey Leavitt, 1761–1854. A son, Samuel, 1784, married Mary Dolloff, 1786. Their daughter, Mary Dolloff, 1813–1896, married Moses Webster, 1814–1898. Their son, Moses Gilman Webster, 1835–1920, married Hannah, daughter of John Smith, 1842–1908. Their daughter, Edith Eldora Webster, 1868, married Francis Joseph Robinson, 1864.

Relationship to Thomas Dolloff Unknown

David Dolloff, son of David Dolloff of Meredith, born at Northfield, 1792–1849 (as gravestones), married in 1817, Jane,

1793–1862, daughter of Samuel Huckins, 1764–1840, and wife, Mary Jane Heson. Children born in Meredith:

Sylvester, b. 1820; m. Lucy Ann Messer.

Lorenzo D., 1821–1905, m. 1845, Susan P., dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Bean. Their dau., Mary C., m. John C. Baxter in 1872; also B. Jennie, m. Ebenezer Buzzell.

Nancy D., 1825–1894, m. William M. Webster, son of Thomas and wife, Jane (Staples), b. in Gilford, 1805–1887; lived in Manchester.

Mary Jane, 1826–1890, m. Charles Layfette Kimball, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Kimball of Meredith. Their children: Charles, m. Lettie T. Webster; Edwin, m. Amy, dau. of Lang Russell.

Eliza A., m. Jeremiah Morrill Smith, son of John of Meredith; she m., second, —— Seavey of Laconia.

Miriam, 1828–1871, m. John, son of Samuel Batchelder and wife, Asenath Currier of Lakeport; b. in New Hampton.

Phineas, 1834–1902, a farmer in Meredith, m. 1863 Emeline E. (Dolloff) Marston, 1826–1888, widow of Jeremiah Marston, and dau. of John L. and Elizabeth (Colby) Dolloff. He m., second, Emma A., dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth Blake.

Elizabeth, 1837–1882.

Abigail, 1837–1892, m. Stephen A. Newell of Lakeport.

DOW

Joseph Dow, in his *History of Hampton, N. H.*, states that the history of Hampton in earlier years was the history of the "Province of New Hampshire," being one of the original towns; a half shire town of Norfolk County in the Massachusetts Colony.

According to history, John Dow was the first of the name in Hampton, but he returned to England and died in Tylner, Norfolk County, England, in July, 1561, leaving three children, Thomas, John and Edith.

Henry Dow, the eldest son of Thomas, married Elizabeth ———. They had six children. Their second son, Henry, came to Hampton from Runham, Norfolk County, England, where he was born in 1608; he married in 1631 Joane, widow of Roger Nudd of Ormsby. He procured a license in 1637 to emigrate with his family to America, he then being 29 years of age, his wife Joane 30 years old, with four children and a servant, Anne Manning, aged 17 years. He settled first in Watertown, Mass. His wife died there and he married, second, Margaret Cole and removed

in 1644 to Hampton, where he had bought a house and several tracts of land. This farm descended to the sixth generation before it was sold into another name.

As history states, Capt. Henry Dow, son of Henry, 1st, was about 25 years of age when his father died. He married Hannah Page, who came from Ormsby on the same ship with the Dow family.

Henry Dow, 2d, was a prominent man. He was a land surveyor, selectman, town clerk, and was appointed marshal of Norfolk County when Abraham Drake resigned in 1673. In 1689 he was ensign of the Hampton Company of Militia, and rose to be captain in 1692; later he was councillor in court until his death in 1707. Captain Dow and wife had children:

Lucy, m. James Hobbs.
Ezekiel, b. 1698; m. Abigail Robey. Their children were Esther, Nathan, Lydia, Patience, Lucy and Jabez.

As we come down through the several generations, much interesting history gives details of them. One thing mentioned is Capt. Henry Dow's diary, which is still preserved and photographed. It is described as a little leather-covered book which has characters written on the pages that require a cipher alphabet to read. The author, Joseph Dow, ciphered out some of it and Englished it. He states that it gives an account of Jacob Leisler's "Declaration in 1689 when he seized the 'Fort' in New York and adhered to the Protestant Religion."

Sergt. Joseph Dow, born in Watertown, Mass., 1639–1703, was the third son of Henry Dow and wife, Joane. Joseph Dow married Mary Sanborn; their son, Joseph Dow, married at Amesbury, Mass., 1687, Mary Challis. Their third son, Phillip[1], born April 26, 1695, married Hannah Griffin in 1723/4; she died in 1853. He was a yeoman in Kingston. History states that they had eight children. Phillip married, second, Sarah (Ayers). She died in 1748. (She had previously married in 1736 Jonathan Freese, born in 1714; he died and she married Phillip Dow, son of Joseph Dow.)

Kingston First Church records give some children of Phillip Dow:

Ezekiel, b. 1731.
Jemima, b. 1734.

Ephraim, b. 1736.
Phineas, b. 1738.
Ebenezer, b. 1739.

Phillip Dow, 1st, as history states, was in Kingston and was of the Quaker faith. He had a son, Ebenezer, who, statistics state, married in 1761, Sarah French, born in 1734, of Hampton, daughter of Samuel French and wife, Mary Perkins (as Dow's *History of Hampton*). Ebenezer's brother, Benaiah Dow, married Sarah's sister and they settled in Gilmanton. Zebulon and Winthrop Dow enlisted in Epping with Sergeant Ebenezer, drawing the same pay and four dollars each for an overcoat. Ebenezer's wife died leaving a son, Phillip, 2d, who went to live with his grandfather, Phillip, until he grew up to manhood. Ebenezer (pension record) married, second, Mary Sanborn of Epping, in 1772. They had two children when he enlisted in 1775 for Revolutionary service:

Mary, m. a Griffin.
Jane, d. single in 1859.
Nathan, b. later.

After Ebenezer's return from the war, Strafford County deeds show that in 1782 he was in Meredith, and had a deed from Elisha Thomas of Epping to Ebenezer Dow, yeoman (which shows that he owned other land), a piece of land in Meredith, 120 acres containing a half of a gristmill and one half of a sawmill, that was bought of Joshua Foulsom, beginning at the north end of Sibley's line and extending south, which looks like the mills at Meredith Center, dated October 21, 1782. Sibley had lots Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in the First Division. Meredith town records give Sewall and Ezekiel in the First Division, in 1812; Phillip, Jonathan and Abram in the Second Division, in 1830–1835; and Abram in the Second Division, 1840–1850.

Meredith town records state: 1827, paid Phillip Dow for wood in School District No. 8; 1832, paid Phillip Dow for sawing plank, for bridges. (This looks as though Phillip was connected with the sawmill that his father Ebenezer bought years before at Meredith Center.)

A deed from Abraham Swain to Phillip Dow, 2d (son of Ebenezer and Abraham Swain's son-in-law), conveys one half of lot No. 6, in the Second Division in Meredith, being laid out for 120 acres, beginning at the northwesterly end, at the Rangeway,

and running southeasterly, carring the whole width of the lot, with equal width until half of the lot is measured off for quantity, and not for quality. "I am the lawful owner of said land with no incumbrance." Signed, Abraham Swain. Dated, December 9, 1794.

Another deed from Randlett to Phillip Dow, 2d, dated December 27, 1800, for ten acres, being a part of lot No. 12, in the Second Division in Meredith, the same credit to Abraham Swain and conveyed to Ebenezer Dow, as by said Swain (his son-in-law). Signed, John Randlett.

This is near the place where Jonathan Dow and wife, Eliza Glidden, are buried with a son, Frank Gilman Dow, also Eliza Glidden's second husband, John S. Pease, 1802–1877 (a brother to Simeon Pease). He died and she married, third, John P. Clifton, 1812–1884.

(Tradition tells us that she once told a neighbor that she had three husbands named John, but the last one was the best.)

Information from Mrs. Ellie May (Dow) (Smith) Gordon

Phillip Dow, 2d, married Lydia, daughter of Abraham Swain. Their children:

Ebenezer, b. 1799; m. Nancy Wiggin.
Jonathan, m. Elizs Glidden.
Abram Swain, m. Mary Jane Moore.
Gilman, d. young.
Lucy, b. 1804; m. Joseph Neal; buried at Meredith Village.
Polly, m. Nathan Clay; published 1833; buried in Union Cemetery.
Sabrina J., 1806–1866; m. George Hilliard; buried at Weirs.
Hannah Susan, m. George Shores; buried in Robinson Yard, Meredith Center.
Another dau. m. Greenleaf Fogg of Holderness.

Jonathan Dows children:

John Mooney, m. Nellie Kimball, sister of Warren Kimball.
Smith, d. South.
Frank Gilman, d. aged 28 yrs.

Abraham Swain Dow's children (he born 1816):

Charles Glidden, b. 1850.
Anna M., 1852–1877.

John Gilman, b. 1854.
George Harry, b. 1859.
Ellie May, b. 1865; m. Smith Gordon, 2d.

Bible Records

From Mrs. Ellie May (Dow) (Smith) Gordon, a daughter of Abram Swain and Mary Jane Moore:

Phillip Dow, 2d, had a brother, Sewell, born 1780; married Lydia, daughter of Abraham Swain. Their children:

Ebenezer, 1789–1881, d. in Moultonborough. He is buried on Meredith Neck in Boardman Hill yard. He m. 1826, Nancy, dau. of Chase Wiggin and wife, Mary Eaton. Their children:

Smith, m. 1853, Louise Boardman. They had a dau. who m. Elon Clark. He was a brother to Mrs. Maria Alexander of Meredith.

Lucian, m. 1856, Harriet A. Lovejoy; d. 1903; buried at Lakeport. They had a dau., Emma, b. 1860, who m. James Chase of Meredith and a son, Harry, who d. young. Lucian m., second, 1902, Vettie M. Chase, age 65 yrs., dau. of Madison Chase and wife, Nancy (Roberts) Chase; a dau., Emma, b. 1860, m. 1881, James L. Chase of Meredith.

Ebenezer Lawrence, 1827–1905, m. Octavia Libbey, b. 1835 in Sanbornton. Their children:

George W., 1862–1912.
Herbert E., b. 1868; m. Grace Shephard.
Albert E., b. 1869; m. Verdee Veasey of Meredith; she later m. Arthur Hutchins.
Frank, m. Emma Belle Sinclair.
Ervin Lawrence, lived in East Holderness.
Octavia, m. Samuel Amos Twombly. Their children: one m. a Knowles; Alice Twombly, single; Elizabeth Oranna, m. James Herbert Stratton. Their dau., Elizabeth, m. —— Holt.

Mary A., 1846–1902; m. James A. Bickford, 1841–1916. Their children:

Clara A., b. 1866; m. Hiram A. Cook, 1860–1922.
Henry A., 1873–1889.
Lizzie E., b. 1882; m. Elbridge P. Thompson in 1904. Their children: James A., b. 1906; Howard F., b. 1911.

Jonathan Dow, son of Phillip, 2d, and wife, Lydia Swain, married, in 1833 Eliza Glidden. Their children:

John Mooney, d. 1918 in Boston; m. Nellia Kimball at Meredith Center. They adopted a dau., Minnie Dow, 1871–

1915; she was an artist with her father, John Dow. They are buried in Union Cemetery, on lot 547, owned by Chase Cawley Weeks, b. in Sanbornton, who m. Sarah A. Bickford and aunt of John Mooney Dow; also a small stone, Nancy Mary. Tradition tells us that Chase C. Weeks built the summer hotel "View De Leau" and run it for a time, then returned to Boston; he d. in 1918, and is buried in Union. No stones.

Smith, d. in Boston.

Frank Gilman, d. aged 28 yrs., is buried beside his mother in a little yard back of the Ebenezer Dow home, where Jonathan Dow and wife were laid, also her second husband, John S. Pease, 1802–1877. After his death she m., third, John P. Clifton, 1812–1884.

Copied from Mrs. Abram Swain Dow's Bible

Abram Swain Dow, 1816–1881, married in 1848 Mary Jane Moore, 1822–1877, she a daughter of Joseph Moore of Sanbornton. Their children:

Charles Gordon, b. 1850.

Anna M., 1852–1877.

John Gilman, b. 1854; m. Laura A. Fellows.

George Henry, b. 1859; m. Zoa Wiggin, d. 1859.

Ellie May, b. 1865; m. Edwin Parry Smith of Meredith, son of Jacob Smith of Sanbornton and wife, Nancy J. Pearson of Meredith. They settled on Meredith Ridge; had a son, Ernest Parry Smith, b. 1885, who lives with his mother at Lakeport. After Mr. Smith died she m., second, Elisha Gordon of Lowell; he d. 1928. Abram Swain Dow is the ancestor of the Bristol branch of Dows, and the father is buried near Bristol.

Records

Jonathan Dow of Brentwood, "Pioneer" in 1782, died in 1850; married in 1790 Sally Hanaford of New Hampton, daughter of Capt. Peter Hanaford, Revolutionary soldier; she was born in 1771, died in 1832. They had twelve children.

Abigail, 1791–1872, m. 1807 Daniel Huckins of New Hampton, son of James and wife, Dorcas (Bickford) Huckins. Their children:

Nathan, b. 1808.

David, b. 1810.

Jonathan Dolloff, b. 1812; m. Abigail Smith, widow of Stephen Dolloff.

Daniel, 1814–1818.
Calvin, b. 1816.
Sarah, 1819–1894; m. 1841 Ezekiel Pike, son of Daniel Pike and wife, Sarah (French) of New Hampton.
Abigail, 1824–1849; m. Daniel C. Kelley.
Daniel B., b. 1826.
Joseph D., b. 1828.
Dana D., 1830–1865; left a son, Albert D., b. 1859.
Hosea Q., 1832; m. Helen Davis Nickerson.

Jonathan Dow, born in 1803, at Weare, a son of Stephen Dow, 1764, and wife, Lydia Gove, married in 1830, Harriet Chase.

Jonathan Dow of Gilmanton in his will, signed April 1, 1821, gave his wife half of the farm, also two cows and three sheep. His three daughters were Jemima Morrill; Hannah, wife of John Ferro; Dolly, wife of Josiah Farrar, who were married in 1796. He gave John, his son, half the farm and personal property. He married Elizabeth Chapman of Sanbornton in 1803; married, second, Deborah Page in 1867. To a son, Ephraim, he gave one dollar, he having had his share. He married Elizabeth French in 1790. To their son, Richard, he gave $110. He married Jemima Worthen, of Kensington in 1809. The daughter to have a certain amount of money later on. He decreed that his son, John, provide wood to keep one fire for his mother as long as she remains his widow.

Old Bible Records

Jabez Dow, 1748–1808, born in Kensington, N. H., removed to Deerfield. He married Anna Jewell, 1755–1840; married in 1777 at South Hampton, N. H. He served in the Revolution, four years, for which he received a pension. Later he removed to Meredith with his family, and was buried in the Jonathan Dow yard, on the so-called "Roller Coaster Road," where he lived. There were nine Dows that served in the Revolution; not a Dow stayed at home. Their children:

Lydia, 1777–1870, d. in Laconia. She was a school teacher in Meredith and Deerfield.
Sarah, b. 1781.
Ezekiel, 1785–1849, b. in Kensington, removed with his parents to Meredith. He m. 1814, Sarah Hill, 1786–1880, dau. of Jonathan Hill and wife, Abigail Tilton. He was a surveyor and farmer. They attended the Congregational Church in Meredith. Their children:

Lorenzo Ware, 1815–1912. He was called "Honest Ware Dow." He was b. in Meredith and d. in Somerville, Mass. He m. at Meredith, in 1842, Susan, b. 1821, dau. of Nathaniel Morrison and wife, Susan (Evans), she b. 1792, dau. of Edward Evans, 1752–1831. He was b. in Salisbury, Mass. He was adjutant in the Revolutionary War, under Gov. Mesheck Weare. The Evans family were prominent citizens. Children of Lorenzo and wife, Susan Dow:

Sarah F., 1843–1910.
Henry W., b. 1850; m. Elizabeth Lovejoy Nichols in 1880.
Susan Emma, 1854–1899, m. W. L. Snow.
Walter A., b. 1858; m. Stella Griffin in 1885.
Willie M., 1858–1863.

The grandchildren of Lorenzo Dow:

Ethel Mildrid, b. 1885.
Walter Weare, b. 1887.
Emma G., b. 1890.
Feda L. Baun, b. 1897.

Henry Dow of Northwood married in 1813, Betsey Watson of Nottingham, she a daughter of William Watson. He was a cooper. Their descendants went to Meredith and settled near the Dows, and made their homes.

Synopsis of will of Anna (Jewell) Dow, wife of Jabez Dow, dated Meredith, N. H., July 8, 1837:

1. I give to Lydia Dow, my daughter, one-third of my wearing apparel, also one-third of household furniture, etc., and $50 of my pension money, now due, provided I do not live to pay it myself.

2. To Sally Deaborn, my daughter, one-third of my wearing apparel, also one-third of household furniture, and $20 of pension money soon due.

3. To my beloved grandsons, Lorenzo W. Dow and Jonathan Gustavus Dow, sons of my son, Ezekiel Dow; also to Samuel Deaborn and Joseph Jewell Deaborn, sons of Sarah Deaborn, each one feather bed.

4. To Ezekiel Dow, my beloved son, the residue of my estate, real and personal; and that Ezekiel Dow shall be executor.

(Signed) Anna (Jewell) Dow.

Copied from the Old Dow Bible

Ezekiel Dow had a son, Jonathan Gustavius Dow, 1819–1895. He was a good farmer. He married in 1854, at Deerfield, Mary M. Tilton, born in 1830, she a daughter of Elbridge Tilton, born in 1798, and wife, Melinda, daughter of Sewall Deaborn. They are buried in the Dow Yard. Their children:

Myra E., 1855–1893.
Charles, 1864–1866.

Mrs. Jonathan G. Dow willed to Walter Dow (son of Weare Dow) and his brother, Henry (her husband's nephews), the brickyard at Weirs and the Mountain woodlot.

Ezekiel Dow, as Meredith inventory, was a resident of Meredith, 1812–1833, in the First Division; also Sewall Dow.

Ephraim Dow married Sally Hill in 1814 at Meredith.

Thomas Dow died in Meredith in 1840.

Sabrina Dow married George Hilliard, above the Weirs. Buried at Weirs.

Sewell Dow, a brother to Phillip Dow, 1780–1835, died in Lynn, aged 55 years. He married in 1804, Eleanor Whicher of New Hampton. Sewell's father's homestead was in Meredith Bridge, in the part now called Laconia. He removed to Thornton.

DREW

William Drew, born probably in Devonshire, England, in 1627, was at Oyster River in 1648. He lived at Drew's Point, where the cellar of the "Drew Garrison," built by him or his son, Francis, may be seen.

Old depositions show that William Drew died in 1669. His widow, Elizabeth ———, born in 1628, was a daughter of Francis and Tomasine (Channon) Matthews, who after her husband's death married William Follett in 1671.

William Drew and wife, Elizabeth Matthews, had three children. Their second son, John, born in 1651, settled about 1675 on the west side of Dover Neck, and was a cooper by trade. In 1680 he bought of William Follett, his mother's second husband, land, and built a house on it; later he bought more land of different men. History states that it was thought that he built the old garrison, now standing on "Spruce Lane," known as the "Drew Garrison," which is not far from the Drew family burial ground, on lot No. 13, that formerly was owned by William Drew Dam.

John[2] Drew was a sergeant in the militia and occupied offices of trust in town. He married, first, in 1675, Sarah Field, daughter of Darby Field, by whom he had four children. He married, second, Rebecca Cook. He died at Back River, Dover, in 1723, aged 73 years.

John[3] Drew, born about 1680, married in 1705 Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Tucker) Hopley of Portsmouth. He died at Back River, Dover, in 1711. Their third child, Francis[4], born in 1712, married before 1737 Mary, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Davis) Hicks of Madbury; she born in 1725. Their sixth child, Andrew[5], born in 1750, married Hannah, daughter of Ephraim and Ruth Davis. He married, second, Esther, daughter of Winthrop and Love (Cromwell) Bickford; she born in 1766, died in 1844. He was living near Pascataqua Bridge in 1793, but removed to Holderness, now Ashland, in 1808, and died in 1841. He had five children by the first wife, and four by the third wife. The first child by the second wife was Avis[6], born August 15, 1801; married Samuel S. Baker of Holderness; she died May 27, 1875.

Andrew Drew[5], 1750–1841. His wife, Esther Bickford, 1766–1844. Their children: Avis Drew, 1801–1875; Andrew, Jr., 1803–1850; Emily W., 1808; Sophronia, 1809.

Nicholas Drew resided in Durham, and died there in 1895. He was a member of the Durham Artillery Co. when it received General Lafayette on his last tour through the States. Their oldest daughter, Ellen K. Drew, born September 20, 1833; married Oliver Knowlton of Newmarket; he was born March, 1791, in Northwood. (The Sanbornton Town History states that he married Lucinda Batcheldor of Northwood, she born October 29, 1802.) Oliver Knowlton, after his marriage, lived on the Francis Smith farm in Sanbornton, where he was elected selectman, also representative of the town. He went to Sanbornton, as a school teacher, where he taught several terms at the Bay District. Their third child, John Knowlton, born May 25, 1832, resided in Meredith. He married Rachel in 1858, daughter of Josiah B. Batcheldor and wife, Louisa, daughter of Samuel Sanborn of Meredith. Their children:

Herbert Clarence, b. April 11, 1859.
Amy Cora, b. Aug. 28, 1861.
Jennie Louisa, b. Oct. 12, 1863.
Clara Louisa, b. June 25, 1869.

DUDLEY

Governor Thomas Dudley, born in Northampton, England, in 1576, died in 1653, at Roxbury, Mass., leaving a son and daughter.

Rev. Samuel Dudley, born in England in 1606, died at Exeter in 1683.

James Dudley, born in 1690.

Stephen Dudley, born in 1734.

Joseph Dudley, born at Exeter in 1728, son of James, died at Raymond in 1792. His daughter, Mary Dudley, born at Exeter in 1758, died at Gilmanton, in 1836; married Nathaniel Wells, born at Raymond, 1750–1833.

Nathaniel, son of John Wells and wife, Apphia, died in Loudon in 1796.

Dudley Wells, son of Nathaniel Wells, 1793–1831, died at Gilmanton; married Mehitable Burleigh, September 14, 1817, daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Taylor) Burleigh, born at Gilmanton, 1797–1873. Their children:

James Dudley, b. at Gilmanton, 1819; d. at Manchester, 1866.

John Webster, b. at Gilmanton, 1823; d. at Palo Alto, Calif.

James Webster, son of James Dudley Wells, married Mary Adelaide Morrison, October 12, 1887, at Meredith.

Eunice Wells, daughter of Nathaniel Wells, married Isaiah Tibbetts, 1803. Their daughter, Eliza Wells Tibbetts, married Nathan B. Wadleigh of Meredith in 1842. Their children:

Oliva Wadleigh, 1844–1844.

Ann Maria, b. 1845; m. Alphonso Charles in 1868. A child, Willie N., b. 1874.

May Flora, b. 1857 in Laconia.

DURRELL

Thomas Durrell, 1800–1884, was born at Gilmanton in 1820. He inherited a large acreage of land from his father and grandfather, who were among the earliest settlers in the forests of Gilmanton. He was active in public affairs of the town. Children:

Ann Maria, b. 1840; m. John Shannon Wallis of Sanbornton.

Eliza, m. H. Richardson. They settled in Concord.

Augusta, m. Lyman Folsom. They lived in Laconia.

Lewis.

Charles, lived in Laconia, d. in California.

Joseph B., a farmer, who owned 1,600 acres of land, was a prominent man; he m. Abigail Shannon. Their children: Adeline, Lorrain, Fisk, Martha and Inez.

Joseph B. Durrell, 1865–1896, married, second, Frances S., daughter of Perley and Eliza (Merrill) Farrar of Gilmanton. Eliza Merrill, was a daughter of Israel Farrar, an early settler of Gilmanton. Israel Farrar had children:

George W., m. Fanny Hill, who lived in Gilmanton, and died in Laconia.
Eliza A., m. John Moore. They had seven children. She m., second, Samuel Hutchins. They had one child.
Mary Jane, m. George Knapp. Their son d. in the Civil War.
Emalie A., d. young.
Frances Susan.
Christiana, m. Joseph Odlin. Two sons.
Alfred P., d. young.
Arthur M., d. in early manhood.
Addie L., m. Henry Lamprey, who d. soon after he returned from war.

Charles W. married and had eight children.

DUSTAN

From Moore's *Genealogy*, pages 167, 168
From Chase's *History of Haverhill*, page 185

On the 15th of March, 1697, a party of about twenty Indians came suddenly and without warning upon the western part of the town and, with the swiftness of the whirlwind, made their attack, and as suddenly disappeared. The first house attacked was that of Thomas Dustan.

There have been various accounts published, but Chase leans to that of Rev. Cotton Mather as being the most reliable, he having heard the account from the lips of Mrs. Dustan herself soon after her return from captivity. He published it in 1702. Hannah Dustan and her nurse, Mary Neff, were in the house, Mrs. Dustan having given birth to a child a week previous. When the Indians came Thomas Dustan was at work in a field, and reached his house to save his family. He hurried all his children, except the babe at its mother's breast, away on the road to the settlement at Haverhill, the nearest house or shelter being a mile away. Finding himself unable to save his wife, he hurried his horse after his children, whom he overtook about forty rods from the house. He kept them in front of him and shielded himself behind his horse.

It is not known whether he fired on the Indians or not. It is probable that he did not, but kept them at a distance, as, if he had fired, they would have rushed upon him before he had time to reload. The Indians fired at Dustan and the children, but not one of them received an injury, although there were eight of them, and their pace that of a child five years old. The other Indians meanwhile made Mrs. Dustan get up, and, after rifling the house, they set it on fire, taking Mrs. Dustan and her nurse with them, first dashing out the brains of the child against a tree. Several other captives were killed.

That night they traveled about a dozen miles. The home of the Indian who took Mrs. Dustan was a small island at the junction of the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers, a few miles above Concord, N. H. To this place, since known as Dustan's Island, they were taken. The Northern Railroad passes across it. A monument should be erected on the spot where Hannah Dustan's exploit took place. (Chase so states in his *History*.)

After remaining at this place about five weeks, preparatory to being taken to Canada to be delivered to the French, Hannah Dustan one night planned to kill the Indians with the assistance of her nurse, Mrs. Neff, and a young lad named Samuel Lennardson, an English youth captured at Worcester a year and a half before. They took hatchets and killed ten of the Indians as they slept, only one squaw, sorely wounded, escaping in the dark. Mrs. Dustan took some food, her dead master's gun and tomahawk, and, scuttling all the canoes but one, embarked with her two companions in the remaining canoe and went down the Merrimack River to Haverhill. They turned back to take the scalps off the heads of the Indians for proof of their deeds, and soon after doing this they wrapped them in a piece of linen cloth taken from her house when she was captured. A part of this cloth is still preserved by some of her descendants. They arrived safely at Haverhill, as though returned from the dead. The gun was presented to the Dustan Monument Association in 1859, after being in the male line since the death of Thomas Dustan.

On recovering from their journey Mrs. Dustan, with her two companions, journeyed to Boston, where they arrived April 21st. They took the gun, tomahawk and the ten scalps and petitioned the General Assembly, then in session, for recompense. It was given them and voted to give 50 pounds from the public treasury,

Mrs. Dustan to have one half and Mary Neff and Lennardson the other half.

Hannah Dustan was the daughter of Michael and Hannah (Webster) Emerson, and the eldest of fifteen children. She was born December 23, 1657, and was married to Thomas Dustan, December 3, 1677, by whom she had thirteen children. The time of her death and also that of her husband is uncertain. There is a tradition that she survived her husband some years, going to live with her son, Jonathan, on the original Dustan farm in the south part of town. Thomas Dustan was living in March in 1729. Chase calls attention to the greater heroism of Thomas Dustan as compared with the more famous exploit of his wife.

Page 194. "The name first appears on our town records as of those who built cottages between the years 1699 and 1875; next in a deed in 1675–6 from Thomas Dustan to Peter Green, then among the soldiers in King Phillip's War, August, 1678, then in a list of cottages built between 1875 and February, 1877."

Savage's *General Dictionary of the Early Settlers of New Hampshire*, 1860, says: "Dustin or Duston, Josiah of Reading, 1647, had Josiah, born May 14, 1656, and perhaps others, and died January 16, 1672. Thomas of Dover perhaps removed to Kittery before 1652. Thomas of Haverhill, perhaps son of the preceding, married Hannah Emerson, December 3, 1677."

Page 195. Chase concludes from an exhaustive investigation, of which he gives the details, that Merrill in his search correctly located the spot where the original Dustan house stood. This location can be gleaned from the account, but is not easily indicated apart from it.

After the Indian raid and Mrs. Dustan's capture, measures were taken to provide for defense and against surprise.

April 5, 1696–7. Copy of town order:

To Thomas Dustan, upon the settlement of Garrisons. You being appointed master of the Garrison at your house, you are hereby in his Majesty's name required to see that a good watch is kept at your Garrison, both by night and by day, by those persons hereafter named who are under your command, and inspection in buildings or repairing your Garrison, and if any person refuse or neglect their duty, you are accordingly required to make the return of the same, under your hand to the committee of Militia in Haverhill.

The persons appointed are as followeth: Josiah Heath, Son Josiah Heath, Jr., Joseph Bradley, John Heath, Joseph Kingsbury and Thomas Kingsbury.

By order of the Committee of Militia:

SAMUEL AYER, *Capt.*

Mr. Dustan was for the time largely engaged in brick making. The business, however, was attended with no little danger. The clay-pits were only a short distance from the garrison, but a file of soldiers had to be constantly on duty.

Page 308. In a petition to the General Court of Hannah Bradley (she being taken prisoner in the same raid as Hannah Dustan, but forced to travel further than she): "The next night but one there came to us one squaw, who said Hannah Dustan and the aforesaid Mary Neff assisted in killing the Indians of her wigwam, except herself and a boy, herself escaping very narrowly, showing to myself and others seven wounds." The Court granted Neff 200 acres of land at this time, 1728, when this petition was heard.

Page 658. Dustan Monument Association, organized October, 1855. January 22–23, 1856, a levee was held in aid of the project, at which was exhibited the gun taken by Mrs. Dustan from the Indians, the scalping knife said to have been used on the occasion, a tankard presented to Mrs. Dustan and Mrs. Neff by Governor Nicholson of Maryland, a pair of tongs, a platter formerly belonging to Mrs. Dustan and the pocketknife of Thomas Dustan.

On June 1, 1861, a monument of Italian marble, 5 feet square and 24 feet high, was erected by the Association, at an expense of about $1200.

The tablet contains the following inscription:

HANNAH, DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL AND HANNAH EMERSON
WIFE OF THOMAS DUSTAN
BORN IN THIS TOWN DEC. 23, 1657
CAPTURED BY THE INDIANS MARCH 15, 1697
AT WHICH TIME HER BABE, THEN 6 DAYS OLD, WAS BARBAROUSLY MURDERED
BY HAVING ITS BRAINS DASHED OUT AGAINST A TREE

They were taken to an island in the Merrimack River, near Penacook, now Concord, N. H., on the night of April 20, 1697. Assisted by Mary Neff and Samuel Lennardson, she killed ten of the twelve savages in the wigwam and, taking their scalps and her captor's gun as trophies of her remarkable exploit, she embarked on the waters of the Merrimack and, after much suffering, arrived at her home in safety.

Thomas Dustan, on the memorable 15th of March, 1697, when his house was attacked and burned and his wife captured by the savages, heroically defended his seven children and successfully covered their retreat to a garrison.

Thomas Dustan and Hannah Emerson were married December 3, 1677. Their children:

HANNAH, b. Aug. 22, 1678.
ELIZABETH, b. May 7, 1680.
MARY, b. Nov. 4, 1681; d. Oct. 18, ——; m. Samuel Wats, Jr., of Haverhill, May 25, 1715.
THOMAS, b. Jan. 5, 1683.
NATHANIEL, b. May 18, 1685.
JOHN, b. Feb. 2, 1686; d. 1690.
SARAH, b. July 4, 1688.
ABIGAIL, b. Oct., 1690.
JONATHAN, b. Jan. 15, 1691–2; m. Elizabeth Wats, May 18, 1715.
TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 14, 1694.
MEHITABLE, b. Sept. 12, 1694; d. Dec., 1694.
MARTHA, b. Mar. 15, 1696–7; d. Mar., 1696–7.
LYDIA, b. Oct. 4, 1698.

At the time of the capture of her mother little Abigail Dustan, mother of Hannah Watts Emerson, was just six and one-half years old, one of the youngest children, hurrying away as fast as their legs would carry them to safety, pursued by the savages, and protected by the Colonist, Thomas Dustan, with his horse and rifle.

Little Jonathan, her youngest brother, was only five years old. Timothy was barely able to walk, being only two and one-half years old, and was probably carried by one of the older children, as may have been the case with Jonathan also.

Data from Howard P. Moore, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, on Dustan family:

HANNAH DUSTAN.
Abigail Dustan, m. Wats.
Hannah Watts, m. Benjamin Emerson.
Abigail Emerson, m. Ortho Stevens.
Abiah Stevens, H. John Moore.
Archelau Moore, m. D. F. Moore.
Rufus A. Moore.
Juliette Moore.

Chase's *History of Haverhill* has the Hannah Dustan line:

Nathaniel Cheney was a son of Daniel Cheney and Hannah, born November 25, 1711.

Jonathan Dustan, married Elizabeth Wats May 18, 1715.

Mary Dustan, married Samuel Wats, Jr., May 25, 1715.

EASTMAN

Ensign Ebenezer Eastman, 1746–1810, married in Stratham, Abigail Barker, 1754–1824; he went to Sanbornton, on the Meredith line, before the Revolution. He was one of sixteen Sanbornton men that went into the Revolution about 1775.

Thomas Eastman, 1760–1834, who was a son of Edward Eastman and wife, Sally ———, married in 1784 Sally Brown of Poplin, 1766–1820. They had eleven children.

Daniel Eastman, 1785–1812, son of Thomas, was killed by being thrown from a horse.

Ruth Marion Eastman, 1792–1830, daughter of Thomas Eastman, married Benjamin Thompson, 1787–1822, son of William Thompson and wife, Mary Chase.

Hannah Eastman, 1795–1864, daughter of Thomas and Sally, married William Taylor, 1791–1872.

John Eastman, 1897–1818.

Abel Brown Eastman, 1799–1882, married Eliza Woodman, 1799–1882, of Meredith, a daughter of Thomas Eastman and wife, Huldah Sanborn, daughter of Dr. Benaiah Sanborn.

Obadiah Eastman, 1804–1882, son of Thomas and Sally, married first, Mary Belinda Sanborn, 1813–1832, daughter of George Washington Sanborn and wife, Mary Sanborn; second, Hannah L. Hoit, 1814–1840, daughter of Stuart Hoit and wife, Mary Burley, 1813–1832; third, Susanna Prescott, 1813–1872, daughter of Asa Prescott and wife, Hannah Thompson, daughter of Moses Thompson; fourth, Mrs. Lucy (Kelley) Potter of New Hampton. Obadiah had three children.

Sarah Woodman Eastman, 1836–1873, daughter of Abel Eastman, married Joseph Perley (his second wife), son of Nathaniel Perley and wife, Dorothy Bartlett of Haverhill, Mass.

George Washington Jefferson Taylor, 1820–1898, son of William Taylor and wife, Hannah Eastman, daughter of Thomas and Sally (Brown) Eastman, married Hannah Perkins Lane, daughter of Joseph Hilliard Lane and wife, Mary Lane.

John W. Eastman, born in 1845, married Addie M. Brown in 1877, daughter of Sylvester Brown, he a son of David Brown and a grandson of Samuel Brown, 1754–1827, a Revolutionary soldier. He was one of the first settlers, and married, first, Sally Paine, 1755–1819; married, second, Mrs. Robinson. Sylvester Brown married Eunice Gale Fox of Meredith.

A daughter of Abel Eastman and wife, Eliza Woodman of Meredith, was Mary Susan, the eighth child, born in 1849. She married Lyman H. Cate, son of Thomas Cate and wife, Sarah Wiggin of Meredith, daughter of David Wiggin and wife, Nancy (Dockham) Wiggin. A son, Horace Hook Eastman, born in 1833, married Angeline B. Colby. Their children:

Fred F., b. 1863; lives on the Horace Eastman farm in Laconia (Old Meredith).
Angie May Eastman.

EATON

John Eaton married in 1708 Esther, daughter of Moses Swett.

John Eaton of Seabrook, born in 1750, as history states, was a tailor. He married Sarah French. They settled in Pittsfield, N. H., and had eleven children.

The oldest child, Elisha[1] Eaton, born in 1768, married Betsey Sherburne. He was a farmer and died in 1794, leaving one child, Elisha[2], born in 1794. He was only four months old when his father died. His grandparents took him and kept him, and he fell heir to the old home. He married Betsey, daughter of Ephraim Brown of Guilford. Ten children:

Daniel B.
Sarah Jane, d. aged 23 yrs.
Miriam, m. Isiah C. Morrill of Guilford.
Reuhamah G., m. Isaac Morrill.
Emeline T., m. Calvin Rollins of Alton.
John D., settled in Salem, Mass.
Mary, m. Henry Duffee of Alton.
Martin B., was in Moultonboro.
Joseph W., resided in Salem, Mass.
Laura A., m. William Downs of Salem.

Daniel Brown Eaton, born at Guilford in 1820, settled in Meredith. When a young man he taught school several winters. He lived on his farm, where he was successful. He also did probate business, was a surveyor and did the work when the Enterprise Linen and Fibre Co.'s mill was started in Meredith. He married in 1849 Susan[1], daughter of Joseph P. Smith of Guilford. Their children:

Mary S., m. Rev. C. W. Taylor.
Julia A.
Sarah J., d. in middle life.
John S., d. in early manhood.
Daniel E., was cashier of the Meredith Savings Bank for many years. He m. Ella E. Everett.
Joseph S., settled in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Susan (Smith) Eaton died in 1876. In 1882 Mr. Eaton married, second, Mrs. Emily A. (Whidden) Corliss, widow of Mark Whidden of Portsmouth.

EDGERLY

Some of the early Edgerly family came from England and settled here at Oyster River. As they married and their families grew larger, they went farther inland and made homes.

Samuel Edgerly, whose father was a Revolutionary soldier, went to Kensington for a time, then removed to Meredith, where he settled and made a home. He married Betsey Smith. They had nine children: Joseph, David, John, Daniel, William, Sarah, Polly, Jane and Hannah.

William M. Edgerly, born in 1812 at Meredith, lived at home for twenty-five years. He married Lydia, daughter of David Fogg of Meredith, and bought his home. Their children:

George G.
Joseph W., went to Syracuse, N. Y.
Frank G., lived in Concord.

One of the sons, John W. Edgerly, born at Meredith in 1846, attended the Meredith schools, and also New Hampton Institution. He went into a grocery store in Concord, and later owned one. He married in 1869 Emma P., daughter of Joseph Dolloff of New Hampton. Her parents died when she was young, and she lived in Concord with a sister and graduated there from high school.

Emma P. Dolloff's great-grandfather, Samuel Dolloff, was of Russian descent, as history states. He was an early settler of New Hampton, where he cleared a homestead. His son, John Dolloff, was born and died in New Hampton. He farmed some and was a cooper. He was a very religious man.

John Dolloff's son, Joseph Dolloff, was born and lived on the old homestead most of his life. Their children:

Emma P.
Lavina P., m. William E. Gordon of New Hampton.
Martha M. N., m. Edward R. Robinson of Concord.
Joseph Y., lived in Concord.
Frank F., lived in Concord.
John S. S., d. in the Civil War.
William P., resided in New York; d. in Concord, 1891.

John P. Edgerly's mother, Lydia Fogg, daughter of David Fogg, had a brother, George S. Fogg, a lawyer, and very able in business. He was sent to Switzerland as minister, as he was a United States Senator. Tradition tells us that George C. Fogg introduced Abraham Lincoln to a Concord audience as "our next President," and, being chairman of the National Committee, Lincoln appointed Mr. Fogg as United States Minister to Switzerland, and he filled the position. After his return to Concord, he edited a paper until he sold out and retired. He died in 1881.

ELA

The Ela family were of English descent. Daniel Ela settled in Haverhill, Mass., about 1658. Israel Ela was made freeman in 1677. He married Abigail Bosworth. He died in 1700. Their son, John Ela, born at Haverhill in 1683, married Rachel Page. He died in 1742. They had five children. Their oldest, Jacob, was born in 1711–12. His wife died and he married, second, Mrs. Ednah (Little) Gale. They had eight children. Their oldest was John, the sixth child. A daughter, Lydia, married Daniel Appleton. John (son of Jacob), was born in 1740–1. He was a large man, weighing some 400 pounds. He married Ruth Whittier. Their oldest children were twins, Nathaniel W. and John Whittier Ela.

Nathaniel ran a hotel in Dover for over fifty years. John was a farmer in Durham and Lee. He married Mehitable Dame of Durham in 1793. Their children were Ednah, Joseph and John. Their father died in 1801, when Joseph was four years old. When Joseph was fifteen years old he went to Dover to learn the hatter's trade of his uncle Nathaniel. He was a pensioner of the War of 1812 and a very successful business man. He started business for himself at Norway Plains (Rochester). His health was poor, but he went to Meredith in 1822 and took charge of the store of Joseph Smith of Dover, the great merchant of the

Lake. The confinement soon impaired his health and drove him to outside work, and he went out and drove a team. In 1828 he was appointed deputy sheriff, which kept him outside, and he regained his health in the thirty years after. He worked for the Lake Company, purchasing right of flowage land, which he bought himself, and owned much land along Plymouth Street in Meredith on which he built homes. At one time he owned fifty-two houses in Meredith.

Mr. Ela was one of the incorporators and trustees of the Meredith Village Savings Bank. He married in 1832 Sally Miller Moulton, daughter of Jonathan Moulton and wife, Abigail Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith and wife, Mary Hobbs. Benjamin was a son of Capt. John Smith of Hampton. Mrs. Ela died in 1878, aged 65 years. They had five children in Meredith. Laura E. married, first, Daniel S. Beede, whose daughter, Nellie, was the widow of James W. Horn. She married, second, Alvin Peavey, a son John W. Ela, who studied law. He was in the Civil War and later practiced law in Chicago. A son, Charles H., died. A daughter, Ednah, married George E. Gilman. A daughter, Luella, died, aged 17.

FARNHAM

Benjamin Farnham, 1796–1871, son of Barachias Farnham and wife, —— Stevens, who early lived in Lebanon, Maine, but moved to Meredith, later lived in New Hampton, was a miller. He died at Joseph Leavitt's place, and is buried in the Leavitt yard. He was 76 years old in 1871. He married Mehitable, daughter of Elisha Piper of Meredith, and had several children, who settled elsewhere.

FERNALD

Old Kittery and Her Families states that in 1645 the agent for Sir Ferdinando Gorges gave a perpetual lease of Puddington Islands at Kittery, Maine, the Navy Yard, to Thomas Fernald, son of Renald Fernald; the price of the lease was two shillings, six pence a year.

The lease was made to a twelve-year-old boy of Dr. Fernald for his father's sake. Thomas later deeded to his brother, William, "Lay Clayme" Island. In 1806 this island was in posses-

sion of Capt. William Dennett, which he sold to the United States Government for $55,000. It contained 60 acres and was formerly used to dry fish on

About 1840 Seavey's Island, the old home of Thomas Fernald, was sold to the Government and added to the United States Navy Yard.

John, son of John Fernald, was born December 31, 1757, in Exeter. (We lack connection of the family, but the names seem to have been kept.) In 1807 Thomas and Samuel Fernald lived, as Nottingham history states, on the Turnpike District, and paid taxes there.

Newfield History states that Dr. Renald Fernald married Joanne ———. He was a surgeon of some eighty emigrants sent over to Pascataqua, by Capt. John Mason in 1631. They petitioned for Strawberry Bank to be called Portsmouth. Some of his children were John, Samuel, William and Thomas. Thomas was a land owner in 1660 in Portsmouth. "Ye whole of ye Doctor's Island in Portsmouth."

Capt. Joseph Fernald was born in 1779 at Newfield. His father died when he was young and he was bound out to Deacon Thomas Drowne, where he learned the tanner's trade and was a shoemaker until he enlisted as lieutenant in the company of Capt. Peter Hersey. He was discharged in 1814 and moved to Exeter in 1817. There he erected a tidemill for grinding bark. He married Nancy Smart, who died in 1805, aged 30 years. She was a daughter of Josiah Smart. In all his dealings with men he was above reproach, strictly honest, and lived an upright life.

Charles Fernald signed the "Association Test" in Nottingham in 1776. (I fail to find any record there of Luke Fernald, who was the father of William H. H. Fernald, born (as on his gravestone) in 1802 at Nottingham. In 1779, as Nottingham history states, the Eighth District School was kept at Charles Fernald's. Also in 1807 a petition was made to set off the Turnpike District. Among the petitioners was Thomas Fernald, Jr. The amount of his tax for building the schoolhouse was $2.12. (Not much as it is today.)

William Fernald, a Revolutionary soldier, of Meredith, served in 1776 at Fort Sullivan, was also in Col. Josh Wingate's Regiment at Fort Ticonderoga and signed for a pension at Exeter for service at Fort Sullivan. He ran a tannery in an old building,

still standing near a brook, this side of Plymouth Street Cemetery entrance gate at Meredith, and had the reputation of being a good blacksmith, liked by all his patrons. He lost his health going to war. He was postmaster in his last years.

The Thirsty Disciple

As we are quoting Nottingham history, the story of the "Thirsty Disciple" of Nottingham comes before us.

There were several religious sects in Old Nottingham, and on one occasion the minister observed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in a schoolhouse on a small stand. He told much of the life and suffering of Christ, and wrought his hearers up to show much emotion. He broke the bread and gave it to the deacon to pass, then filled the goblet with wine and, holding it in his hand, said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for the remission of sins"; and, passing it to the deacon, said, "Drink ye all of it." That moment a man came in all covered with dust and perspiration, having walked many miles to attend this meeting. He approached, and the deacon recognized him as one of the faithful, took the cup from the deacon and quaffed the wine to the last drop, and, returning the cup to the deacon, exclaimed. "Oh, Lord, I's dry as dust." So it was in Paul's day at Corinth. "One is hungry, and another is drunken." The cup was empty. (One step from the sublime to the ridiculous.)

Luke Fernald, born in Nottingham, became a member of the Brainard Mission, and in 1826 he and his wife were at Mission Ridge near Chicamauga. He and his wife, Betsey, are buried in Plymouth Street yard in Meredith; as on gravestones: Luke Fernald, 1799–1851, his wife, Betsey, 1795–1863. Their children:

Mary Elizabeth, 1827–1844.

Capt. William H. H., 1833–1872; m. Loretta S. Burleigh, 1835–1889. He was in the Civil War, captain of Co. B, 12th Regiment Volunteers. Their daughter, Hattie Wilmina, b. Feb. 10, 1861, in Meredith, m. Sidney Sanborn Baker, son of George Washington Baker and wife, Ann Eliza (Sanborn) Baker, of Holderness. (Tradition tells us they were married under an oak tree, beside the lake in Meredith.)

The earliest history of Luke Fernald is that he was in Meredith in 1844 and helped form a fire company there. He was a black-

smith in Meredith and had his shop on the "Flat," so called. Tradition tells us that Luke and John Fernald were left orphans when quite young, and were put into families to grow up to manhood. (It looks from history that they came from Maine.)

John Fernald, 1805–1886, married Hannah Smith, 1806–1878, a daughter of Rev. David Smith. A daughter, Jane, 1846–1854. Emma, 1843–1917, married E. C. Coval, 1840–1906, of Laconia.

A son, David Smith Fernald, 1832–1881, born at Nottingham, married in 1854 Almira Wiggin, 1835–1923, daughter of George Washington Wiggin of Meredith; she was a sister of Charles, Frank and Edwin Wiggin, also a sister to William Foss' wife, also Joe Clark's wife. Their children:

Ida L., 1854–1920, when she was 27 yrs. old, m. in 1881 E. J. Huse, age 35 yrs., son of John Huse of Newburyport, Mass.

Carrie, b. 1862, m. Frank Kerby, 1857–1881. Frank Kerby and his father-in-law, David S. Fernald, were drowned in Squam Lake. While out fishing they broke through some thin ice, Dec. 14, 1881. The funeral was in Meredith Town Hall, and a very large gathering, with a double service.

John and Luke Fernald had a sister, Mary Worcester Fernald, who married Jabez S. Robinson of Meredith in 1854. He m., second, Priscilla Bickford, at Meredith Neck; m., third, Luella ———, from Lakeport.

SMITH

Mrs. James Ford Huckins of Ashland, N. H., has the family lineage.

Rev. David Smith, 1769–1824, was the first resident Congregational Minister in Meredith. He came from Temple, Maine. He married Hepsibah Worcester, 1772–1827 (relative of the Worcester Dictionary editor). Their son, Sewall, 1811–1847, married Mary Goss, 1809–1875, of New Hampton. Children: Martha S., 1838–1857; Hannah, b. 1878, married John Fernald, brother of Luke Fernald. The widow of Luke Fernald died in 1863.

The Smith family and John Fernald are buried on the Sewall Smith lot in Plymouth Street yard.

Inscriptions on the Lovely-Batchelder Monument in Meredith Village yard:

Alice Batchelder of Holderness married —— Lovely. She married, second, Harry Fernal, son of W. H. Fernal. Their children, on the Lovely side of monument:

Ethel Fernald, 1821–1897.
William Fernald, 1877–1883.
Gertrude Fernald, 1880–1885.

On the Batchelder side of monument:

Simeon Batchelder, 1818–1900.
Ann Batchelder, 1818–1898.
Herbert P. Batchelder, 1865–1911.
Bertha Batchelder, 1872–1893.
Anne Batchelder, 1888–1902.

FLANDERS

James Flanders, came from England.

James Flanders, Jr., married Lydia Gordon.

James Flanders, married Margaret Moses.

These Flanders of the family lived on the Mooney farm, near the New Hampton line.

Abbie L. Flanders, married Charles Avery, April, 1905. No children.

Emma Flanders, married Bert G. Ordway, in 1899, moved to Ashland, later returned to the Mooney farm in Meredith. Children:

Martha, b. Oct. 19, 1900; m. Robert W. Dearborn in 1921.
Beatrice W., b. Mar. 28, 1906.
Christian W., b. Mar. 17, 1910.
Retta May, b. Feb. 2, 1921.

FOGG

History states that the first of the name in the United States was Samuel Fogg, who came from Exeter, England, in 1630, and settled in Hampton, N. H., 1638. He had four sons: Samuel, Daniel, Seth and James, from whom are many descendants.

Stephen, b. Aug. 12, 1730, in Exeter; m. Mrs. Sally Marsh in 1782.
Isaiah, b. June 10, 1789, at Meredith.
Stephen Norris, b. Feb. 3, 1817, at Meredith; m. Mar. 21, 1816, Sarah Libby, b. 1779, at Rye.

Amanda Gause, b. 1822.
Josephine Brooks, b. 1858.
Stephen Norris, Jr., b. Mar. 13, 1863; m. in 1890 Caddie Cowperthail, who came from Delaware. Their children: Thomas, b. 1891; Gilbert Norris, b. 1892.

Stephen Fogg, born in Exeter, January 12, 1760, died in Meredith, December 26, 1842. He served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Daniel Gordon's Co. of Colonel Waldron's Regiment of N. H. Militia from June, 1775, to January, 1776; was also a private in Capt. Ezekiel Worthen's Co. of Colonel Peabody's N. H. Regiment, under command of General Sullivan, from October, 1777, to October, 1778, during which time General Sullivan had a battle with the British in Rhode Island, in which he (Stephen Fogg) took part. He also served as private under Capt. Richard Sinclair in Col. Thomas Bartlett's Regulars from July, 1780, to the close of the war in 1781, being stationed a portion of the time at West Point and the remainder at Stony Point on the North River, N. Y. He married in 1782, Sarah Marsh, 1763–1842. She died in Meredith. Their children:

Stephen Norris, b. Mar. 10, 1783, d. 1898; m. Amanda Gause, 1822–1899.
Jonathan, b. Aug. 25, 1784; m. Susanna Gilman.
Joseph, b. Feb. 4, 1787; m. Judith Gilman.
Isaiah, b. June 10, 1789, d. 1877; m. Sarah Libby in Rye.
Parker, b. July 29, 1791.
Jeremiah, b. May 5, 1793.
David, b. Jan. 20, 1795.
Chase, b. Dec. 19, 1797, d. 1872; m. 1821 Sally B. Leavitt, 1798–1888, dau. of M. Elizabeth Fogg.
Sally, b. Nov. 27, 1799; m. Pratt Abbott.
Polly, b. Nov. 27, 1799.
Josiah, b. Oct. 24, 1801; m. Sarah Norris, 1818. Their son, Horace, m. Nellie Clark.
Hannah.
Abigail, b. Oct. 6, 1803; m. Daniel Cass of Meredith.
Hannah, b. Apr. 4, 1805.

Cass Hill

Not a country highway only
Has this old road been,
Winding very crookedly as it does
Tediously over Cass Hill,
Where the stagecoach used to run,
And today is a grassy pathway grown.

Its deserted house and buildings mostly gone,
Its tumbled-in and open cellar walls,
Its old fields and pasture,
Reflecting sadness, and embracing
Generations that are gone,
A story of long ago and sad could tell.

Linger here and pause a moment in Meredith—
Become a counterpart of all the past;
Try to feel its darkened shadows;
Be a traveler, weary, yet fascinated,
Wandering and musing o'er the "Old Homestead,"
And the sadness of the "Old Fogg Home."

Legend of the Stephen Fogg Home on Cass Hill

A GHOST WITH A LIGHTED CANDLE

On the high plateau overlooking Meredith Bay, an arm of Lake Winnepesaukee, and standing well back from the main road leading from the village of Meredith to Center Harbor, there stood many years ago, one of the prettiest farmhouses in New Hampshire. It was owned with a hundred acres of land, or more, by an old lady who had inherited it from her husband. Unable to carry on the land she sold it to a man, who, she claimed, cheated her out of the purchase money. He occupied the place but a short time after her death and then moved into a neighboring house for some unexplained reason. The farm remained idle for several years and then it was rented to a Mr. Thoroughgood.

It was not until some time after Mr. Thoroughgood had taken possession that he was made aware that his tenancy was a joint one. Returning one winter evening with his wife from a call on a neighbor they observed at the same moment that one of the chambers of their house seemed to be lighted, dimly at first, but growing brighter until what appeared to be the figure of a woman, robed in white and carrying a lighted candle, passed by the window into a hall and on into another chamber, apparently opening and closing the doors between.

As the phantom passed the window in the second room it was seen to turn half around and look out, giving to Mr. and Mrs. Thoroughgood a view of the face and figure. Then the chamber became dark and nothing more was seen of the mysterious visitant at that time. The house was examined by the couple, but the

doors and windows were found to be bolted and barred, just as they had been left, and nothing had apparently been disturbed.

It was not until some weeks later that the tranquillity of the household was again interrupted. Mr. Thoroughgood had combined with his agricultural occupations the making of shingles, and these were carefully made up into bundles and piled near the head of the attic stairs. One night after having completed arrangements for taking his shingles at an early hour the next morning to Meredith Village, he was awakened from a sound sleep by a terrific crash which shook the house, followed by what sounded like the bundles of shingles sliding from the attic down two flights of stairs, breaking their fastenings and distributing themselves over the entire distance. His wife, who had heard the noise, shared his apprehension that much of his work would have to be done over again. They made no investigation at the time, and their surprise was great on finding when day dawned the shingles intact and just as they had been left when they retired the night before.

Again there was a brief respite from nocturnal visitors; then, in the middle of the night, came an uproar upstairs and down as though pandemonium had broken loose. A minute later the noise was transferred to the barn. The cattle were apparently, loose and goring each other, and their bellowing could be heard above the shock of their deadly encounter. Urged on by his terrified wife, and without stopping to dress, Mr. Thoroughgood rushed out to the scene of the conflict prepared to witness a distressing spectacle. He threw open the great barn doors, letting in a flood of moonlight on the sleeping cattle resting quietly and peacefully in their stalls.

Despairing of being able to lead a quiet life in such close proximity to so unruly a spirit, Mr. Thoroughgood finally concluded to give up his lease on the farm and leave the neighborhood.

Jonathan Fogg (second son of Stephen), was born August 25, 1784, he married Susanna Gilman, daughter of Bradbury Gilman and wife, Hannah, she a daughter of Biley Gilman and wife, Mary (Webster) Gilman. Their children:

Esther B., m. E. Morse. Their children: Randolph, Nathan and Harold.

Katherine G.
Charles Gilman, m. Anna Worcester. Their children: Gilman, b. Feb. 4, 1903; Davis Howard, b. July 4, 1911.

Chase Fogg, 1797–1873, married Sally B. Leavitt. 1798–1887. Their children:

Sarah Adams, 1822–1912; m. Rev. Cleaves.
Jeremiah Leavitt, 1825–1912; m. 1875, Ella Archie, dau. of Edith Adele; m. Harry Hayne Fogg in 1880.
Nancy L., 1828–1912; m. Parmenas Heath and lived at home. She cared for her parents.
William Taylor, 1830–1900.
Catherine R., 1832–1913; m. second, Rev. Cleaves.
Susan Gilman, 1837–1922; m. Pratt Abbott.
Mary Elizabeth, 1839–1903.

Sarah Adams, born in 1822, married Rev. Francis E. Cleaves, Their children: Edwin Chase; William Perley, born in 1854.

Rev. Francis E. Cleaves, married, second, Catherine R. Fogg, 1832. Their children: Charles Stanley, died in 1917; Annie.

Jeremiah Leavitt Fogg, born in 1825, married Rhoda Ann Taylor, 1839–1873; marriage, second, Ella A. Brown, born in 1847. Their children: Edith Adele, born in 1876; Harry Hayne, 1880–1883.

Nancy Leavitt Fogg, born in 1828, married Parmenas Watson Heath. Their children: Selwin Chase and Edward Warren.

William Taylor, born in 1830, married Frances Ann, 1833–1907, of New Hampton, only daughter of Dr. Jeremiah Smith, 1796–1863, and wife, Charlotte Smith, 1804–1850. Their children:

Edward Harvey, 1860–1926, was a prominent business man in Manchester. He d. at his home in Manchester and at his request was laid beside his mother at Winona, near their old home. He had passed through the higher degrees of Masonry, and some of the highest Masonic officials of the state gave the impressive Masonic Consistory burial service at the grave.
Clara S., b. 1857; m. Francis Henry Bacon, who d. 1898. They lived in Brookline, Mass. She was a talented successful teacher, before her marriage. She is now living with the sister at the old home in Manchester.
Jennie C., 1863–1864.
Susie C., b. July 2, 1872, has been a successful teacher, but left her work and cared for the mother and brother in their last days. She now occupies a position as councillor

and is president of the Natural Science Department of the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences in the art school of northern New England.

Josiah Fogg, born in 1801, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Ferguson of Center Harbor. Lived in Moultonboro. Their children:

Horace, b. 1863; m. Nellie Clark of Meredith.
Charles N., m. Maggie Wheeler of Meredith. He m., second, Flora May Knowles, of Meredith Neck.
Josiah, had a son John A. and his sons, John S. and Charles S. and a daughter Phebe.
George W.
Parker.
Sarah, m. Charles Read. They had Abby and Lydia.

From Vital Records

Gilman B. Fogg, son of J. J. Fogg, and wife, S. G. Fogg, of Meredith, married Josephine, daughter of R. G. Smith and wife, M. A. Smith.

Horace E. Fogg, son of Josiah of Center Harbor, married in 1887, Nellie L. Clarke of Meredith, daughter of Frank Clark.

Monument Inscriptions

Flora M., wife of Chace Fogg, November 3, 1870. Their son, Harvey L. Fogg, May 14, 1905. On the other side, Annie J. Whittiman Knowles, 1862–1922.

Children of G. H. and Martha N. Cram: Gladys, born in 1905; died in 1906; Infant, born 1910.

Clara A. Cram, 1850–1912, wife of John James.

Eliza Jane, daughter of Russell S. Doe and wife, Eliza (Fogg) Doe, born in Cambridge, died in Boston, March 8, 1911.

Stephen Norris Fogg married Emeline S. Burleigh, November 15, 1838; she born May 29, 1817, in Sandwich.

Mary N. Fogg, born October 8, 1839, married Elbridge Burleigh, in 1844, at Center Harbor.

Mary N. Fogg married Henry Gilman. Their son, Jerome Gilman.

Elbridge B. Fogg married Anna B. Marshall in 1868 at Philadelphia; died in 1870.

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Chase Fogg. His children: Stephen, Chase, Josiah and Joseph.

Stephen Fogg. His children: Stephen, born in 1760; Jonathan, Joseph, Isaiah, Parker, Jeremiah, Daniel, Chase and Josiah.

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Chase. His sons: Jeremiah L. and William T.

Josiah. His children: John S., Charles S., George W., Parker, Sarah, Abby and Lulia.

John S. Fogg. His sons: John A. and John S.

(See pension records of Stephen and Samuel Fogg.)

Samuel Fogg, 1761–1845, married Hannah Barton in 1782. He was born in Newmarket and lived there until 1788, then moved to Sanbornton, for a time, and later to New Hampton, then Holderness and Meredith. He enlisted as private under Capt. Ezekiel Worthen for nine months and went to Rhode Island. They had eleven children.

December 8, 1845, Marquis D. Robinson of Meredith stated that he had been acquainted with Samuel Fogg and children for forty years. The children were:

SAMUEL, 1761–1828.
LYDIA, 1785–1845; m. Noah Worcester of Thornton.
EBENEZER, b. 1783.
MARGARET, b. 1778; m. Jonathan Cram.
PHINEAS, 1748–1820; m. Lydia ———, 1745–1835.
JOSIAH.
SALLY.

December 9, 1845, Newell Fogg, born in 1781, of New Hamptom testified that he was 64 years old, a son of Phineas Fogg and a brother to Samuel, who was the oldest of ten children.

December 9, 1845, Calvin Fogg of New Hampton, grandson of Phineas and son of Newell Fogg, said that his grandmother lived with Newell until she died, 1745–1835. He said that his grandmother often spoke of her son, Samuel Fogg, who was in the Revolution.

December 8, 1843, Jonathan Cram of Meredith, who lived on Cass Hill, testified that he was 67 years old in 1843; that he married Margaret, the third child of Samuel Fogg and wife, Hannah (Barton) Fogg. They had two children older than his wife, Margaret; they were Lydia and Ebenezer. From record in

family Bible in possession of Samuel Fogg's brother, Newell Fogg of New Hampton. Their children:

Climena B., b. 1811.
Eliza W., b. 1813.
Samuel B., b. 1815.
David C., b. 1817.
Sarah B., b. 1819.
Nancy W., b. 1821.
Almira A., b. 1823.
Mary H., b. 1825.
Lucinda, b. 1827.

Mrs. Climena B. (Cram) Fogg, aged 88 years, 7 months and 21 days, passed quietly away at the residence of her son, John Calvin Fogg, at 31 Bridge Street, Lakeport, on Thursday evening, January 11, at 6:55 P.M. Death was the result of an accident which occurred December 24. As she came down stairs, on entering the dining room, her dress became tangled in the door, throwing her heavily to the floor and breaking her limb two inches below the thigh. Owing to her advanced age, she was unable to stand the result of this painful and fatal accident. A peculiar circumstance in regard to her death is that a brother, Samuel B. Cram of New Hampton, aged 84 years fell through a scuttle on the 13th of last month and died from the injuries received on the 27th, while a sister, the late Mrs. Sarah Jones of St. Johnsbury, aged 76 years, fell onto the floor in a similar manner in which Mrs. Fogg broke her hip and died from the result of the accident. This occurred some six years ago.

Mrs. Fogg was the daughter of the late Jonathan and Margaret Fogg Cram, and was born in the town of Meredith on May 21, 1811. Her family are a long lived race, her mother was 86 years of age when she died and her father 81. She was united in marriage to Calvin Fogg at Meredith on March 15, 1834, and they moved to New Hampton a short time after and entered the hotel business ("Fogg's Tavern") in the vicinity of what is known as Fogg Station (now Winona).

Mr. and Mrs. Fogg moved to this place 41 years ago (1859), and were always highly respected in the community.

The deceased was the oldest person in Lakeport. She is survived by a son, John Calvin Fogg, foreman of the wood-work

department of the B. & M. repair shops at Lakeport; two daughters, Mary Jane, wife of Fred Gilman of Meredith, and Sarah Clay; also three sisters. Mrs. Charles Currier, aged 86 years, resides in Minneapolis.

Jonathan Cram married Margaret Fogg. Their children:

Mrs. Nancy Chase of Morrisville, Vt.
Mrs. Charles Currier of Minneapolis, Minn.
Climena B. Cram, b. in Meredith, May 21, 1811; m. Calvin Fogg in 1834. They went to New Hampton and ran the "Fogg's Tavern." They had a son, John Calvin Fogg.
Mary Jane, m. Fred Gilman of Meredith.
Sarah, m. —— Clay.

Samuel B. Cram, 1815–1899, married in 1844, Sally B. Smith, 1816–1898, she a daughter of Moses Smith, born in 1792, and wife, Hannah Cram, 1790–1815. Their children:

Elisha Smith, b. 1846.
Charles Henry, b. 1849.
Lucinda Jane, b. 1852.

Deacon Simeon Pease died July 30, 1843, aged 65 years. His wife, Mehitable Wedgewood Pease, died September 13, 1840, aged 65 years.

Benjamin Pease died February 26, 1802, aged 58 years. He married in 1793 Rebecca, daughter of William Pike and wife, Phebe Smith, she a daughter of Robert Smith and wife, Abigail Cass.

Phineas Fogg, son of Samuel and wife, Mary ——— of Hampton, 1738–1820, married Lydia ———, born August 9, 1745. Their children:

Samuel, b. Dec. 12, 1761.
Simon, b. Oct. 9, 1764.
Nathan, b. Dec. 31, 1768.
Asa, b. Nov. 13, 1772.
Mesech, b. Mar. 11, 1775.
Noah, b. Jan. 5, 1779.
Newel, b. Nov. 22, 1781; m. 1806 Polly Wedgewood, d. July, 1854. Their dau., Mary Ann.
Deaborn, b. Feb. 29, 1784.
Levi, b. Jan. 8, 1787.
David, b. June 6, 1789.

Phineas Fogg's ninth son, Capt. Levi Fogg, 1787–1853, married in 1809 Sally Wedgewood, 1785–1863. They lived for a time

above Foggs Station (Winona). He was a very large man, weighing about 400 lbs. He and his wife died at "Fogg's Tavern," and were buried with several others in the orchard, north of the buildings, but when the Tavern was sold, the new owner removed the bodies to Meredith Village Cemetery. Those that had stones were removed. The rest remained. Children:

Martha, 1820–1840.
Parker, 1824–1841.
George S., 1826–1863; was captain on a boat on Lake Memphremagog. He was killed at the battle of Chancellorville, Va., Mar. 2, 1863, aged 37 years.

We could not find the family record of all of the Fogg family, but tradition tells us that Levi had a son, Calvin, who married in 1835 Climena Cram of Meredith.

John Fogg married —— Boynton at New Hampton.

Mary Jane Fogg married Henry Boynton, a son of Mark Boynton. They had a daughter, Mary Jane Boynton, who married George H. Hall of Campton.

Sarah Fogg married Charles Clay at Lake Village.

John Calvin Fogg married in 1863 Augusta, daughter of Moses Sanborn and wife. Their son, Oscar V. Sanborn, lived at Lakeport. He married Hattie ———. Their children:

Gladys Agusta Sanborn, m. Wilfrid Gauthier.
Lillian Jane Sanborn, m. Dr. Conway, a dentist.
Helen Sanborn.

Disconnected

Asa Fogg died August 5, 1776. David died in 1791. Phineas born in 1738, died in 1820. A Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Lydia, 1745–1835. Simon Fogg died in 1842; wife, Eliza Doe, died in 1845.

Newell Fogg, 1781–1854; Molley, 1771–1851.

Capt. Levi Fogg, 1787–1853; his wife, Sally Wedgewood, 1795–1863.

John Fogg, 1801–1833; wife, Phebe, 1804–1877.

Nathan F. Fogg, 1793–1852; wife, Hannah, 1793–1843; wife, Louise Perley, 1809–1889.

George Fogg lived opposite Winona Depot. He was a son of Levi Fogg. A sister of George Fogg married Russell Doe, who was one of twelve children who lived in "Doe-town" (Rumney).

Russell Doe married, second, Lucretia, daughter of Timothy Perkins of Center Harbor. They had a son, Rev. Paul Perkins.

Charles W. Fogg (son of George Fogg, born in 1893 at Center Harbor, and wife, Lydia Hanscomb Fogg) married in 1863. Charles Fogg married in 1888 Mary Alice, daughter of Lorenzo Roby and wife, Jane ———, born in Holderness.

Samuel Fogg of Meredith married Charlotte Wilkinson of Guilford in 1816.

Abel Fogg married Mary Richardson in Meredith in 1822.

George Gilman Fogg, born in Meredith Center, May 26, 1813, died in Concord, N. H., in 1881. He was a son of David Fogg and wife, Hannah Gilman (Vickery) Fogg. Her father born in Pittsfield, and mother in Exeter. He studied law with Judge Lovell at Meredith and Harvard Law School. He was a member of the N. H. Historical Society. He never married. He was a U. S. Senator and appointed by President Lincoln as U. S. Minister to Switzerland. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1839, and practiced law in Gilmanton. In 1866, he was U. S. Senator from New Hampshire.

Seth Fogg lived and is buried in an old yard, where the Belknap County Farm was later located. He married Betsey Gile of Gilmanton (Belmont). They had a daughter, Caroline F. Fogg, who married Mr. Beede. Their son, Fred Beede of Meredith.

(I have no connections of the Fogg family with Seth Fogg.)

The Old Fogg Homestead

Fractions from an article written on "The Ideal Abandoned Farm," by Allen Chamberlain in the *New England Magazine* in 1897 (he was later associate editor of the *Boston Transcript*), describing the Stephen Fogg homestead on Cass Hill in Meredith, which was located on the old Stage Road to the White Mountains.

It was one fair day late in August, that we climbed the long hill by a winding, weed grown road, to get a close view of the ruin that we had seen through a glass from the valley below.

The flowers and strawberry blossoms, with a ripe berry occasionally, were seen in the weeds, as we passed along. At nearly the top of the hill we turned aside on an old lane, that crossed a rocky pasture, skirted along the western edge by a magnificent maple grove and stone walls, and old orchards of apple-trees. This lane seemed to be nearly one fourth of a mile long, and ended in the dooryard above the orchard.

There in front of the old homestead was a most beautiful picture of Nature's

handiwork that nothing in art could equal—the view of the hills, lake, and valleys.

The old house, in soft yellow browns and grays, weatherbeaten by the storms of many decades, and by its side the grinning skeleton of a former huge barn with lichens on its north side.

To the south and west the hill sloped away overlooking thirty miles of island set and mountain girth lake, five hundred feet below, and westward were thrifty white farmhouses in the valleys and on the lower hillsides with their pastures, fields and woodlots, and beyond, in the distance, mountains on mountains. The view was delightful, but the old house attracted us next. It was with awe that we approached it, the varying angles of the roofs looked to have been built in four installments many years apart. This gave the flavor of antiquity.

It suggested the old English manor houses with wing after wing, built by succeeding generations, and each addition showing a new architectural form, where the three generations each left its imprint.

The original one-room low roofed cabin of the grandfather, Stephen Fogg, with a great chimney of old-fashioned soft brick, all out of proportion to the size of the house it was made to serve.

On the other side of the chimney a roof of higher pitch arose, covering the addition of a couple of rooms. Beyond this another bit had been added. Apparently after a lapse of years they built the main house on the other end of the settler's cabin and the new part faced the west, with its gables standing north and south, while from the southeast corner the older sections formed a shop and carriage shed. This left the dooryard towards the barns, sheltered from the inclement quarters, and open to catch the winter sunshine.

On the south the oaks shaded the dooryard and looked as though a landscape architect had laid out the plan for the old pioneer settler.

After studying the house within and without, we came to think the old Grandfather must have had a potent seed of artistic grain hidden away in his makeup. Certain it is that it developed in his children and grandchildren.

We learned from a neighbor that it had been one of the finest farms in the country; that it raised the finest corn which was the wonder of the autumn fairs and its hay topped the record of the town, for the land was fertile. Its long lines of massive stone walls, six feet thick at the base and four feet high, witnessed the patient labor and foresight of the owner and showed stability and taste.

The house was the old story-and-a-half style, the main part 25 by 30 on the ground, it had been painted white on the south end and west, and on the colder side a warm buff.

The windows had pretty green blinds that the wind had made havoc with the slats. The roofs were drained with gutters and conductors, and the gable ends and chimneys bristled with the lightening rod delusion.

Along the western side was once a flower garden, with a riot of hardy shrubs and flowers that disputed the passage of visitors up the little brick path to the front door, with its broad hewn stone step, its heavy hand-made panels, and its wrought iron latch that had a dignity all its own.

At the side door of this New England farmhouse, letting into the warm

kitchen entry, we found the door fastened with a piece of ox-chain drawn through the latch and hooked. For nearly a quarter of a century no one had crossed the threshold in home-coming, though countless summer boarders had roamed through the rooms as the years came and went, heedless, feeling no reverence for the old associations that seemed to echo with every footfall along the ancient floors.

When we opened the door the chain fell clanking against the casing, the door swung in with a weird creaking and we paused on the threshold of the great kitchen, which was a long, low-studded room that was half the width of the house, with only a small bedroom taken out of the width on the north end.

Scarcely a whole sash of glass remained in the house and the winds had free access, so there were no musty odors.

The doors of adjoining rooms, also of closets and cupboards, were wide open.

The old fireplace had been bricked up, and beside it the brick oven, where in former days were baked beans, brown bread and Indian puddings, the thought of which made our mouths water for a taste as they came forth from its cavernous depths in the days gone by.

Opposite the fireplace a door and three windows opened to the fields where many crops had been harvested.

Here in this great room we felt like intruders, for this is where centered the family life. We fancied we could see the mother standing in the doorway, with a tin horn in hand listening for the halloed response to the noontide summons for dinner.

Here the children gathered in the evening to study (for they were well schooled, we learned), while the mother and older daughters made music on the spinning wheel and loom.

On the poles overhead were strings of dried apples, with perhaps onions also, and in the chimney corner no doubt a pitcher of cider, for like all the farmers in olden days they made many a cask of cider in the old press, where the great hand-made wooden screws and massive beams are all that remain to mark its site.

Everything pointed to the comforts of a happy household. Five stalwart sons and five splendid daughters must have relieved the father and mother of much of the heavy work.

It was in vain that we searched about the house and farm for some clue to solve the mystery of the abandonment, but later we learned some of the hidden history of how this beautiful home came to be deserted.

Two of the sons lost their lives on the lake. Another served his country on the battle field and left his ashes in the sunny south. The remaining two were ambitious to learn a trade and left the paternal roof and never once returned. One by one the daughters found other objects of their affections and went to make other happy homes.

The mother thus left childless in old age, succumbed to a malady common enough but seldom recognized—a broken heart.

The father was left in a cold cheerless home, and turned his tottering footsteps towards his daughter's in the neighboring village.

The farm would not sell and later, after the father was laid away in his last resting place in the little now deserted yard, not far from the house, marked

only by a flat field stone unhewn and unlettered and beside it another unmarked grave where rests the broken-hearted mother, was the gratitude of these children who went out in the world and were successful.

After a time a sale was forced and the homestead passed from being the pride of the country to be a horse pasture.

In their last days two of the daughters felt the love of childhood drawing them toward their old home, and longed to be laid in the family graveyard behind the old house. There today their marble tombstones are the only incongruous features of the whole moss and weed grown spot, walled in and locust shaded, with some half a dozen stones. The lichen-covered slate stones of the grandparents are visible. Yet we were told by an elderly man that they were a happy household. The world and its people are queer.

Out of the kitchen on the northeast was a sunny room used as a sitting room, grained very tastily, and across a front hall was a room used as a parlor, which opened into the kitchen, thus taking us completely around the great chimney; also a little kitchen bedroom, probably occupied by the father and mother.

Across the kitchen, near the door where we entered, a door opened into the older portion of the house, and reverently we entered the grandfather's first abode. Here was unquestionable antiquity. No plaster anywhere; the walls cased in boards of old growth pine of a width that seems fabulous today; the ceiling planked across two massive beams of ax hewn oak; windows small with unequal sash and set with cheapest glass; and a great chimney with fireplace and oven occupying almost one entire wall. No paint ever touched the woodwork here, but smoke and age had toned those boards into a rich warm brown.

A narrow doorway beside the chimney led into the first addition, made necessary by a growing family. Here were the first signs of aspirations to elegance. The walls were plastered and papered and one room had a cozy fireplace, presumably the first parlor.

By giving the roof of this part a little higher angle than that of the original house, a goodly garret was made, where the children may have slept.

At some later day another bedroom was added to the ground floor, a mere closet, just big enough for a bed and chair, with one window.

The garrets were explored and here again was written the wealth of the native forests in heavy timbering of the roofs and in more of those wide pine boards upon the floor, soft as satin and brown as walnut.

We sought the cellar, opening the two stout double doors of the rollway from without and peering into the two high brick vaults under the main chimney. Coming as we did from the strong sunlight into this subterranean den, those yawning arches filled with strong earthy odors and rumbling with a deep echo of our voices, suggested all sorts of uncanny things. It was like a dungeon of a ruined castle, but we knew that the place had never held aught but potatoes and apples safe from the frost and cold of winter. It was like experiencing Heaven after a taste of Hades, to come forth into the sunshine again.

Back of the house, in what was used as a shop, we found the deep dark well with a great wooden grooved wheel hung in the rafters overhead, on which the bucket rope once ran. Here too was a chimney with bricked in kettles, where

the sap was probably brought in the spring to be boiled down into maple sugar and syrup.

From the hilltops we looked across the old fields so long untouched by plough or scythe and coming up to pines. Wherever was grass were pretty wild flowers.

Sadly we left the scene, when the sun ran low in the western sky, to Nature, where the cricket sings unheard by humans.

Let the winds sing a requiem as they whisk the autumn leaves through the old house (parts of which still stand, upheld by its sturdy frame) to him who will attune his ear to catch the air of the poetic story.

Stephen Fogg was a Revolutionary soldier. He enlisted at Exeter in 1777, went to Machias, Maine, and was on the ship *Ambuscade*, which lay in the harbor for defence of Machias and adjacent river. After his discharge he again enlisted and served at Penobscott, Maine; also at Rhode Island in 1778. He was a pensioner in 1840 and lived on the Center Harbor Road in Meredith. He died in 1842.

Elder Richard Martin, who came from Lee, N. H., was pastor of a Freewill Baptist Church in Guilford. He established in 1797 a church called Gunstock Parish, and preached there until his death, besides preaching in many other places during this time.

In 1800 he preached at Oak Hill in Meredith, and while there he baptized among others Robert, Abigail and Polly Smith of New Hampton.

FOLSOM

As history, John Foulsham, about 23 years old, his wife, his wife's father and mother (Edward and Mary Clark Gilman), three younger Foulsham brothers (Edward, John, Moses), Sarah and Lydia, who married in 1645 Daniel Cushing, were among a colony that landed at Boston in 1638. They came to Hingham, Mass., from Hingham, England.

John Folsom and wife, Mary Gilman Folsom, as history, seem to be the ancestors of the family in New England. He was baptized in 1615 at Hingham, England, and married in 1655 Mary, the oldest child of Edward and Mary Clark Gilman. He died in Exeter on what was called "Rocky Hill."

Abraham[3] Folsom was of the third generation He married Huldah Eastman, and moved to Epping.

John[4] Folsom, 1718–1790, married Abial Carr, in Brentwood. Their son, Nicholas Carr, 1747–1827, married Mehitable Flanders.

of Poplin, settled in 1769 at Meredith, and was ordained on a rock outdoors, August 31, 1782.

Abraham[5] Folsom, 1744–1801, married his cousin, Hannah Folsom, settled in Meredith, and lived at Lake Village, where he had a mill. He was in the Revolution. He had a son, Abraham[6] Folsom, born at Meredith, 1777–1824, married Mary Libbey, 1789–1865. They had a son, Joseph L., 1816–1855, who graduated at West Point and went to California as a government employe.

Nicholas Carr Folsom and wife, Mehitable Flanders, had a son, Samuel, born in 1767 at Exeter, married Lydia Smith, daughter of Elisha Smith and wife, Abigail Norris Smith. They had four children: John[6], born at Meredith in 1781, married Sally, daughter of Jesse Plummer; she died suddenly. In 1836 he married, second, Mrs. Eunice, widow of James Wadleigh. Their children:

NOAH, b. 1804; m. Polly Sanborn of Meredith in 1828.
TIRZA FOX, b. 1809; m. 1830 Charles W., son of David Brown.
SARAH MORRILL, b. 1837; m. Luther Morrison of Sanbornton.
CHASE PROCTOR, b. 1847; m. 1869, Celestia Howe; a farmer on the Plummer place in Sanbornton; other children married and went to other towns.

Another daughter, Mary, born in 1774, married Capt. Elisha Piper. Their third child, Susanna Piper, born in 1799, married Smith Leavitt of Meredith, a farmer.

Moses Piper, born in 1801, married Betsey Ambrose, died 1863. He was a deacon in the Pine Hill Baptist Church in Sanbornton and Meredith.

Rev. Nicholas Folsom was the fifth generation of Folsoms in this country. His great-great-grandfather was the pioneer ancestor. John Folsom[1], who was baptized in Hingham, England, in 1617, married in 1636 Mary Gilman and came to this country in 1638 with the Gilmans and others in the ship *Diligent*, settling first in Hingham, Mass., and in 1647–50 removed to Exeter. His line is John[1], Nathaniel[2], Nathaniel[3], John[4], Rev. Nicholas[5].

In a deed of gift to his daughter, John[1] Folsom signed the deed "John Foulsham, alias Smith." From research done in England, I find that our John first and all members of his English family

signed "alias Smith" to distinguish them from the other numerous Folsom families living so near together.

His grandfather, Adam (Foulsham), married Agnes Smith. Adam died and the children were probably brought up in the grandparents' family named Smith, so this branch of the family was called alias Smith, to distinguish them; and John[1], to make his deed absolutely sure, signed it "John Foulsham, alias Smith."

One year there was a scarcity of food, and Nicholas Folsom was speaking at the morning service, when some youngster entered and said, "The shad have come! The shad have come!" Priest Folsom stopped talking and said, "I close my sermon. The shad will do you more good than my talk." The fish were coming up stream at the Weirs, and the inhabitants needed the fish for food. The men all rushed down the "Shad Path," now called the "Roller Coaster Road."

Nicholas Folsom was a surveyor. He and Mr. Longfellow surveyed most of the country in Meredith and near by. The last land they came to was a point of land on Meredith Neck; they hesitated and asked, "What will we call this point of land?" Elder Folsom said, "It looks to me like a spindle." They decided to call it "Spindle Point," which name it still retains.

The old barn on the Folsom farm, built over 150 years ago, still stands. Five generations of Folsoms were born on this farm, who have all passed on. These facts were given by Mrs. Abbie (Blaisdell) Folsom, who has since passed on.

John C. Folsom, born August 6, 1831, died March 3, 1892, spent his life in the old home. His death ended the fourth generation who had lived and died on the same farm, which fell to his widow and son, Charles N. Folsom.

John C. Folsom had one sister, Hannah Laverna (Folsom) Swain, widow of John M. L. Swain.

Priest Nicholas Carr (Smith) Folsom was the first settler, long prior to 1800. After his death his son, Nicholas, had the farm, then his grandson, Joseph, and his great-grandson, John C. Folsom next.

John Folsom, the father of Nicholas, came to Meredith in his latter days and lived with his son, Priest Nicholas, and is buried in the Smith burying ground (Opeechee). He was a prominent man in Colonial days and was in the French and Indian Wars.

His father, John Folsom, was also a prominent man. He was killed by the Indians at Nottingham, N. H., as history. They were a worthy family.

Died in Meredith (Laconia), on his farm, Priest Nicholas Carr (Smith) Folsom, June 4, aged eighty-three years and 6 months.

Died, February 24, Mrs. Judith Folsom, aged 76 years and 10 months.

Died in Meredith, Hannah, wife of Nicholas Folsom, aged 78 years. She left a husband and two children.

Copy of Hannah Lavernia Folsom's Book

Made May 20, 1849

In Memory of the Generations of Folsoms

Nathaniel Folsom, killed by the Indians at Nottingham, Aug. 22, 1747.
Susanna Folsom, d. Mar. 30, 1759.

John Folsom, b. Mar. 23, 1719; d. Nov. 27, 1810, new style.
Abiel Folsom, b. June 15, 1721; m. Oct. 17, 1741; d. Sept. 17, 1796.
John and Abiel Folsom's children's ages:
Susanna, b. Jan. 6, 1743; d. Apr. 2, 1759, old style.
Mary Folsom, b. Sept. 21, 1744; d. Oct. 17, 1791, old style.
Sarah, b. June 15, 1746; d. Aug. 6, 1746, old style.
Nicholas, b. July 3, 1747; d. Dec. 29, 1830.
Nathaniel, b. June 21, 1749; d. Oct. 7, 1730 (error in date).
Nathaniel, b. Apr. 16, 1751; d. Aug. 15, 1756.
John, b. Mar. 26, 1753; d. Jan. 1, 1775.
Abiel, b. Aug. 19, 1755; d. Jan. 2, 1775.
Elizabeth, b. Mar. 19, 1757; d. Apr. 16, 1759.
Joseph Seecomb, b. Aug. 26, 1760; d. Mar. 22, 1761.

Nicholas Folsom, b. July 3, 1747; d. Dec. 29, 1830.
Mehitable Folsom, b. Nov. 7, 1742; d. July 16, 1828.
Their children:
Samuel, b. Sept. 18, 1767; d. Aug. 1, 1845.
Susanna, b. Dec. 23, 1769; d. May 22, 1845.
Nathaniel, b. Aug. 6, 1772; d. in Meredith, 1811.
Mary, b. Sept. 5, 1774; d. May 15, 1802.
Nicholas, b. Nov. 25, 1777; d. Sept. 12, 1847.
John, b. Nov. 17, 1781; d. Sept. 12, 1847.
Abel, b. Mar. 25, 1781; d. Apr. 3, 1790.
William, b. Mar. 25, 1786; d. Nov. 22, 1801.

Nicholas Folsom, Son of Nicholas Folsom and Mehitable Folsom

Nicholas Folsom, b. Nov. 25, 1777; d. Sept. 12, 1847.
Hannah, b. Jan. 7, 1772; d. Apr. 1, 1850.
M. Feb. 28, 1799.

Their children:
Joseph G., b. Jan. 6, 1801; d. Feb. 20, 1886.
Polly, b. Mar. 29, 1807; d. Apr. 31, 1870.
Hiram G., b. July 13, 1809; d. Feb. 6, 1847.
Joseph G., b. Jan. 6, 1801; d. Feb. 20, 1886.
Deborah, b. May 9, 1791; d. Mar. 5, 1874.
They were m. Feb. 12, 1821.
Children:
Sally M., b. Oct. 31, 1821; d. Mar. 5, 1848; m. Nov. 12, 1846.
Hannah Laverne, b. Aug. 17, 1820.
John C., b. Aug. 6, 1831.
Hiram G., b. July 13, 1809; m. Feb. 7, 1832.
Judith (Perkins), b. Apr. 14, 1812.
Their children:
George P., b. Apr. 7, 1833.
Mary M., b. July 11, 1834.

Abraham Folsom, born in 1777, married Mary Libbey. He built the Folsom Batcheldor house on lot No. 14 in the plan of Meredith of 1770, which was allotted to Nathaniel Bartlett on Winnipisioca Pond, later called Lake Village, in the southern part of Meredith.

He also, after the Revolution, built what was called the "Folsom Mills." The old house has been changed, but still stands facing Franklin Square.

They had six children. The fourth child, Joseph L. Folsom, when young went to West Point Military School. After graduating he was sent by the U. S. Government to California and, after a trip of about a month by water, he landed at Yerba Buena, now called San Francisco, and there served as quartermaster for a time.

Joseph Folsom was among the forty-niners who went up in the mountains seeking gold, and was successful. He bought land in sections of California and several lots in what is now San Francisco, and passed on in the prime of life.

The town of Alameda and Alameda Bay were named by Captain Folsom for one of his sister's daughters. The street of Folsom was named for him in San Francisco, where he owned most of the lots, and the town of Folsom, near Sacramento, was also named for him.

History tells us his early ancestor, John Foulsam, came over in the *Diligent* boat from England in 1638. The tradition is that John Foulsam was John Smith in England, but there were so

many Smiths in early days, for distinction he changed his name to Foulsam.

He was called an upright man, enterprising, and had a large number of descendants.

Abraham[5] Folsom (Abram[4], Abram[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Epping, married in 1765 Hannah Folsom of Newmarket. He died in 1811 at Meredith and was buried in the Smith yard. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He had a mill at Lake Village. They had —— children.

Abraham[6] Folsom, born at Meredith in 1777, died in 1824; married in 1806 Mary Libbey, 1789–1865. They lived at Lake Village. The old Folsom house is still standing; it has been remodeled. They had six children. Among them was Joseph[7] L. Folsom, 1816–1855. He graduated at West Point, and was stationed in San Francisco, Calif.

Rev. Nicholas Carr Folsom (John[4], Nath[3]), 1747–1827, married Mehitable Flanders of Poplin, went to Meredith in 1768 and in 1782 was ordained as pastor of the Baptist Church, the ordination being on a ledge. Children:

SAMUEL, b. at Exeter in 1767; m. Lydia, dau. of Elisha Smith and wife, Lydia Norris Smith of Sanbornton, who cleared and settled the N. S. Davis farm.

JOHN, b. at Meredith in 1781; d. 1836; m. Sally, dau. of Jesse Plummer. He m., second, in 1837, Mrs. Eunice, widow of James Wadleigh. Children of James Wadleigh and wife, Eunice:

Noah, b. 1804; m. Polly F. Sanborn of Meredith in 1828. Two daughters.

Ebenezer P., d. young.

Tirza Fox, b. 1809; m. 1830 Charles W., son of David Brown of Sanbornton. Their children:

Lucinda, b. 1831; m. P. Y. Howland of Sanbornton.

Noah F., b. 1833; m. Ellen McC. Smith. Five children.

Sarah Morrill, 1837; m. Luther Morrison.

Elizabeth Moses, d. young.

Chase Proctor, b. 1847; m. Celestia Howe, a farmer on the Plummer place in Sanbornton.

JOSHUA or Nathaniel Folsom.

SUSANNA, b. 1769; m. Nathaniel Plummer of Meredith. They had seven children. Their third child, Sally Morrill, b. 1795, m. David Ames of Campton. Their fourth child, Nicholas, b. 1797, m. Susan Kelley.

Mary, 1774–1802; m. Capt. Elisha Piper, son of Gideon Piper. They had four children. The third child, Susanna P., b. 1799, m. Smith Leavitt of Meredith.

Moses P. Folsom, born in 1801; died in 1863; married Betsey Ambrose. He was a deacon of the Pine Hill Baptist Church and leader of the choir for many years in North Sanbornton.

Elder Nicholas Carr (Smith) Folsom was ordained as a Baptist minister in Meredith on a rock in a ledge that is on ground owned by the State Home, on the Province Road, the second Wednesday in September, 1782. A short distance this side of where Elder Folsom was ordained, a small church was built, about the size of an ordinary schoolhouse, on the other side of the road, near where the schoolhouse now stands. Later he married 289 couples and baptized 297 persons into the church before he died in 1827, aged 80 years. He was buried in the Washington Smith burying ground, now called "Opeechee," on the Province Road.

Ancestry of Amelia Folsom, Who Married Brigham Young

John Folsom[1].

Peter[2], married Susanna Cousins.

John[3], married Hannah Gilman; second, Sarah Lyford; third, Mary Eastman Burley.

Peter[4], born in 1718; married Hannah Morrison and lived in Newmarket.

Benjamin[5], born in September, 1740; married Hannah Pease. He lived in Wolfboro and was killed by a falling tree, 1773.

Benjamin, Jr.[6], born about 1764; died in 1823. He married at Gilmanton in 1785 Agnes Fullington, born in Portsmouth in 1759. Both are buried in a cemetery on the side of a mountain that was a part of their farm in Holderness, near the Mount Livermore House.

William Fullington[7], born at Holderness in 1788; married at Sandwich, N. H., in 1809, Hannah Skinner, born in 1789 at Lyme, N. H. She died at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1834. He married, second, in 1834, Ann Cornwell Bettis, born in Stamford, Conn., in 1802. He had nine children by the first wife and two by the second wife. He died in 1853 at Buffalo, N. Y. The third child was:

William Harrison[8], born at Portsmouth in 1815; married at Pembroke, N. H., in 1837, Zervia Eliza Clark, who died at Salt Lake City in 1863. He joined the Mormons and married, second,

in 1863 at Salt Lake City, Elizabeth Gregory, born at Hyde, Cheshire, England, in 1839. He married, third, in 1865 at Salt Lake City, Lovina Huff, born at Navoo, Ill., in 1845; died in 1907. By his first wife he had seven children; by his second wife seven, and by his third wife eight, twenty-two in all. His oldest child by the first wife was:

Harriet Amelia Folsom[9], born at Buffalo, N. Y., August 23, 1838. She married in Salt Lake City, January 24, 1863, Brigham Young. She died December 12, 1910.

Amelia's father has descendants numbering into the several hundreds from his twenty-two children. She had a brother Hyrum who died in 1924.

Many are the amusing tales told of the sprightly Amelia in tormenting her old spouse. She was the seventeenth wife of Brigham Young. He had twenty-two wives, as history.

FORD

Capt. John Ford of Nottingham, a Revolutionary soldier, kept the garrison. He was a blacksmith and had eleven children. The third child, William, born in 1779 at Nottingham, married Betsey Hilton in 1801 at Deerfield. She was born in 1783, a daughter of Colonel Hilton of Deerfield, who was a lieutenant in the Revolution, where he was wounded in the hip. They lived in Deerfield until 1803, then removed to Sanbornton, where he served as a blacksmith for thirty years, having a shop and mill on Sucker Brook; then he moved to the Oliver Calef farm, about 1833, where he died, aged 70 years, in 1849. They had twelve children.

Captain John had a brother Thomas, who was said to be the grandfather of Governor Ford of Ohio.

Thomas married Amanda Randlett of Sanbornville, an aunt to Mary Elizabeth Hanson (an only child).

Thomas Ford in 1754 drew lot No. 5 in the First Division, Range 7, and 75 acres in the Third Division. Thomas Ford was one of the Masonian proprietors of Meredith.

GEORGE

Josiah George, son of Josiah, was a Revolutionary soldier, who died in service. While he was in the army his home burned and his wife and babe perished, but a son, Josiah, rescued two young sisters. He lived with Nathaniel Piper and there served his time.

Josiah[2] George married Peace Hodgdon about 1793, and settled in between the Turnpike and New Hampton Road (the old Mountain Road), where he died in 1847. His wife, Peace Hodgdon was born in 1774. She was a member of the Free Baptist Church at New Hampton. They had twelve children. After the death of her husband she removed to Lake Village, and there died in 1858.

Their second son, Edmund Hodgdon George, born March 7, 1801, was a farmer on the old Mountain Road in New Hampton. He married in 1826 Mary Huse, born in 1801, daughter of William Huse, a Revolutionary soldier, and wife, Rachel Bryer, in Epping.

The church history states that in 1786 William Huse renewed his covenant with God and the same day his wife, Rachel, was baptized and admitted to full communion, and a few days later three children were baptized and admitted to the church. Perhaps this was the "Old Pine Hill Church."

Benaih Sanborn George, born December 10, 1832, married Annie L. Gordon in 1860, daughter of James Gordon, a farmer at the Weirs. He was postmaster at Weirs. They removed to Lake Village. She died at Weirs in 1878. They had a daughter, Grace Marion, born in 1871.

He married, second, Gertrude Mary Davis, born at Milton, Mass., October 15, 1861, a daughter of John Lovell Davis, born in Campton, N. H., and wife, Sarah Porter Blodgett, she born in Fort Covington, N. Y., daughter of Ebenezer Blodgett, born in 1786, at Hudson (then Nottingham, west). He died in 1870. He married at Dorchester, N. H., 1827, Sally Cheever of Danvers, Mass., she born in 1800; died in 1886.

Ebenezer Blodgett was a son of Asahel[6] Blodgett, born in 1755 at Hudson, N. H.; died in 1842. His wife was Catherine Pollard, 1761–1795. He married, second, Lois Pollard. They had six children.

Asahel[5] Blodgett was the son of Jeremiah[5] Blodgett, born in 1721, and his wife, Miriam Provender, who died in 1800. Their children by second wife:

Catherine, b. Nov. 24, 1782.
Asahel, b. May 15, 1784.
Ebenezer, b. Jan. 14, 1786.
Isaac, b. Aug. 12, 1787.
Sibyl, b. Nov. 13, 1789.

Lois, b. Feb. 17, 1792; m. 1845 Wales Dole Canaan.
Caleb, b. Dec. 13, 1793.

GILMAN

Edward Gilman, the emigrant, was born about 1587 at Hingham, Norfolk County, England. They came to Boston in 1638 with three sons and two daughters. Edward[1] Gilman married Mary Clark, June 3, 1614, who died in 1681.

Their daughter, Mary[2], baptized August 6, 1615, at Hingham, England, married John Foulsham, one of the passengers on the ship *Diligent*. His grandson, Elder Nicholas Folsom, was the first preacher in Meredith, on the Parade. He was ordained on a ledge outdoors before any church was built. The ledge is now owned by the State Home.

Moses Gilman, baptized March 11, 1630, at Hingham, England, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Hersie and wife, Elizabeth. His will was probated in 1702.

Their third child, James Gilman, born May 31, 1665, died in 1753, married Mary, daughter of Christian Dolloff. He was among the petitioners for the protection of Massachusetts Colony. He sold a part of Moses Gilman's grant of 600 acres of land. He presented a claim to land, granted his father in 1714, and received a deed of land from his mother, April 25, 1714. He gave land for a highway from Newfield to Nottingham. He with 262 others petitioned to be joined to Massachusetts in 1739.

Jeremiah[4] Gilman, born in 1700, died in 1796, was a proprietor in Gilmanton, 1727. He had land assigned him in Gilmanton, later called Meredith, nine acres at home and seven acres at Mackeral Brook, joining his father's ten acres. He sold his land in Newmarket to Samuel Brackett.

A second son[5], born in 1727, died in 1824, at Meredith, married Elizabeth Mead, daughter of John Mead, on the Province Road in Meredith, she born in 1727, buried at Meredith in 1824. He was killed by the Indians at the massacre at Fort William Henry, Lake George, in 1757.

Their second son, Bradbury[5] Gilman, born November 5, 1755, died in 1842, married his cousin, Hannah Gilman, born in 1757, daughter of Biley Gilman[6] and wife, Mary (Webster) Gilman, 1730–1803. Their children:

Susanna, m. Jonathan Fogg, b. at Meredith in 1820; d. 1892. He m. Caroline Melvin:
Gertrude B., b. 1863; m. 1891, John White Center.
Susanna G., b. 1868; m. 1913, Victor E. Stevens.
Mary Ellen, b. 1844; m. 1883, Trueman J. Chase.
Charles, b. 1850; m. 1872, Clementine Hartford. He d. 1909. Their children were b. in Manchester.

One writer states that branches of the Gilman family were numerous in New Hampshire. The branch that went to Meredith sprang from Moses, who was in Hingham, Mass.; later in Exeter.

The line runs: Moses[1], James[2], Timothy[3], James[4], David[5], James[6], who was a son of David and wife, Sally (Clark) Gilman, and a grandson of James[4] and wife, Deborah (Goodhue) Gilman, born at Meredith in 1813.

James[4], born at Newmarket in 1750, was a farmer for forty years at Newmarket, when they, with children, James, Samuel, Uriah, Deborah, David and Josiah, removed to Meredith in 1790. He was in the Revolution, served from Portsmouth, and was a highly respected man. He died in 1838; his wife died in 1815.

David[5], fourth son of James, married Sally, daughter of Moses Clark of Sanbornton. Their children were James, Martha and David. Less than five years after David's marriage, he died, and his father, David[5], took his grandchildren and their mother home.

James[6] Gilman, the oldest of the three grandchildren, farmed at his grandfather's and resided in the house his grandfather built in 1790. In 1836 he married Susan, daughter of William Mead and wife, Eunice (Roberts) Mead, born in 1810. Mrs. Eunice (Roberts) Mead descended from two pioneer families, William Mead, who had seven girls and four boys. William Mead Gilman married Eunice, born in 1789, daughter of Lieutenant Roberts.

William Mead Gilman[2] was a farmer, where his grandson, Joseph Gilman, later lived on Meredith Neck.

Joseph Mead Gilman married twice. He had fifteen children: Eunice, Joseph, William, John, Joshua, Benjamin, Daniel, Polly, Abigail, Susan and her twin, Stephen Smith, Stephen and Sarah Gilman.

James Gilman and wife, Susan (Mead) Gilman, had children:

Granville B., b. 1837; m. Carrie Fletcher. Lived in California.
Martha Jane, b. 1839.
James Marshall, b. 1842; m. Mattie Smith. Lived in California; six children.
Mary Susan, b. 1843.
David Frank, b. 1846.
Sarah Frances, 1849–1850.
Ellen Lill, b. 1851; m. Fred S. Prescott. They had children, Leo F., Harry S. and Frank G.
Fanny M., d. young.

Bradbury Gilman married Hannah Gilman, daughter of Biley Gilman and wife, Mary (Webster) Gilman. Their children:

Susanna, m. Jonathan Fogg.
Deborah, m. Robert Sargent.
Charles, m. Anna Worcester of Meredith.
Mary, m. John Robinson. Their son, Henry Harrison Robinson.
Elizabeth, m. Dudley Safford of Exeter.
Burley, m. Mercy Robinson, b. 1761, in Newfield.
Hannah, m. Timothy Sanborn.
Judith, m. Joseph Fogg.
James, m. Elizabeth Robinson of Meredith. They had a son, David Robinson.

GOVE

As history, John Gove was in England in 1647. A little later he came to Cambridge, Mass. From him descended the family down to Ebenezer Gove, who followed the tailors' trade, and also made clothes for the Revolutionary soldiers. History tells us that he sewed nights by the light of a pitch-pine knot, where he fixed a place in his chimney to hold the knot. He went to Sanbornton and settled, as he signed the "Test" there before 1776. He lived near Winnesquam Bay, and married Susanna Swain, a sister to Ichabod Swain, who lived near the Josiah Sanborn farm, below the Bay Meetinghouse, and another sister married Josiah Sanborn. Later he traded farms (as many did when they saw that they could improve their situation), and in 1815 he moved to Andover, later to Vermont, where he died. They had eight children.

His son, Richard Gove, born in 1776, married Hannah, daughter of Ezekiel Fellows of Andover. He had a lieutenant's com-

mission given him by John Langdon in 1785. He was a jeweller and lived for a time near Sanbornton Bridge, then for a time in Dover, and later was in Peru, N. Y. Their children:

Benjamin Page Gove, born in 1806, was a jeweller. He married Rhoda C. Stone of Winchester in 1837. They lived in different locations. He died in Hebron. His widow married Ransom S. Ladd, a farmer of Laconia, in 1860. She is buried between both husbands in Meredith Bridge Cemetery. Mrs. Ladd at her decease gave her home on Court Street to start a hospital. Dr. Wiley occupies the homestead, which has been changed. A daughter of Richard Gove and wife had a daughter, Nancy Gove, who married —— Stearns. He died and she married, second, Levi S. Gordon of West Plymouth, a farmer. Their son, Albertus Stanford Gordon, born in 1848 at Hebron, worked with his uncle, Richard Gove, in Laconia. He married Anna Elkins. After her death he married Alta Burnham of Laconia, who died some years ago. Another son, Richard Gove, born in 1815 at Dover, went to Boston when young and learned the jewellers' trade. He went to Meredith Bridge and started business in 1833, with a small capital, but prospered, as he was a good repairer of watches and clocks. He married Mary Ann P., daughter of John Pickering Smith of Gilford, in 1837. Both died some years ago.

Laconia's First Automobile

Edgar Harland Wilcomb writes of the first automobile seen in this section, under date of November 30, 1927, in *News and Critic:*

Early one morning, somewhere about three quarters of a century ago, Laconia people were aroused by a terrible rumpus on the streets. The first thought of some was that Gabriel had arrived and was sounding his final warning, whereat they prayed fervently. Couldn't they plainly hear the shrill notes of his horn as he sped up and down the highways and byways just as had long been predicted? Others who were not in the habit of giving much thought to such serious matters stuck their heads out of their chamber windows, sniffed the pungent odor of burning wood and anxiously inquired of their next-door neighbors where the fire was. The drowsy night clerk at the old Willard Hotel shook himself, kicked his shins a few times to ascertain whether

he was really awake, and hurried out to the sidewalk, where he was immediately accosted by an early bird who had been partaking of his regular morning constitutional.

"Did yer see it?" tremulously inquired the early bird, striving hard to remove the tell-tale moisture from his chin whiskers.

"No; what in thunder was it?" asked the night clerk somewhat nervously.

"Looked ter me like er young railroad engine jest hatched out an' runnin' wild with no perticular place ter go," replied the early bird.

A condition of alarm was plainly noticeable everywhere in the neighborhood. Half-dressed people were flocking to the streets and conferring anxiously with each other. Dogs were slinking behind their masters with their tails between their legs, and the heretofore noisy roosters had ceased crowing.

Fortunately it was too early in the morning for many horses to be about, but the market man's usually staid old nag, hitched between a wagon and a post at the corner of Main and Mill Streets, was vigorously pulling at his stout rope halter and acting for all the world as if he would like to break loose and run away, even at his sedate old age.

The tooting, puffing, hissing, clanking thing, whatever it might be, was now coming back down the street, and everybody hurried to get out of its way. As it passed any observer could see that it was a steam engine mounted on wheels and being propelled by its own power much in the manner of a railroad engine.

The boiler stood upright and was burning wood, as was evident by the smoke. This was the most common fuel at that period. In fact coal had not come much into use in Laconia, and gasoline for motive power was something that hadn't been thought of. The engine was not much different from the ordinary horizontal type and the whole thing resembled a crude hoisting engine mounted on wheels more than anything else.

The contraption roared up and down Main Street at a speed of fully ten miles per hour, which in itself was enough to astonish the nation. Imagine anything going as fast as that in Laconia seventy-five years ago! Also try to imagine the noise! It was simply terrifying to man and beast.

A man sat behind the boiler feeding it with chunks of wood and manipulating levers—several of them—and, whenever he had

time, blowing the whistle, though that seemed unnecessary, for the rattle and bang of the machine could be heard for miles away, at least.

Thus we have somewhat of an idea of Richard Gove's "horseless carriage," the first thing in the automobile line in the world so far as we know. Thereafter it occasionally appeared in public, generally on moonlight nights when there were few horses about, for twenty-five or thirty years.

Maybe this father of all automobiles is still stored somewhere in Laconia; who knows? Richard Gove was the well-known proprietor of a jewelry store near the present *News and Critic* office. He was succeeded in business by Albert Gordon.

HAM

Clement, son of Jean and Maria (Machon) Messervey of the Isle of Jersey, England, born in 1655, was in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1673. He and his wife died before 1720. Their fifth child, Tamson, married in 1704, Joseph Ham. Their son, Joseph[1], born in 1726, was a master shipbuilder at Portsmouth and later bought a farm in Deerfield. They had ten children. Joseph, born 1761–1843, married Betsey Page, 1767–1832; they settled in Canterbury on a farm. He was deacon of the Center Congregational Church for about forty years. They had five children.

Joseph Ham, Jr., born in 1789, married in 1815, Susan Sargent, born in 1791, daughter of Zebadiah and Hannah (Foster) Sargent of Canterbury. Joseph Ham was prominent in town affairs and represented the town in the State Legislature, and succeeded his father as deacon in the church. They had five children. Their second child, Thomas Ham, 1817–1900, after he received his education, learned the wheelwright trade, and worked at that for a time, then he built a sawmill and gristmill in Lawrence, but later returned to Meredith. He was hired as superintendent of the Lake Company and had charge of building dams for some ten years. When the Lake Village Savings Bank was organized he was elected treasurer, and some twenty-five years later was elected president. He also made patterns in the B. J. Cole Machine Shops. Thomas Ham married in 1844 Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Daniel Smith of New Hampton, who was Captain of the militia. He also kept a store and hotel, was postmaster of

New Hampton, and a prominent Mason. History tells us that his wife saw from their home on Park Street, the first train of cars pass through Lake Village.

Capt. Tobias Ham, a mariner of Portsmouth, was knocked off a swinging boom from his schooner near Seabrook, and drowned, in 1800. His son, Samuel, born in 1794 at Portsmouth, followed farming. In 1837 he settled on the old Ham homestead. He married Caroline ———, born in New Castle, N. H. They had ten children who lived to grow up: William F., Joseph O., Benjamin O. (lived in Portsmouth), Sylvester, Charles E., George H. and Mary Caroline, who died. Ann Maria married Charles Gray of Portsmouth.

Tobias Ham, born in 1824, lived on Meredith Neck; married in 1851 Hannah, daughter of James and Lydia (Bean) Randall of Center Harbor. Their children: Aaron, James, Haven, Sally, John, Ann, Lydia, Hannah, Oliver, Benjamin. Emma Etta married George N. Eaton of Meredith. She died in 1927.

HATCH

The early spelling of the name was "Hache." One John Hache came to Portsmouth in 1684 from the "Island of Jersey on the coast of Normandy." He was the first officer of a ship named "Shuttross." Later his name showed that he was the first officer of the gun ketch "America." He was a prominent man in Massachusetts Bay Colony. He left a son, Samuel, who was called "Captain." The generations later moved into the interior, and vital records show that Hatchs were in Stratham, and later in Tamworth, N. H.

In Gilmanton (Belmont) records show that Simeon Hatch, born in 1783, married Betty Edgerly of Belmont. She was a daughter of Hosea, and died near Meredith Center. Gravestones show it was in 1863. His wife Betsey died in 1843, aged 62 years. Records show that Betsey Hatch was born September 29, 1781, in Belmont, a daughter of Hosea Edgerly and wife, Betty. They were buried in a field of their home at Meredith Center and removed to "Oakland" with their descendants. Their children:

Nancy, 1812–1868, was a tailoress; lived single.

David, 1816–1872; m. Adeline Swain, dau. of John Swain and wife, Priscilla Bickford. Adeline d. 1881, aged 63 yrs. Their children:

William Henry, 1844–1855.
George A. Hatch, b. 1848; d. by his own hand, Sept. 30, 1900. He ran a drug store in Laconia for many years and was a popular business man. The Hatch genealogy does not take in the Meredith family.

HAWKINS

Stephen Hawkins married at Dover, in 1719, Rachel Wallingford. He married, second, Sarah ———. His son by Rachel, his first wife, John Hawkins, born in 1729; died young. Children by second wife:

Mary, b. 1739.
Stephen, b. 1741.
Rachel, b. 1744.
John, b. 1746; m. Lydia Bunker.
Abigail, b. 1748.
Elizabeth, b. 1750; m. Daniel Rogers of Durham; lived in Rochester.
Hannah, b. 1752.
Benjamin, b. 1757; m. Susanna Bunker; both of Barnstead.
William, b. 1758; m. 1778, Lydia, dau. of John Bickford.
Thomas, b. 1759.
George, b. 1761.
Ann, b. 1765; m. George Snell Hayes.

From Hosea Canney

John Hawkins, 1744–1820, son of Stephen Hawkins and wife, Sarah ———, came to "Moultonboro Gore" (later called Center Harbor) from Barnstead. He was a pioneer there and took up a tract of land (as tradition), which was given him for "bounty land" for his four years' service in the Revolutionary War. It was called Hawkins Hill until the land was sold to John Canney, then the name was changed to Canney Hill in 1826.

John Hawkins married in Barnstead, Lydia Bunker, and started a house there to live in. He had to go to the war to serve his country, and left his wife and two young children.

After Mr. Hawkins' return from the army it looks as though he came up to see his bounty land and concluded to settle on it. After Mr. Hawkins settled on Hawkins Hill, with his family, his wife's mother seems to have come and made her home with them, as she is referred to as being a very strong woman. Tradition

states that she could lift a barrel of cider by the chimes of the barrel. She lived to be 108 years old, and undoubtedly is buried with the Hawkins family in the little yard on Hawkins Hill.

John Hawkins and wife are said to be buried there also, and some of the family, as one stone still stands (that of Steven Hawkins), a son of John and wife, Lydia Bunker Hawkins. Mr. Canney placed the grave of the Revolutionary soldier, John Hawkins, as well as he could, near his son, Steven, and the Mary Butler Chapter, D. A. R., set a government marble stone at the grave and placed a D. A. R. marker on the grave.

Several children of Mr. Hawkins and wife are buried on the front row of the yard, with only field stones to mark the graves, as in those days marble or slate stones were to be had only at fabulous prices, and the early settlers could not get them or afford to buy them, and they used what they could get for markers.

Their son, Stephen Hawkins, 1769–1825, married Polly Huntress of New Hampton. The stone is readable, but worn from the storms of many decades. It looks as though Steven Hawkins is the child, five years old, his mother was leading when the bears chased her, and that she had another babe in her arms. This was in Barnstead, while her husband was gone to war. (See story later on.)

There are some old settlers buried in the old yard, Nathan Fogg and wife, Mary; several of the Thompson and Berry families, and others unknown.

John Hawkins, born at Dover, 1744; died at Center Harbor, 1820. His wife, Lydia Bunker, born in 1745; died in 1817, at Center Harbor. Their children:

Stephen, 1769–1825; m. Polly Huntress.
Clement, b. 1770; m. Abigail Chase.
Elijah, 1771–1851; m. 1793, Sarah Dudley, b. 1777. They had a son, Timothy Dudley, who had a dau. Louisa, who m. Charles H. Canney.
Lovey, 1773–1853; m. Leavitt Roberts, b. 1772.
Hannah, b. 1775; m. 1797, Stephen Kenney, b. 1771. They are buried in Meredith Village Cemetery.
Ebenezer, drowned when young.
Sally, b. 1781.
Comfort, 1783–1850.
John, m. Lydia Smith, dau. of Peter Smith and wife, Hannah Sanborn; lived in Exeter and Sanbornton.

William, 1785–1870; m. Abigail Thompson in 1791.
Francis, b. 1786 in Barnstead; d. in Meredith. He married Polly, b. 1789, dau. of Hosea Sturtevant of Moultonboro, b. 1762. He was one of eight children. His parents moved from Halifax, Mass., to Squam Neck (now Center Harbor Neck). Hosea Sturtevant was a Revolutionary soldier, was taken prisoner for a time, and was in New York. He d. 1850, aged 88 years. His wife was Sarah Paine. He was the oldest son of Church Sturtevant and wife, Sarah (Leach) Sturtevant.

Francis Hawkins was famous as a building framer. He framed and helped raise a large barn in New Hampton when he was 80 years old.

They had children:

Mahala, b. 1809; m. 1840, Salmon Farrar, in Meredith.
John Smith, b. 1816; m. Elizabeth Lane; went to Oregon.
Sarah S., b. 1819; m. Joshua Merrill. She m., second, John C. Mudgett.

Hosea Francis, born in 1833, married in 1855 Sarah A., daughter of William Mudgett of Bristol, born in 1786 and married in 1815, Eunice Huckins. Their children:

Laura Ella, b. 1856; m. Fred Rollins. He d. 1916.
Arther Stanley, 1859–1880.
Frank Alliston, b. 1862; m. 1888, Ella F. Atwood.
Amy Eunice, 1868–1881.
Harmon Curtis, b. 1872; m. 1894, Grace H. Wiggin of Meredith.

Hosea Francis Hawkins married, second, Mary Evina, 1837–1890, daughter of Rev. Charles Homan. Their children:

Charles Homan, b. 1877; m. Charlotte Wilson Seavey, b. 1878 in Chicago, Ill.
Lyman Smyley (Jacobs), 1878–1879. The mother d. 1890.

Hosea F. Hawkins married, third, Elvira J. Bemis. She died at the Home, 1819, in Laconia. He was deacon of the Baptist Church in Meredith for 47 years.

From Mrs. Ruth E. (Hawkins) Woodman, wife of Ray Woodman

Benjamin Sturtevant Hawkins married Mary Newell Boynton, daughter of William Boynton and wife, Nancy (Davis) Boynton of Holderness. Children:

Albert Sumner, b. 1850; m. Clara Woodman. Their children:
Elmer W., 1874–1896.
Florence, b. 1875; m. Joseph W. Smith; one child living, Esther F. Smith, who is in Boston University.
Arthur, 1881–1901.
Bessie, 1889–1894.

Edwin Newell, b. 1852; m. Emma Francis Smith, b. 1853, she a dau. of Francis F. Smith, b. 1829, and wife, Mary J. Philbrick, b. 1852; m. 1872. No children. They adopted a dau., Ethel, who m. John Hammond, a representative to the State Legislature.

Rufus Colby, b. 1854; m. Addie Jones of Portland, Maine, dau. of William H. Jones and wife, Evelyn Byron. Their children:
Laura, b. in Laconia; m. Harry F. Shields.
Gertrude Ruth, b. 1891 in Fitchburg, Mass.; m. Raymond Pease Woodman, son of Henry Frank Woodman and wife, Bessie Jenkins. Their children:
Frank Henry, b. 1920.
Eleanor Ruth, b. 1925.
Phillip Colby, b. 1927.

Clarence Ellsworth, m. Jennie G. White.

William Newell, m. Alice Smith; was killed blasting rocks at Winona on the railroad grounds.

Stephen Hawkins, son of John, was a farmer. He enlisted in the Civil War and died from exposure. He married Jane B. Plaisted, 1810–1884; she was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Their children were: Clara, William H., Lorenzo, James, Melisa, and Jonathan.

William H. Hawkins was born in Holderness. He was a shoemaker in Meredith. He married Helen M., daughter of Jonathan Emery of Meredith. He enlisted among volunteers in 1863 as a private and died from battle wounds. Their child, Dr. Frederick Hawkins, born in Meredith, studied and graduated in 1886 from Meredith, and later from a Medical School in Philadelphia. He located in Meredith, where he has earned a wide reputation for his skill, and has a large practice. He has also filled many offices of public trust. He married in 1889 Geneva, daughter of Thadeus S. Moses and wife, Emily S. Currier of Meredith. Their children:

Helen, m. Leander J. Pynn.
Ruth, m. Royal P. Richardson.
Freda is a school teacher.

A daughter of William Hawkins and wife, Abigail Thompson, married Harrison Smith of Center Harbor. No children.

John Hawkins had a son, Elijah Hawkins, 1771–1851, who married in 1793 Sally Dudley of Center Harbor. Their children:

Timothy Dudley, b. 1795; had a dau. Louise, who m. C. Canney.
Mary, b. 1797.
Jacob Eaton, b. 1800.
Stephen, b. 1806; m. Jane Plaisted of Center Harbor in 1833.
Elijah, Jr., b. 1811.
James Madison, b. 1814.
Jonathan Chesley, 1818–1838.
Angeline, b. 1826.

Elijah Hawkins settled on Great Island in Squam Lake, but his wife was afraid of the water, so they moved on to the mainland in Holderness and lived there some years. In late life they moved to Vermont, and there died.

Timothy Dudley Hawkins, born in 1795; married Susan Piper, born in 1793; died in 1811. Their children:

Alonzo, 1819–1826.
Amanda, 1822–1902; m. 1846, William D. Boynton.
Melvina, 1824–1904; m. 1850, Joseph B. Smith.
Susan R., 1827–1873; m. 1851, John S. Hart.
Louisa H. Piper, 1828–1868; m. 1862, Charles H. Canney, son of Hosea Canney, a cousin to Mrs. Reynolds. Their children:
  Hosea, b. 1863; living.
  Alice, b. 1868.
  Sophronia, 1833–1856.
  Frances H., b. 1840.

CANNEY

History tells us that the first Canney came to Kittery, Maine, in 1640. The family later moved to Tuftonboro, the father and seven sons, where he died in 1816, aged 90 years.

John H. Canney, great-grandfather of Hosea Canney, in 1826 went to Center Harbor, where he bought the Hawkins Hill. John's son, Charles Canney, 1835–1910, married Louisa H. Hawkins, 1828–1869.

Charles Canney was a great-grandson of Major Bradbury Richardson of Revolutionary fame.

Louisa Hawkins Canney was a daughter of Timothy Dudley Hawkins and wife, Susan Piper. Louisa was a great-granddaughter of the first white settler in Holderness.

John Hawkins was in the Revolution four years. At its close, after his return home, he took his wife and children and moved to Hawkins Hill in 1826.

Timothy Dudley Hawkins married Susan Piper. He was the first white settler in Holderness. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Dudley, the first deputy governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony. He came to Massachusetts about 1652.

Charles Canney and his bride went to Center Harbor in January, 1862. In May, 1867, they removed one-half mile away to where he spent the rest of his days. Their children:

HOSEA, b. Sept. 17, 1863, in Center Harbor.
ALICE, m. Charles Hill; resides with her son, Herbert, in Framingham.

Charles Canney married, second, Mary E. Cox.

THE LYDIA (BUNKER) HAWKINS BEAR STORY

By Hosea Canney

John Hawkins, when called into the Revolution, left a wife with a child who could walk (probably Stephen) and a babe in her arms, in some location between Durham, N. H., and Haverhill, Mass., as he was a Massachusetts soldier.

Tradition tells us that he had started a house with two rooms. The sides and one end were boarded in, but one end was partially open, with some coverlids and quilts hung up in one end to divide it.

After he left, the bears were prowling around, hungry, and entered the open end of the building, hunting food, but did not push by the quilts that shut Mrs. Hawkins from the outside.

She was very much frightened, and the next day started out with a bundle of clothing, leading the older child, with the babe in her arms, who was probably Hannah, the oldest girl, who married Stephen Kenney. They are some of the oldest buried tenants of the Meredith Village Cemetery, with slate stones in the front of the yard.

Mrs. Lydia (Bunker) Hawkins was dreadfully frightened.

As she walked away from her home the bears were following her, and she feared she must give up one of the children. She threw the bundle down and started to run, as well as she could with leading a small child and one a babe in her arms, praying God's guidance which child she should leave, and screaming and praying as she ran. The bundle of clothes she had thrown attracted the bears' attention for a time, and they stopped and tore the bundle in pieces, which gave her a little time to get ahead.

Her screams were heard by an old gentleman who lived in a clearing not far away. He came to her rescue and took her to his home, where she lived until her husband, John Hawkins, returned from the four years' service in the Revolution. (Perhaps Hawkins Hill was given him for his military service.)

This story was told to Mr. Hosea Canney by a granddaughter of Lydia (Bunker) Hawkins, who was Sophronia Roberts, then an old lady.

Stephen Kenney of Meredith, 1771–1797/8, married Hannah, daughter of John Hawkins and wife, Lydia (Bunker) Hawkins. Hannah Hawkins, 1745–1847, died in Meredith. Their children: Mehitable, Trueworthy and Patience.

From Vital Records

Hosea Hawkins and wife, Sarah Sturdevant. Their daughter, Polly Sturdevant, 1790–1872, married Francis Hawkins.

Hosea Hawkins married Sarah E. Mudgett. Their third child was born in 1862. Amey, 1875–1855. Hosea F. Hawkins, wife Melissa. Ason, born in 1872.

BUNKER

Durham History states that Joseph Bunker, the emigrant, is buried in Durham, also Benjamin Bunker, who was in the seige of Louisberg. Crossing Bunker's Creek, on the hill north of the highway, is the remains of the "Old Bunker Garrison," and near by is the old Bunker home, which has passed into other hands.

The old Bunker graves are in a field across the highway, near the river. The field where the emigrant Joseph Bunker is buried is owned by a Mrs. Smith.

Durham was the location of many Indian murders.

HAWKINS

Hannah Hawkins, 1774–1860, daughter of John Hawkins and wife, Lydia, is perhaps the youngest child of the "Bear Story." She married Stephen Kenney, 1771–1847. They lived near by and are buried in the Meredith Village Cemetery.

Some of the children found of John Hawkins and wife are:

JOHN, m. Betsey Lane of Moultonboro; he of Meredith.
STEPHEN, b. 1839.
WILLIAM, who was a shoemaker in Meredith; m. Helen M. Emery; she b. 1843. They had a son, Freeman Hawkins.
FRANCIS, 1785–1877, had a son, Charles; also a son, Hosea. Francis m. Polly Sturdevant, 1789–1872. They had a dau., Laura, 1814–1851; also a dau., Susan, 1819–1897.

Timothy Dudley Hawkins (son of Elijah) married Susan Piper. He was in the War of 1812. He was a lineal descendant of Governor Dudley. They had a daughter, Louise, 1828–1868, who married Charles Canney, 1835–1910.

William Hawkins, 1785–1870; his wife, Abigail, 1791–1854.

Otis Hawkins, 1827–1909; his wife, Emaline, 1832–1893; their son, Benjamin, 1864–1870.

Benjamin Hawkins, 1824–1863. He was in the Civil War, Co. I, 12th N. H. His wife, Mary Boynton, 1826–1901; their son, William, 1856–1898.

ALBERT SUMNER HAWKINS

The funeral of Albert Sumner Hawkins was held from their home January 14, —— at Winona, N. H., Rev. Cate officiating. A large collection of beautiful flowers were sent by loving friends and neighbors from in and out of the State.

Albert S. Hawkins was born in Center Harbor. He was the oldest child of Benjamin Sturdevant Hawkins and wife, Mary Newell Boynton, she a daughter of William Boynton and wife, Nancy (Davis) Boynton of Holderness.

Edwin Newell Hawkins, the second son, lived in and near Laconia, where he was a frequent caller with farm produce.

The other sons have passed on. A daughter, Mary Ella, married Harrison Perkins of Center Harbor. She helped tenderly care for her brother through his suffering at the last.

Albert S. Hawkins married Clara Ann Woodman, daughter of

Noah Woodman and wife, Relief Rogers Smith (Ebeneezer; Captain Elisha; Nicholas). They were married in 1872 and lived together fifty-four years on the old Smith homestead in the shadow of "Beech Hill," on the "Old Stage Coach Road," where a near-by neighbor, Captain Sinclair, each day put on two extra horses to help the four already on, over the steep climb up "Beech Hill."

Here Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were blessed with four children. Arthur, a brilliant young man, died at the age of 20 years. Two others, a boy and girl, died young. There was left to comfort them only one daughter, Florence E., who married Joseph W. Smith of Winona, and both of them showed devoted care at the time when Mrs. Hawkins was very sick with pneumonia.

HEATH

The Heath family came from Henniker to Meredith.

David Heath, 1776–1850, married Judith Sargent in 1801. She died in 1802. He married, second, Eleanor Watson in 1805. Their children:

Judith Sargent, 1806–1823.
Abiah Gile, 1807–1900; m. Deacon Frederick Eaton, 1863.
Anna Gile, 1809–1985; m. S. Sargent; d. 1900.
Miriam Sargent, Sarah Harvey } twins { 1811–1885. 1811–1836.
David Brainard, 1815–1850.
Ruth Watson, 1817–1902; m. H. Sargent.
Daniel Kelley, 1820–1857; m. Rebecca Wheeler, 1845–1897.
Eleanor Watson, 1822–1880; m. Franklin R. Fuller, 1845.
Parmenas W. Heath, 1825–1899; m. Nancy Leavitt Fogg, 1851, she a dau. of Chase Fogg and wife, Sally B. Leavitt.

HIBBARD

David Hibbard of Concord, Vt., served in the Revolution. His son, Silas Hibbard, ran a hotel, and later in life farmed some. He married Olive, daughter of Zuriel Albe, born in Chesterfield. They had five children.

Ellery A. Hibbard was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1826. After some years of study he came to Meredith Bridge, and won the title of being one of the best read lawyers of New Hampshire.

He was a judge of the Supreme Court, in 1873, and was counsel on many railroad cases. He helped as one of the original directors of the Laconia National Bank and filled many offices of trust. He married in 1853, Mary, daughter of Jacob Bell of Haverhill, who was a direct descendant of Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Their children.

Charles B., who m. Mary Gale, a retired teacher. He d. in 1927.
Jennie O., m. Ormon J. Lougee.
Laura B., lives in Laconia.

HILLIARD

George Hilliard of Meredith married Sabrina Dow, 1806–1865. Their daughter, Catherine, married in 1861, Henry Moulton. Their son, George Damon Hilliard, 1852–1914, married Susan J., daughter of Isaiah Swain of New Hampton and wife, Lois Stanton of Meredith. They are buried in the Weirs yard. Their children:

Harry Francis, b. 1878; lives on the Hilliard farm.
Thomas E., b. 1881.
Orrin G., d. young.
Freeman S., d. young.
Mamie Sabrina, m. Chester Avery; m., second, —— Stone of Gilmanton.

Lydia Hilliard married Isaiah Swain of New Hampton.

Benjamin Swain married Dolly Davis of Warren. They were parents of Isaiah Swain.

HILTON

Capt. Daniel Hilton, a Revolutionary soldier, 1748–1827.

Maj. Daniel Hilton died February 27, 1867, aged 72 years. His wife, Eliza, died May 13, 1869, aged 70 years. Their children:

George, d. 1830, aged 4 yrs.
George, d. 1838, aged 6 yrs.
Amanda, m. Jabez Garmon; d. 1904, aged 81 yrs. Their dau., Fannie E., d. aged 63 yrs.

Col. Joseph Neal, born in 1810; died in 1879; married Elizabeth Gordon of New Hampton. She died in 1881, aged 62 years. Their daughter, Clara E., 1846–1894, married George S. Hilton, born in Meredith, a son of Major Hilton. He built the house where Edward Ambrose lives.

HODGEN

Samuel Hodgen was born in 1842 at Halifax, Yorkshire County, England. He was a son of Ellis and wife, Sarah (Lassey) Hodgen. He was educated in England, and when 14 years old his great-uncle, George Wilcock, needed help so he took the position of manufacturing cotton yarns, where he worked for eight years. In 1866 he gave the position to his father and came to New England. He found work at Lowell in the dyehouse to color the yarns. One of the men there, Mr. Appleyard, soon after went to Lake Village to start a dyehouse, employed Mr. Hodgen, and gave him an interest in the business. In 1870 he began to manufacture cotton and wool hosiery, and later made mittens, with good success. He later went to Meredith and there prospered. He married Elizabeth A. Dow of Ashland, who was a good helpmate.

HUCKINS

James[6] Huckins (James[5], James[4]) of New Hampton, farmer. He was born January 7, 1789. He married May 5, 1811, Abigail, daughter of Benjamin and Judith (Pottle) Smith of New Hampton, born September 9, 1791; died in 1854, aged 62 years (as town record). He died January 21, 1825, at New Hampton. Their children:

Ruth, b. July 4, 1812; d. Feb. 5, 1907; m. Dec. 9, 1841, Perrin P., son of Peter and Mary (Prescott) Dow of New Hampton (town record); a farmer, b. 1822; d. in California. Children b. at New Hampton:

- George L. of Gilmanton, farmer, b. 1842; d. Jan. 25, 1892; m. 1867, Emma F. Bryant.
- John M. of New Hampton, a soldier in the Civil War, b. 1844; d. July 7, 1864, at Washington, D. C.
- Elizabeth A., b. Oct. 2, 1846; m. Dec. 2, 1877, Samuel, son of Ellis and Sarah (Lassey) Hodgdon of Meredith; manufacturer, b. Jan. 19, 1842, at Halifax, Yorkshire, England; d. 1909.

Rufus P. of Laconia, machinist, b. Jan. 1, 1849; living in 1909; m. 1871, Abigail O., dau. of —— Sawyer.

Charles H. of Ashland, farmer, b. Feb. 28, 1851. Single.

HANNAH, b. Jan. 22, 1796; d. Feb. 17, 1882, at Plymouth, N. H.; m. Jan. 23, 1820, Bradbury, son of Benning and Deborah (Langley) Wilkinson; farmer; soldier in the War of 1812; a pensioner of Guilford in 1820; Campton in 1830. Bradbury, b. Apr. 19, 1893, at Allentown; d. Nov. 22, 1851, at Campton. Their children:

Mary P., b. at Guilford, Nov. 29, 1820; d. July 19, 1878; m. Nov. 29, 1848, at Boston, Ephraim A. Chandler of Wheelock, Vt., a farmer.

Warren W., b. at Guilford, Jan. 1, 1823; lived in Plymouth, 1865; m. Apr. 8, 1847, Mary M., dau. of John and Nancy (Adams) Moses, b. Aug. 22, 1826, at Campton; d. Oct. 31, 1904.

John H., b. at Guilford, Dec. 18, 1824; a railroad employee; d. Dec. 31, 1870; m. Apr. 15, 1863, Mary C., dau. of Daniel M. and Hannah (Abbott) Smith, b. May 14, 1834, at Holderness.

Lavina, b. at Campton, Feb. 6, 1828; d. 1849; m. Feb. 6, 1849, Alfred, son of Samuel and Vashti (Dustin) Page of Campton.

Charles H., b. at Campton, in Plymouth, Apr. 5, 1830; a dairy farmer; d. May 6, 1897; m., first, 1864, Hortense Brown, she d. 1865; m., second, Sept. 3, 1867, Martha E., dau. of Anthony and Esther (Smith) Colby, b. 1840 at Franklin, d. 1872; m., third, 1876, Hannah Powers at Hebron, d. 1897.

George H., b. at Campton, May 26, 1837; tinsmith; d. 1899; m. Feb., 1863, Mary A., dau. of Jacob and Leah Wilkinson, b. at Guilford, d. May, 1874; m., second, Oct. 28, 1878, Elizabeth Tyler, b. at Canaan; living in 1909 at Braintree, Mass.

JENNESS

William Jenness, 1791–1869; his wife, Betsey, 1793–1878. Their children, Anna, 1834–1855; George, 1834–1857.

Betsey (Jennes) Curry, 1828–1894; George W. Curry, 1826–1894.

John H. Jenness, 1852–1926; his wife, Josephine Kelley, 1860.

Samuel Jenness, 1823–1914; his wife, Elvira, 1834–1880.

Joshua Jenness, 1820–1900; his wife, Diantha, 1824–1888. Their children, Martha Ann, 1850–1850; Permelia Ann, 1860–1910.

Solomon Kelley, 1801–1876; his wife, Sarah Jenness, 1811–1876. Their children, Martin V., 1844–1861; Robert, 1848–1850.

Orrin Jenness, 1816–1861; his wife, Sally, 1825–1849.

John Jenness had a mill at Meredith Village, where Ebenezer Smith had bought James Gibson's right in 1767, which was where the brook ran from Measley Pond to Meredith Bay. John Jenness bought this in 1795, reserving a part of the land. His sons: Orin, Prescott and Josiah.

Orin Jenness married Lydia Jenness, daughter of Josiah Jenness, a double cousin. Their children:

Ella, m. Albert Jenness, son of Charles Jenness and grandson of Prescott Jenness.
Alonzo, Jr.

Samuel, son of John Henry Jenness.

Alonzo Jenness, 1852–1919; his wife, Lydia, 1854–1902.

JULE, JOYELL, JEWELL

History states that John Jewell, who was born in the north of Devonshire in 1522 and died in 1571, was probably one of the ancestors of Thomas Jewell, who was born (as authentic records) in the early part of 1639, and when the Pilgrims landed, more than eighteen years afterward at Plymouth, he had a wife and one child.

The *Boston Record* stated that "the 24 day, 2 month, 1639" there was "granted to Thomas Jewell of the Mount Miller, for three heads, twelve acres, upon the covenant of three shillings an acre." This "Mount" was Mt. Wallaston, first settled in 1625, and named for Captain Wallaston. It was incorporated as Braintree in 1640. Quincy was set off in 1702 and Randolph in 1793. The tract was laid to Boston by the General Court or Legislature in 1634; and December 11 of that year the inhabitants, after convening, chose seven men who should divide these lands to each person who might improve them, at the rate of four acres to each person in the family; gratuitously to citizens of Boston and for three shillings per acre to others.

Thus is recorded "24th day, 12th mo., 1649, granted to Henry Adams (a progenitor of the President), for 10 heads, 40 acres, upon the same covenant of three shillings per acre."

His will reads as follows:

The will of Thomas Jewell of Brantray, while he is yet in perfect memory.

My soule I commit into the hands of Almighty God in ye mediation of Jesus Christ, and my body to the dust.

All ye estate which God hath given me I doe give to my wife for to be hers as long as she is a widow, and so remains; but if she shall marry, then to divide it into three parts; and two parts to be divided among my children, and the third to be hers; I doe by this will give power to these two of my friends herein mentioned name William Neadam and Tho ffoster, to take the care and oversight of all my estate for my wife and children good, according to your best wisdom to be orered.

dated the 10th, 2d month 1654.

From Farmer's "Genealogical Register"

Thomas Jewell of Brantry had sons:

JOSEPH, b. Apr. 24, 1642; d. in Stow, Mass.
NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 18, 1648; d. in Plainfield, Conn., in 1712.
THOMAS, m. Susannah Guilford, Oct. 18, 1672. Their children were Thomas, Hannah, John, Hannah, Samuel and Joseph.

Thomas[3] married Martha ———. Their children, Nathaniel and Benoni.

John Jewell married Hannah Prowse January 9, 1702. Their children: Abigail, Thomas, Hannah, John and Barnes.

Samuel Jewell married Sarah King November 6, 1712. Their children: David, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ruth, Susannah, Dorothy, Thomas and Timothy.

Joseph Jewell married Anna Quimby January 1, 1717. Their children: Mary, Jonathan, Anna, Hannah, Lydia, Judith.

Fourth generation: Nathaniel Jewell married —— ———. Children, James and Samuel.

Benoni Jewell married Dorcas Hadlock about 1748. Their children: Thomas, James, Martha, Benjamin, Sarah, Asa, Benoni, Polly, David and Dorcas.

Thomas Jewell married Judith Lancaster, 1732. Their children: Henry, John, Sarah, Judith, Hannah, Anna, John, Enoch and Polly.

Barnes Jewell married Dorothy Jones, 1740. Their children: Ezra, Susanna, Miriam, Anna and Dorothy.

David Jewell married Elizabeth Dowe. Their children: Joseph, David, Daniel (born in 1744, died at Stratham in 1838), Susanna, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary.

Daniel Jewell married Sarah Sanborn. Their daughter, Betsey, married Jonathan Thompson; second, Nathaniel Burleigh. She died in Holderness.

Betsey married Robert Haight; second, —— Rogers.

Nancy married David Burleigh.

Sally married Joseph Crocket.

Daniel died in New Hampton.

Anna (Nancy), born in 1768; married Phillip Smith; second, Abraham Drake; died at Holderness March 31, 1865, in her 92d year.

Anna and Phillip Smith's children: Parker, Page, Betsey, Sally (who married Jeremiah Burleigh), and Charlotte, who married Dr. Jeremiah Smith, son of Deacon Nicholas Smith of New Hampton and wife, Mary Marston, daughter of Reuben Marston, Jr., of Meredith. They settled near the Dr. Dana Meetinghouse, where he practiced medicine.

Lydia, born in 1771; married John Haines in 1794; died at Newmarket in 1849. Their daughter, Eleanor, born in 1795, married Joseph Batcheldor in 1839; second, Josiah Folsom of Newmarket.

John Haines, born March 19, 1797; married Hannah Parker; second, Mary Neale of Newmarket.

Frederick Haines, born in 1799; married Olive Merrill about 1821, Newmarket.

Daniel Jewell, born in 1801; married Mary T. Batcheldor in 1836; died in 1859.

Thomas Jeferson, born May 14, 1804; married Mary Rollin in 1828.

George Washington, born in 1806; married Eunice Conant in 1832; second, Abigail Folsom in 1849; lived in Newmarket.

Lydia Jewell, born in 1807; married Ebeneezer Knowlton in 1834; lived in Manchester.

James Madison, born in 1809; married Lydia Tuthill in 1834; lived in Red Wing, Wis.

Sarah married Rev. Ebeneezer Leavitt; died at North Hampton in 1851. Their children: Benning, Ebeneezer (lived in Rye), John, William, Sarah Ann and Ursula.

Daniel, born about 1778; died in 1836; single.

Simeon, born in 1789; died at Stratham, aged 80 years.

Asa, born in 1782; died at Stratham in 1836.

The Jewell family went from Stratham to Holderness, N. H.

John Jewell married, about 1735, Hannah Lancaster; he of the fourth generation. He was a son of Thomas Lancaster and wife, Judith ———.

Daniel Jewell married Sarah Sanborn. Their daughter, Betsey, married Jonathan Thompson; married, second, Nathaniel Burleigh. He died in Holderness. Their children:

BETSEY, m. Robert Haight, also —— Rogers.
ANNA NANCY BURLEIGH, dau. of Nathaniel Burleigh and wife, Betsey Jewell (Haight), m. 1768, Phillip Smith. They had children:
Parker.
Page.
Betsey.
Sally, m. Jeremiah Burleigh.
Charlotte, m. Dr. Jeremiah Smith; lived near Winona.
Anna Nancy (Smith), m., second, Abraham Drake. He d. at Holderness Mar. 31, 1860.

JONES

The Jones family, as far back as great-great-grandfather, Jacob Jones, who with his wife lived in Pittsfield, N. H.

Jacob Jones was a clock maker, and made tall grandfather clocks that are so popular today. Jacob Jones married Ruth ———. Their children:

MARY.
JOSEPH learned clock making; settled in Vermont.
BILLDAD and JOHN, twins.
JACOB.
NATHAN, d. young.
HULDAH.
ABNER.
JONATHAN.

Joseph P. Jones married in 1830 Mary D. Davis. They had ten children.

David D. Jones, 1835–1915. The third child enlisted in the Civil War, from Bristol, Vt. He married in 1859, Martha M. Conley. Seven children.

Eugene D. Jones, the fifth child, born in 1870, married Grace Perkins, born in 1866, daughter of Jacob Fred Perkins and Eliza Ann Tuttle of Meredith. Their daughter, Ida Frances, born at

Plymouth, October 2, 1899, married Andrew Jackson Smith, born in 1881, son of Edwin K. Smith of Pennsylvania.

KELLY, KELLEY

Tradition tells us that the "Old Kelly Farm" contained three ridges of land that was used in early days for "Musters." They also held sham battles on the two outside ridges and met for battle on the center ridge. During this period was the Battle of Bunker Hill, which was thought to be heard on "Kelly Hill," among the virgin forest, some 100 miles away.

The site of the home of Samuel and Elizabeth Bowdoin was on Kelly Hill, near the present home of Samuel, who married Sarah Shaw. The site of the present house was where the old schoolhouse stood.

When Samuel, son of Elizabeth (Bowdoin) Kelly (he was 15 years old when they moved there) married Abigail Roberts he took the old schoolhouse, dug a cellar and added to it more rooms, for a home Every generation added more to it, and now it is a pleasant farm home, occupied by Luther Drake.

The old Samuel Kelly land (he aged 42 when he came there) was the original grant from the government, which comprised many acres from which he gave each child a farm that had never been given or deeded or sold by his great-great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Sadie (Kelly) Pike.

Darby Kelley married Sarah Huntoon, January 1, 1728; lived in Exeter and Kingston. Sarah's father was Phillip Huntoon, born in England.

Samuel Kelley, born in 1733, married Elizabeth Bowdoin, a daughter of William Bowdoin, born in 1713 at Boston. His father, James Bowdoin, born in 1676 at La Rochelle, France, lived and died at Boston, 1747. His father, Peter Bowdoin, married Sarah Campbell.

Elizabeth Bowdoin's mother, Phebe Murdock (her father, John Murdock, who married Phebe Morton) lived in Plymouth, Mass. Her father, John Morton, born in 1650 at England. His father, George Morton, came in the ship *Anne* in 1623. His wife was Julian Carpenter; lived in Wrentham, England. Her father was Alexander Carpenter.

John Morton married, first, Phebe Shaw, daughter of Jonathan

Shaw. His father, John Shaw, who married Phebe Watson, a daughter of George Watson. His father, Robert Watson, lived in Plymouth.

Phebe Watson's mother was Phebe Hicks; her father, Robert Hicks, who came to New England on the boat *Fortune*. He died in 1647.

Darby Kelley, tradition states, was a school-teacher, and a quick-witted Irishman. He landed near Portsmouth and later settled in Brentwood, where he signed the Association Test in 1776. He had a son, Samuel Kelley, born in Brentwood in 1733, died at New Hampton in 1813. He married Elizabeth Bowdoin, 1740–1816. They had two children before leaving Brentwood, which they brought with them to New Hampton, settling on a hill, later called "Kelley Hill," and are buried there. He served in the Revolution from Meredith, under Col. Ebenezer Smith. They came to New Hampton about 1776, where he built a log house all by hand, and worked hard. Their children were: Samuel, William B., Nathaniel, and Betsey, who married Thomas Simpson. He gave a farm that joined Meredith on the east and Sanbornton on the south. Other children located in Meredith and other places. He built the first meetinghouse in New Hampton and helped lay out roads and other improvements in the town. His wife lived to be 103 years of age.

Not far away were the three Gordon sisters, who owned their farm, and long ago passed on, but a legend connected with their home was that an apple tree which stood near the house had three branches. When the first sister died one of the branches dropped off; later another sister passed and then a second branch dropped off; and on the day that the last sister died the last branch fell off, leaving nothing but the trunk of the tree as a memory of those three who lived there threescore and ten years of good, useful lives.

Samuel Kelley and wife, Elizabeth (Bowdoin) Kelley, had nine children:

Betsey Bowdoin, 1757–1829, m. Thomas Simpson; lived near.

Samuel[2], b. in Brentwood, 1759; m. Abigail Roberts of Meredith. She d. 1832. They had seven children.

William B., m. Mary, dau. of Judge Ebenezer Smith. They had eleven children. He was prominent in town

offices. Their seventh child, Susan, m. Ezekiel Lawrence; d. 1850 in Meredith. Susan was an aunt to Samuel, who m. Eunice Goss.

M. Clemenceau of Paris married a daughter of Susan Kelley, who married Nicholas Plummer of New Hampton. Susan was a daughter of Samuel and wife Abigail (Roberts) Kelley, born in 1800, who married Nicholas Plummer, sister to Jonathan Kelley.

The oldest sister married W. C. Hopkins of Burlington, Vt.

Alice S. Kelley married John Foster McMillan of Elizabeth, N. J.

Janet married Leonard Lovejoy Stanley, son of Stanley, the inventor of electric transformers, also indestructible thermos bottles.

Isabel married Paul Manship, a sculptor.

Martha Belle Kelley married Capt. D. B. McElwaine. Five children.

Joseph R. Kelley, oldest son of Samuel Kelley and wife, Abigail Roberts, of Meredith, born April 18, 1786. He married Martha Farnham. Three children.

Samuel[3] Kelley, 1788–1858, married Hannah Gordon of Sanbornton. Their children:

Benoni G., 1817–1885.
Samuel Bowdoin.
Elizabeth, m. 1855, John Neally; she d. 1888; he d. 1884.
Mary Ann.
William P., 1836–1873.

Jonathan F. Kelley, son of Samuel and wife, Abigail (Roberts) Kelley, born 1802–1877. Samuel married, first, Abigail Roberts, 1803–1877. He married, second, Eunice T. Foss, 1810–1873. Children by Eunice Foss Kelley:

David Tilton, b. 1830.
Lucy E., b. 1833; m. —— Pattie. She m., second, Obadiah Eastman of Meredith; third, John Flanders of New Hampton.
Abigail S., b. 1840; m. George Bean of Springfield, Mass. They had two children:
Samuel G., b. 1837; m. 1874, Sarah E. Shaw of New Hampton.
Sophia M., b. 1847; m. Bowdoin Piper of Meredith, son of Dudley Piper. His mother a relative of Kelleys, who live near by.

Gen. Benjamin Franklin Kelley, son of William B. and wife, Mary (Smith) Kelley, born at New Hampton in 1807, married, first, —— Goshen; married, second, a daughter of Judge Robert Bruce of Cumberland, Md. General Kelley was commissioned in May, 1861, by General McClelland, and assumed command of all troops in Virginia. He did valiant work, and was severely wounded. Children of General Kelley and wife, —— (Goshen) Kelley: John G., William B., Mary (who married J. C. Sullivan), Frank (died 1870), Wright (died 1869), M. Belle (married D. B. McIlwain).

Samuel Kelley, who married Abigail Roberts. Their son, Jonathan, married, second, Eunice Goss. Their son, Samuel, born in 1837, married Sarah Shaw, born January 1, 1839. Their daughter, Sadie Marion, born March 16, 1870, married Milo Pike in 1896; he a son of Luther Martin Pike and wife, Ella Huckins; she a daughter of George Huckins and wife, —— Smith. Their son, Randolph Kelley Pike, born in 1899.

KENNEY

Stephen Kenney of Meredith, born July 5, 1771; died in 1847; married in 1797/8, Hannah Hawkins, daughter of John Hawkins (the pioneer) and wife, Lydia Bunker Hawkins. Hannah was born in 1775 and died in 1860. Their children:

Mehitable.

Trueworthy, 1805–1846, m. Lettice Bean, 1808–1884. Their children:

- William P., 1837–1885; was in the Civil War, 1st N. H. Battery.
- Frances H., 1839–1898; b. in Meredith, d. in Manchester, N. H.
- Stephen, 1840–1921; d. in Colorado.
- Mary H., 1841–1861.

Anne Lettice, m. John F. Clough. Their son, Eugene F. Clough.

Eliza, m. Harvey L. Currier. Their children: Florence, Mary Currier, and Clinton of Brown University.

Buried in the Stephen Fogg yard on Cass Hill: Dudley Kenney, 1774–1868; his wife, Sally (probably Fogg), 1794–1874. Their children: George W. Kenney, 1822–1852; Lewis and Lewis, died young.

KEYSER

Nathaniel Keyser, a carpenter, and wife, Betsey (Messer), came from Massachusetts. She was a daughter of Stillman Messer of Luenburg, Mass. Their children:

ELIZABETH, m. William Gibbs of Massachusetts.
NATHANIEL.
NANCY, m. Edward M. Derby of California.
MARY, m. Moses Proctor of Boston.
HENRIETTA, m. Alonzo Perkins of Center Harbor.
WALTER H. was six years old when his mother died and his older sister took him and cared for him. After attaining manhood he drifted around some and bought a farm in Center Harbor, which he sold, and went to Meredith and there bought a home, and called it "The Mountain View House." He married Georgianna Gline. They had children: Emma, Charles W., Sadie E., Arthur J. and Edwin W.

KIMBALL

The early Kimballs settled in Watertown, Mass., and later went to Sanbornton, N. H., thence scattered through Meredith and adjacent towns.

Joseph Kimball, born in 1811, lived in New Hampton. His son, Thomas J., married Betsey B. Dolloff, daughter of Samuel Dolloff. Their children:

ELVINA, m. John M. Dow of Meredith Center.
SARAH ANN, m. James M. Thompson of Laconia.
BETSEY FRANCES, m. Curtis L. Moore of Center Harbor.
LEVI (twin).
WARREN KELLEY (twin), m. 1868 Eliza Jane Piper, b. 1847, dau. of Dudley Sanborn Piper and wife, Eliza (Shaw) Piper. Eliza Jane was a dau. of Hilliard Shaw, who served in the War of 1812. He married Elizabeth Witham, dau. of Peletiah Witham, a Revolutionary soldier. They had four children, Eliza Jane, Greenleaf, Elijah and Daniel Shaw. Eliza Jane Shaw m. Dudley Sanborn Piper of Meredith; he b. Nov. 24, 1811. They had seven children.

Warren Kelley Kimball, who married Eliza Jane Piper. Their children:

NETTIE ELDORA, b. 1869; m. Luther Flanders, son of Rufus Flanders and wife, Loanda Sanborn of New Hampton. They have children: Loanda and Robert.

Herman Leroy, b. 1872; m. Lillian V. Tuttle, dau. of Frank and wife, Lizzie Prescott.
Frank Blake, b. 1880; m. Bessie Mullen, she b. in Connecticut.
Irville W., b. 1887; m. Gladys D. Harmon, she b. in Nova Scotia.

Warren Kimball and wife live in Meredith Center, both members of the church there.

Lieut. Abner Kimball, a descendant of the Kemble family in England, born in Haverhill, Mass., 1755–1818, lived in North Sanbornton, and later near the Meredith line. He married Abigail Gage; married, second, Mrs. Mercy (Judkins) Colby, 1766–1865, widow of Anthony Colby. She had a son, Anthony Colby, born in 1800, and after her marriage to Lieut. Abner Kimball they had two children. They are buried in the Joseph Leavitt private yard, as they lived near by, beyond Steele Hill.

KNIGHT

William Knight was an early colonist from English ancestry. He was a Revolutionary soldier and served in the Battle of Bennington, and received a commission of captain for service. He engaged from Massachusetts. In 1808 he settled at Hanover.

William Knight, his son, was born in Massachusetts, 1788–1800, but moved to Hanover. He married Avis, daughter of John Ladd, in 1815, who was born in Haverhill, N. H. Her ancestor, Daniel Ladd, came to Ipswich, Mass., on the boat "Mary and John." He was granted six acres of land there and built a house. He moved to Salisbury, Pentucket and Haverhill, Mass., and there took up a land grant. He had a sawmill in Pentucket. He had a son, Daniel, Jr., who was captured by the Indians, but later escaped.

William Knight, Jr., and wife, Avis (Ladd) Knight, had children born in Hanover: John, Francis and Edwin, 1816–1857. He married in 1845, Elizabeth W., daughter of Silas T. and wife, Polly (Ingalls) Vaughn, born in 1825 at Hanover, N. H. The line of Vaughns were:

Henry, b. 1656.
Henry, b. 1657.
Joseph, b. 1723.
Luther, b. 1758.
Polly Ingalls, 1797.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. T. (Vaughn) Knight died in 1872. She left five children.

William Franklin Knight, born in 1847. In 1864 he went into the Parker Brothers store in Laconia as a clerk. Later he bought out the business, and has served in many offices of trust connected with banks and political affairs. He married in 1872, Fannie E., daughter of James Taylor of Franklin, who has passed on.

KNOWLTON

Thomas Knowlton was the first man of the name known in Hampton, N. H. He was born there January 5, 1708, and died in 1774. His wife, Amy, was born in 1714, and died in 1791. He lived in Kensington from 1739 to 1769. He bought, in 1767, fifty acres of land in the province of Nottingham and the parish of Northwood. In 1768 he built a log house and moved his family there; he had a wife and four children. He had previously lived in Epping, from 1762 to 1768. They had three boys, Jonathan, Thomas and Ebenezer.

Jonathan was born at Kensington in 1739. He married Ruth Page on April 29, 1762; she was born June 16, 1739. Their fifth child and second boy was David Knowlton, he being the first Knowlton born in Northwood, September 10, 1770. He married Drusella Durgin, born March 17, 1774, daughter of John Durgin and wife, Susanna (Pitman) Durgin of Durham, N. H. Their children:

Oliver.
Samuel, who m. Sally Demond of Concord, N. H., Feb. 17, 1808.
Eliphalet D.
George.
George W.
Hettie.
Rhody.
Harriett.
Lydia.

Oliver Knowlton, the *Sanbornton Town History* states, was born in Northwood, N. H., in 1791. He married Lucinda Batcheldor, born in 1802. They were married September 20, 1825 (as vital records). He went to Sanbornton, N. H., when a young man, with his worldly possessions in his pocket, which consisted of a

pen knife that he used to whittle goose-quill pens for his pupils to learn to write with, as he had no others in that time. They used feathers plucked from the wings of a goose when they pulled easy. After his marriage he lived on the Francis Smith farm in Sanbornton and there died March 17, 1872, aged 81 years. He represented the town in the Legislature, also was selectman for some terms. He went to Sanbornton as a schoolteacher, where he taught several terms at the Bay School. He served in the War of 1812.

John Knowlton, their third child, born May 25, 1832, resided in Meredith. He married in 1858 Rachel, daughter of Josiah B. Batcheldor and wife, Louisa, daughter of Samuel Sanborn of Meredith. Their children:

HERBERT CLARENCE, b. Apr. 11, 1859; m. Menta Belle Gale in 1833. He d. in 1886.

AMY CORA, b. Aug. 28, 1861; m. 1889 John M. Goodwin of Taunton, Mass. He d. in 1922. Their son, Clarence Knowlton, b. 1890; d. 1891.

JENNIE LAURA, b. Oct. 12, 1863; d. 1879 in Meredith.

CLARA LOUISA, b. June 25, 1869; m. Lewis Stephen Perley of Laconia, son of Dr. John Langdon Perley and wife, Dora, dau. of Betsey (Potter) Rundlett of Gilmanton. Their son, Lew Knowlton, b. 1890; m. Edna Jane, dau. of William Sawyer Kendall and wife, Iantha Annie (Lawrence) Kendall of Lakeport. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and Thayer School of Engineering. Their child, Lucile Perley, b. Aug. 12, 1922.

Marion Louise Knowlton, born January 16, 1893, is a graduate of Dana Hall and had two years at Wellesley. She married Nathaniel Joy Harriman, June 7, 1919, son of Dr. Alpher Haven Harriman and first wife, Katherine E. Walker of Lovell, Maine. Dr. Harriman is a prominent physician and surgeon in Laconia. Nathaniel Joy Harriman is cashier in the People's Bank in Laconia. Their children:

KATHERINE, b. Dec. 3, 1920.
HAVEN PERLEY, b. May 2, 1924.

John Russell Perley, born November 25, 1900, is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Penn University Medical College. He is a physician in Laconia.

Stephen Perley, born in Ipswich, Mass., October 7, 1770, died in 1855, son Allen Perley and wife, Susanna Bokeson.

Allen Perley came from St. Albans, Herefordshire, England, in 1630, and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1634. Their third son, Stephen Perley, after attaining early manhood, settled at Meredith Bridge. He did much to help establish and get many industrial activities started in the town. He foresaw a chance for much business with the water power of various kinds, and tradition states that he dug a canal to connect the river at Church Street with the same river near Lake Winnisquam, where the car shops now stand. He married, first, Abigail (no record of her family name). They had a daughter who married Dr. John Durkee of Meredith Bridge. He married, second, Mehitable, born in 1783, daughter of Col. Samuel Ladd, one of the pioneers of Gilmanton, and Ladd Hill was named for him, in what is now Belmont. Their children were: Stephen Jefferson, John Langdon, Louisa, Martha Maria and Abigail.

Dr. John Langdon, born June 10, 1805, studied medicine with Dr. John Durkee and practiced until about forty years old. In 1837 he went west into an unsettled country, and later returned to Meredith Bridge and went into the lumber business. He was one of the incorporators of the Meredith Bridge Savings Bank, which later was changed to the Belknap Savings Bank, and resigned. Later the bank went out of business. He married February 20, 1839, Dora, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Potter) Rundlett of Gilmanton. Their children:

John L., b. Dec. 1839; enlisted in the Civil War and was promoted to second lieutenant; he d. 1862.

D. Augusta, m. Jacob Sanborn, who lived on the Province Road. Their dau. Pearl Smith Sanborn.

Mary P., m. 1871 Josiah Sturtevant, b. in Center Harbor. He was a hosiery manufacturer in Meredith, also proprietor of a drug store and prominent in public business, and connected with the Congregational Church, of which his father was a deacon.

Lewis S., m. Clara L. Knowlton (see Knowlton, also Batcheldor families) in 1888. He was prominent in business circles in Laconia.

Clara E., m. Dr. A. L. Norris of Cambridgeport, Mass. They have three children: Albert P., C. Maud and Grace M.

Louisa, m. Nathan T. Fogg of Belmont.

Abigail, m. John H. Brewster, editor of a paper.

Martha Maria, b. Nov. 19, 1815; m. 1835 Joseph Plum-

mer Atkinson, b. in Gloucester, Mass. He had charges in several places, and settled in 1852 in Laconia; d. 1888, aged 79 yrs. Their children:

Mrs. Josephine P. Thwing of Boston.
Orville A.
Joseph P. Atkinson, a prominent merchant of Laconia.

LADD

Edward Ladd, 1707–1767, married Caton ———, 1711–1773. Their children:

ABIGAIL, 1734–1747.
EDWARD, b. 1736.
KING, 1738–1847.
NATHANIEL, b. 1740.
SAMUEL, b. 1744.
JOHN, 1746–1770.
ABIGAIL, 1749–1754.

Samuel [2] Ladd married Abigail Flanders in 1786. Their son, John Ladd, 1771–1860, married Mehitable Gale, in 1793. Their children:

ABIGAIL, b. 1794.
JOHN, 1796–1890; m. Nancy Badger, dau. of Thomas Badger, and wife of Newmarket.
SUSAN, 1798–1874; m. Moses Taylor, b. 1795.
DUDLEY, 1800–1827.
STEPHEN D., 1803–1826; m. Lydia Dow. No children.
GOULD D., 1805–1875; m. Betsey Chase of Sanbornton, in 1832, she a dau. of Ebenezer and wife, Rebecca Cheney.
MARY, 1807–1855; m. Henry Pearson of East Tilton. They were parents of William Pearson. His children were Frank, a brother Winthrop, and sisters (names unknown). A brother to William Pearson starved to death in Libby Prison.
ELIZA, b. 1809; m. Barnard H. Ladd in 1827.
DANIEL, 1811–1855; m. Lydia Randlett in 1835.
EUNICE, 1813–1898; m. John Lawrence. Their children:
John Lawrence, m. Eunice Ladd. Their children: Otis Smith, Jane, and Clara Ellen, m. Jeremiah Freeze Sanborn, he b. in Webster. Their children: Otis Lawrence (m. Isabel Smith) and Florence Jane.

Children of Otis Lawrence Sanborn and wife, Isabel Smith: Lawrence, Leroy Freeze and Louise.

From the old Bible, printed in 1816

Edward Ladd, born June 22, 1707; died in 1787. His wife, Caton, born May 19, 1711. Their children:

Abigail, b. Dec. 7, 1734; d. 1747.
Edward, b. Apr. 13, 1736.
Thing, b. July, 1738; d. 1801.

John Ladd, born March 25, 1771; died June 12, 1860. His wife, Mehitable, born October 13, 1770; died April 20, 1854. Their children:

Abigail (Ladd) Keaser, b. July 10, 1794.
John (Ladd), b. Oct. 3, 1796; d. 1874.
Susan (Ladd) Taylor, b. Oct. 8, 1798; d. 1874.
Dudley (Ladd), b. Oct. 9, 1800; d. 1821.
Stephen G., b. Feb. 11, 1805; d. 1875.
Mary (Ladd) Pearson, b. Apr. 5, 1807; d. 1855.
Eliza, b. 1908.
David G. Ladd, b. Oct. 11, 1811; d. 1855.
Eunice (Ladd) Lawrence, b. Oct. 1813; d. 1898.
John Lawrence Ladd, d. 1888.
Moses Taylor Ladd, b. Jan. 1, 1795.

Samuel Ladd, born February 21, 1747; died in 1801. He married Abigail ———, November 10, 1768. Their children:

Samuel, b. Dec. 4, 1769; d. Apr. 13, 1836.
John, b. Mar. 25, 1771.
Edward, b. Mar. 22, 1773; d. 1820.
Isaac, b. Feb. 6, 1775.
Abigail, b. 1777; d. 1798.
Jonathan, b. July 24, 1779; d. 1826.
Dudley, b. Dec. 23, 1780.
Mehitable, b. Apr. 3, 1783.
Thema, b. May 20, 1785; d. 1824.

Old Bible Records

Abigail Ladd married Joseph Kezar, November 14, 1816.
John Ladd married Nancy Badger, December 23, 1817.
Mary Ladd married Henry M. Pearson.
Stephen G. Ladd married Lydia Dow.
Eliza L. Ladd married Barnard H. Ladd, November 28, 1827.
Eunice Ladd married John P. Lawrence, February 2, 1832.
Gould D. Ladd married Betsey Chase, April 10, 1832.
Daniel G. Ladd married Lydia Randlett, October 28, 1835.

Revolutionary Rolls, Vol. 2, page 194: Samuel Ladd from Middleton. He was lieutenant in 1777; enlisted at Exeter. He was in Col. Thomas Stickney's regiment of militia, General Stark's brigade in 1777. There was an account of rations for several officers.

Mrs. Olive Jane (Ladd), daughter of Jonathan and Betsey (Lawrence) Ladd, was one of the pioneer settlers in Laconia as early as 1780. She married Dr. Joseph Knowles; married, second, Dr. David S. Prescott. She was born, lived and died in the same house, which has recently been sold for the city offices. Her brother was Lucian Ladd, and he and family lived with her in her last days.

Lucian Ladd married Annis, daughter of Esquire Charles Smith and his wife, Annis; she was a daughter of John Perkins, who married Lucy Prescott in 1773.

Esquire Charles Smith was a descendant of one Ebenezer Smith. (See *Granite Monthly*, March, 1888.) His wife, Annis, died and he married Irene Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal and wife, Hannah (Smith) Neal of Meredith.

History tells us that Daniel Ladd came from London with his wife, Ann, in 1633, on the ship "Mary and John," to Ipswich, Mass. In 1638 he helped found the town of Salisbury. In 1640 he helped organize Haverhill, with eleven others. He was descended from a family in Kent, England, in the fifteenth century.

Daniel Ladd, a lineal descendant, was born in Epping in 1742, a farmer, but, like many of that day, he went into newer country in Lee, then Canterbury, and Loudon, where he traded in land. He married Judith Lyford in Raymond in 1765. They had nine children; the eighth was Gideon Ladd. He was called a very smart man. He married Polly Osgood and settled in Loudon, where he died in 1848. They had twelve children. Their sixth child and fourth son, Seneca Augustus Ladd, born at Loudon in 1819, was educated in the schools in winter until thirteen years of age, but, as history states, did not enjoy the method of teaching and went to Raymond to learn the carriagemakers' trade, in which he made a success. He went to Meredith and made carriages for two years, then went to Boston for one year and learned of Timothy Gilbert how to make pianos, which was then the second factory in the United States where they were made. In 1839 he returned to Meredith, built and bought mills and started a large carriage

factory, when he was 20 years of age. He kept the business for eleven years, when the whole plant burned. The cotton factory at that time was idle. He leased it, put in new machinery and made pianos and melodeons. This business was kept up for eighteen years in Meredith and Boston. He was successful and made himself independent financially. He had observed how the youth had little ability or desire to lay up something ahead, and conceived the idea of a savings bank to help them save part of their earnings. He procured a charter in 1869 and, with other influential men, the Meredith Village Savings Bank was started to help young people to save for after life. He was said to never pass a child without speaking, and scattered many kind deeds. He joined the church when young, and was a strict temperance man. He married Susan Tilton of Meredith in 1840 She died in 1850. Their children:

FANNIE C., who m. D. W. Coe of Center Harbor.
CHARLES F., who d.

Seneca A. Ladd married, second, Catherine S., daughter of William Wallace, Esq., of Henniker, in 1852. One child:

VIRGINIA B., who was an invalid; she d. 1927; was a highly respected woman and had many friends.

Daniel[2] Ladd, who took the "Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance" to pass from Deal, Kent County, England, to sail on the boat "Mary and John," in 1633, for a new home in New England.

History tells us that there were about a baker's dozen, who landed at Ipswich in February.

One of them was Daniel Ladd. He was granted six acres of land in 1637, and in 1639 he was "in ye town of Salisbury," where he was granted more land. Like all early settlers, as his family grew larger, he needed more land for support, and went farther inland to Haverhill, Mass., where he died in 1693, leaving eight children. He married Ann ———. He was a prominent man in the early history of Haverhill, Mass. Their children:

ELIZABETH, b. 1640; m. 1663 Nathaniel Smith.
DANIEL, b. 1642 in Salisbury; m. Lydia Singletery. No children.
LYDIA, b. 1645 in Salisbury; m. Josiah Gage.
MARY, b. 1646 in Haverhill; m. Caleb Richardson of Newbury. Their children were Mary and Ruth.

Samuel, b. 1647 in Haverhill; m. Martha Corliss.
Nathaniel, b. 1651 in Haverhill; m. Elizabeth Gilman.
Ezekiel, b. 1654 in Haverhill; m. Mary Folsom.
Sarah, b. 1657 in Haverhill; m. Onisiphorus Marsh, Jr., in 1695.

Nathaniel [2] Ladd, born in 1655, moved to Exeter and married in 1678 Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. John Gilman. He died from wounds from fighting the Indians. Mr. Gilman was a prominent man. Their children:

Nathaniel, b. 1679; m. Catherine Gilman.
Elizabeth, b. 1680; m. John Glidden. Their children were: Daniel [4], John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Mary, Abigail, Moody and Steven.
Lydia, b. 1684; m. Charles Rundlett. Their children were: Nathaniel, Charles, Lydia, Catherine, Anna, and Mary.
Daniel, b. 1686; m. Mehitable Philbrook, in 1712.
John, b. 1689; m. Elizabeth Sanborn in 1714.
Ann, b. 1692; m. Jonathan Folsom. Their children were Gen. Nathaniel and Col. Samuel Ladd.

Nathaniel [3] Ladd, born in 1679, married Catherine, daughter of Edward Gilman of Exeter. She died. Their children:

Nathaniel, m. Ann Hilton, dau. of Dudley Hilton.
Daniel[4], b. in Exeter, 1705; his home was in Exeter; later moved to Lee; m. Alice ———.
Edward, b. 1707; m. Catherine Thing.
Elias, m. Ann Gilman.
Josiah, b. 1713; m. Sarah Morse.

Nathaniel's second wife, Rachel Rawlins, who died at Stratham in 1717, had no children.

Nathaniel married, third, Mrs. Mercy Hilton in 1742. Their children:

Paul (twin), b. 1719; m. Martha Folsom.
Love (twin).
Dudley, lost at sea.
Mercy.

Daniel [4] Ladd, born in 1705, married in Epping, Alice ——— Their children:

Daniel[5], b. 1742; m. Judith Lyford.
Nathaniel, b. 1745; m. Mary Ayers.
Jeremiah, m. Tamison Sias.

Daniel [5], 1742–1801, married Judith Lyford, and settled in Loudon. Their children:

Mary, b. 1766; m. Dr. Weir.
Olive, b. 1769; m. Joseph Batchelder, son of Major Nathan Batchelder. One of their daughters, Julia, m. Stephen Tilton. Stephen Tilton and wife, Julia Batchelder, were grandparents of George Henry Tilton of Laconia.
Judith, b. 1771; m. William Moulton of Stanstead, Canada.
John, b. 1774; m. Lydia Sanborn.
Elsa, b. 1777; m. John Rollins of Gilmanton.
Susan, b. 1779; m. Levi French of Loudon.
Gideon, b. 1782, m. Polly Osgood. They had a son, Seneca Ladd, who settled in Meredith. He married Susan Tilton, a second cousin.
James, 1784–1786.

Gideon Ladd of Loudon, N. H. (Daniel of Epping; Nathaniel, who married Catherine Gilman.) Gideon Ladd married in 1808 Polly Osgood, daughter of Daniel Osgood and wife, Judith (Lyford) Osgood, of Epping. He died in 1848. She died in 1870. Their children:

Rosina Ann, b. 1809; m. E. E. Smith of Gilmanton.
James Gilman, 1813–1813.
Olive Maria, b. 1815; m. J. B. Mardton of Gilmanton.
Albert Warren, b. 1816; m. Mary M. Wallace.
Seneca Augustus, b. 1819; m. Susan Tilton of Meredith.
Newell Corses, b. 1821; m. Sarah, dau. of Robert Smith of Center Harbor.
Philander M., 1823; m. Carrie ———.
Joseph Warren, 1827–1833.
Benjamin F., 1829–1846.
Charles Joseph, b. 1831; m. Eliza Lang.

Seneca Augustus Ladd, son of Gideon Ladd and wife, born at Loudon in 1819, married Susan Tilton in 1840. She died in 1850. He married, second, Catherine S., daughter of William Wallace, in 1852. Their children by Susan Tilton:

Frances Caroline Augusta, b. 1841; m. Harber D. Wodsworth Coe of Center Harbor in 1878.
Charles F., 1847–1851.

Newel Courser Ladd of Concord married Sarah Smith, daughter of Robert Smith and wife, Sarah Merrill of New Hampton. He died in 1877. She died in 1903. Their children:

Florence M., b. 1843; m. Frederick Boardman in 1882.
Austin, b. 1845; m. Fannie Blake.
Addie, b. 1850.
Wendell Phillips, b. 1852.
Jennie B., b. 1855.
{ Waldo B., b. 1858 / Minnie, b. 1858 } Twins.
Charles P., b. 1860.

Eliphalet Ladd (Timothy, John, Samuel, Daniel), 1755–1827. He was a Revolutionary soldier in the battles of Bennington and Saratoga. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph Park of Windham in 1778. They moved to Meredith in 1806, where he died in 1827; lived on Ladd Hill. Their children:

Alice, b. 1779; m. John B. Swasey. Their children:
  George B.
  Mary Park, m. M. J. Chapman.
  Jane B.
  Cassandria, m. Eben Stevens.
  Asenath, d. young.
Joseph Park, b. 1781; m. Mehitable Towne.
Timothy, b. 1783. He was a brilliant scholar and a famous teacher in Meredith. He was a cripple.
Lydia, 1784–1876; m. Benjamin Swasey in 1809. Their children:
  Laura, b. 1809; m. John J. Sanborn of Baltimore in 1836.
  Darius, b. 1811; m. Sylvia Davis.
  Alice, b. 1812; m. Jonathan F. George of Pelham, N. H.
  Emily, b. 1813.
  Edwin, b. 1815; m. Mary Tarbel of Lyndeboro.
  Alexis, b. 1816; m. Emily Terry of Chicopee.
  Mary Park, b. 1818; m. Henry Moore of Marlboro.
  Lydia, 1820–1836; m. Clark H. Obear of New Ipswich.
  Benjamin, b. 1822; m. Emily Marshall of Chicopee.
  Eliza, b. 1825.

Lydia Ladd married Benjamin Swasey in Meredith. Their children:

Alexander Park, b. 1786; m. Charlotte Hacket.
Darius, 1788–1831; m. Emily Augusta Prescott.
Mary Jane, b. 1789; m. William Salmond of Belfast, Maine.
Asenath, 1791–1792.
Asenath, b. 1793; m. James P. Bowman of Belfast.

Alexander Park Ladd (Eliphalet, born in 1755 at Haverhill, Mass.) married Charlotte Hacket of Holderness in 1814. Their children:

Mary Taylor, b. 1814; m. William Ladd; m. second, Pingree Cummings; and third, Ira Davis. Their children:
James Orr Monroe Ladd, b. 1816; m. Nancy Coombs; second, Ruth Abbott.
Timothy Boyd Ladd, b. 1820; m. Susan Emerson in 1851.
Joseph Park Ladd, b. 1822; m. Charlotte Virgin in 1821.
Eugene Hackett Ladd, b. 1834; m. Josephine Fournival.

Timothy Boyd Ladd, son of Alexander Park Ladd of Meredith, married Susan Emerson of Andover, N. H., in 1851. They removed to Chateaugay, N. Y., where they kept a hotel.

Asa Ladd, son of Timothy Ladd and wife, Jane Coy of Maine, married Nancy Sanborn of Meredith in 1823. Their children:

Elizabeth, 1824–1878.
Jonathan, b. 1826; m. Anna Harris of Boston.
Mary Jane, b. 1828.
Annette, b. 1830.
George W., b. 1833; m. Rose Evans in 1867.
Asa, Jr., 1835–1862.
Louisa B., b. 1838; m. Alonzo Nenton.
Sophronia J., b. 1831; m. Charles C. Pickney.

Jonathan P. Ladd, son of Asa Ladd and wife, Nancy Sanborn, married Anna Harries of Boston. Their children:

Emma Frances, b. 1854; m. Martin Taber.
Clara Belle, b. 1857; m. John Flanry.
Horace Parker, b. 1860.
John Plummer, 1874–1882.

Eliphalet Ladd of Exeter was a bonder of the N. H. ship, "Dispatch," November 9, 1781, in the American Revolutionary naval service; 6 guns, 20 crew. August 6, 1777, on "Friends Adventure," N. H. schooner; 6 guns, 20 crew. His bond was $5,000; was a bonder also on "General Sullivan," N. H. brigantine; 14 guns, 100 crew; bonds, $10,000. He was one of the owners. Also February 26, 1777, on N. H. ship, "White Oak;" 6 guns, 15 crew. Master. Bond, $4,000.

Col. Samuel Ladd of Belmont (son of Edward Ladd and wife, Catherine Thing; Nathaniel Ladd and wife, Catherine Gilman) married Abigail Flanders in 1768. Their children:

Samuel, b. 1769; m. Polly Davis.
John, b. 1771; m. Mehitable Gale.
Edward, b. 1773; m. Hannah Hoit.
Isaac, b. 1775; m. Lois Woodman.

Abigail, b. 1777; m. Stephen Perley.
Jonathan, b. 1779; m. Rachel Prescott.
Dudley, b. 1780; m. Abigail Plummer.
Mehitable, b. 1783; m. Stephen Perley.
Thomas, b. 1785; m. Eunice Lyford in 1806; she b. 1787.

John Ladd, 1771–1860, of Sanbornton, N. H. (Col. Samuel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Daniel) married Mehitable Gale of Gilmanton in 1793. Their children:

Abigail, b. 1794; m. Joseph Keyser.
John, Jr., b. 1796; m. Nancy Badger.
Susan, b. 1798; m. Moses Taylor.
Dudley, 1800–1826.
Stephen G., 1803–1826.
Gould Dimond, b. 1805; m. Betsey Chase.
Mary, b. 1807; m. Henry M. Pearson.
Eliza L., b. 1809; m. Barnett H. Ladd, a cousin.
Daniel, b. 1811.
Eunice, b. 1813; m. John A. Lawrence in 1833.

A grandson of John Ladd and son of Gould D. Ladd and wife, Betsey Chase, Elbridge Gerry Ladd of Belmont, married Henrietta, daughter of Uriah Lamprey and wife, Abigail (Batchelder) Lamprey, in 1871. Their children:

Orry Gerry, b. 1873.
Edward Gould, b. 1876.
Merton Freeman, b. 1880.

Edward[3] 1773–1820, married Hannah Hoit in 1798. Their children:

Nancy, 1799–1839; m. Jonathan Taylor.
Harriet, b. 1803; m. Daniel Sanborn.
Barnett H., b. 1807; m. Eliza Ladd in 1827; he d. 1877. Their children:
  Julia A., b. 1828; m. Stephen A. Hadley in 1868 at Laconia.
  Eunice L., b. 1831.
  Emeline S., 1833–1861.
  Harlan Page, b. 1836; m. Sarah Jane Noble.
  Jason J., b. 1839; m. Ann Maria Boynton in 1865.
  Eliza J., 1843–1863.

Langdon Ladd, the fourth child of Edward Ladd and wife, Hannah Hoit of Belmont, born in 1773, married in 1837 Sylvania, daughter of Bernard Colby. His father died when he was nine

years old, and he lived with his mother and attended school. He later represented the town in the legislature in 1874. He lived on the farm and in the house built by his grandfather, Col. Samuel Ladd, in 1837, and where his grandfather died in 1887. Their children:

ARTHUR STUART, m. Ellen M. Porter in 1867. Their children:
  Edith Silvina, b. 1867.
  Florence Emma, b. 1872.
  Candace Porter, b. 1875.
MARTHA A., b. 1839; m. Charles G. Gale in 1860.
CURTIS B., 1841–1841.
GRACE COLBY, b. 1842.
ALLEN YOUNG (twin), b. 1853; m. Kate J. Bennet in 1876.
EMMA J. (twin), 1853–1870.

Isaac[4] Ladd of Belmont, born 1775, married Lois Woodman. She died in 1828. Their children:

HENRY, 1802–1802.
CHARLOTTE, b. 1803; m. George L. Mead of Laconia.
CHARLES, 1805–1831.
ISAAC, JR., b. 1807.
GEORGE S., b. 1808.
HARRIET, 1810–1877.
JOHN W., b. 1813.
MARY J., b. 1815.

Jonathan[6], 1779–1826, married in 1808 Rachel, daughter of Col. Dudley Prescott and wife, Martha (Swain) Prescott. She died in 1815. He married, second, Betsey Lawrence in 1816. Children by first wife:

SUSAN AUGUSTA, b. 1810; m. Andrew Watkins in 1835.
LUCIAN AUGUSTUS, b. 1812; m. Mary Jane, dau. of Esq. Charles Smith and wife, Annis Smith. Their children:
  Charles S., b. 1844; m. Lilla Good in 1873.
  Francis A., b. 1849.
  Frederick J., b. 1851; m. Zoe M. Parter in 1881.
  Clara J., b. 1853.

A child by second wife, Betsey Lawrence:
OLIVE JANE.

Dudley[7] Ladd of Belmont, born in 1780, married Abigail Plummer, daughter of David Plummer of Newbury, Mass. Their children:

Hannah P., b. 1812; m. Ebenezer Lawrence.
David Plummer, b. 1816; m. Julia A. Hoit.

Thomas[7] Ladd of Belmont, 1785–1834, married Eunice Lyford in 1806. Their children:

John Lyford, b. 1807; m. Jane Eager.
Drusilla, 1808–1866; m. Jeremiah Jaques, 1809–1890.
Ransom S., 1811–1886; m. Rhoda Gove, 1816–1892, widow of Benjamin Gove, 1806–1858.

John Lyford Ladd, 1807–1873, oldest son of Thomas Ladd and wife, Eunice Lyford, married Lucy Jane Eager, 1810–1851; married in 1828. They are buried in Meredith Bridge Cemetery, Laconia. Their children:

John C., b. 1827; m. Hannah L. Taylor.
Mary Jane, 1829–1847.
Thomas Eager, b. 1831; d. young.
Frances E., 1833–1851.
Adelia B., 1839–1868; m. Oscar Merrill.
Thomas E., b. 1841; m. Emma Plummer.

Warren Ladd, in *The Ladd Family History*, states that Daniel Ladd took the Oath of Allegiance to pass to New England, on the "Mary and John" boat in 1633/4. In 1637 he was granted in Ipswich six acres of land, where he built a dwelling house.

As time passed he, like other settlers, went farther inland and bought land. In 1678 he and his wife, Ann, had changed to several locations. His will was dated 1694. He died in 1693 and his wife died in 1694, leaving nine children.

Through the generations through Nathaniel, born in 1651, who through his marriage with Elizabeth Gilman became a member of a leading family. He died in 1691. They had seven children. The fifth child, Daniel, born in 1686, married Mehitable Philbrook. Their son, Daniel, born in 1742, married Judith Lyford. Their son, Gideon of Loudon, married in 1808 Polly Osgood. They had twelve children. Their seventh child, Newell Corser, born May 6, 1821, died in 1877, married in Meredith Sarah Smith, died in 1863, daughter of Robert Smith of New Hampton, N. H. Their children:

Florence M., b. 1843; m. Frederick Boardman in 1882.
Austin S., b. 1845; m. Fannie Blake.
Addie R., b. 1850.
Wendell P., b. 1852.

Jennie B., b. 1855.
{ Waldo E., b. 1858 } twins.
{ Minnie E., b. 1858 }
Charles P., b. 1860.

Seneca Augustus Ladd, a brother of Newell C. Ladd, both sons of Gideon Ladd and wife, Polly Osgood, born in 1819, married Susan Tilton in 1840. Their children:

Fannie C., b. 1841; m. D. W. Coe in 1878; lived in Center Harbor.
Charles F., 1847–1851.

Mrs. Ladd died in 1850 and he married, second, Catherine S. Wallace in 1852. They had a daughter, Virginia B., 1861–1927.

Seneca Ladd was very energetic at an early age and went to Meredith and had a factory, was burned out, then he went to Boston and worked at the pianoforte business, then returned to Meredith when twenty years of age and later made pianos and melodeons. He helped establish the Meredith Village Savings Bank, which has prospered.

Eliphalet Ladd married Mary Park, daughter of Joseph Park of Windham in 1778. They settled in Meredith in 1806. He died in Meredith in 1827. Their children:

Alice, b. 1797; m. John B. Swasey. Their children were:
George B.
Jane B.
Mary Park, who married J. Chapman.
Cassandria, m. Eben Stevens.
Asenath, d. young.
Joseph Park, b. 1781; m. Mehitable Towne.
Timothy, b. 1783; was a noted teacher.
Lydia, 1784–1875; m. Benjamin Swasey in 1808. Their children:
Laura, b. 1809; m. John G. Sanborn.
Darius, b. 1811; m. Sylvia Davis.
Alice J., b. 1812; m. Jonathan George.
Emily, b. 1813.
Edwin, b. 1815; m. Mary Tarbel.
Alexis, b. 1816; m. Emily Torry.
Mary Park, b. 1818; m. Henry Moore.
Lydia, b. 1820; m. Clark H. Obear.
Benjamin, b. 1822; m. Emily Marshall.
Eliza, b. 1824.
Alexander Park, b. 1786; m. Charlotte Hackett of Holderness in 1814.

Darius, b. 1788; m. Emily Augusta Prescott in 1831.
Asenath, 1791–1792.
Asenath, b. 1793; m. James P. Bowman.

John Ladd of Sanbornton married Mehitable Gale of Gilmanton in 1793. He died June 12, 1860. They had ten children. The seventh child, Mary, born April 5, 1807, married Henry M. Pearsons March 28, 1824. John Ladd was a son of Samuel Ladd, born February 21, 1744, who married Abigail Flanders.

Henry M. Pearsons, 1797–1857, is buried in Union Cemetery, Laconia.

Eliphalet Ladd of Windham removed to New Salem and from there to Meredith in 1806. He died in 1837.

Alice Ladd, born March 2, 1797, married John B. Swasey.

Lydia Ladd, born December 19, 1784, died in 1875, married Benjamin Swasey in 1809.

LANG

The Langs came from England. William Lang married Sarah ———. Their second son was Josiah Lang, 1746–1828, of Greenland. He moved in 1816 to Tuftonborough. He worked as a shoemaker in Portsmouth. During his stay there he enlisted in the Revolutionary War and guarded a garrison. He married Pearn Johnson, 1747–1841, a daughter of Colonel Johnson of Portsmouth, who served in the Revolution.

Josiah, 1746–1828, tradition states, was a great reader, and well posted on the topics of the day. He was a Methodist Church believer and his wife was a Congregationalist, but there being no denominations of either creed in Tuftonborough, they both joined the Christian Church there. Children: Josiah[2], 1772–1856, Stephen, Zabeth, Deborah, Daniel, Sarah and William. Josiah married Sarah Whidden, 1774–1851, born in Portsmouth. They moved to Meredith with their son, Thomas E. Lang, in 1855, and died there. Their children:

Joseph Whidden, 1798–1886.
Thomas Elwyn, 1801–1889.
Josiah, 1804–1815.

Joseph Whidden Lang, born in Portsmouth, went to Tuftonborough in 1815 and worked on his father's farm for two years; later he worked for a Dover man, driving a tin peddler's cart, and

later went into a store in Dover, run by Joseph Smith, who also ran stores at Alton Bay, Wolfeboro, Moultonboro and Meredith. In the latter town he was placed in charge of a store which he purchased in 1830.

He married Mehitable C. Young of Tuftonboro. She died in 1863. They had no children, but adopted a girl, Jane, who died at the age of 18 years. In 1866 he married Mrs. Julian (Perkins) (Taylor), widow of Jonathan H. Taylor and a daughter of John B. Perkins and wife, Comfort, daughter of Dr. Benaiah Sanborn, and wife, Huldah, 1781–1858, daughter of Deacon Christopher Smith, she born in North Hampton.

Mr. Lang was a leading member of the Congregational Church in Meredith and a prominent Mason. He was president of the Meredith Village Savings Bank at his decease and was also director of the old Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad.

Thomas Elwyn Lang, 1801–1889, brother of J. W. Lang, was born in Portsmouth on the Thomas Elwyn farm, where his father was employed. He went to Tuftonboro with his parents in 1816, when 15 years old, and in 1855 he settled in Meredith, where he bought a small farm. He married Cynthia Blaisdell in 1827, daughter of Rev. William Blaisdell, a clergyman of the Christian Church of Guilford. Their daughter, Sarah Whidden Lang, born in 1828 at Tuftonboro, married in 1867 Nathan B. Wadleigh, 1822–1885. Mr. Wadleigh was a large lumber dealer in Meredith. Their children:

THOMAS LANG, b. 1858 in Meredith; m. Lillian Hodgdon of North Troy, Vt., in 1884. He was general manager of the Meredith Shook and Lumber Co.

ANNIE GERTRUDE, b. 1870; m. Alfred Francis Hall of Meredith, who was general manager of the Atlas Linen Co. Their daughter, Margaret Ellen, b. 1904.

Joseph William Lang, the second child of Thomas E. Lang and wife, Cynthia (Blaisdell) Lang, born in 1832, died at Meredith in 1903. He went to Meredith in 1852 and clerked in the store of Lang & Stevens, Mr. Lang being his uncle. After three years he bought out Mr. Stevens' share in the business and was a partner with his uncle until 1862, when he started to raise a company to help defend his country.

He was first to enlist in Company I, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, and, turning the store into a recruiting office, en-

thused twenty-five others that came that afternoon. In four days he recruited ninety-eight men and three officers, and he was chosen captain.

The 12th New Hampshire was the last regiment to leave after the battle of Fredericksburg. Captain Lang commanded his company there and at Chancellorsville, where he was wounded in the thigh and taken prisoner. He was paroled, and granted a furlough after thirteen days. Later he was at Point Lookout with his regiment, guarding rebel prisoners.

After the war he did some farming and some mercantile business. He engaged in town business, was the first commander of the George S. Cram Post, G. A. R., also a charter member of the Masonic lodge. He married in 1860 Lucy A. Leach, daughter of Rev. Giles Leach of Wells, Maine. Their daughter, Elizabeth Whidden Lang, was born in 1861 at Meredith.

John Lang was in Portsmouth before 1692. History tells us that the Langs came from England. One branch went to Hampton Falls, another to Sanbornton and Meredith.

Robert[1] Lang (Stephen[2], Stephen[3], William[4], Josiah[5]) was at Greenland in 1772, also recorded at Portsmouth in 1797 and Tuftonboro in 1816. He was a cordwainer.

Josiah[5] Lang, born January 16, 1747, died in 1828; was a son of William and Sarah Lang of Hampton Falls, who were married at Greenland, December 17, 1771. He guarded a garrison in Portsmouth the last part of the Revolution, enlisting in 1777 in the New York Expedition. Their son, Josiah Lang, born in 1772, married Sarah Whidden. They had a son, Joseph Whidden Lang of Meredith, born June 21, 1798, died in 1863, who married June 10, 1824, Mehitable, daughter of Benjamin and wife, Rebecca Young of Tuftonboro.

He was president of the Meredith Savings Bank, a director in the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad, and a prominent business man. He married, second, Julian (Perkins) Taylor, 1810–1896, daughter of Captain John B. and wife, Comfort (Sanborn), she a daughter of Dr. Benaiah Sanborn and widow of Jonathan H. Taylor.

Captain Taylor, as history states, was very active and wonderfully cheerful, with a great memory. It is said that he broke colts when about 88 years old and made boots after he was 90 years.

Joseph Whidden Lang had no children. They took a boy to raise by the name of Bean, 1827–1905. He was called Thomas E. Lang, but was not legally adopted. He married Susan Moulton, 1832–1871.

They adopted a girl, Jennie B. Lang (Bean); no relation to the boy that they brought up.

From Thomas Lang's Bible (His mother's name was Bean)

Thomas E. Lang, born in 1827, married Emma Wright in 1847; married, second, Susan B. Moulton, she born in 1832; married in 1849. Children:

Joe E., b. 1851.
Fred A., b. 1854; m. Ruth M. Ladd in 1871; m., second, Nettie Ryder in 1877; m., third, Mattie G. Wilber in 1890.

Charles Alvah Lang, 1859–1919.

James W., born in 1861; married Carrie E. Streeter in 1886.

Jennie M. B. Lang, born in 1863; married William H. Grant in 1880. They had a son, Henry Grant, born in 1883.

George Elwin Lang, born in 1878.

Bean

True Bean, born September 5, 1793; married Susan Marston, June 9, 1812.

Susan, born in 1795.

Hannah, born in 1815.

Calep M., born in 1816.

Alvah, born in 1819.

Benjamin M., born in 1823.

Charles Alvah Lang, son of Rev. Thomas Lang, an Advent minister, died October 18, 1919, aged 59 years. He was a traveling salesman for the Goodyear Rubber Co. He died in a hospital in Maine, leaving a wife, Martha H. Lang; one sister, Jennie M. B. Grant of Concord; James W. Lang of Prairie Elk, Montana, and two nephews. He had been away from Meredith many years, but was born on Lang Street in Meredith.

Josiah [6] Lang, 1772–1855, born in Portsmouth, was a farmer. Her married Sarah Whidden of Portsmouth, 1774–1861. It was said that he was a great reader and prominent in church work. Their son, Josiah[7], 1804–1815.

Thomas Elwyn Lang, born in 1801 at Portsmouth; died in 1889. He moved with his family to Tuftonboro in 1816, later removed to Meredith, where he bought a farm. He married Cynthia Blaisdell of Guilford, 1802–1890, daughter of Rev. William Blaisdell, a Christian minister. Their daughter, Sarah Whidden, married in 1857, Nathan Batcheldor Wadleigh of Meredith. Their daughter, Annie G. Wadleigh, born in 1870, married Alfred F. Hall, born in 1872. Their daughter, Margaret Ellen Hall, born in 1904.

Thomas Lang Wadleigh, 1858–1913, married Lillian Hodgdon in 1894. No children.

Old Statement

I Huntington Porter, senior Pastor of the Church in Rye, in the county of Rockingham, & state of N. H. certify and depose that the following words—namely "seventeen hundred and seventy one, Dec 17th Josiah Lang & Pearn Johnson of Greenland, were married", are recorded in the church records in the hand writing of Rev. Samuel Parsons, formerly Pastor of said church, and said records now are in my possession and have been for fifty years past.

(Signed) Huntington Porter.

State of New Hampshire.

JOHNSON

In "Rambles About Greenland," "How" quotes:

> And now we're back upon the road that leads
> To Boston, and to Johnson's home: and if one heeds
> This fine long ridge of land, a mile or so in length,
> He'll see how nature here has meted out its strength.
> The road has almost made itself; a nice wheel path
> Has marked the way, along by which a Johnson hath
> So long ago stuck down his stakes, and builded well
> A habitation, tilled the soil, but what befel
> The race of Johnsons, records do not tell us much.
>
> "When they reached the destined end, which bounds
> All human lives, they died. The Town Clerk's record shows
> The time the old folks left, and that is all one knows
> Of them, that's worth recording here, as they are gone;
> Not e'en a cellar left to tell the tale anon."

Lieutenant Johnson was prominent in town business, and the several families were strong, influential citizens. One young lady, Effie, sister of Pearn Johnson, was noted for her bravery. History tells us when the British landed in Rye she, undaunted,

took a rifle and started to meet them, but the "Redcoats" escaped. A story runs that a robber hid in her room, but when he saw her he rushed out and escaped in the darkness. She was said to be very daring and rode a fiery horse, and feared none.

One one of her trips she had a noted "one-horse shay." While her horse was climbing a long hill a vicious-looking man caught on behind, clinging to the cross-bar. She soon came to Packer's brook, drove into the water and turned and lashed the man until he cried for mercy and dropped off in the water from exhaustion.

History states that Effie Johnson had long, beautiful hair. When she rode her favorite horse her hair was loose and floated in the breeze, and many called to her as she rode, "Hey, Effie Johnson, with your long hair."

WHIDDEN

Samuel Whidden, born February 21, 1769.

Hannah Whidden, born June 17, 1770.

Thomas Whidden, born August 19, 1772.

Sarah Whidden, born 1774; married Josiah Lang in 1796.

Mary Whidden, born June 18, 1776; died in 1859; married —— Tuckerman.

Elizabeth Ann Whidden, born October 18, 1778.

Joseph Whidden, born October 26, 1780.

Michael Whidden, born February 2, 1783.

Mark Whidden, born October 15, 1785; died in 1865.

Fanny Whidden, born March 31, 1788.

Daniel Whidden, born February 23, 1791; died in 1842 at New Orleans.

Margaret Sarah Whidden, born May 28, 1793.

The fourth son, Mark Whidden, married Sarah Whidden in Meredith. Their children:

Joseph, b. Sept. 24, 1810.
Daniel, b. Feb. 17, 1812.
Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1814.
Mark A., b. July 1, 1816.
Michael, b. May 21, 1818.
Margaret, b. Aug. 28, 1820.
William, b. July 8, 1822.
Emily Ann, b. May 5, 1824; m., first, Henry Palmer of Portsmouth; d. 1858; m., second, David Corliss; m., third,

Daniel Eaton. He had a son by his first wife, who was a Brown of Guilford.
FRANCES, b. Apr. 10, 1826.
SUSAN E., b. Aug. 11, 1830.

The second child of Thomas E. Lang and Cynthia (Blaisdell) Lang, Capt. Joseph William Lang, was born in Tuftonboro in 1832. He attended school at home and later the Meredith Bridge Academy.

In 1852 he began to clerk in the store of Lang & Stevens. When he was 22 years old he, being a nephew of Mr. Lang, bought out Mr. Stevens' interest and continued a partner with his uncle until 1862, when the Civil War broke out. He raised in four days ninety-eight men and officers. These were mustered into the army as Company I, of the 12th New Hampshire Volunteers. They chose Joseph W. Lang as their captain and left September 27, 1862, for Washington. They were changed several times, and in the battle of Fredericksburg they were the last to leave the field.

Captain Lang commanded his company in the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was taken prisoner, after being wounded. He was in prison thirteen days, then parolled and sent to Washington, and given a furlough home.

In 1863 he went back to his regiment and was sent to Point Lookout, where he guarded rebel prisoners until 1864, when his wound troubled him so that he resigned his commission and returned home to Meredith, where later, when able, he went into business.

Captain Lang married in 1860 Lucy A. Leach, daughter of Rev. Giles Leach, a Congregational minister. Their only child, Elizabeth W., became a teacher in later years.

John A. Lang, 1822–1877, born in Sanbornton, married —— ——— first, is buried in Swasey yard. They had a daughter, Alice, who married Charles Nichols (lived in Concord), and Cora E., single. He married, second, Mary E. Prescott, born in Center Harbor, married in 1877, lived in Meredith.

LUCY ADRIAN HAM

Mrs. Lucy Adrian Ham, wife of Asa Ham of Portsmouth, born in Greenland, April 2, 1807, daughter of Mark Ackerman and wife, Deborah (Lang) Ackerman, as history states, remembered

seeing General Lafayette in the procession when the "Lafayette Road" was formally opened. They had an archway erected over the road, and when the long procession reached it a gate was opened and the road declared open to trade.

"Rambles About Greenland" gives this rhyme:

> "When General Lafayette his tour made around the States,
> His cortage passed through Greenland, as one to me relates";

Mrs. Ham stated that she remembered when her Grandmother Lang was baptized by immersion at Tuftonboro, the year she was 96 years old. The men carried her in a chair into the water, as they thought her too feeble to attempt to walk.

LANGLEY

In a *History of Nottingham*, by Cogswell, it states that Adalad Langley came early to town. He was one of the first settlers and was said to be a good fisherman and mingled much with the Indians near North Pond. Tradition states that he married a beautiful Indian girl and she proved an excellent wife and mother. They had a son, Benjamin, who settled near Langley Pond. It is stated that he married —— ———. Their children were Thomas, Joseph, Sally, Lovey, Judith and another.

Thomas Langley, 1794–1854, married Lois ———, born in 1797, daughter of Samuel Emerson. They had Mary Jane, born in 1817, married Joseph E. Tilton, who died in the army, leaving three children.

Josiah, born in 1818, married Susan Small of Northwood. Josiah was employed by the railroad.

Joseph Longfellow Langley, born in 1834, married in 1856, Elizabeth Templeton, born in 1831. He was a railroad man for many years.

A descendant, Winthrop Langley, 1758–1839, early settled in Guilford, on the Daniel Webster Highway, just across Long Bay, at a point called Langley's Cove. He came from Newmarket in 1775. He married Achsah Quimby, daughter of John Quimby of Guilford, in 1813. John Quimby was captain in N. H. Infantry in 1785. Mr. Libbey, an old neighbor, remembered attending her funeral when a small boy. She was buried beside the highway on a small elevation, where we found twelve graves, under some pretty pine trees, with field stones for head and foot of graves

(the cuttings nearly worn off by the elements), which is the last resting place of the Langley family, just across from Quimby Island, in Langley Cove that formerly was main land, but the water has worn a passage and made it an island.

Winthrop Langley owned four pieces of land in 1789; one he bought of Peter Folsom.

James Quimby lived in a log house on what was originally the Abram Clark land; he had eight in his family. The Quimby family were respected citizens.

One of the descendants, John, had a wife, Sarah. They lived on the White Oaks Road and had sons, James and Charles, who never married. It was said that they let their hair and whiskers grow to a luxuriant length and only barbered each other once a year.

A characteristic of the family was that they were wide between the eyes, which signified much intelligence.

Stephen Langley settled on land near Benjamin Libby's, on the White Oaks Road. He married Mary Colany in Guilford in 1813. He was drafted into the 1812 War, to help protect the Canadian border.

Rowel Langley, son of Jonathan and wife, Abigail (Leathers) Langley, born in 1777, came from Nottingham and married in Gilmanton, Hannah Martin, in 1798. They were married by Elder Richard Martin, and had ten children. Elder Richard Martin was a pioneer who supplied the pulpit at Gunstock Meetinghouse. He was a good man. He and his family rest in McCoy Yard in Guilford. It was said that his wife had good business ability, as she traded much in land, which helped the family financially, while the Elder ministered to the spiritual needs of the people. Children:

Noah Webster, b. 1799.
Richard Martin, b. 1801.
John Osborne, b. 1804.
Thomas Jefferson, b. 1805.
Hannah Martin, b. 1808.
Jesse, b. 1809.
Levina Goldsmith, b. 1811.
Christopher W., b. 1814.
Adeline Demount, b. 1818.
Louis Folsom, b. 1822.

Old Records

Moses Langley lived and owned five tracts of land, about 1812, in Guilford (then Gilmantown). Lancaster writes of the town, that "in 1727, the town ran from the head of Barnstead to Winipissokee Pond," and was "a liberal slice of earth." Moses Langley married Hannah ——— of Durham. Their children:

Phillip Rowell.
Olive Jane, m. George H. Robie. Their son, George H. Robie of Lakeport, has a daughter, Mrs. Webster.

George H. Robie's great-grandfather was Winthrop Langley, who married Achsah Quimby. Their daughter, Louise, married Phillip Rowell. Their daughters: Olive Jane; Sally M., married ——Thompson. They are buried in McCoy Yard, Guilford, N. H.

Samuel Langley married Hannah Preadly in 1803 at Portsmouth.

Stephen Langley married Mary Colany in 1813.

Winthrop Langley married Carrie Quimby in 1813 at Guilford.

James Langley married Mary Garland in 1812 at Durham.

Rufus Langley married Almira Leavit in 1834 at Guilford.

Langleys in the Revolution: Benjamin, Elihu, Elisha, Winthrop, David, Joseph and Jonathan.

An old landmark on the Langley land, in view from the Boulevard, is a large boulder with a bunch of pretty white birches grown up on one side. On this boulder is a marking that looks like the letter "W." Was this cut on the stone, or was it worn by the elements of many decades gone by? From this boulder is a pretty view of Langley Cove and Island, and across the bay. It is near the site of the old cellar, where was a Langley home. Bunches of roses are scattered here, planted by loving hands long gone to rest on the hillside, not far from others of the family, with no stones to mark their graves.

LAWRENCE

Tradition tells us that the Lawrence family descended from Capt. James Lawrence, "who would not give up the ship."

Joseph Lawrence married Mehitable ——— in Epping. Their son, David Lawrence, was in Exeter. He was prominent in church work. He was early in New Salem, as he and Judge

Ebenezer Smith presented a petition in Portsmouth for the incorporation of New Salem in 1766, under the name of "Meredith." He married Lydia Sias of Lee in 1795, she a daughter of Capt. Joseph Sias and wife, Ruth, and Ruth a daughter of Francis and wife, Lydia (Drew) Mathes, a very prominent man and a delegate to Congress during the Revolution. He was a justice of the court.

Gordon Lawrence was a son of David Lawrence, and he a son of David, 1715–1797, and his wife, Leavitt M. Lawrence, a daughter of Stephen Leavitt and wife, Mary Gordon. Gordon Lawrence married in 1802, Mary Eliza Kelley of Loudon. They were married in Pittsfield and settled on land near the Crocket Schoolhouse on the Province Road, and are buried on their old farm in Meredith, now set off as Laconia. The gravestones are marked Gordon Lawrence, 1749–1812. His wife, Mary, 1752–1799. They had a son, Lyman P. Lawrence, born at Meredith in 1807.

Samuel Lawrence, 1781–1824, married in 1800 Susanna Smith, daughter of Col. Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller Smith. She died and he married, second, in 1806, her sister, Betsey Smith. Their children:

Ebenezer Smith, 1807–1871.
Sarah, 1806–1876.
Ezekiel Brown, 1809–1873; m. Susan Kelley; she d. 1873.
Mary Ann, 1814–1867.
Catherine, 1817–1890.

Ezekiel Brown Lawrence married Susan Kelley of Loudon. In his will, made in 1873, he mentions his wife, Susan K.; his son, George Chapman. (See article written by Grace E. Lawrence, on the family); his son, Samuel. Henry was named executor. Signed by Ezekiel Lawrence. Witnesses: Samuel S. Blaisdell, Ebenezer S. Robinson, and Mary J. Bowers, who later married Samuel Henry Lawrence.

Two daughters of Ezekiel Brown Lawrence married Washington Smith, son of Judge Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller Smith.

Samuel Henry Lawrence, 1844–1882, married two Bowers girls.

George Chapman Lawrence in 1846 married Mary A. Woodman. (See article following, written by his daughter, Grace E. Lawrence.)

Lawrence Family

By Grace E. Lawrence

Samuel Lawrence, 1781–1824, married, first, Susanna Smith and, second, June 14, 1806, Betsy Smith, daughters of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah (Spiller) Smith, and sisters of Washington Smith. Their children:

Ebenezer Smith, b. May 13, 1807.
Sally S., b. June 3, 1808.
Ezekiel B., b. Oct. 25, 1809.
Mary Ann.
Catharine.

Betsy Lawrence was appointed guardian of these children in March, 1827, as they were minors when their father died.

1. Ebenezer Lawrence married a sister to Plummer Ladd (?). My father isn't sure. Their children were: Ann, Charles, Julia and Almenah.

Ann Lawrence married Lewis Busiel. She died when her daughter, Ann, was born.

Charles was an engineer in the Navy during the Civil War. We do not know more.

Julia Lawrence married Otis Howe and lived in Roxbury, Mass. Their one child, Lewis, died after reaching manhood. After the death of her husband and son, Julia entered the Old Ladies' Home, 108 Revere Street, Boston.

Almenah Lawrence did not marry.

Ebenezer Lawrence was the first clerk of court (in Laconia) and later was employed in the Customs House, Boston. He repaired the old Willard Hotel, called it the "Winnipesaukee Hotel."

2. Sally S. Lawrence married a Mr. Currier, who lived near Meredith Center. Their daughter, Elizabeth Currier, married, first, Moses Batchelder of Plymouth, and after his death married Charles Taylor. They had one daughter, Daisy (adopted), and lived in Manchester, N. H., and later went South, where Mrs. Taylor died. Elizabeth Currier Batchelder kept a millinery store in Lakeport, and Carrie Bowers worked for her.

3. Ezekiel B. Lawrence, 1810–1873, married Susan Kelley, 1806–1873, daughter of William Kelley of New Hampton. Their children: Harriet S. (1838–1862), Samuel Henry, and George Chapman.

Harriet S. Lawrence died of tuberculosis when about 24 years old.

A son, Samuel Henry Lawrence, married, first, Carrie Bowers. Their child, Harriet Grace, married Wesley Sanborn, son Joseph Noah Sanborn. She died in 1875. Carrie E. died young. He married, second, Jane (or Jennie) Bowers.

Samuel Henry Lawrence (called Henry) kept the store later owned by Mr. Atkinson of Laconia.

George Chapman Lawrence married Mary Abiah Woodman, daughter of Noah and Relief R. Woodman of New Hampton, December 5, 1868. Children:

Alice May, b. May 6, 1870.
Susan Relief, b. Jan. 17, 1873; not m.
Grace Edith, b. Feb. 28, 1879; not m.
Ethel Blanch, b. Oct. 4, 1881; not m.

George Chapman was named by a Mr. John Chapman, who kept a hardware store in Laconia—no relation—hence Chapman was not a family name.

Alice May Lawrence married Mead Boynton of Meredith, March 30, 1897, son of Luther and Sarah Mead Boynton of Meredith. Mead married, first, Lizzie Veasy, daughter of Aaron Veasy of New Hampton, who died. Children:

Hazel Elizabeth, b. July 26, 1898; m. Roland E. Downing of Orford, N. H.
Leslie Mead, b. June 10, 1901; m. Evelyn Dow of Moultonboro.
Marion, b. Feb. 16, 1903; m. Bernard Cady Smith of New Hampton.

Raymond Downing, son of Hazel Boynton and Roland E. Downing, was born ——.

Bernard Cady Smith, son of Marion Boynton and Bernard Cady Smith, was born June, 1926.

4. Mary Ann Lawrence never married.

Catharine Lawrence married William E. Wording of Castine, Maine, a lawyer and judge. He served the government (U. S. tax commissioner) in South Carolina, and later lived in Racine, Wis., and Fargo, N. Dak. Catharine Lawrence Wording (endowed) built "Wording Hall" for Ricker Classical Institute, or Houlton Academy, Houlton, Maine, in memory of her husband. This is one of the preparatory schools for Colby University.

Among old letters and deeds we find the names Hazen Lawrence (1818 and 1819) and Gordon Lawrence (about 1860), but my father cannot place them. Aunt Harriet wrote that Gordon Lawrence "came on" to visit Ebenezer Lawrence in Boston.

In a deed, dated November 4, 1824, Noah Lawrence, 1782–1865, deeded his "dwelling house, barn, sawmill and gristmill and 20 acres land in lot No. 25, Second Division, and 65 acres land in lot No. 69, southerly side of highway leading from Samuel Sibley's to above mentioned mills," to Betsy Lawrence. This was the Noah Lawrence who lived at Meredith Center.

One of the daughters of Ebenezer Smith married Col. Ebenezer Lawrence.

It is evident that there were *two* Gordon Lawrences, one a Revolutionary soldier, and the other living *about* 1860.

Belknap County Deeds

March 20, 1844, Samuel Lawrence, demised, leased for life to Noah Lawrence all land that he lived on, in Second Divison, lot No. 45. The description is on the Chemung Road, from Sanbornton to Meredith Center. This looks as though Noah was a son of Samuel Lawrence, as the lease is signed by Samuel Lawrence, and witnessed by Priscilla (Marston) Lawrence, wife of Noah Lawrence, also by Susan Lawrence, an unmarried daughter of Noah Lawrence.

Ezekiel Brown Lawrence married Susan Kelly of Loudon. Their children:

SAMUEL HENRY m., first, Carrie Bowers; m., second, Mary Jane Bowers in 1876. Their son, William Wording, d. young in 1880.
HATTIE GRACE, 1872–1902; m. Wesley D. Sanborn in 1898.
CARRIE E., 1874–1875.

Ebenezer Smith of Meredith for the love and consideration I have to my daughter Betsey Smith Lawrence, wife of Samuel Lawrence of Meredith, and $300, a part of her portion out of my estate, a certain lot of land in Meredith; No. 3, in the First Division, having the point lot drawn to the original right of David Rawlins of Canterbury. 100 acres.

July 8th 1806.

EBEN^{R} SMITH
SARAH S. SMITH

Wit:
John Mooney
Catherine Smith

John Mooney, Judge Probate, Strafford Co., Meredith, 9 Sept. 1820, Samuel Lawrence Will, witnessed by Nicholas Folsom and John Smith, and Polly Smith. Samuel Lawrence professed unto Betty Smith Lawrence, who gave bond, and accepted the trust to execute his wishes.

Ebenezer Smith Lawrence, 1807–1871, married Hannah P. Lawrence of Guilford. Their children:

Ann Maria, b. 1832 in Guilford.
Charles Henry, b. 1835.
Julia A., b. 1839.
Almenah Jane, 1842.

Ebenezer Smith Lawrence, son of Samuel Lawrence and his second wife, Betsey Smith Lawrence, was a prominent man. He opened the first temperance store in Laconia, about 1828. Later he repaired the Willard Hotel, and named it the "Winnipesaukee House," and ran it for several years as a temperance hotel. He served the town of Guilford as first selectman and was a representative in the General Court. He was the first clerk of the court in Belknap County, where he filled the office from 1840 to 1853, when President Pierce appointed him to an office in the Customs House in Boston. All these offices he filled with strict integrity and with much credit to himself. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Laconia, and when he moved to Boston was elected a deacon of the Maverick Church in East Boston. He died there, aged 64 years.

Old Lawrence Bible of Samuel and Betsey Smith Lawrence

Printed in 1816

Samuel Lawrence married Susanna Smith in 1800; married, second, Betsey Smith in 1806; both daughters of Col. Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller Smith. Their children:

Ebenezer Smith, 1807–1871.
Sarah, 1808–1876.
Ezekiel Brown, 1809–1867; m. 1833, Susan Kelley.
Mary Ann, 1814–1867.
Rufus King, b. 1815.
Catherine, 1817–1890; m. —— Wording. Lived in west.

Notes in Bible

Sister Sally, 1796–1822.
James P. Smith died in 1819.

Mother died December 1823, aged 50 years.
Father died February 1825, aged 56 years.

Gravestones at Smith Yard

Mrs. Susan Lawrence, 1706–1804.

Major Samuel Lawrence, 1781–1824. His wife, Betsey Thing, 1780–1850. Their daughter, Mary A. Lawrence, 1814–1867.

Ezekiel Lawrence, 1810–1873. His wife, Susan Kelley, 1806–1873, she of Loudon. Their daughter, Harriett, 1838–1862.

Noah Lawrence married Polly Marston, daughter of Jeremiah Marston, of Meredith, 1849. Their son, Smith Lawrence, married Miranda Wilson of New Boston in 1830. He married, second, Mrs. Mary (Fogg) Calef in 1877. His son by first wife, Edward E. Lawrence, married Mary E. Pickering in 1860. He died in 1887.

Children of David Wilson and wife, Rebecca, ———, of New Boston:

Naomi, b. 1794.
David, b. 1797.
Lydia Butterfield, b. 1799.
Rebecca, b. 1802.
Lavina, b. 1808.
Miranda Cleaves, b. 1809; m. Smith Lawrence, 1830.
Mary Jane, b. 1811; m. Dana Woodman, 1834, of New Hampton.

LAWRENCE

Capt. Noah Lawrence (captain of the Militia), 1782–1865, credited to be a son of Samuel Lawrence and his second wife, Betsey Smith, married Mary W. Marston, born in 1773. She died and is buried in the Robinson yard at Meredith Center. No children. Capt. Noah Lawrence married, second, Priscilla Marston, 1783-1847, both wives daughters of Jeremiah Marston and wife, Mary Roberts. Jeremiah Marston was a son of Reuben Marston, Jr., born in 1722, and wife (married 1745), Sarah Batchelder, born in Hampton. Their children:

Edward, d. young.
John P., 1804–1888; m. Eunice L. Ladd, 1814–1898, both buried in Meredith Bridge yard in Laconia. Their son, John Lawrence, had a dau. who m. Freeze Sanborn. She lives in the old Lawrence home on Court Street.

Mary Brown, 1808–1887, m. Abram True. (See True ancestry.)

Smith Marston, d. 1847; m. 1830 Miranda Wilson of New Boston. He m. second, in 1877, Mrs. Mary (Fogg) Calef. His children by Mrs. Wilson:

John E., m. 1856 Martha E. Crockett of Meredith Center.

Edward Eastman, b. 1838; m. 1860 Mary Elizabeth Pickering, dau. of Stephen Pickering and wife, Polly Sargent, born in Parsonsfield, Maine. Their children:

Nellie Frances, m. Frank Smith, son of Jeremiah M. Smith and wife, Eliza Dolloff.

Nettie, m. George Hines. Two children.

Miranda, m. Loren Williams. Eight children. Settled in Vermont.

Olive Ann, b. 1878.

Herman Edward, b. 1880 in Guilford; m. Sadie, dau. of William Odell and wife, Mary E. Hunkins, dau. of George W. Herman Lawrence is one of the directors of the Lakeport Bank.

Leila May, b. 1882, m. Wilber Morrill, son of Albert Morrill of Guilford and grandson of Isaac Morrill. Their children: Rosalie Etta, b. 1898, and Jennie R.

Mary Olive.

Mary Susan Lawrence, born in 1811, married Edwin Cutting, both of Lakeport.

Betsey Ann Lawrence, 1813–1831, married Warren Lovell Crocket, son of Hiram Crockett and wife, Nancy Downing. Hiram Crockett was a son of Joshua Crockett and wife, Judith Swain; Judith a daughter of Hezekiah Swain and wife, Miriam York Swain.

Hiram Crockett had a half brother, Frank, also Selden, and a sister, Almira, who married —— Carlie. They had a son, George Carlie.

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Betsey Ann, m. Warren Lovell Crocket. Their children:

Ena Estella, b. 1868; lives in Meredith Center.

George Smith, m. Julia McIntosh. Their daughter, Georgia, a teacher in Wilmington, Mass. George Smith m., second, Hannah Hunter; live in Massachusetts.

David, d. young.

David, b. 1817.
George, m. Julia Swain.
Samuel L., 1820–1867; m. 1845 Ann Violetta Hunt. Their children:
Edwin True, b. 1846; m. Ellen J. Marsh, dau. of James W. Marsh, and wife, Ruth L. Rowe of Guilford. They had ten children.
Ella Ann, b. 1848; m. Frank Pickering.
Samuel Abbott, b. 1859 in Meredith; m. 1880 Widow Augusta (Horn) Miller, b. 1852, dau. of Stephen Horn in Exeter, expressman there.
Nancy, 1822–1860; m. Joseph Robinson, son of Chase.
Priscilla, 1824–1852; m. George Horn.

Abbott W. Lawrence, aged 29 years, son of Josiah Lawrence, born at Epping, and wife, Caroline Waldron, lived in Chelsea, Mass., married Frances A. Ladd, aged 30 years, daughter of Lucian A. Ladd and wife, M. J. Smith, she a daughter of Esq. Charles Smith and wife, Annis Smith of Meredith.

LEAVITT

Joshua[5] Leavitt lived for a time in Exeter and later removed to Deerfield. He married Elizabeth James of Newmarket, and they removed to Northfield. Their children:

Dudley[6], b. 1772 at Exeter. He was a celebrated almanac maker and a noted school teacher. He m. 1794 Judith Glidden, 1778–1853. They lived in Gilmanton, and later removed to Meredith. They had eleven children.
A dau., Betsey, 1795–1858; m. Joseph Bartlett in Meredith. They had a dau., Jane, who m. William Smith of New Hampton (see Smiths), also a dau. who m. —— Bryant.
Isaac, 1798; m. Sarah Huse Smith, dau. of Capt. Elisha Smith and wife, Sarah Huse of New Hampton. Their children:
Arthur E., 1831–1911; m. Ann Drew in 1856. Their children:
Dudley, b. 1857; lives on the homestead.
Charles Edward, b. 1861.
Mary Alice, b. 1866.
Sarah Marion, b. 1870.
Huldah Jane, b. 1836.
Lavina Smith, 1843–1889; m. Ezra Dixi Neal in 1871. Their children:
Edith, b. 1874; m. Charles Perine. Two children, Judith and Dudley L.
Grace Lavina, b. 1878; m. and lived in Oklahoma.

Enos, 1801–1819.
Josiah, 1803–1837; m. Patience Kenney of Meredith.
Judith, 1805–1813.
Jane, 1807–1851; b. in Meredith; m. 1837 Rev. John L. Seymour, a missionary.
Dudley, b. 1810. A Harvard graduate.
Mary, 1813–1886; m. Josiah Prescott.
Judith, 1815–1846; m. Rev. John Taylor, in 1840. They went as missionaries to Siam from 1840/46.
Livilla, b. 1818; m. Charles Prescott in 1855.

Joseph Leavitt, 1755–1840, a descendant of Deacon John Leavitt, 1608–1691, was the immigrant ancestor of the Leavitts in this vicinity. Joseph was in the Revolution. He married Sarah, 1751–1823, daughter of John Cheney and wife, Sarah Colby. John Cheney was a son of Nathaniel Cheney and wife, Elizabeth Ela of Haverhill, Mass., and a grandson of Hannah Dustin.

They had four children. John and Joseph, Jr., twins, were born in 1798. Their father's parting words to Capt. Chase Perkins, when his twin sons left for Portsmouth in 1814, was, "Chase, take good care of the boys." John, 1798–1869, lived on his father's place with his sister, Sally, 1800–1882. Joseph, Jr., died in 1829.

LOVEJOY

Mr. Stillman Lovejoy very kindly gave this data from memory to the "Annals of Meredith." Tradition states that the first Lovejoy came from Holland and married with the English in 1638, and settled in America.

Loyal Lovejoy was a lumber dealer on Causeway Street in Boston, Mass. One of his descendants, Caleb Lovejoy, 1780–1841, had a brother Obadiah. Caleb Lovejoy was one of the first settlers in Meredith. He married Susanna, 1780–1853, daughter of Moses Richardson. Their children moved to Meredith in 1813:

David, 1805–1875; m. Belinda, 1815–1897, dau. of Thomas Chase. She was b. in New Hampton, but her parents returned to Pembroke, where they formerly lived. Their children:
Harriet Ann, b. 1834; m. Lucian Dow of Meredith Neck; later removed to Moultonboro. They had a dau. Emma E. Dow, who m. James L. Chase of Meredith

Village. James L. Chase and wife had a son, Henry Albert Chase, who lived in Lakeport. He had a dau., Marguerite, who m. Leonard N. J. Fuyat, a noted architect, and another dau., Mrs. Fred Yeaton.

Emeline, b. 1836; m. George W. Paine of Center Harbor. They are buried in Meredith Village Cemetery. He had a brother, Edward S. Paine, who m. Lucy M. They had a dau., Ethel Glesca Paine. They lived in Lakeport.

George Edward and Essie Emeline Paine, twins. When they went to school the teacher asked them their ages and both gave the same date. The teacher said, "Then you are twins." The boy said no, that Essie was born fifteen minutes before he was.

Smith H. Paine, son of George W. and wife, Emeline, lived in Wolfboro. They had Florence A. and Wilma Paine.

Mary Jane, b. 1838; m. Horace A. Wood; buried at Bayside.

D. Stillman, b. 1840; m. Mattie Paine. She d. in Iowa. He m., second, Frances Ferris of Calma, Iowa. No children.

James Harries, b. 1843; m. Hannah B. Thomas of Iowa. They settled in Napa, Calif. They had two daughters.

J. Elizabeth, b. 1845; m. Eugene Stowell. He ran a hosiery mill in Lakeport; later settled in Ashland, where both died.

Ellen Abbie, b. 1848; m. and lived in Iowa.

Fred Warren, 1852–1854.

MEHITABLE, m. Thomas Chase. They settled on Meredith Neck. Their children were: Silas, Martha, Susan, Eli and Mary Ann.

MARTHA, m. McDaniel Lovejoy. (His mother was a McDaniel.) They lived for a time in Meredith, then removed to Moultonboro, where they died.

NATHAN, 1809–1926.

SARAH, b. in Pembroke; never m.

The last three children of Caleb were born in Pembroke. In 1813 Caleb Lovejoy moved his family to Meredith.

JESSE, b. 1814; m. Eleanor Bickford, 1814–1880. They settled on Bear Island. Their children were: Ezra and Solomon, who m. Lizzie S. Wiggin. They had a son, Ralph Lovejoy, who is a great inventor. In 1927 he sold, as reported, a shock absorber, which is claimed to be the best known for automobiles, to the General Motors for a

fabulous sum. History tells us that as a young man he developed a fondness for machinery and worked much on motor boats. When the "auto craze" developed, he was one of the first to investigate the "whys and wherefores" of the "buzz wagons." He makes these shock absorbers in Boston, and has shown them far and near. He has also invented several other useful articles.

NANCY, b. 1816; m. Rufus Smith. They settled in Moultonboro, but later removed to Lake Village. Their children were Lucy, George and Henry.

HERBERT, 1818–1896; m. Hannah Clark, 1814–1872, of Meredith. Their children:

{ Julia Ann, d. young. / Juliette } Twins.

William Smith.

Eva, m. John W. Wiggin, son of George Wiggin.

McCRILLIS

In 1743 three brothers, William, Henry and Daniel, came from the north of Ireland and settled near Portsmouth.

William settled in Gilmanton, probably in that part later called Meredith, where James later settled.

The family was of Scotch descent. The Scotch went over into Ireland on account of British oppression. They were Scotch Presbyterians and good colonists.

John McCrillis married Margaret Harvey.

James McCrillis was a Revolutionary soldier. He lived at the foot of McCrillis Hill, now called Neal Hill, on the Center Harbor Road in Meredith. These brothers were the sons of John.

James (Henry[1], John[2]) settled in Meredith. He had two wives. A son by the first wife was Andrew. The second had Phillip and Deborah.

Phillip, son of Henry, had children: Benjamin, James, John, Phillip, Mary, Deborah and Asenath, who died young.

Benjamin and Phillip lived in Meredith. Mary married Nathaniel K. Thurber and lived in Meredith, but removed to Tamworth. They are buried in the Swazey yard in Meredith. Benjamin married Nancy A. Huntress and lived in Center Harbor.

Hiram McCrillis married Amanda Plaisted. George married Catherine Bryden. Children:

Harry Irvin, d. 1923.
Millard went away in 1888.
George went into the war in 1862. When he returned he settled in Boston.

Hiram and George returned and bought the old home in Center Harbor.

Phillip McCrillis settled in Meredith and latter moved to Center Harbor. Children:

Phillip enlisted in the 6th N. H. Regiment.
John R., m. Lucinda Bartlett of Center Harbor; enlisted in the 5th N. H. Regiment.
Mary Jane, m. Jonas Tuttle of Center Harbor.

The McCrillis family are buried near the old home.

James McCrillis, b. 1745, a Revolutionary soldier, lived at the foot of what is now called "Neal Hill," out of Meredith on the road to Center Harbor, before there were any houses in Meredith Village. His wife was taken sick and died. There were no neighbors near. He told the children to keep quiet, as their mother was asleep, and started out, it being afternoon, and spotted trees with his axe so as to find his way back. He walked several miles down to the William Ray home on the Province Road for assistance, and did not return home until the next morning. Mrs. Ray went home with him (a sad experience of pioneer life). He buried his wife in the woods near by. He was killed at the raising of a building and was buried in the woods near his home, beside his wife. No one knows the exact location. His great-grandson, a Civil War veteran, tried in vain to locate their graves.

James McCrillis was in Lieut. Col. Ebeneezer Smith's Company, in Meredith and adjacent towns. They marched to the garrison at Ticonderoga. Capt. William Ray went at the same time in 1777 from Meredith. (It was Moultonboro, as Revolutionary rolls, at that time.)

In 1926, George S. McCrillis stated that he found an old burying ground that was used when the first Meredith-Center Harbor Church stood for a time at the foot of McCrillis Hill (now called Neal Hill), back of the Richard Neal farm, where now is a closed lane grown up to bushes. There are many early pioneers buried there, where the two townspeople built their church. For some reason they moved the church down the hill and started another

burying ground near by on this new location, and used only field stones for grave markers.

MALOON

Lieut. Nathaniel Maloon, born in Exeter in 1733, married Mary Norris of Epping in 1757. She was born in 1731, a daughter of Samuel Norris. He moved to Nottingham (now Deerfield) and cleared land there, and owned six or eight hundred acres, all adjoining. In 1771 he was appointed surveyor of highways by Gov. John Wentworth. He was also appointed ensign of the 13th Company in the 4th Regiment of Militia, commanded by Col. Nathaniel Folsom of Exeter. In 1773 he was appointed lieutenant in the same company.

Their sixth child, Jonathan Maloon, born in 1767, married Susan, 1771–1850, daughter of Deacon Samuel Pulsifer and wife, Hannah, she a daughter of Daniel Sanborn and wife, Abigail (Prescott) Sanborn of Brentwood, who was a great-granddaughter of James Prescott, born in England in 1643.

The seventh child of Jonathan Maloon and wife, Susan Pulsifer, was Nathaniel, who was born (as gravestone) in 1810 and died in 1874. (Family records state that he was born in 1805.) History states that Nathaniel was a carpenter and worked in Boston on many fine buildings there, previous to going to Meredith, where he built the leading hotels in Center Harbor and Meredith. He accumulated a competence and retired from public work, and lived on the farm that his wife fell heir to, which was her father's (Josiah Wadleigh's), on the heights of Meredith, on the "Old Province Road," and died there. He married Betsey, daughter of Josiah Wadleigh and wife, Sally (probably Chapman).

Nathaniel Maloon and wife, Betsey (Wadleigh), 1805–1867, had a daughter, Sophia, who married Llewelyn Ballard, who was born in Belfast, Maine. Sophia Maloon fell heir to the farm and Mr. Ballard, a machinist in Boston, went to California during the gold craze. He sent money home to his wife, who was caring for her father on the farm, and was never again heard from; probably one of the victims at that time who were robbed and their bodies disposed of in the gold mines.

Llewelyn Ballard and wife had a son, Wilber Weston Ballard, 1860–1926, who married in 1889 Emma N. Roberts, born in

1864, daughter of Oren Roberts and wife, Julia A. (Smith) of Meredith. Their children:

Frank L., b. 1891; m. 1922 Wylliam Dunning of Colorado. They reside in Corvallis, Ore. They have one child Richard L., b. 1891.
Alice J., b. 1893; a teacher of fine standing.

MARSTON

Nottingham, England, the capitol of Nottinghamshire, is a place of much interest, with a population of 262,000. This is where Rev. William Lee started his invention of the stocking frame, in 1589, and later Hargreaves started in 1768 his spinning jenny, and the next year Arkwright added his first spinning mill. These machines have been added to, revamped, and more and finer work has been made, and today produce nice work. The Nottingham laces at one time took the lead, but others have been made that are very nice.

Many interesting places are near Nottingham. The battle field of "Marston Moor," where Cromwell won over the Royalists, is said to be the location where the Marston family originated (it is a beautiful place, where I would like to linger) that emigrated to New Hampshire.

Near by is York, which is a military town, with the wonderful "York Minster," of which one writer stated: "I hold most dear in life's experiences the antiquarian spirit that one should never enter York Minster without bending the head in gratitude to God for this holy place, where a solemn stillness pervades and where one should think of the past and form good resolutions for the future." It is a temple built ages ago, the strong backbone of our social system.

As our party came out the beautiful chime of bells called for the daily 4 o'clock service, which a crowd attended. As we passed "Marston Moor," I looked long and as far as my eye could reach, thinking of where some of my ancestors fought for life and liberty.

In 1641, Robert Marston received three acres of meadow "near the Boares head" at Hampton, N. H. He had a house lot abutting the "Meetinghouse Green" in Hampton, where he died in 1643.

Capt. William Marston, with three sons and thirty-eight people from Salem, Mass., went to Winnecumet and started the town of Hampton. They took the part east of the Merrimack River in the old county of Norfolk. History tells us that Captain William was a Quaker who was much censored for his strict religious belief, and that his wife died after 1651. He married, second, Sabrina Page, who had one child by him. Children by first wife:

THOMAS, b. 1615.
WILLIAM, b. 1621; m. Rebecca Page; m., second, Widow Ann Philbrick.
JOHN.
PRUDENCE, m. William Swaine; m., second, Moses Cox.
TRYPHENA, b. 1663. (This name follows down through the generations.)

Capt. William [2] Marston, 1621–1672; married in 1652, Rebecca Page (as Norfolk records), she a daughter of Robert Page and wife, Lucy of Ormsby, England. He married, second, Ann, widow of James Philbrook. Their daughter: Rebecca, m. John Smith,[3] son of Robert Smith, born in 1611, of Exeter; he was called "John Smith,[3] the tailor," who settled in Hampton.

Their fourth child, Ensign Samuel [2] Marston, 1661–1723, married Sarah Sanborn, daughter of William Sanborn and wife, Mary Moulton. They had ten children in North Hampton.

Their fifth child, and fourth son, Reuben Marston, Sr., born in 1696, married in 1717 Sarah Leavitt, born in 1694, she a daughter of John Leavitt, born in 1670, and wife, Sarah (Hobbs) Leavitt. Their children:

SARAH, 1718–1732.
LOVE, b. 1720; m., first, William Gross; second, Paul Smith, son of Capt. John Smith. His sister, Jerusha Smith, m. Caleb Marston in 1737.

Reuben [4] Marston, Jr., born in 1720, married in 1745, Sarah, daughter of Stephen Batchelder, settling in Nottingham. (Named for Nottingham in Old England.) In 1776 he was in Effingham with his father, where both signed the "Association Test," and in 1777 both moved their families to Meredith Parade. Reuben, Jr., kept the "Old Wooden Pound." He lived where Carl Blaisdell resided.

ELIPHALET, 1725–1777.
MARY, 1728–1802; m. Francis Page.

JOHN, b. 1731; d. young.
MARTHA, b. 1733.

Reuben [4] Marston, born in 1722, married Mary Bachelder in 1745. He was lieutenant in 2d Company, 2d Regiment of N. H. troops in the French and Indian War. Their children:

REUBEN,[5] b. 1746.
SARAH, b. 1747; m. John Whitcher.
JANE, b. 1749.
STEPHEN, b. 1751.
ABRAHAM, b. 1752.
MARY, b. 1755; m. (as gravestones) Deacon Nicholas Smith, who served as a Revolutionary soldier of New Hampton.
JOHN, b. 1757.
SUSAN, b. 1759; m. (as gravestones) Moses Smith of New Hampton.
JEREMIAH, b. 1761.
ELIZABETH, b. 1763; m. (as gravestones) Joseph Smith, who served as a Revolutionary soldier.

Three Marston sisters married three Smith brothers, sons of Robert Smith and wife, Abigail Cass, daughter of Joseph Cass and wife, Phebe Nason, who came from Brentwood,

Robert Smith and wife were pioneers of New Hampton. He and his wife and some descendants are buried in the old homestead yard, now called Winona.

Where the sixth generation of Smiths live, and the old Marston homestead on Marston Hill, is where the sixth generation of Marstons live.

Reuben Marston (Reuben[4], Reuben[3], Samuel[2], William, Jr.[1], William, Sr.) was born in Hampton. He married Sarah Danforth, and lived in Meredith until 1803, when the old Marston house was built. He moved to the Province of Quebec. Some of the children married and returned to New Hampshire. Among his children were:

SARAH, b. 1772; m. Isaac Boker.
SUSAN, b. 1775; m. David Lawrence.
JOSIAH, b. 1778; m. Mercy Robinson.
LUCY, b. 1781; m. Solomon Prescott.
STEPHEN, b. 1784.
JEREMIAH, b. 1787.

Jeremiah Marston, son of Reuben[4], born in 1761, married Mary Roberts about 1782. He went to Meredith when a boy and set-

tled on the homestead above Meredith Center, where he died in 1840. Their children:

Chase, b. 1783; Eunice Folsom.
Priscilla, b. 1786; m. Noah Lawrence. (See Lawrence family.)
Mary, b. 1788; m. Isaac Farrar.
Sarah, b. 1791; m. Elias Glidden.
Smith, b. 1794; d. young.
Jeremiah, b. 1796.
Mahala, b. 1798; single.
John, b. 1801; d. young.
Hazen, b. 1803; m. Tryphena Ray.
Jane, b. 1805; d. young.

Mary Marston, born in 1788, married Nathan Farrar, she a daughter of Jeremiah Marston and wife, Mary Roberts.

Mary Marston Farrar's son, James Marston of the seventh generation, was born at Meredith in 1810. He married Abigail Dolloff in 1831 and settled above Meredith Center in the Dolloff neighborhood. James and wife, Abigail Marston, had four children.

Their second child, Jeremiah Marston, born in 1832, married Emeline E. Dolloff in 1857. They settled in the Dolloff neighborhood.

Another son, Joseph D. Marston, born at Meredith in 1840, married Annie Glidden in 1865. They settled in Meredith.

Stephen Marston, son of Chase Marston and wife, Eunice Folsom, married Sarah Emerson. Their daughter, Sarah, married Eben[r] L. Smith (Strafford deeds.)

Reuben Marston, Jr., of Meredith, deeded to his son, Josiah Marston, land in Meredith. Reuben, Jr., first lived on the Province Road and tended the "pound" before the stone pound was built in 1792.

Josiah Marston, born at Meredith in 1778, son of Reuben[5] Marston, married Mercy Robinson, about 1800. They moved to Center Harbor in 1804, where their children were born, then removed to Cabot, Vt., where he died. The children returned to New Hampshire. Their children:

David L., b. 1802.
Sarah, b. 1804; m. Samuel Dudley.
Nancy, b. 1807; m. Capt. Thomas Robinson.

Priscilla, b. 1810; m. Findlay Robinson.
Lovina, b. 1812; m. Smith Shephard.
Mary, b. 1815; m. George Ramsey.

Buried in the Marston Private Yard

Hazen Marston, born in 1803, married Triphena Ray in 1827. She died. He married, second, Mrs. Mary Gilman. They lived on the Marston homestead, and are buried in the little yard on the farm. Tradition states that Mary Marston, wife of Nicholas Smith, and her father, Reuben [4], and wife, Mary Bachelder, were also buried in that yard; also Stephen Pitman, 1767–1851, has a stone there. He was a father of David Pitman and lived a little below the Marstons. The house is gone. Children of Hazen Marston and Tryphena Ray:

Mahala, b. 1828; m. George Conner.
Noah, b. 1830; m. Mary Gilman, dau. of Joseph Gilman, in 1857.
Sarah, b. 1832; m. John Chase, who lived in the Dolloff neighborhood. Their son was Harry Chase of Laconia.
Elizabeth, 1835–1837.

Hazen married, second, Mrs. Mary Gilman, widow of Joseph Gilman. She died in 1926. Their children:

Cora, b. 1859; m. Fred C. Shabbott.
Carrie, b. 1861; m. Charles Prescott. They live on the John Smith place.
Tryphena, b. 1864; m. Archie Card of Cambridge, Mass.
Leon, b. 1874; lives on the old Marston Homestead. He is the sixth generation of Marstons living there.

GILMAN

Joseph T. Gilman, born in 1804, married Mary H. Doe, 1807–1888. Their children:

Albert, b. 1831.
Mary E., b. 1837; m. Noah Marston in 1857.
Joseph, b. 1851.

Joseph F. Gilman died and his wife, Mary H. (Doe) Gilman, married as her second husband Hazen Marston, she being his second wife.

In the old Gilman family Bible is this proverb which Albert Gilman used in his daily life: "Be careful, and let truth be your motto, and you will have friends on both spheres, and will prosper." This was saved by his mother, Mrs. Mary H. (Doe) Marston, which shows that her son was a good man.

Buried in the Dolloff Yard, above Meredith Center

John Smith, 1759–1834. His wife, Phebe, 1765–1834.

Emerson S. Marston, 1834–1886. His wife, Widow Ellen J., wife of Alanson Dolloff, 1836–1889. Melissa and George, children of the above.

Thomas Dolloff, 1759–1841. His wife, Elice, 1761–1854. Their son, Noah Dolloff, 1786–1825.

James M. Marston, 1809–1881. His wife, Abigail, 1806–1890.

Jeremiah L. Marston, 1836–1861.

Hannah, wife of Andrew J. Tucker, 1827–1861.

Rufus Huckins, son of Jonathan Dolloff [7] Huckins, married Dorothy Dow in 1836; later he married his cousin, Abigail (Smith) Huckins, daughter of John Smith and Esther Huckins, 1812–1851, born in New Hampton. Children by Abigail Smith. The second child, Rufus of New Hampton, born in 1845, died in Laconia, May 18, 1910. He married in 1878, Mahala J. (Marston) Conner, daughter of Hazen Marston and wife, Tryphena (Ray) Marston, and widow of George, 1837–1909, born in Meredith.

History states that one Caleb Marston, born in 1729, was baptized in Oyster River. He married and his son, Caleb, born in Newmarket in 1762, married Rhoda Mead in 1785 at Meredith. They settled in the part of Gilmanton that later was set off as Guilford. They had ten children, who married with the Potter, Weeks, Bean and Sanborn families, and scattered.

JOSIAH SANBORN GRANTED TO REUBEN MARSTON, SENIOR

Witnesses: Nathaniel Parker, Ebeneezer Smith.

Warranty Deed, dated Dec. 24, 1777; acknowledgment Sept. 3, 1806; the consideration, fifteen pounds, lawful money. Dower released.

DESCRIPTION

Seventy acres of land in the township of Meredith aforesaid, the same being part of Lot No. 8, in the 6th Range of lots in the First division bounded as

followeth, Vizt, beginning at the northeasterly end of said lot thence to extend southwesterly into said lot carring the whole whidth of the same until the said seventy acres is measured of and completed.

At the Superior Court of Judicature holden at Exeter within & for the County of Rockingham on the third tuesday of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and six, personally appeared Nathaniel Parker, and made Solemn Oath, that he saw Josiah Sanborn sign seal, & deliver the within written instrument that he and Ebeneezer Smith set their names thereto as witnesses to the Execution thereof, and that the grantor has since died.

Re'cd Oct 1, 1806.

Reuben Marston, Sr., to John Bickford

June 17, 1807.

A certain piece of land, in the town of Meredith, which is my Homestead farm, containing fifty acres, it being out of Lot No. 4, in the fifth Range, and first division, to be taken off the South side of said lot, also one other piece of land containing two acres and nineteen rods, the same beginning by the road at the Range line between the fifth and sixth Ranges, thence to run south about seventy three degrees, west nineteen rods, thence to run north eleven degrees west nineteen rods and ten feet, to a stake, and stones, thence runing north, seventy three degrees east the aforesaid range line, thence south twenty degrees, east on said range line to the bounds begun at, except a privilege reserved to the widow Deborah Mead, to make the cider which she annually makes in the cider mill that belongs to said farm.

John Bickford to Ebeneezer Weeks

Feb 20, 1815.

A certain piece or parcel of land in Meredith, which was the Homestead farm of Reuben Marston, Sr., & by said Marston's deed to me will more fully appear, and is part of Lot number four, in the fifth Range, and first division in said Meredith, taken off of the south side of said lot. Also one other piece of land containing two acres and nineteen square rods, the same being purchased of Reuben Morgan, containing in the whole, fifty two acres, and nineteen rods, with the buildings thereon.

William Marston, Sr., was the patriarch of Hampton, N. H. He was born in England about 1592, and came to Salem, Mass., with his family in 1634. In 1638 he, among fifty-five, went to Winnicumet and settled on granted land in Hampton. History tells us that he was a kind, godly man, was a member of the Quaker Church, and was persecuted for his belief. He died in 1672, leaving six children; among them was the second son, Capt.

William[2], Jr., who was born in 1622 in England. He married Rebecca Page, daughter of Robert and wife, Lucia Page. She died and he married, second, Mrs. Ann Philbrick, about 1675, widow of James Philbrick, Sr. Their children:

Rebecca, b. 1654; m. 1676, John Smith.
Hannah, b. 1656; m. 1676, Samuel Fogg.
Mary, 1659–1660.
Samuel, b. 1681.
Lucy, b. 1665; m. —— Moulton.
William, 1667–1667.
William, b. 1669.
Maria, b. 1695; m. James Prescott.

Capt. Samuel [3] Marston, 1661–1723, married Sarah Sanborn, 1666–1738, daughter of William Sanborn. They had eleven children. Their seventh child, Reuben, was born in 1696. Sarah, born in 1699, married Jacob Libby. Mary, born in 1707, married Moses Perkins in 1730.

The sixth child, Reuben [4], born in 1696, married Sarah Leavitt. They had seven children. Their third child, born in 1722, married Sarah Batchelder in 1745. They lived in Hampton until 1777, then removed to Meredith. He was a lieutenant in 2d Company of 2d Regiment, N. H. troops, in 1755, French and Indian War. Children:

Reuben, b. 1746.
Sarah, b. 1747; m. John Whitcher.
Jane, b. 1749.
Stephen, 1751–1751.
Abraham, b. 1752; d. young.
Mary, b. 1755; m. Deacon Nicholas Smith.
John, b. 1757.
Susan, b. 1759; m. Moses Smith.
Jeremiah, b. 1761.
Elizabeth, b. 1763; m. Joseph Smith.

Three Smith brothers married three Marston sisters.

Reuben [5] Marston (Reuben [4], Samuel [3], William [2], William [1]), born in 1746, married Sarah Danforth. They lived in Meredith until 1803, then removed to Province of Quebec, and died there. The family returned to Meredith. Their children:

Sarah, b. 1772; m. Isaac Bowker.
Susan, b. 1775; m. David Lawrence of Meredith.
Josiah, b. 1778; m. Mercy Robinson.

Lucy, b. 1781; m. Solomon Prescott.
Stephen, b. 1784.
Jeremiah, b. 1787.

Jeremiah Marston, a brother of Reuben [5] Marston, 1761–1820, and son of Reuben and Sarah Batchelder, married Mary Roberts about 1782. They settled in Meredith. Their children:

Chare, b. 1783.
Priscilla, b. 1786; m. Noah Lawrence.
Mary, b. 1788; m. Nathan Farrar.
Sarah, b. 1791; m. Elias Glidden.
Smith, b. 1794.
Jeremiah, b. 1796.
Mahala, b. 1798.
John, b. 1801; d. young.
Hazen, b. 1803.
Jane, b. 1805; d. young.

Josiah Marston, born in 1778, son of Reuben and wife, Sarah Danforth, married Mercy Robinson about 1800. They removed to Center Harbor in 1804. Later they moved to Cabot, Vt., where he died. His family returned to Meredith. Their children:

David L., b. 1802; m. Sarah Piper, 1823, of Holderness.
Sarah, b. 1804; m. Samuel Dudley.
Nancy, b. 1807; m. Thomas Robinson.
Priscilla, b. 1810; m. Findlay Robinson.
Lovina, b. 1812; m. Smith Shephard.
Mary, b. 1815; m. George Ramsey.

David Lawrence Marston, born in 1802, son of Josiah and wife, Mercy Robinson. Their children:

Josiah, b. 1823.
Benjamin P., b. 1825.
Jane P., b. 1827; m. Samuel Merrill.
Thaddeus, b. 1830.
Sarah D., b. 1832; m. Warren Merrill.
Mara A., b. 1835; m. Horace Huntress.
Margaret, b. 1837; m. Jeremiah Stickney.
Augustus, 1840–1858.

Elder Richard Martin

September 3, 1800, Elder Richard Martin of Guilford baptized fourteen persons at Oak Hill in Meredith.

Robert Smith and wife Abigail (Cass) Smith.

Polly Smith, daughter of Robert Smith.

Capt. William Pike and wife, Phebe Smith, daughter of Robert Smith.

Nancy Pike, a sister to Capt. William Pike.

Rebecca Pease, 2d.

Nathaniel Pease.

Simeon Pease, the pioneer.

Robert Pease married Mary Smith, daughter of Deacon Joseph Smith and wife, Polly (Smith) Pease.

Deacon Theodore Hart married Abigail Smith, daughter of Deacon Joseph Smith and wife, Elizabeth (Marston) Smith.

Peter Peters.

Sally Sinclair.

These meetings were characterized by great religious fervor and "power." Often people were possessed of so much "power" as to lose consciousness and remain in this state for some hours, which at that time occasioned no alarm. These were seasons of spiritual agony, called "Travail of the Soul."

MEAD

From History of Nottingham, Deerfield, Northwood

There were three branches of Meads. The one of New Hampshire, John Mead, was a sea captain in early days, whose large sea chest, or trunk, is still in the Plumer family in Epping.

John Mead lived in Stratham and married a daughter of Colonel Folsom of Newmarket.

Colonel Folsom lived in an old brick garrison house, between Newmarket Village and South Newmarket, where now stands the house of Constantine Matthes.

The grandmother of Mrs. Plumer of Epping was born in the garrison house.

One night, when about ten years old, at dusk she stepped out of the door, and saw an Indian peeping around the side of the house; she gave an alarm. That night two families who lived near by were carried off by the Indians into Canada.

This was the beginning of the French and Indian War, and the first intimation that war had commenced.

This John Mead had five daughters and sons. Benjamin, who

lived in Newmarket; a son, John, lived in Deerfield; Jeremy, the youngest son, lived in Newmarket. The daughters: Rhoda married —— Willey in Deerfield; Mary married —— Shute of Northwood; another married —— Doe.

Levi Mead, born in 1753 at Newmarket, married Susanna Hilton. She was born in 1757, a daughter of Ichabod Hilton and wife, who was Susanna Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith of Newmarket.

This Ichabod Hilton was a son of Winthrop Hilton, who died in 1781. His wife was Martha Weeks, daughter of Joshua Weeks, but at the time of her marriage to him was the widow of Chase Wiggin. She died March 31, 1769.

1674. George Mead of Devon, in Old England, was commander of the ketch "Triall."

1714. John Mead of Exeter received from Nicholas and wife, Elizabeth Mead, land and buildings in Exeter.

1727. John Mead received land in the Bow Charter.

1746. John Mead and wife, Mary Hersey, daughter of Capt. Jeremiah Folsom of Newmarket; Lieutenant-Colonel of 4th Regiment of N. H. Militia. He signed the Association Test July 12, 1776. Probably died soon after. His will was dated July 17, 1776.

From Mrs. Eliza Mead Waltz of Lakeport

John Mead, a Revolutionary soldier, was buried above Laconia on his farm.

Capt. Stephen Mead, 1766–1804, of Meredith married Deborah Woodman, 1767–1846, daughter of Capt. Joshua Woodman, born in 1736 at Lee, died in 1827 at Sanbornton. He was a Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Lois, was born in Maine, 1736–1820. They removed to Meredith, 1758/89, then removed to Sanbornton in 1794. Their children:

Asa was a Congregational minister.

Stephen m. Widow Ladd, who had two children, Lucian Ladd and a dau. who m. Dr. Knowles. He d. and she m., second, Dr. Prescott of Laconia. Stephen Mead and his wife, formerly the Widow Ladd, had a son, George L., formerly of Laconia, but d. in Boston. Stephen Mead m., second, Charlotte ———. They had a dau., Lizzie, who d. at the "Home for the Aged."

Joshua, 1803–1831, m. 1826 Sally Folsom, dau. of Abraham Folsom of Lake Village. Their children:

Mary Octavia, b. 1827, m. Jeremiah D. Sleeper of Gilmanton, b. 1828. Their dau., Viola Rogers Sleeper, b. 1856, m. Frank G. Robbins. She m., second, Elvert G. Perkins. They had one dau., Viola Octavia Perkins, b. 1883; live in California. She m. 1907, Luther E. Long.

Illevia Ann, b. 1830, m. Proctor Sargent. They had one dau., Amy Ann, 1859–1860. She m., second, Wilson McKie. They had a dau., Beulah, b. 1871, m. Francis Walker, 1893. They have ten children; live in Lone Oak, Texas.

Lois, 1795–1875, m. John Neal, 1790–1864, of Meredith. They had eleven children. (See Neal family.)

Polly (Mary), m. Thomas Cate. (Record not found.)

Betsey (Elizabeth), m. Elder Lewis Caswell; d. in Boston, Mass.

A dau. m. Elder Abel Philbrick; went West.

William Henry, 1804–1868, of Meredith, m. Abigail W. Hayes, 1812–1838, dau. of John P. Hayes and wife, Molly Emery. They had a son, Asa Lewis Mead, who went West, into a mining region, and was never heard from. William Henry Mead m., second, Rhoda Fletcher. Their children:

Charles Fletcher, 1839–1906; never m.

Abigail Fletcher m. Charles Proctor of Bristol.

Eliza Ann m. George Waltz. Their dau., Madeline Ella, m. Julius Edwin Sanborn; m., second, Harry Bernard Merrill.

William Henry, 1846–1904, m. Martha Norwell, 1849–1863. Their children:

Frank N., lives in Franklin.

Mary Ella, 1849–1863.

Betsey C., m. Albert Burleigh. Their dau., Bertha, m. J. Bert Sanborn.

Meredith Neck Branch

William Mead, went to Meredith in 1766. He had three sons and seven daughters (William, Stephen, John,) ——.

William Mead, 1762–1840, married Eunice ———, 1768–1813. His second wife, Sally ———, 1787–1855. They settled on Meredith Neck. A son, Joseph R., 1791–1857, married Mary Roberts, 1794–1874. Their daughter

Sally E., b. 1818, m. Luther Boynton. Their children:
George C., b. 1852.
Mead, m. —— Veasey; m., second, Mary Woodman. (See Smiths.)

Joseph R. Mead, 1821–1899, married Mary E. Boynton in 1855, daughter of Ebenezer and wife, Betsey S. (Hart) Boynton. Their children:

Infant daughter, 1856–1856.
Joseph Willis, b. 1858; m. Lydia S. Peabody in 1886. He d.; she m. Fred Smith of Meredith.
Frank Arthur, 1859–1872.
Nellie Maria, b. 1861; m. 1888, Alfred C. Wyatt.
Frank Albert, b. 1869; m. Lettie E. Berry in 1905. They have an adopted son, J. Walter, b. July 19, 1920.

William P. Mead, 1824–1890, married in 1850 Abigail H. Boynton, born in 1823, a daughter of Ebenezer Boynton and wife, Betsey S. (Hart) Boynton. Their son, Charles William, born in 1852, married Abbie ———. Their son, Willie, 1876–1895.

Minnie married Frank Bickford. Mary and Grace.

Five generations of Meads are buried in the yard on the Mead farm.

Daniel, William and Joseph Mead were brothers.

William S. Mead, son of Daniel Mead, married Betsey French; married, second, Hannah Jewett. Their children:

Solomon, m. Eunice J. Wiggin. Their son, Arthur Clarence, m. Lillian S. Robinson.
Benjamin.
William, m. Joanna Jewett. Their son, Arthur J. Mead.

William S. Mead had a brother Joshua Mead. (No record.)

Eunice Mead married Richard Wiggin.

Mary Mead married Thomas Sinclair, a Revolutionary soldier. They are buried in the Sinclair yard, near "Oak Hill Meeting House."

The Names of Meads, Buried on the Old Home Farm

John Mead.

William Mead and wife, Eunice, daughter of Lieutenant Roberts.

Joseph R. Mead, 1791–1857; wife, Mary Roberts, 1794–1874; second wife, Sarah E. Roberts.

William Mead, who was one of the three sons of William Mead, and he a son of John Mead, the Revolutionary soldier, who lived above the Crockett schoolhouse on Mead Hill, formerly Meredith, now Laconia.

John Mead is buried on his old farm, and his grave is marked by D. A. R.'s.

John Mead, the Revolutionary soldier, lived on the left going up Mead Hill, and William, his son, lived on the right on top of the hill. He is the William that moved over to Meredith Neck, and married Eunice Roberts.

Stephen Mead, 1770–1804, lived in his father's home (John Mead) on the left, part way up the hill. His son, Capt. Stephen[2], was hurt and died in 1804 during the building of the Weirs Bridge. He is buried (as tradition) in the old Mead yard, and has only a field stone at the grave. He married Deborah Woodman. Their children:

Asa.
Stephen, injured and died from fall at Weirs Bridge.
Joshua.

Mead Marriages

Stephen Mead, 1765–1804, of Meredith, married Deborah Woodman of Sanbornton, she a daughter of Joshua Woodman; buried in Woodman yard. Their children:

Asa Woodman, b. Mar. 25, 1792, in Meredith.
Polly S., b. Dec. 16, 1794, in Meredith.
Louise Woodman, b. Aug. 13, 1796, in Meredith.
Melinda, b. June 13, 1798, in Meredith.
Stephen W., b. Apr. 9, 1800; d. 1879 in Meredith.
Betsey, b. Apr. 1, 1801.
Joshua, b. Apr. 19, 1803.
William, b. Apr. 2, 1804.

John Mead married Hannah ——— in Stratham. Their children:

Susanna, b. Feb. 6, 1709.
John, b. May 4, 1712.
Thomas, b. Mar. 19, 1715.
Joseph, b. Aug. 17, 1717.
Benjamin, b. Oct. 23, 1718.

Stephen Mead married Lucy ———. Their children:

Lucy, b. July 1, 1780.
John, b. Aug. 29, 1786.
Rebecca, b. May 1, 1791.
Sally, b. Sept. 30, 1796.

Disconnected

John Mead married Lucy Lord, Newmarket, December 25, 1794.

John Mead married Hannah How, New Hampton, November 3, 1805.

William Mead married Sally French, Gilmanton, March 16, 1814.

William Mead married Hannah Jarvett, Guilford, in 1845.

Joseph Mead married Polly Roberts, Meredith, June 16, 1817.

Joshua Mead married Sally Potsam in 1827.

Stephen W. married Betsey Ladd, March 8, 1832.

William H. Mead married Abigail Hayes, Bridgewater, May 1, 1833.

William W. Mead married Rhoda Fletcher in 1837.

Stephen W. married Charlotte Ladd, August 31, 1842.

William P. Mead married Abby H. Boynton, Meredith, in 1850.

Deaths of Meads

Joseph R. Mead died August 16, 1889, aged 78 years, son Joseph and Polly Roberts.

Stephen W. Mead died September 27, 1879, aged 80 years, son of Stephen and Deborah Woodman, she a daughter of Joshua Woodman of Sanbornton.

William P. Mead died April 4, 1890, aged 65 years, son of Joseph and Mary Roberts of Meredith.

Hannah Mead died October 1, 1877, aged 76 years, she born in Guilford, daughter of Benjamin Jewett and wife, Rebecca Jewett.

William Mead married Eunice ———. Their children:

Eunice, b. Feb. 19, 1789.
Polly, b. July 7, 1801.
Joseph Roberts, b. Aug. 20, 1791.
Joshua, b. Mar. 28, 1796.
Daniel R., b. Jan. 7, 1804.
Abigail, b. Aug. 7, 1806.
John, b. Apr. 6, 1794.
William, b. Apr. 6, 1794.

Joseph R. Mead married Polly Roberts in 1817. Their children:

Sarah E., b. Apr. 23, 1818.
Joseph R., b. Feb. 24, 1821.
William P., b. Apr. 30, 1824.

From Old Wills and Deeds at Concord, N. H.

June 28, 1714. John Mead (son) of Exeter, N. H., deed from Nicholas Mead of Portsmouth and wife, Elizabeth, land and buildings in Exeter.

1727. John Mead. (See Bow charter.)

1741. John Mead had land in Newmarket.

February 19, 1746. John Mead (husband) of Mary Folsome, daughter of Jeremiah Folsome of Newmarket.

1753. John Mead of Newmarket deeded one share in Bow original right of his father, John Mead.

March 18, 1760. John Mead of Stratham and wife, Ruth Mead, deeded to Joseph Clark, home in Stratham.

1763. John Mead, from Chase Wiggin of Falmouth, Main (Maine), deeded land on Great Bay, which said Wiggin bought of Andrew Wiggin February 23, 1757.

1768. John Mead, Newmarket, April 16, administrator of estate of John Bowden, to Nathaniel Folsom, land in Exeter.

1768. John Mead, Jr., received deed of land in Newmarket.

February 19, 1746. Mary Mead (wife of John, who was daughter of Jeremiah Folsome). (See will, Newmarket, N. H.)

A Mead connected with the John Cate farm.
Asa.

Stephen Mead deceased.
Relatives of whole and half blood
Joshua Quimby. Sally Smith.

Brother of first Wm Mead (b. 1766) went to Meadville, Pa.

Joshua—Polly dec.

This Wm Mead is son of 1st Wm Mead in Meredith.
Wm Mead Eunice Roberts, dau. of Lieut Joseph Roberts.

Susan. James Gilman. Joseph R. Mary Roberts. William. Betsey Quimby.

James Marshall. Martha B. Smith.
Sarah E. (Luther Boynton)
Joseph R. (Mary Boynton)
Wm P. (Abbie Boynton)
Wm S. (Joanna Jewett)

Herbert (dead)
James Granville
Joseph Willis (dead)
Nellie (Mrs. Wyatt)
Albert Frank
Arthur J.

MERRILL

The Merrill family, as history states, were of Norman descent. They were located in the north of France, and later came through England to New England, Nathaniel being the early emigrant to Newbury, Mass. They married and raised descendants down through to William of the seventh generation, born in 1805; died in 1876 at Holderness. He bought and sold wool, and farm produce. He married Hannah C., daughter of Deacon Abraham Batchelder, 1780–1871, of Northwood. Their children:

Mary Augusta, b. in Holderness; d. in Meredith in 1846.
Susan Maria, b. 1836; m. Andrew Dimock of Boston.
Emily Ann, b. 1840; m. James W. Hoit of Lynn, Mass.
Hollis W., b. 1842; m. Mary S. Young; m., second, Mrs. Hattie M. (Leavitt) Gore.
George Boardman, b. 1848; m. Addie M., dau. of Samuel James and wife, Eliza C. (Hyde) Osgood. Samuel James Osgood was b. in Tamworth. His real surname was Hackett, but when he reached manhood he had his name changed to Osgood. Their children:
George B. Osgood, b. in Laconia; d. in the Civil War in battle.
Kate J., m. Fred L. Beaman.
Clara H., m. Frank J. Tourtclot.
Addie M.
Annie M., m. Albert W. Wilcox.

John Franklin Merrill, son of William and wife, Hannah (Batchelder) Merrill, born in 1833 at Holderness, learned the granite and marble business and became partner in 1856; later he bought the business and sold it in 1892. When Union Cemetery Association was started in 1860, he was elected one of the directors. He married in 1850 Eleanor J. Eaton. She died in 1864. He married, second, in 1865, Flora Abby, daughter of Morrison and wife, Sarah (James) Rowe. Their children:

Albert Rowe, b. 1867; resided in Lynn, Mass.
Frank Carlton, b. 1869; m. Christanna Lamprey.

Eva Lillian, b. 1871; m. Eugene N. Bast, a lawyer in Minneapolis.
Frederick Dimock, b. 1877.

The Merrill family lived and are buried on the Webster Eastman place, in Holderness.

David Merrill was an early settler and had a son, Jacob Merrill, who lived on his father's place. His son, John Merrill, lived and died on Mile Hill, out of Meredith. His sister, Julia Merrill, married —— Webster. She died on Pine Street, Meredith.

John Merrill married Roxy Crowell, a daughter of Newman Crowell and wife, Nancy Brown. Nancy Brown was an aunt to William Brown, who died in Meredith.

Moses Merrill came to Meredith after he had served in the Revolutionary War. His pension record states that he lived in Meredith forty-six years and died there. He is buried in the first Sanbornton-Meredith Church yard, later called "Pine Hill Church," where many were laid to rest, with only a field stone to mark their graves. The yard is grown up to bushes, and few are left that know who were laid there.

Thomas Leavitt deeded to Moses Merrill a parcel of land in the so-called "Letter H of common land," north of the land sold to Solomon Smith, up to the New Holderness line, for Moses Merrill to hold forever. (Signed) Thomas Leavitt. Witnesses: John Lovering, Jr., Edward Langmaid. Dated August 9, 1815.

John Merrill lived part way down Ladd Hill in Meredith. He married Roxy Crowell, a daughter of Nancy Brown, who was a sister to William Brown, who early lived in Campton and died in Meredith. Nancy Brown married Newman Crowell. Their children: Roxy, Charles, and Ellen, who married Josiah G. Thompson.

John Merrill was a son of Jacob Merrill; he a son of David Merrill of Holderness. He lived on the Webster Eastman farm.

David Merrill was a descendant of the Salisbury, Mass., branch. He settled in Holderness on what is now called the "Webster Eastman farm." He was a son of Jacob Lee Merrill (as tradition) of Plymouth, who purchased land in Campton, north of Baker's River.

John Merrill had a sister, Julia A. Merrill, born in 1844, who married Amos D. Webster, 1832–1909. They were married in 1861. Their daughter, Mary E. Webster, born in 1888, married Harry L. Brown, born in 1861, son of William H. Brown and wife, Sarah Willoughby.

Mary Ella Webster, born in 1866.
Fred Everett Webster, born in 1867.
Ida May Gibbs, born in 1870.
Edward Everett Webster, born in 1895.
Mary Edna Webster, born in 1897.
David Merrill, 1769–1859, married Sarah H. Lee, 1778–1847, from Ossipee Mountain.
David Lee Merrill, 1802–1826.

Mary A., 1807–1826.
Eliza, m. Joseph Smith on Red Hill.
Julia A., 1814–1858; m. Benjamin H. Eastman.
William Elliott.
Hepzabah, 1820–1858; m. Stephen B. How.
Jacob Lee Merrill.

Jacob Merrill, 1778–1847, married Mary, daughter of John Smith and wife, Polly (Mary) Mudgett. Their daughter, a sister of David Merrill, married Charles W. Eastman.

Julia Merrill married —— Webster, great-grandfather of Mrs. Julia Webster, who lived in Meredith.

MOONEY

The old records state that a section of old Dover was called Barbadoes; is now called Madbury.

In 1739 Benjamin Evans sold to Hercules Mooney, then a schoolmaster in the part of old Dover, now Durham, eleven acres of land. Hercules Mooney came from Ireland and was called a great teacher. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Field) Evans of Dover. Their children:

Lieut. Benjamin, b. Jan. 6, 1740; m. Hannah Burnham, b. 1745. He died at Guilford in 1798; he was a Lieutenant in the Revolution.
Jonathan, b. 1744; m. 1770 Patience Gould. He d. in (Eaton) Holderness.
Obadiah, m. Joanna Moore; moved to Canterbury.
Elizabeth, bapt. 1750 in Dover.
Hannah, b. 1752; m. 1769 Ezekiel Harper of Brentwood.
John, b. 1754; lived in Meredith; m. Catherine Roberts, 1782–1854, of Guilford. He was a judge of probate of Strafford County.
Solomon, enlisted in 1779.
Susanna, m. James Smith.

Hercules Mooney was an active man in clearing and making the Province Road for the settlers. At Ticonderoga in 1777, he lost most of his belongings. He lived at Durham until 1785, then removed to Holderness. He died in 1800 and is buried under an old willow tree, down beside the river on the Baker farm, which he then owned. Only a field stone marks his grave.

As history states, Hercules Mooney was the earliest school teacher in Durham; was a tutor in a nobleman's family in Ireland, and was said to be Ireland's precious gift to New Hampshire. He was a great commander in battle. He also served as representative four times in Lee, and was a grantee of Holderness.

MOORE

The descendants of Ensign John Moor of Canterbury, N. H., by Howard P. Moore, is a very valuable and interesting description of the early Moore family, on which much time and money has been used to accomplish so good a history.

The early Moor family were in Portsmouth, N. H., and the descendants of each generation drifted farther inland, as it became safe to settle and make a home.

John Moor married Hannah Sias, a descendant of three brothers who were Huguenots. Their religion was Protestant and, with others, were "Puritans of France," and emigrated to other countries until there were many seeking freedom of thought left in their native land.

Tradition states that John Moor, in 1733, went from his home in Durham and had an allotment of land as grantee under the 1727

Charter, as he was a landholder in Durham. He acquired and purchased land in Canterbury, enough for his four sons, and himself a farm. He went through the woods from Durham to Canterbury and made "The Moore Cave" to live in, so as to hold a title to his land. He made a cavity in the bank of earth beside a fine brook. He put in timber, hewn from trees on the 40-acre lot that he had bought, and used them as a support on the sides and overhead, and built a chimney of stones and clay, and probably a front of wood.

History states that he lived here alone for a time, to hold his title; but as his sons grew up they went with him and helped clear the land, as there were no roads, only bridle paths, and Indians prowling about for mischief.

The cave was later filled with rocks, where it had fallen in, so that the stock pasturing there would not fall in and get hurt. It was some 20 by 26 feet in size.

John Moor was the forefather of all the descendants of Moores in this locality.

History states that many times John Moor would walk in the brook to the outlet of the Merrimack, to throw the Indians off his trail and go to the store on Boscawen Plains on the other side of the river. He in after years would relate to his children his hardships in the early settlement, when the wolf and other wild animals would howl around his home, and would tell them of the lands and homes in Old England; and as the mother was a Huguenot refugee, they would tell the children of the homes in sunny France, also the adventures of his father, Samuel Moor, who sailed to the Barbadoes from Portsmouth.

John Moor was prominent in town offices, and did much to settle the town.

The generations that followed lived in Canterbury and Loudon, and as the country became more settled they drifted inland.

Archelius, born in 1779, married Abigail Fifield, daughter of Capt. David Fifield, and went to Gilmanton in 1780 from Stratham. They had seven children.

David Fifield Moore, born at Loudon Ridge in 1815, died in 1888 at Lakeport. He married Susan Frances Clifford, daughter of Joseph and wife, Clarissa Clifford. The Clifford family date back to "William the Conqueror." David F. Moore studied medicine, received a degree from college, and in 1855 moved his

family to Lake Village, where for thirty years he practiced medicine successfully. He was one of the earliest Homeopathic doctors in central New Hampshire, and well known through the length and breadth of Meredith. They had nine children:

George Franklin, b. 1841 on Loudon Ridge. He m. Louisa Parker, dau. of William H. Parker and wife, Lucy Barker Lang, b. in Tilton. He m., second, 1878, Frances Hawes Proctor, dau. of Franklin Proctor and wife, Julia Ann Hawes of Dorchester. Their son, Howard Parker Moore, b. 1868 in Lowell; m. Annie Maria Hoyt, dau. of Corp. Samuel Baker Hoyt and wife, Sarah M. Day, dau. of Rev. H. Day. He has held many offices in insurance companies and traveled abroad in many countries in connection with his work. He wrote in 1918 "The Descendants of Ensign John Moor of Canterbury." They have one daughter, Dorothy, b. 1896.

Hannah Frances, 1843–1868; d. at Lake Village.

Joseph Clifford, 1844–1909; studied medicine with his father. He m. Mary Emily Hopkins. He was connected with the *Manchester Union*, also other business. He d. in Lakeport.

Mary Ellen, b. 1846; m., at Lake Village, Henry Tucker, son of Alvah Tucker and wife, Mary J. (Bean) Tucker. He served in the Civil War. He also was agent at the Halifax Mills, and practiced medicine. They had two children.

Edwin Forrest, 1850–1867; d. at Lake Village.

Rufus Reed (called Choate), 1851–1884; d. at Lake Village. He m. Susan M. Proctor, sister to Frances H., who m. George F. Moore. They had a dau., Juilette Frances Moore, b. 1880 at Lake Village. She occupies the old Moore homestead at Lake Village and runs a gift shop in Laconia. Rufus Reed Moore, m., second, Fannie Williams, b. 1864 at Littleton, N. H. One child, Josephine Clifford, b. 1884 at Lake Village. She m. Franklin Everett Bradway Sanders, b. at Lake Village. They live in Franklin and are proprietors of a laundry there.

Three other children d. young.

MORRILL

Abraham Morrill, the emigrant, the first to come to this country, went to Salisbury, Mass., and died there in 1662. He landed in Boston on the ship "Lion," with his brother, Isaac, in 1623. He was a blacksmith, called in ye olden time "The Tubal Cain

Workers." He had a house and lot in 1641 at Salisbury. He married Sarah, daughter of Robert Clement of Haverhill, in 1645. Their children:

Isaac, b. 1646.
Jacob, b. 1648.
Sarah, b. 1650.
Abraham, Jr., b. 1652.
Moses, b. 1655.
Aaron, b. 1658.
Richard, b. 1660.
Lydia, b. 1661.
Hepsibah, b. 1663.

Mrs. Sarah (Clement) Morrill married, second, Thomas Mudgett and had a daughter, Mary Mudgett.

Barnard Morrill was born in Brentwood and later settled in Gilmanton (now Guilford). He was a shoemaker and ran a tannery, and held many town offices. He married in 1809, Judith, daughter of Jonathan Morrison, a Revolutionary soldier.

Their son, John J. Morrill, born in 1816 at Guilford in the same house, and died in the same room, in 1892, where he was born. He studied under Dudley Leavitt, also at Gilmanton and New Hampton, for schooling. He dealt in lumber besides his tanning and farming. General Wadleigh appointed him colonel on the State Militia staff. In 1840 the campaign of the Whigs ran high, and much excitement was created. It was known as the "Log-Cabin" and "Hard Cider Contest." After electing a president, the slavery question divided the party. He represented the town of Guilford in the Legislature, and in 1876 he was one of the electors for president. He married Nancy, born in Brentwood in 1819, daughter of Mesech Sanborn. She was a school teacher. They had children:

Stark, 1846–1880.
John Barnard, 1849–1852.
John B. Sanborn, b. 1854, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1879, but later returned and cared for the home.

Mr. Morrill married in 1882, Mary S., a daughter of Simon Rowe of Guilford, who was a school teacher. He was a representative to Concord, and one of the trustees of the Guilford Public Library.

A son of Abraham was Isaac Morrill. He lived in Salisbury

and followed the trade of his father, being one of "ye Tubal Cain workers." He married Phebe, daughter of John Gill. They had eleven children.

Down through the several generations is John Dudley Morrill, son of William in Brentwood, born in 1768.

John Dudley Morrill married Lavina Robinson. They had three children; the youngest, George W. Morrill, married M. Frances, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Hill) Weeks. They had three children. He was a farmer and stock raiser in Guilford.

MORRISON

History says that this is another Scotch family who were oppressed and went to the north of Ireland and later came to America. The descendants drifted inland with others.

John Morrison went into the Revolution when eighteen years old. After serving three years he received the commission of "fife major." After his discharge he married Abigail Libbey. History credits fourteen children to them.

Their fourth child, Abraham [5] Libbey Morrison, born in 1788, married Hannah Lane, daughter of David Lane. The family had moved from Boscawen to Sanbornton.

Their fifth child, Abraham Libbey Morrison, born in 1818, took up stage driving and was one of the last that drove through the Winnepesaukee Valley. He drove between Laconia and Holderness. His coach burned in 1846. He then was connected with the Farmer Hotel in Concord, which ran several stage lines.

In 1856 he had charge of the Willard Hotel for a time and sold it to George H. Everett. He then had a stage route to Center Harbor over Cass Hill, on which he and John Little of Laconia made the trips alternately. He married Susan H. Whipple, who died from an accident.

He married, second, in 1871, Mrs. Betsey Elizabeth Howe, a daughter of James Howe, 1786–1864, and wife, Rebecca (Wyett) Howe, 1787–1876, of New Hampton. Her great-grandfather served in the Continental Army.

Rebecca Wyett was a daughter of Deacon Wyett of Campton, N. H., and her mother descended from John Rogers of the "Pilgrims." The mother married, first, Daniel Wilson of Holderness, and they had four children: Myra, Hannah, David and Daniel.

James Howe married, first, Nancy Drake of New Hampton. Their children: Lorenzo G. Howe, James M., Henry D. and Nancy D. Howe.

After James Howe married Rebecca (Wyett) they had children: Horace F., Josiah S., Aaron M. (who studied to be a physician), Harriett S., Martha D., William G., George W. and Betsey Elizabeth Howe.

Betsey Elizabeth Howe married, first, Charles Stevens, who was a proprietor of the Mount Belknap House for some years at Lakeport. She had a daughter, Nellie M. Stevens, who married Eben Hoyt. He died and she married in 1897, George Burnham Cox. She had two children, a daughter, Alice L., who died young, and a son, Louis E. Cox.

Abraham L. Morrison was one of the old stage drivers of the Winnepesaukee Valley. He was born in 1818 at Sanbornton, son of Abraham and wife, Hannah Lane. He was one of twelve children.

In 1842 Mr. Morrison settled in Laconia and drove the horses on a stage from Laconia to Holderness (Ashland). In the big fire in 1846, the stable of Gove Place, which housed the stage and fittings, burned.

In 1856 he ran the old Willard Hotel at Laconia. After thirteen years he sold it to George Everett and kept a livery until 1886, when he sold out. In early life he had a stage line to Center Harbor, where he and John Little of Laconia drove alternate trips. He died in 1896.

A. L. Morrison, married Susan Whipple of Sanbornton. They had children: George A., Curtis and Nellie Maria, who married Eben Hoyt, 1843–1894, a music dealer. After he died she married George B. Cox, a reputable lawyer of Laconia. They had two children.

Mrs. Morrison died in 1869. In 1871 he married, second, Mrs. Betsey E. (Howe) Stevens, daughter of James Howe and wife, Rebecca (Wyett) Howe of New Hampton. Rebecca was a daughter of Deacon Wyett of Campton and wife, who was a descendant of John Rogers of the "Pilgrims." Her first husband was Daniel Wilson of Holderness. They had children: Myra, Hannah, David and Daniel.

James Howe served in the Continental Army in the Revolution.

He married Nancy Drake of New Hampton. They had children: Lorenzo G., James M., Henry D. and Nancy D. Howe.

James Howe, 1786–1864, married, second, Widow Rebecca (Wyett) Wilson, 1787–1876. Their children were: Horace F., Josiah S., Aaron M., Harriet S., Martha D., William G., George W. and Betsey.

Elizabeth Howe, who married Charles Stevens of Gilmanton, ran the Mt. Belknap Hotel at Lakeport several years. Elizabeth (Howe) Stevens married, second, Abraham L. Morrison.

MOULTON

In lovely Warwickshire, the Shakespearian country, was where Margaret Moulton lived until she was 13 years old. Her father Thomas de Moulton, died in 1313. He had a good friend, Ralph de Dacre, to whom he had betrothed her when of suitable age. After the father died King Edward II claimed her as his ward, and the large estate.

There were no boys to inherit the castle and manor of Moulton (Multon), and it fell to Margaret. She was called "the flower of Gillesland." The King put her in the care of the Earl of Warwick.

The Moulton Castle was called "Naworth Castle." It was Margaret's home. It was built to have a garrison built on.

> "Stern on the angry confines Naworth rose;
> In dark woods islanded,
> Its towers looked forth
> And frowned definance on the angry north."

The writer well remembers the beautiful location, as we visited there. It was built to defend the Scots.

Margaret bid defiance to the King, and the man he picked for her to marry, and when she was 17 years of age she was carried off in the night from Warwick Castle by her espoused suitor, Ralph de Dacre; thus he united two big estates of two powerful families. Margaret had four sons by him who became pillars of the church and state.

Jonathan Moulton's ancestors came from Norfolk County, England. He was among those who settled at Winnicumet in the town of Hampton in 1638. History states that General Jonathan descended from John Moulton. He was born in

Hampton, N. H., 1726–1788. He bought and received much land and helped to settle many people farther inland.

In 1763 the town of Moultonboro was granted to sixty-two men, and he was one of them. It was granted by the Masonian owners. He was noted for his war service with the Indians and the Ossipee tribe on the border of the town on the north, where he became acquainted with the country on the western shores of the lake, which helped him to secure the land grant bordering Moultonboro.

In 1763 he had an ox weighing 1,400 pounds, which he had fed and prepared for the occasion. He hoisted a flag on his horns and drove him from Hampton to Portsmouth and presented him to the Governor. The Governor offered to pay him, but the general refused any pay and said "that he would like a charter of a small gore of land that he had found joining the town of Moultonboro, of which he was one of the principal proprietors." The Governor granted this simple request and the general called it "New Hampton" in honor of his native town (Hampton). This small "gore" of land contained 19,422 acres, a part of which is the present town of Center Harbor.

General Moulton helped form New Hampton, Center Harbor and Moultonboro, which was called "Moultonboro Gore, or Addition."

General Jonathan was of the fourth generation (Jacob[3], John[2], John[1]). He married in 1849, Abigail, daughter of Benjamin Smith, who died in 1775 from smallpox. He married, second, Sarah, daughter of Dr. Anthony Emery. After his death she married Rev. Benjamin Thurston. She died in 1788.

By Mr. Moulton's first wife, Abigail Smith (ancestor of the Smiths of New Hampton and vicinity), they had eleven children.

Their sixth child, Benning Moulton, 1761–1834, married Sally Leavitt (Lovet). He settled in Center Harbor in 1783. They had eight children. The oldest, Jonathan Smith Moulton, born in Center Harbor, 1785–1855, married Deborah, daughter of "Red Oak Joseph Neal" of Meredith. They had nine children. The second child, John Carrol Moulton, was born in 1810 in Center Harbor. He attended school under Master Dudley Leavitt, the noted almanac maker, who taught in Meredith an annual term of school. At the age of 20 years he went in business in Center Harbor. In 1833 he married Nellie B. Senter and

opened a hotel there, which prospered under the management of his wife.

In 1841 they removed to Meredith Bridge and ran the Belknap Hotel, where the stages stopped, and it became a popular place. He was elected postmaster for several years.

In 1848, the railroad was built up to Plymouth, and the Car Works came along, which did a large business for that time. He was connected with several other houses of business and he did much to improve the town.

His wife, Nellie B. Senter of Center Harbor, was a daughter of Samuel B. Senter, and he a descendant of Ebenezer Chamberline, also of Col. Joseph Senter, both pioneers of Center Harbor. They had five children.

Edwin Carroll, 1834–1867, married Augusta Randlett, daughter of Charles Randlett of Laconia. They had a daughter who married Charles Leavitt of Concord. Charles Randlett had three other children beside the above: Josephine, who married —— Blair, David and Belle.

Some of this data was furnished by Mrs. Austin Moulton.

Samuel Moore Moulton, born in 1857, served in the Civil War three years. He married Martha B., daughter of Benjamin E. Thurston of Laconia. He filled many offices of public trust in Laconia.

William Hale Moulton, 1844–1849.

Horatio Francis Moulton married Ella S. Melcher of Dover. Their children: Helen became a deaconess; John Carroll went to Mexico; Samuel Moulton went to California.

Ida L. Moulton, born in 1850, married Joshua B. Holden of Boston. Their children: Annie, Ellen, Mary B., Joshua, Jr., Natoli, Francis, Gladys and Gwendolyn.

John C. Moulton married, second, Mrs. Sarah McDougal in 1886.

Benning Moulton, son of Jonathan Moulton and Abigail Smith, was born in 1761 and settled in Center Harbor. He married Sarah Leavitt. Their children:

Nancy, m. Jonathan Moulton.
Jonathan Smith, b. 1785.
Thomas L.

Benning.
John H.
Elizabeth, m. Daniel Hilton.

Jonathan Smith Moulton, 1785–1855, had a large farm and did some exchange business besides his farming. He married in 1808, Deborah, daughter of "Red Oak Joseph Neal" of Meredith. Their children:

William Carroll, d. young.
Sarah Ann, m. Simeon Crane; lived in Boston.
Amanda Melvina, d. young.
Otis Monroe.
Charles Smith, d. young.
Frances Maria, m. Moses Fairbanks; lived in Boston.
Andrew McCleary.
Joseph Neal.
John S., lived in Boston.
Abra Wentworth, m. Charles H. Somes of Chicago.

Tradition states that General Moulton, while trafficing with his "gore" of land the Governor had traded him, spent much time around Center Harbor, and had a house on the hill where Camp Anawan is now located. History states that some of the descendants settled there.

The *Boston Transcript* in 1926 had an article stating that Mr. and Mrs. Weddell of Virginia had purchased "Agecroft Hall," Warwick Priory. They had it taken down and boxed. It filled fifteen cases of stone work.

Mrs. Weddell wrote me that they were going to produce with this material a "Virginia Historical Society" building of the Elizabethan type, similar to "Sulgrave Manor."

Governor Winthrop, the first Governor of Massachusetts, was born some six miles from Warwick, near the old castle.

Samuel[2] Moulton's son, Nathan Smith Moulton, married Priscilla Senter, daughter of John Senter, who had a brother Samuel. Their children:

Alvin.
Edwin Winfield.
Austin S., who in 1884 m. Laura Ann, dau. of James Creighton Burleigh and wife, Catherine A. Cheney, b. 1830, she a dau. of Jonathan H. Cheney and wife, Lydia Tuttle, who was a dau. of Stoughton Tuttle and wife, Deborah Stokes, 1776–1871. They live on the Abial Bartlett farm,

now called "Elmwood," are prosperous farmers, and have served in public business. Their children:

Alice Moulton, m. Arthur Edwards of Meredith.

Nathan Smith Moulton, m. Ruth Graves Towle of Center Harbor, she a dau. of —— Towle and wife. Eliza Sutton (Graves) Towle. They have two children, Edwin Winfield Moulton and a young daughter.

The other children of Samuel Moulton were: Tim F., Hattie May, Sarah, and Walter C.; live on the old homestead.

Lieut. Joseph[7] Neal Moulton (Jonathan[6], Benning[5], Jonathan[4], Jacob[3], John[2], John[1]) married in 1853, Sarah J. True. He served in the Civil War. They had two daughters.

Jonathan[6] Moulton (Edward B.[5], John[4], Jacob[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Moultonboro in 1781. He settled in Meredith. He married —— Moulton of Center Harbor; married, second, Mary Morse, daughter of Dr. Morse. Five children.

MUDGETT

Joseph Mudgett, born October 25, 1761, died in 1848; married Mehitable Eastman, born November 30, 1763; married January 22, 1786. Their children:

William, b. 1786; m. Eunice Huckens, May 9, 1815.
Abigail, b. 1791; m. Robert Huckins, Sept. 22, 1823.
Hannah, 1789–1872; m. Levi Swain in 1816.
Sarah, b. 1795; m. Andrew Baker in 1822.
Ezekiel E., b. 1797; m. Charlotte Swain in 1822; m., second, Betsey Swain in 1829.
Mehitable, b. 1799; m. Jeremiah B. Swain in 1824; a dau., Mehitable, b. 1827.
Levi, b. 1804; m. Adaline Clark.
Joseph, 1793–1796.
Joseph, 1800–1803.

Hannah Mudgett married Levi Swain, November 14, 1816. Their children:

Polly W., b. July 29, 1817.
Hannah Mead, b. Aug. 31, 1819.
Susanna S., b. June 12, 1821.
Melinda M., 1833–1845.
Rachel, b. May 23, 1827.

Abigail Mudgett, born in 1791, married in 1823 Robert Huckins, born in 1775. Their children:

Deborah, b. June 15, 1829.
Stephen P., b. June 12, 1826.
Orlando G., b. July 5, 1828; d. 1880.

William Mudgett and wife, Eunice Huckins, married May 9, 1815. Their children:

Mary M. T., b. Feb. 29, 1816; m. James H. Brown, 1843.
Hannah H., b. Apr. 21.
John P., 1821–1842.
Cakim W., b. Aug. 15, 1823.
Orinda M., b. Apr. 17, 1827.
Laura L., b. Jan. 21, 1829.
Sarah Ann, b. July 22, 1833.

Ezekiel Mudgett, born in 1797, married in 1822 Charlotte Swain, 1798–1828. Their children:

Joseph F., b. Dec. 2, 1823.
Plasenta, b. July 7, 1825.
William, b. May 24, 1827.

Joseph E. Mudgett married, second, Betsey Swain, born in 1795; married January 14, 1829. Their children:

Adaline, b. Oct. 6, 1829.
Franklin S., b. Dec. 18, 1830.

Mehitable Mudgett, born in 1801, married Jeremiah Swain, December 12, 1825. Their daughter, Mehitable M., born February 27, 1827.

Levi Mudgett, born April 19, 1804, died in 1868; married Adaline Clark, July 4, 1833. Their children:

Grace E. W., b. Dec. 18, 1835; m. Sept. 21, 1852, Noah Smith.
Mary C., b. Mar. 9, 1836; died 1841.
Ellen Maria, b. Apr. 28, 1840; m. Frank Flanders, January 17, 1869.

Leon Mudgett, born April 19, 1804, married December 20, 1842, Eliza A. Cox, born in 1819. Their children:

Albert M., b. Jan. 10, 1845; m. 1868, Julia Griffith.
Mary Adelaide, b. Sept. 10, 1847; m. 1866, John M. Flanders.
Clara S., b. Sept. 19, 1849; m. 1873, Albert E. Porter.
George M., b. Sept. 29, 1852.
Abbie A., b. Oct. 18, 1854; m. 1883, Wilbert E. Porter.
Charles H., b. Aug. 4, 1856; m. Mary Johnson.
Myra Emma, b. May 23, 1859; d. young.

James S. Baker, born May 29, 1832; died in 1890.
Andrew Oliver, born March 10, 1827.
Leonard H. Baker, born January 2, 1825; died in 1906.
Andrew Baker, born March 17, 1796.
Sarah Mudgett, born in 1795; died in 1870.
Emily W. Ordway Swain, died in 1892.

NASH

Moses Nash, born in 1812, at Amherst, son of John Nash and wife, Sally (Lewis). For a time he and his brother kept a store in New Hampton and Concord. He married Susan M. Smith, daughter of Jacob Smith and wife, Louisa C. Robinson. Her great-grandfather, Jeremiah Smith, an early settler, came to Meredith about the same time his brother, Ebenezer, came from Exeter. These brothers descended from Richard Smith, who came from England.

A son of Jeremiah Smith, who married Hannah Lock, daughter of Deacon Locke, had a son, John Rice Smith, who married Rhoda Blaisdell. They had five children. Among them was Jacob, who was 86 years old at his death.

Jacob Smith, who married Louisa C. Robinson, had a daughter, Susan M. Smith, 1832–1887, who married Moses Nash. Ellen M. married Arthur A. Tilton, son of Carlos Tilton of Andover. E. L. married Morrill Doe, son of Augustus Doe. Sarah married John Garland.

The field was very level on Meredith Parade, and Jeremiah Smith gave the use of the field adjoining the house to a company of militia for a training ground. The old home was left to Mrs. Tilton, who is of the fifth generation of Smiths that have lived there.

NEAL

The Neal family are historically referred to in the reign of King Edward the 4th, in 1460. There were many Neals in early days who were well educated and stood high in business stations.

The first Neal that we read of in New England was Capt. Walter Neal, who landed June 1, 1630, at Portsmouth, N. H. He came employed as a governor of the lower settlement of New

Hampshire. He was born in Bedfordshire, England, about 1612. History states that he married Elizabeth Lacon.

"Provincial Papers," Volume No. 4, state that he brought a family with him and fifty men and twenty-two women. He was agent for a "Pattent of Laconiah." This consisted of 20,000 acres of land at "Randsvough," which laid on the south side of the Piscataway River.

The boat they came over in was the "Warwick." It was a ship of 80 tons. It was sent by Gorges and Mason, for the purpose of exploring the country, also to intercept the trade on beavers.

Captain Neal, with others, looked around the country inland considerably. As history states, Capt. Walter Neal, in company with Darby Field, discovered the White Mountains and he called them the "Crystal Hills."

When he returned to England he left animals and grain and household things, so it looks as though he had some family here. History states that he lived at "Strawberry Bank," which is in the city of Portsmouth, and near the old first burying ground in New Hampshire, called the "Point of Graves Burying Ground." It is located near the Boat Club, in the city of Portsmouth, and this yard is where Capt. Walter[2] Neal is buried. I drove down there in May and tried to find the grave of Capt. Walter[2], but could not locate a Neal stone, although there are many stones on which the inscriptions are worn off by the weather and are not readable. I found an old record in Boston which stated that Capt. Walter[2] bought a fourteenth part of the "Point of Graves Yard," which contains about one-half an acre of ground. The land was owned by a Mr. Pickering. The yard is owned by the city, as it contains some of the oldest inhabitants that settled in that region.

Capt. Walter[2] married Mary Ayers. There are some stones not far from the center of the yard with the name of Ayer on. Perhaps they were relatives of Mary Ayers and buried on this fourteenth part of the yard. I wrote the city clerk to see if there was any plat of this yard, but there is none in Portsmouth, so probably none at all, as records are very scarce in early days, but the yard is well kept up and clean. One thing is in existence, that Mr. Pickering reserved the right of way across the lower part of the yard, so that he could walk across to his mill pond,

and the path is still used there and no fence to obstruct the walk. That was a reservation in the deed of the land for a graveyard. It is well fenced and has a good iron gate.

History tells us that Capt. Walter lived in Mason's stone house, at Strawberry Bank, which has disappeared.

In an article published in the *Granite Monthly* on "Colonial Portsmouth," it speaks of Thompson's grant of land of 26,000 acres in 1622, this being a patent of all lands between the Kennebec and Merrimack Rivers.

Thompson built a house on Odiorne's Point, the first built in Pannaway. It was built of rubble stones chinked with swale grass and clay, which he gathered near by. It was called the "Stone House." Later it was called by the Indian name "Pascataqua House."

When Capt. Walter Neal came to "Pannaway," the worthy company of Myles Standish, as history tells us, he brought a family and about fifty people. History states that he took possession of this house and called it the "Chiefe Habitacion." Nothing of this house remains.

Capt. Walter Neal claimed no profession "but his sword, nor other fortunes than war." He was the first governor of all land east of Massachusetts Bay, then known as New Hampshire, which he explored, even up to the "White Hills." He traded some with the Indians, and under Capt. John Mason's direction, in 1630, Pascataqua plantation thrived, yet he never came over, and Capt. Walter Neal returned to England in 1632, as history states.

"Provincial Papers," Volume No. 4, page 2, speaks of the family that Capt. Walter Neal brought with him to Portsmouth.

The old Indian deed of 1629 to Wheelwright is existing in the Historical Society rooms at Concord, with the marks and emblems of the Indians affixed to their names. Walter Neal was one of the signers, also Thomas Wiggin, Edward Hilton and four others. The marks look like some of the markings on a "Totem Pole."

Capt. Walter[2] Neal had three sons, Samuel, John and Andrew.

At a town meeting in Portsmouth, January 22, 1660, land was apportioned to all persons over 21 years old. Lieut. Capt. Walter Neal received 39 and 21 acres. "His home lot doth extend from Goodman hayins, his fence due north and by east unto Winocont River"—the land lying in Greenland in Portsmouth.

Brewster refers to him, 1643–1656, as one who received the seat of honor in the church at Portsmouth.

"Masonian Papers" state that Capt. Walter Neal lived in a stone house at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, as they were engaged in fishing.

Lieut. Capt. Walter[2] Neal, as a farmer, married Mary Ayers in 1660. They had a son, Samuel, born June 14, 1661. Lieut. Capt. Walter Neal and others desired jurisdiction of Massachusetts in 1690.

As history states, we find him connected in many offices to help establish the colony.

Samuel, son of Capt. Lieut. Walter, married Jane Foss. They had children, among them Samuel[2], who married Elizabeth Locke, born in 1780, a daughter of Deacon William Locke and wife, Mary (Clark) Locke. They were married February 2, 1710/11.

They had a son, Samuel[3] Neal, who married February 7, 1754, Elizabeth Haley, daughter of Andrew Haley and wife, Mary Briar. Andrew Haley, son of Andrew Haley, was called the "King of the Shoals." He was a wealthy man engaged in fishing at the Isles of Shoals.

"Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors," Volume II, page 301, gives Samuel Neal's Revolutionary service. He enlisted at Kittery, Maine (across the river from Portsmouth, N. H.). He was in Col. James Scammon's (30) Regiment. Muster roll, May 3, 1775, served three months. Later he was a private and went to Rhode Island for six months; later served on boats.

In the Revolutionary rolls, I find an Ebenezer Neal who enlisted from Meredith in 1777 for three years and died in battle in 1777. Newfield history gives one Ebenezer as a son of Walter[4] and Anna (Mattoon) Neal. He was their 5th child. (I do not see the connection between this Ebenezer and Walter's son.)

Joseph and John walked by spotted trees to Meredith. They bought 100 acres of land and cleared it and built a home. Later John sold his share to Joseph and bought other land.

Joseph Neal married Hannah Smith, daughter of Jeremiah

Smith and wife, Hannah Lock, 1743–1815. Jeremiah was a son of Daniel Smith and his second wife, Deborah Wicom, married in 1721. Daniel Smith was a grandson of Richard Smith, who came from Shropshire, England. Jeremiah Smith had a son, John Rice Smith, and a daughter, Nancy, who married Simeon Cate.

Samuel Neal and wife, 1733–1784, Elizabeth Haley, 1734–1785, of Stratham, buried in Piscassic Yard, now Newfield, had children:

Samuel, b. Mar. 22, 1755, in Stratham. He was a Revolutionary soldier.
Andrew, b. Jan. 19, 1758.
Jeremiah, b. Nov. 4, 1759.
Joseph, b. Mar. 23, 1762; d. 1851.
John, b. Mar. 10, 1764.
Elizabeth, b. May 29, 1768, m. Capt. William Ray.
Sarah, b. June 23, 1773.
Abigail, b. Jan. 29, 1775.
Deborah, b. Jan. 22, 1778.

Old Bible Records

Joseph Neal, 1762–1851, married Hannah Smith, 1770–1851, born in Meredith. Their children:

William, 1789–1830; was a carpenter and shipbuilder; single.
John, 1791–1864; m. Lois Mead, dau. of John Mead.
Elizabeth, 1793; m. Richard Neal, son of "Red Oak Joseph" and wife, Abigail.
Mary, 1795–1879; m. Joseph E. Robinson of New Castle. He d. 1854; she m., second, in 1862, Nathaniel Batcheldor.
Joseph, Jr., 1797–1855; m. Lucy Dow, 1804–1855, dau. of Ebenezer Dow and wife, Mary Sanborn.
Hannah S., 1801–1835; d. of consumption.
Smith, 1806–1887; m. Sarah Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Nicholas and wife, Lavina Smith.
Nancy, 1810–1854; m. Joshua Wiggin as his second wife.
Irene, 1813–1902; m. as second wife of Charles Smith in 1849. Charles Smith's first wife was Annis Smith. They had a dau. who m. —— Weeks. They had Isabel, b. 1857, and John H., b. 1859.

From Lois (Mead) Neal's Bible

John Neal, 1790–1864, married Lois Mead, 1798–1875. Their children:

Hannah S., 1815–1901; m. 1862 Rev. Mark True, 1815–1875.
Mary Jane, 1818–1839.
Son, d. young in 1818.
Martha, 1819–1824.
Betsey M., 1823–1854.
Darius J., 1824–1908; m. 1855 Frances Moody. She died 1893.
Martha A., 1828–1912; m. Eben S. Thompson as his second wife. He d. 1877.
Susan Maria, 1931–1817; d. in Stoneham, Mass.
John Mead, 1832–1924; m. Jane Wadleigh.
Harriet N., 1835–1926.
Ezra Dixi, 1839–1910; m. 1871 Lavina S. Leavitt, dau. of Isaac Leavitt.

Darius J. Neal married Frances Susan Moody of Canterbury. Their son:

Charles Ames, b. 1862 in Chicago; m. Melanie T. Norton. Their children: Elliot Jay, b. 1897; Kimball Ladd, b. 1900.

Martha A. Neal, born in 1828, married Eben S. Thompson in 1858 as his second wife. The first wife was Sarah Hanaford of New Hampton. She had a daughter, Eleanor, who died in California.

John Mead Neal, born in 1833, married Jane Wadleigh in 1860, she was born in 1833. Their daughter:

Emma Jane, b. 1863; m. Clarence Clark. Their children:
Helen N., b. 1901; m. Henry Bean.
C. Henry, b. 1902.
Harold J., b. 1906; m. Marion Cotton.

Sarah E. Neal, born in 1864; married in 1928, Edwin R. Taylor as his second wife.

John Frank Neal, born in 1867; married Margaret ———. One daughter, Phebe Neal.

Ezra Dixi Neal married Lavina S. Leavitt, born in 1871, daughter of Isaac Leavitt and wife, Sarah Smith, she was a daughter of Capt. Elish Smith. Their children:

Edith Leavitt, b. 1875; m. Charles Perine of Chicago. She d., leaving two children.
Grace L., b. 1878; m. Harry C. Mills. Three children.

Hannah Jane, born in 1829, daughter of Joseph Neal and wife, Lucy Dow, married Charles H. Roberts. They lived in Tamworth. Their children:

Joseph Neal, b. 1865; m. Pauline A. Davison. Their children:
Mary Jane, b. 1890 in Holderness.
Henry Joseph, b. 1893.
Frances Pauline, b. 1901.
Charles Hezekiah.
Dixi Guy.
Arthur Sidney.

William Neal, 1830–1875, was killed by a train at Bridgewater crossing in September, 1895. He married in 1863 Mary E. Smith, 1842–1892, daughter of Deacon Benjamin N. Smith. Their children:

Arthur Joseph, 1864–1882.
William Howard, b. 1871.
Bertha, b. 1873; m. Deacon Charles Eaton.

William Howard Neal, born in 1871, married in 1904 Lucy M. R. Neal, born in 1872, daughter of James Neal of Moultonborough. Their son:

William Joseph, b. Aug. 3, 1905, in Meredith.

Smith Lock Neal, 1840–1886, married Eliza Heath, 1841–1886; she was a daughter of Samuel R. Heath and wife, Mary A. Danforth. Smith Lock Neal was named for his grandmother, Hannah Lock, who married Jeremiah Smith (as my father told me). Their children:

Alice E., b. 1862; m. Frank W. Swain, 1898.
George Elmer, 1864–1927; m. Martha D. Moore, 1890, in Sherbrook.
Charles Everett, b. 1866; d.
Franklin P., b. 1870; m. Nellie M. Davis. Three children.
Clarence, 1873–1873.
Joseph Warren, b. 1874; m. Julia E. Barlow, b. 1883.

Franklin Pierce Neal married Nellie Davis. Their children:

Herbert F., b. 1894.
Clarence Ermah, b. 1898; m. Josephine D. Cutting, 1922.
Ralph D., b. 1900; m. Gladys S. White, 1922.

Clarence Ermah Neal married, in 1922, Josephine D. Cutting. Their children:

Nellie Davis, b. 1924.
Darrill Walter, b. 1928.

Ralph Davis Neal, born in 1900, married Gladys S. White in 1922. Their children:

Ronald Howard, b. 1923.
Elizabeth, b. 1925.
Ralph Frank, b. 1926.

Elizabeth Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, 1793–1870, married Richard Neal, 1787–1871. He was a son of "Red Oak" Joseph Neal. Their children:

Col. Joseph, 1812–1879, of Meredith, m. Elizabeth K. Gordon of New Hampton. They had a dau., Clara, 1846–1884, who m. Attorney George Hilton of New Jersey. No children.

Catherine, 1813–1890, dau. of Richard and Betsey Neal, m. Jonathan P. Norris, 1828–1895. Their children:
- Lucy C., b. 1847; d. young.
- Ellen, b. 1855; d. young.
- Ellen, m. —— Bartlett. One son, F. A. Bartlett.

Hannah, dau. of Richard and Betsey (Neal) Neal, m. Joseph M. Bean as his second wife. Their dau.:
- Ellen Catherine, b. 1858 in Gilmanton, m. Otis Clark of Manchester. Their dau., Carlie, m. Daniel Healey. They have two sons; live in West Medway, Mass.

Mary E., dau. of Richard and Betsey Neal, m. J. N. True, in 1823. Their children:
- Edward N., 1848–1865.
- Mary R., b. 1852; m. David Ambrose. They had one son, David Edward, b. 1892, m. 1912 V. Blanchard. Their children:
  - Adele Victoria, b. 1913.
  - Dorothy Blanchard, b. 1914.

Charles W., 1837–1892, son of Richard and Betsey Neal, m. 1864 Georgia Lamprey, dau. of Uriah Lamprey and wife, Abigail of Belmont. Their children:
- Abbie, 1868–1900, m. James Youngman.
- George Richard, b. 1872 in Meredith, m. 1900 Ada Maria Eastman, b. 1872 in Danbury. Their children:
  - Rachel Irene, b. 1902; m.
  - Charles Richard, b. 1905; a fine vocalist.
  - Robert John, 1907–1910.
  - Frederick Eastman, b. 1909.
  - George Franklin, b. 1910. The family live in Woburn, Mass.

Joseph[3] Neal, Jr., born in 1796, son of "White Oak" Joseph Neal and wife, Hannah Smith, born in 1838, married Lucy Dow, 1804–1854. She was a daughter of Ebenezer Dow and wife, Mary Sanborn of Epping. He was of Meredith. Their children:

Hannah Jane, 1829–1899.
William.
Lydia, 1832–1895; m. Gilman Whittaker in 1853. Their dau., Jennie, 1856–1882. Lived in Deering. N. H. All dead.
Smith Lock, 1840–1889.

Joseph Warren Neal, born in 1874, married, second, in 1903, Julia E. Barlow, born in 1883. Their children:

Arther Mortimer, b. 1903.
Louise Ray, b. 1907.
Elsie May, b. 1909; m. Richard T. Andrews. Their son, Neal Tyler Andrews, b. 1928.
Hazel Dell, b. 1912.

Smith Neal, 1806–1887 ("White Oak" Joseph and wife, Hannah Smith), married in 1852 Sarah Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Nicholas Smith and wife, Lavina (Smith) Smith. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born October 2, 1853, married John P. Hanaford.

In a deed dated May 17, 1629, from four Indian sagamores to John Wheelwright and others, recorded in York County records, Walter Neal is styled governor for the company of Laconia.

In 1631 Capt. Walter Neal was agent of Gorges, Mason and others for their patent including Portsmouth, Newcastle and Rye. He and his family (as early records) lived at Little Harbor, at the mouth of the Piscataqua River. As history states, he discovered the White Mountains, drove away pirates, hanged an Indian, and made a survey and map of the territory he governed. In 1634 he returned to England.

In 1683 another Walter Neal, called Captain, married Mary ———, was a freeholder in Portsmouth, and signed a petition to the King and was sent to England by Nathaniel Weare.

In 1785 Walter Neal and his brother, Enoch, went from Newmarket, N. H., and settled on the middle road in Parsonsfield, Maine.

Walter Neal (as Fitts), 1731–1820 (Walter [4], Samuel[3], Capt. Walter[1]), married Lydia, daughter of Abraham and wife, Eunice

(Sargent) Parsons, 1736–1829. Their children, born in Newmarket:

WALTER, b. 1756, a Revolutionary soldier; m. Martha Creighton.
LYDIA, m. Jerry Mason.
ENOCH, b. 1762; m. Nancy Towle. He d. 1817 in Parsonsfield, Maine.
NATHANIEL, m. May 29, 1800, Rachel, dau. of Capt. Thomas Folsom.

After the Revolution, Walter, who was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioneer, and his brother, Enoch, in 1779 (as history) went to Parsonsfield, Maine, and with their axes cleared land and settled on what is now called the "Middle Road," less than a mile apart, and their old homes are still standing, but passed into other names.

Walter Neal, 1756–1833 (as gravestones). His wife, Martha (Creighton) Neal, died in 1838, aged 90 years. Their son, Walter, Jr., m. Mary Shores of Kittery, Maine, b. Nov. 15, 1791, and d. 1887 in Newfield, with one of her youngest sons, William Neal.

Record of the family of Walter Neal, Jr., born July 23, 1791, and Polly (Mary), his wife, born November 14, 1791. Their children born at Parsonsfield, Maine:

NANCY HILTON, b. Sept. 11, 1814.
WALTER CREIGHTON, b. June 30, 1820.
MARY, b. June 15, 1822.
JOSEPH, b. Apr. 3, 1825.
GEORGE, b. July 28, 1827.
MARTHA, b. Sept. 23, 1829.
WILLIAM, b. Jan. 4, 1834.
STEPHEN SHORES, b. Apr. 22, 1835; d. 1835.

A true copy of the original handed me March 7, 1837. Book 1, page 61.

Attest by Tobias Ricker, Town Clerk, Parsonsfield, Maine.

Enoch Neal, 1762–1817, married in 1788, Nancy Towle, 1766–1840 (family records). Their children:

BETSEY, 1790–1842, m. Daniel Knapp in 1816. They had two children: Joshua Neal, m. Mary Wedgewood. They had a son, Enoch Wedgewood, who m. Elizabeth ——. Sally Knapp m. Josiah Wedgewood; lived in Parsonsfield.
NATHANIEL, m. 1800, Rachel, dau. of Capt. Thomas Folsom, b. 1769; lived in Tuftonboro.

Nancy Neal, born in 1814; died in Parsonsfield, Maine.

Enoch Neal, Jr., the fifth child and third son, was a farmer like his father, on the old homestead.

Enoch [3] Neal, 1803–1867, married in 1829, Nancy Lord, 1819–1882, daughter of Richard Lord and wife. Children:

Lorenzo, 1830–1857.

Enoch, m. Sarah Morrill, 1832–1857. They had a dau., Nellie, and a son that settled near Manchester, N. H.

Edgar, m. Matilda Hodsdon; lived near Boston, Mass.

Luther, 1886–1918, m. Eveline Rumsey, 1881–1910, of Effingham, dau. of John Rumsey, a highly respected man. Luther lived on Enoch's farm, and among his children were Luther of the third generation; C. L. Neal of Hiram, Maine, and Dr. John Neal of Portsmouth, who has recently d. John, m. Miss Lord. They had a son, Herbert, who lived in Sanford, Maine, also a son who lived at home and a dau. Hattie J., who d. 1887.

Charles, m. Hattie ———. They had a son, Otis, 1887–1894.

Lydia Ann, 1841–1841.

Neal Cemetery inscriptions: Charles Neal, died in 1864, aged 20 years; Robert, son of Moses and Alice (Neal) Chase, 1906–1910; Otis Neal, son of Charles and Hattie, 1887–1895.

Walter Neal

August 20, 1832, Walter Neal of Parsonsfield, Maine, 75 years of age, deposed:

That he enlisted in New Hampshire Militia in 1775 under Capt. James Hill, at Newmarket, N. H., marched to Portsmouth, where he staid a month; then enlisted under Captain Baker and marched to Great Island, Newcastle Harbor, a few miles beyond Portsmouth, where he was stationed till the last of December.

That they marched to Cambridge, Mass., where they remained until discharged February 25, 1776; six months.

That in August, 1776, he enlisted under Captain Gordon, marched to the Hudson River and served at Peekskill until December 12, 1776, being paid for four months.

That in August, 1777, he enlisted in Massachusetts Militia, under Captain Jenkins and Colonel Johnson, marched to Stillwater and, after the surrender of Burgoyne, was marched to White Plains, N. Y., where they were discharged the last of December, 1777, being paid for five months.

That October 7, about thirty men in his regiment were killed and three wounded in Captain Jenkins' Company.

That he was born in Newmarket, N. H., September 13, 1756; lived there when called into service; but has lived in Parsonsfield since 1779.

That he has no documentary proof of service, as he never received a written discharge; "but still has in his possession a journal made at the time of service and two original letters written at the time: one to him from his father, whose name was Walter, and one to his father, written by himself; also a sketch of the troops and ordnance, surrendered by General Burgoyne, given him by a Highland adjutant in Albany, and a memorandum of towns passed through, made at the time."

WALTER NEAL.

(The muster roll of Capt. Samuel Cook's Company, Colonel Woodbridge's Regiment, Massachusetts Militia, engaged till the last of November, 1777, endorsed with a minute of the British troops and foreigners killed and taken since the evacuation of Ticonderoga, signed by Walter Neal and Joseph Plaisted and dated November 24, 1777, was forwarded to the department with this application and sent the War Department, January 16, 1913.)

August 20, 1832, Josiah Colcord of Parsonsfield, Maine, testified that he lived in New Market, N. H., in 1775, 1776 and 1777 and was well acquainted with Walter Neal of New Market, N. H., served with him in 1775, under Capt. James Hill, and in the same regiment the rest of the term, but under Capt. Joseph Parsons, and also served in same regiment in 1777.

JAMES COLCORD.

August 20, 1832, Rufus McIntire testified to acquaintance with Walter Neal, for fifteen years or more; that the town records are in his possession and he finds the name of Walter Neal among the early settlers of the town.

RUFUS MCINTYRE.

Claim allowed and certificate of Maine agency was issued November 28, 1832. (Only Revolutionary pensioner named Walter Neal from any state.)

Part of a diary kept by Walter Neal, in 1776, sent on application:

NEWMARKET, September 30, 1776.

Upon our journey to New York the towns we passed through:

First Epping
2
3 Chesher
4 Lonnon Darry
5 Notting west
6 East Duenstable
7 West "
8 Grotan
9 Sherle
10 Lanster
11 Suseanten and then came into the Post Road Sest by Bemon's Tavern
12 Holden
13 Woster

14 Lustor 15 Spencer 16 Bruckfield
17 Woster 18 Kingstown
19 Willbraham 20 Springfield and then come into Connecticut.
21 Infield Woods; 13 miles thro
21 Winsor and then over Connecticut River, and then into herford city:
23 Weathersfield 24 Middletown
25 Wollinford 26 Northhaven 27 New Haven
28 Midford fairfield 30 Gransfarms 31 Norwock
32 Stanford and there drawed lowence and then we was orddered to horse neck and marched 8 miles and then come orders to turn away at the Right up to a Place called fishkill and got within a mile and then had orders to turn back to fishkill.

No mils back

from pickskill to flanks pint 5 mile and there we wass stashend there 14 dais Capt gerdon company Lieut gilman and 19 men had orders with 45 tories to fishkill and staid thare 5 dais and then Capt gorden and the rest of his men 80-order to Town Lefent gilman with his party at Fishkill: and there Capt gordens company was stashened in the coledg at fishkill, Capt Gorden and Lieut gilman and part of thair men went down to fourt consterhishen and staid there 5 dais and then Returned Back to the coledg again and staid there till our times wer out and so on

and a hill that we come up was seventy steps high up as stairs chamber

we seed a flock of sheep there was fine five and twenty hundred in that flock.

The places we have marched through in this year

Newmarket	Tucksbery
Exeter	Bilrike [Billerica]
Kingston	Bedford
Plastow	conkord
haverel	sudbrey
Bradford	Mulbry [Marlboro]
Andover	Woster

The names of the towns from the Fishkills to Wooster

1 To Kent in connecticut	25 miles
2 New Milford	8 Springfield
3 Litchfield	9 Palmer
4 Harrington	10 Western
5 Hartford	11 Kingston
6 Windsor	12 Spencer
7 Suffield	13 Lester
	14 Wooster

JNO. MCNAUGHTON 182"

Newbury	Hadley River
Bradford	crost coneticut
Boxford	Northampton
Andover	Chesterfield

tuxbery
Bilrickey
chanford
Westford
grotten
Shurley
Luenburg
filsbury
Westmister
templeton
Petershem
New Salem
Shuxbury
Hamherst
Worthington
Patridgefield
gageburer
New providence
East Husick
Williamstown
Pownal
Bennington
Shafsbary
Alleton
Sunderland
Manchester

This letter is dated at Fishkill in the Dutch Country in the State of New York, about 53 miles from the main army.

Der Farther & mother I take this opertunity For to inform you that I am well as I hoap these Lines will find you & desire to Be Remembered to all Enquiring Friends. coln Tash Regmen is in a veary good State of helth there is none sick in our company of 4 companys of our Regment is kept to guard up and Down hudsan's River a Bout 23 miles from main Body which is now at White Plains & the other companies of our Regiment is a Bout 30 miles Furder up where the congress Sets of this State, Our Duty is to protect them and guard the tories, I hav Ben in formed that Calup (?) michel and his Brother are wel, now our living his good & our Duty is not hard——Theophlis wiggins & Benja Pines is both well, So nothing more at present, But I Remain your Dutiful Sun till Death parts,——

WALTER NEAL

November ye 6, 1776

Addressed to
Walter Neal
at Newmarket.
In the State of Newhampshire with care and speed.

NEWMARKET, September 23, 1777

Dutiful Son

I received your Letter Dated Sept 4 and by it I understand that you are Well as We are at Present,

We have Nothing New at Present amongst us But the Defeat that Poor Bygoyn meet with——

All our friends and Relatives are well.

Do write to us the first opportunity
So no more at preasent
this from your Honored father

WALTER NEAL

Addressed to
Walter Neal
att Manchester
In Cap Jenkens Company, Col Tamsons Regiment.

Walter [2], an inhabitant of Portsmouth as early as 1653, and whose house stood in the part of the town that later was set off as Greenland, near the mouth of the Winnicut River, on Heard's Neck. This property was adjacent to that of Capt. Francis Champernowne and Samuel Haynes.

The first in America of the Neal name was the celebrated Capt. Walter Neal, one of Mason's stewards. He came on the ship "Warwick" in the spring of 1630 to Piscataqua and, as first records state, brought a family and was governor over Captain Mason's interests.

In 1631 when the whole plantation of New Hampshire was divided, he was given control of the Lower Plantation, which included Portsmouth, Rye, Newcastle, Newington and part of Greenland, while Capt. Thomas Wiggin had control of the Upper Plantation, which covered Dover, Durham, Newmarket, Stratham and part of Greenland.

In 1632 Dixy Bull with fifteen men had dismantled the fort at Pemaquid. Captain Neal equipped four pinnaces and shallops, manned them with forty men and joined with a barge from Boston, with twenty men, and sailed for Pemaquid, but owing to bad weather they did not meet the enemy and were forced to return. This was the first naval armament ever equipped for New Hampshire.

In 1632 Captain Neal, Henry Jocelyn and Darby Field discovered the White Mountains, in the Province of Laconia, and gave them the name of the "Crystal Hills." As history states, these were the first white men who ever set foot on the mountains.

Captain Walter was undoubtedly the father of Walter [2], as early records of the Colony state that Captain Walter brought a family, and Walter [2] occupied land over which the captain had control and was interested in.

Walter [2] Neal in 1653 resided on Heard's Neck, Portsmouth. In 1678 his son, Samuel Neal, appears, and in 1673 Walter [2] was styled lieutenant of Capt. James Pendleton's Company, and became a captain prior to 1692. His garrison is referred to in town records of 1692, in which Captain Nele of Greenland furnished ammunition to several garrisons. He was selectman, tythingman, one of the first members of the North Church of

Portsmouth, and was among a committee to regulate the seating in the church.

No record of anyone by the name of Neal is found except Captain Walter [2] and his son, Samuel. Captain Walter's wife's name was Mary Ayers, as records in 1661.

His pew in the North Church was assigned in front of the minister, and his son, Samuel, had a seat in the men's gallery. Walter [2] was a member when Nathaniel Rogers was ordained in 1699.

December 5, 1653, town records show that "it was granted unto Walter [2] Neal a lot of eight acres to his house upon the neck of land by Winnicotte River," commonly called John Heard's Neck, and later 50 acres were allotted him by the town.

Samuel [3], son of Captain Walter [2] and wife, Mary Neal, born at Greenland, June 14, 1661. He was admitted to the North Church at Portsmouth, November 29, 1694, and (as church records) had children: Thomas, Walter, Jeremiah, John, all baptized by Rev. Joshua Moody in 1695, and Joshua, baptized April 11, 1697. Jeremiah settled in Portsmouth and paid tax there in 1727. Joshua settled in Stratham, where he had a daughter, Olive, born December 15, 1721, by wife Abigail.

Walter [4] of the Newmarket line came from Portsmouth and settled in Exeter, where he married before 1717, Ann, daughter of Richard and Jane (Hilton) Mattoon. He was probably a son of Samuel who was baptized at Portsmouth, April 21, 1695. Children:

HUBARTUS [5], b. 1717; m. 1747 Mary, dau. of John and Rebecca (Smart) Perkins; d. Dec. 13, 1805. She d. June 18, 1806.
SAMUEL [5], b. 1720; m. Catherine Burley.
JOHN [5], b. Apr. 5, 1722, d. 1806; m. Lydia Wiggin.
ANN [5], 1724–1736.
EBENEEZER [5], b. 1726, m. first, Lydia Clark; m., second, Elizabeth Perkins.
WALTER [5], 1731–1820; m. Lydia Parsons.
DEBORAH [5], b. 1733; m. as second wife of Walter Wiggin of Stratham.
ANN [5], b. 1736; m. Joshua Robinson.

Hubartus [5], son of Walter and Ann (Mattoon), resided near Rockingham Junction. He was captain previous to 1775; signed the Association Test on 1776. His children were:

Bartholomew [6], b. 1748; d. young.
Hubartus [6], 1752–1815; m. 1774, Mary, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Glidden) Smith of the "Brick House" in Newmarket. He signed the Association Test with his father in 1776.
Molly [6], 1756–1760.
Enoch [6] 1762–1814; m. 1788, Nancy Towle; settled in Parsonsfield, Maine, and d. there.

Hubartus [6] and wife, Mary (Smith) Neal, lived on the homestead in Newmarket. Children:

John Glidden [7], b. 1775, m. Elizabeth Leavitt; settled in Maine. They had children: Mary Ann, Caroline, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Helen, who m. James Howard of Skowhegan, Maine.
Mary [7], b. 1784; m. Joseph Merrill.
Joseph Smith, b. 1788; m., first, Olive Ringe; m., second, Abner P. Stinson of Newmarket.
Andrew [7], 1792–1876; m. Sarah Bowker.
Ebeneezer [7], b. 1797; m. Mary Tarlton.

Both Hubartus [5] and Hubartus [6] Neal, with their wives, are buried in the Rockingham Junction Cemetery, with stones.

Supplement to Neal Family

Walter [4] Neal of Newmarket was the son of Samuel of Greenland. This fact has been established by records. It came through manuscripts, genealogy of the families of Hubartus Neal, Sr., and Col. Joseph Smith. Samuel [3] Neal, son of Captain Walter [2] of Greenland, married Jane Foss. He was a signer, with his father, to the petition desiring the jurisdiction of Massachusetts over the New Hampshire settlements in 1690.

Children of Samuel [3] Neal and Jane Foss:

Samuel [4], m. Hannah Lock; resided in Greenland.
Thomas [4].
Walter [4] of Newmarket.
Jeremiah [4].
John [4], m. —— Whitten.
Joshua [4].

Walter [4] Neal, son of Samuel [3], was born in Greenland in 1692. He was baptized by Rev. Joshua Moody of Portsmouth, 1695–1755. His will proved at Exeter, April 22, 1755. Hubartus [5], son of Walter [4], married in 1742, Mary Perkins.

Samuel [5], born in 1720, died April 8, 1760; married Catherine Burley (Bradley?) in 1739.

Ebeneezer [5], died April 15, 1805.

Deborah [5], born November 14, 1733.

Ann [5], born in 1736.

North Church Records, Portsmouth

April 21, 1695. Thomas, Walter, Jeremiah, John Neal, children of Samuel Neal and wife, Abigail Brier, admitted to the church, April 20, 1693.

Excerpts from Old Deeds and Wills

From the history of Parsonsfield, Maine

In a deed dated May 17, 1629, from four sagamores to John Wheelwright and others, recorded in York County, Maine, records, Walter Neal is styled governor for the company of "Laconia."

In 1631 Walter Neal was agent of Gorges Mason and others for their patent, including Portsmouth, Newcastle and Rye. He lived at Little Harbor at the mouth of the Piscataqua. He discovered the White Mountains, made a survey of and map of the territory he governed, drove away pirates, hung an Indian, and returned to England in 1634.

From "History of Kittery, Maine" by Stackpole

Capt. Walter Neal was a soldier for sometime before coming to Pascataqua in 1630. He was made captain of a London company of artillery, which office he retained until 1637. There is some trace of him at Plymouth, England, in 1639.

A Walter Neal, born in 1633, is mentioned often as living in Greenland, N. H., from 1653, from whom there are many descendants.

History tells us that Walter Neal came over on the "Pied Cow," and in an old book in Concord it states that he brought a family, among them several women, who were married by a magistrate after they stepped from the boat.

In 1673 Lieut. Walter Neal was in office and in 1689 he was captain of a military company of Portsmouth.

In 1683 Walter Neal, called captain, married Mary Ayers. He was a freeholder in Portsmouth and signed a petition to the King, and was sent to England by Nathaniel Weare.

On June 25, 1667, Walter Neal took oath of freeman.

In 1702 Walter Neal of Greenland deeded land to Samuel, "my grandson, he being the son of my son, Samuel."

In 1702 Walter Neal of Greenland willed to William Philbrook, who married Mary Neal, daughter of Walter, "land and buildings at Greenland, and my personal property at my decease."

In 1735 Walter Neal of Newmarket deeded land in Gilman Town to Robert and John Light.

Copy of Will of Walter Neal

In the name of God, Amen, I walter Neal of New Market, this 15th, day of April, 1755, in the 28th year of the reign of his Majesty King George, the Second, &c,—

ITEM. I give and bequeathe to my dear and well beloved wife the use and benefit of ½ of my dwelling house, viz the north end thereof along the river, and all the household goods, and all the provisions that are now in my home, and three cows, and five sheep and their lambs for her own, and the keeping of the cows and sheep, winter and summer, and their lambs, till they shall want hay. and two hundred weight of beef a year, and four barrells of cyder, and half the corn and grain which my son Walter shall raise upon the land, which I gave him, and the getting all her meal ground for her, which she shall yearly need for bread, and corn and what rum, sugar, and molasses she need, and the paying the Doctor's bills of which she shall need in sickness; all which is my will that my Ezec hereafter named should do, and provide for my wife as long as she lives, providing she accepts this my will to renounce or disclaim her dower or thirds.

ITEM, I bequeathe to each of my sons, Hubartus; Samuel; John; and Ebenezer fifty pounds old tenor to be pa'd by my Exec, hereafter named within ten years of my decease, and to my son John, I also give and bequeathe my common right at Spruce Swamp in Exeter; and I give and bequeathe also to my son Ebenr all the apple trees, and the land which is under them, which stand upon the land I bought of David Lyford.

ITEM, I give and bequeathe unto each of my beloved daughters, Deborah, and Anne, one hundred pounds old tenor, to be paid within four years, after my decease, if they dont marry before that time, but if they do marry sooner to be paid at the time of marriage, by my Exec, hereinafter named, and the north end of my house till they marry.

ITEM, I give and bequeathe unto my beloved son Walter, all my land buildings, mills, and all my estate, both personal and real which is not mentioned before in my will, and provision for burial etc.

(Signed) Walter Neal

Witnesses
Gideon Colcord
Jerusha Colcord

Note.

Inventory 50 acres of land.

1744. Walter Neal's wife was Ann Mattoon, she a daughter of Richard Mattoon.

1751. Walter Neal deeded land to son Ebeneezer Neal in Newmarket.

1763. Walter's son, Ebeneezer Neal of Stratham, received from Samuel Veasey and wife, Mary, Ebenezer's right one sixth part of Mary's estate that came from her father, Thomas of Stratham.

Ebenezer sold land in Epping, also land and buildings in New Market.

1737/8. Samuel Neal was apprenticed to Jonathan Wiggin. (This was Samuel[3].)

1755. Samuel Neal deeded to Walter and Margaret (Neal) Philbrook land and share in house in Greenland.

1756. In the will of Samuel Neal in Greenland his wife, Elizabeth (Haley) Neal, he gave Comfort, the wife of Francis Berry, his daughter; also daughter, Margaret, wife of Walter Philbrook; and Hannah Neal; also Ruhamah, wife of William Norton; also to Daniel and Samuel Neal Mason, sons of Elizabeth (Neal) Mason; James and Jonathan Neal Berry, sons of our late daughter, Genea Berry, and husband, Francis Berry.

1719. Joshua Neal of Portsmouth received from Joseph and Sarah Hill, land in Salem.

1760. In will of Joshua Neal of Stratham his wife, Abigail Haines, sister of Samuel Haines, also both children of their father, Samuel Legatees; Abigail, who married Samuel Cate; Elizabeth and Olive Griffith; a son-in-law, Thomas Veasey, his son a legatee, Joshua Veasey; and Stephen Cate, another grandchild.

1766. Hannah (Lock) Neal, daughter of Deacon William Lock and wife of Samuel Neal of Greenland, received from Daniel Mason, as legatee; also Francis Berry and Comfort Berry; Walter and Margaret Philbrook; William J. and Ruhamath Norton, land and buildings in Greenland, from the estate of Samuel Neal of Greenland.

John Neal of Loudon deeded to Samuel and Joseph Neal farm and buildings in Third Division No. 17, 95 acres in Meredith.

Ebenezer Smith deeded to Joseph Neal whole lot of land No. 16 in Meredith, excepting out of same, 60 rods in breadth, the northeasterly side of the same the whole length of the lot whereon Jacob Bunker lives, excepting the road laid out through said land sold to Joseph Neal, and to have the rangeway at the easterly end

of the land sold as set off by the selectmen of Meredith for said road. Joseph Neal paid for above 45 pounds, 18 shillings. Dated April 30, 1789.

PORTSMOUTH LAND GRANTS AND SURVEYS, JULY 10, 1655

It is further granted unto Walter [11] Neal for an out lot, 50 acres of land laid out by the captain's lot. As granted this lot was near Winicut River at the bottom of the Great Bay.

Walter [11] Nealle, this 22 of July 1655, his home lot, doth extend from goodman hayens, his fence due north, and by east unto Winicout Riuer, leaning a way from Captain Champernounes, between his housesses, where he formerly wente: he has allowed 50 acres by ye towne.

Captain Walter [11] Neal, on July 22, 1665, was selectman, also to 1688. He married Mary ——— of Greenland parish in Portsmouth. In 1673 he was one of a committee to help establish Massachusetts. In 1693 he was one of the men to help in the seating of the people in the Old North Church, or Meeting House, in Portsmouth, and he was captain of a company of Portsmouth men in 1708.

May 24, 1671, in the "Point of Graves" Cemetery, Portsmouth, Walter Neal had a division. This was half an acre of land in which several men had a share, and Walter Neal shared with fourteen others for his share. He was credited 15 shillings.

In 169 3/4, in the allotment of seats in the North Church, Sam [11] Nele had a seat; also his wife, Abigail (Brier) Nele, in Portsmouth, had a seat. The children of Sam [11] Nele and wife, Abigail, were admitted to the North Church: Thomas, Walter, Jeremiah and John.

In the North Church records of 1697 was Joshua Neal, son of Samuel Neal, who was admitted to the church in 1697.

In 1671–1697, as North Church records, Walter Neal was a member; also Sam Neal was admitted in 1695. (This looks as though Walter had died, and is buried in the "Point of Graves" yard, in lot No. 14.)

Walter [4] Neal (Samuel [3], Walter [2], Capt. Walter), born in 1692, married January 17, 1715, Anne Mattoon, daughter of Richard. He died in 1755; she died in 1756. Their children:

HUBARTUS, b. Oct. 22, 1718; m. Mary Perkins.
SAMUEL, b. Mar. 26, 1720; d. 1734.

Ebenezer, b. Jan. 18, 1726; m. Eliza Perkins; second, Lydia Clark.
Walter, b. June 22, 1731; m. Lydia Parsons.
Deborah B., b. 1733; m. Walter Wiggin.
Ann, b. Nov. 13, 1736; m. Joshua Robinson.

Samuel [5] Neal (Walter [4], Samuel [3], Walter [2], Capt. Walter), born March 26, 1720, married Catherine Bradley. Their children:

William [6], a Revolutionary soldier.
John.
Joseph [6] (called "Red Oak" Joseph), m. Nancy Perkins. (She was called "Kitty.")
Mary, m. Walter Philbrick.

Samuel, born June 8, 1749, married Abigail Conner. They are buried in Newfield. This Samuel was a son of Samuel of Kittery and wife, Hannah Locke.

Samuel [3], born in 1661, married Jane Foss. Walter [2] (Capt. Walter) and wife, Mary, who came to America in 1631 with a family (as first records in Concord), and had some 50 men with him, settled in Greenland Point or Little Harbor. They came on the "Warwick." Capt. Walter was agent for the London Company. He was called back to England, as history states, and left goats, malt and other things, and returned to England. (No record that he ever returned to America.)

Joseph Neal (called "Red Oak" Joseph for distinction), 1759–1836, was a son of Samuel. When he was 16 years old he ran away from home and enlisted in the Revolutionary War. Later he was discharged and went home, and married Lydia Perkins (called "Kitty"). They had a son, John, born in Stratham. The wife died in 1734. He married, second, Nancy Perkins, and they came to Meredith and settled on what was later the Richard Neal farm on Neal Hill.

After John, the son, grew up, he married Betsey, daughter of William Wadleigh, and lived on what is now called "Green Acres" farm. They had children that are buried on the southwest corner of the field.

Children of Joseph Neal and his second wife, Nancy Perkins:

Lydia, m. William Wadleigh.
Deborah, m. John S. Moulton.
Nancy, m. James Wadleigh.

Polly, m. Stephen Wadleigh.
Olive, m. Stephen Wadleigh as his second wife.
Adeline, m. Ebenezer Chapman.

Richard Neal married Elizabeth Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, she born in 1795. Their children:

Col. Joseph, 1813–1879; m. Elizabeth Gordon, 1819–1881. Their dau., Clara, 1846–1894, m. George Hilton, a lawyer of Meredith, and later of Paterson, N. J.
Catherine, 1818–1875; m. Jonathan Perkins Norris, 1808–1875. Their dau., Julia, 1844–1890, m. David Whicher, 1831–1915. Their children:
Lucy, d. young.
Ellen W., m. Frank Bartlett. Their son, Norris P.
Hannah, b. 1821; m. Joseph M. Bean as his second wife. Their dau., Ellen C., b. 1858, m. Otis Clark of Manchester. Their dau., Carlie, m. Daniel Healey. They have two sons.
Mary E., b. 1823; m. J. N. True, 1823–1912. Their children:
Edward N., 1848–1865.
Mary R., b. 1852; m. David Ambrose. Their son, David Edward, b. 1892, m. A. V. Blanchard. (See family.)
Charles, 1837–1892; m. Georgia Lamprey of Belmont. Their children:
Abbie, 1869–1900; m. James Youngman.
George Richard, 1872; m. Ada M. Eastman, b. 1872. Their children: Rachel I., b. 1902; Charles R., b. 1904; Robert J., b. 1907; Fred E., b. 1909; George F., b. 1910.

Samuel Neal and wife, Elizabeth Haley, settled in Stratham, near "Frying Pan Lane." Their children:

Samuel, b. Mar. 22, 1755.
Andrew, b. Jan. 19, 1758.
Jeremiah, b. Nov. 4, 1759.
Joseph (called "White Oak" Joseph), b. Mar. 25, 1762; m. Hannah Smith of Meredith. He and John walked by spotted trees to Meredith and there bought land.
John, b. Mar. 10, 1764.
Elizabeth, b. May 29, 1766; m. Capt. William Ray.
Mary, b. June 1, 1770.
Abigail, b. Jan. 29, 1773.
Sarah, b. Jan., 1775.
Deborah, b. Jan. 22, 1779.

Joseph Neal

("White Oak" Joseph)

From information gathered from various items, notes, family records, and tradition through our parents, Samuel Neal [3], who married Elizabeth Haley in 1754 and served in the Revolutionary War, was the son of Samuel [2], who married Elizabeth Lock in 1710, and the daughter of Deacon William Lock. Samuel [2] served in the French and Indian War. He was a grandson, twice removed, of Walter Neal of Provincial days and who did much to help establish New Hampshire as a State.

Samuel [3] Neal lived near "Frying Pan Lane," so-called, in Stratham. There was much controversy about laying out roads in early days of "driftways," "Frying Pan Lane" being one of them, which was so narrow that two teams could not pass, and running to the Exeter Road, through gates, and from the by-ways, down to "Thresher's Lane," where they had to ford streams, as there were few bridges in those days. The middle road was called "Drinkwater Road," so-called because early records state that a man walked down through the whole length, asking at every home for a drink of cider and in every case was given water. He said: "This must be Drinkwater Road."

Samuel [3] Neal and wife, Elizabeth Haley, had ten children. Among the family were Joseph and John. Tradition tells they were very poor, as most of the early settlers were in those days, and Joseph was bound out, as records state, to Mr. Wiggin for some years. After serving his apprenticeship he and his brother John went to Boston and worked for a time; then, hearing of good land in Meredith, recently laid out, they walked up, following spotted trees, and settled in the wilderness, bought lot No. 4, and hewed lumber to build a shelter near "The Smile of the Great Spirit."

In 1797 the selectmen of Meredith laid out a road, described as from a "birch tree, in the First Range, by Simeon Cate's corner on the Wares Road, to run north on the 'Old Cart Path,' through Joseph Neal's paster to Joseph Neal's 'Pond Lot' (100 acres)," the present John Neal farm on the Daniel Webster Highway. Soon after this another road was laid out on a "bridle path," across from the present highway, passing the Joseph Neal home to the "Old Province Road."

After building a home Joseph Neal married Hannah, daughter of Jeremiah Smith and wife. They raised nine children, and among them was Joseph, Jr., who was one of the deacons of the first church in Meredith, situated on the Parade. History tells us that they had what was called a "tidy man"; he had a long pole with rabbit's ears tied on the end. The sermons were long in those days, and the men were weary from hard work and sometimes fell asleep. It was the duty of this "tidy man" to walk around and brush the rabbit's ears across their faces to waken them. (Some of this information comes from William H. Neal, who is much interested in the history of old Meredith.)

Many Revolutionary soldiers who had meagre government pensions settled in this locality, as land was good.

Joseph Neal who had raised his stock, had six oxen, with which he went "to market" twice a year, taking along any provisions, such as beef and pork, that they had raised. He traded these for supplies needed in the homes, such as salt fish, salt, molasses, tobacco, and usually a barrel of rum was included to be distributed among the farmers. (In those days of "long ago" it was not considered courtesy, if the minister called, not to give him a little tonic.) These pioneers also felt that they needed a little in haying time, at barn raising, which was quite an event in early days; also in early spring, when they polled rafts of logs to a sawmill to be prepared into lumber for building, which often reached far into the night. It was sometimes hard to keep the logs from getting away, and the men usually came home chilled and wet from head to feet. Then they took a little that was held in reserve for sickness or chills. Another time when it was used was at the annual "sheep washing," when they had a neighborhood place to wash their sheep and clean the wool. In the Charles Wiggin pasture, on a clean ledge, they ran the water from the brook through a wooden spout from the brook near by. After the sheep had their bath they were sheared, and the "gude" housewife carded the fleeces by hand into rolls and spun and wove the wool into cloth for clothing and yarn for knitting hose for her family. The girls had their share of knitting for the family.

John Neal, the brother of "White Oak" Joseph, who came up into the wilderness by spotted trees, settled for a time near by, but the lure of cheaper land enticed him to go farther north and settle. He married a daughter of Capt. William Ray, who was a Revolu-

tionary soldier, and lived in a pole house for a time, on Lot No. 3, where the N. H. State papers state that he had eight acres cleared, and four in his family. Capt. William Ray married a sister of Joseph Neal, and he and his wife rest in the old Neal yard with two children on the old farm. After he and his wife died, the sons, not having land enough to live on, went to Ellsworth for a time and later came farther south for better land. The older Ray boys are buried in different towns. The descendants live in West Rumney, and have there raised a family.

Another Joseph Neal, who was born in Newmarket, then a part of Stratham, was a cousin to the previous Joseph Neal. (History states that when he was sixteen, he ran away from home and enlisted in the Revolution. After he came home he also went to Meredith and settled on the Center Harbor Road, at the top of Neal Hill, where three generations lived after him.

There being two Joseph Neals living near each other in Meredith, for distinction the people called the latter one "Red Oak" Joseph Neal and the first one "White Oak" Joseph Neal. Tradition says that these epithets were used on account of the wood or lumber that grew on their farms.

"Red Oak" Joseph Neal had a son, Richard, who was a prominent man in town affairs. He married Betsey (Elizabeth) Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal and wife, Hannah (Smith) Neal. His grandson, George Richard Neal, is employed by the Standard Oil Co. and lives in Woburn, Mass. He is the last Neal of that branch of the family.

A descendant of "White Oak" Joseph Neal is William Howard Neal, who lives in Meredith on Neal Hill. He is a noted stock raiser, and has won many blue ribbons and silver cups for premiums. He has also helped much with the ancestry of many of the Meredith families in these annals of Meredith.

Another descendant of "White Oak" Joseph Neal is John Frank Neal, who has been employed for some years by the Standard Oil Co.

Joseph Neal ("White Oak" Joseph), of Meredith, was a son of Samuel[3] Neal and wife, Elizabeth Haley, who was called the "King of the Shoals." Joseph Neal, 1762–1851, married Hannah, 1771–1851, daughter of Jeremiah Smith. (See Smith.) Their children:

William, 1789–1830. He was a ship carpenter.

John, 1790–1864; m. Lois Mead, 1795–1875, dau. of John Mead. Their children:

Hannah, 1815–1901.

Mary Jane, 1817–1839.

Son, 1818–1818.

Martha, 1819–1824.

Betsey M., 1822–1908.

Darius J., 1824–1908. He m. Frances S. Elliott in Canterbury; they resided in Chicago. Their son, Charles Ames, b. 1862, m. Melanie F. Norton. Two sons, Elliott, b. 1897; Kimball Ladd, b. 1900.

Martha A., 1828–1914; m. Eben S. Thompson as his second wife. His first wife was Sarah Hanaford. She had a dau., Eleanor, who m. Rev. Nathan Palmeter.

Susan Maria, b. 1831; single.

John Mead, b. 1833; m. Jane Wadleigh. Their children:

Emma Jane, b. 1863; m. 1897 Clarence Clark, b. 1866. Their children: Helen, b. 1901, m. Fred Bean; C. Henry, b. 1902; Harold, b. 1906; m. Marion Cotton, b. 1909.

Sarah Jane, b. 1864; m. Edward Taylor, b. 1862; she his second wife.

John Frank, b. 1867; m. Margaret S. Murray, b. 1887. They have one dau., Phebe, b. 1921.

Harriet, 1835–1927.

Ezra D., 1839–1910; m. Lavina S. Leavitt, 1871, dau. of Isaac Leavitt and wife, Sarah Smith. Their children:

Edith L., 1875–1916; m. Charles H. Perrine, a professor in Chicago. Their children: Judith Grace, b. 1908; Dudley Neal, b. 1914.

Grace L., m. Harry C. Mills. He d. Their children: Harry N., b. 1904; Charles E., b. 1906; Lois, b. 1910.

Elizabeth, 1793–1836, dau. of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, m. Richard Neal, son of "Red Oak" Joseph Neal and wife, Abigail. "Red Oak" Joseph Neal m., first, Lydia Perkins, called "Kitty." She d. leaving a son., John, b. in Stratham, who came to Meredith with his father and m. Betsey Wadleigh, dau. of William Wadleigh. They lived on what is now called "Green Acres," and tradition says the family are buried there in the southwest corner of the field. "Red Oak" Joseph Neal m., second, Nancy Perkins. Children:

Richard, m. Elizabeth Neal, dau. of "White Oak" Joseph Neal.

Lydia, m. William Wadleigh of Meredith.
Deborah, m. John S. Moulton.
Nancy, m. James Wadleigh.
Polly (Mary), m. Stephen Wadleigh.
Olive, m. Stephen Wadleigh as his second wife.
Adeline, m. Ebenezer Chapman.

Children of Richard Neal and wife, Betsey (Neal) Neal:

Col. Joseph, 1812–1879; m. Elizabeth Gordon. Their dau., Clara, m. George Hilton; lived in Paterson, N. J.

Catherine, 1818–1876; m. Jonathan P. Norris, 1808–1875. Their dau., Julia, 1844–1890, m. David Whicher. They had a son, Norris Bartlett Whicher.

Hannah, m. Joseph M. Bean in 1853. Their dau., Ellen Catherine, b. 1858, m. Otis Clark of Manchester. They had a dau., Carlie, who m. Daniel Healy. They have two sons.

Mary E., 1823–1912; m. J. N. True. Their children: Edward N. and Mary R. b. 1852, m. David Ambrose. Their son, Edward Ambrose, m. Victorine Blanchard. Their children: Adele Victoria, b. 1913; Dorothy, b. 1914; David G., b. 1915; Paul T., b. 1920.

Charles, m. Georgia Lamprey of Belmont, N. H. Their children: Abbie, 1868–1900, m. James Youngman; George Richard, b. 1872, m. Ada M. Eastman, b. 1872. Their children: Rachel Irene b, 1902; Charles Richard, b. 1902; Robert John, 1907–1910; Frederick E., b. 1909; George Franklin, b. 1910.

Mary, 1795–1879; m. Joseph E. Robinson of Portsmouth. He d. 1854; she m., second, Nath [1] Batchelder, and lived in Meredith Village and there died.

Joseph, 1797–1854; m. Lucy Dow, dau. of Ebenezer Dow, the Revolutionary soldier. Their children:

Hannah Jane, 1829–1899; m. Charles C. Roberts, son of Joseph Roberts and wife, Mary (Daniels) Roberts. They lived in Tamworth, N. H. Children:

Lucy Jane, 1859–1859.
Charles H., 1860–1913.
Joseph Neal, 1862–1862.
Joseph Neal, b. 1865.
Arthur, 1869–1916.
Dixie Guy, b. 1874.

William, b. 1830; m. Mary Esther Smith, dau. of Deacon Benjamin Smith of Sanbornton, 1842–1892. William Neal was killed by a train at Bridgewater,

going home from the fair at Plymouth in 1895. Their children:

Arthur J., 1864–1882.

William Howard, b. 1871; m. Lucy M. R. Neal, b. 1872, dau. of James H. Neal and wife, Adeliza J. Copp. Their son, William Joseph, b. 1905. W. H. Neal and son are noted stockmen.

Bertha, b. 1873; m. Deacon Charles H. Eaton of Meredith, N. H.

Lydia, b. 1832; m. Gilman Whittaker. They had a dau., d.

Smith Lock, 1840–1889; m. Eliza Heath. Their children:

Alice E., b. 1862; m. Frank Swain.

George Elmer, b. 1864; m. Mattie Moore.

Charles E., b. 1856.

Frank P., b. 1870; m. Nellie M. Davis. Their children:

Herbert Frank, b. 1894.

Clarence E., b. 1898; m. Josephine Cutting. Their children: Nellie Davis, b. 1924; Darrell Walter, b. 1928.

Ralph Davis, b. 1900; m. Gladys White, b. 1902, dau. of Rev. Howard White and wife, Nellie (Lincoln) White. Their children: Roland, b. 1923; Elisabeth, b. 1925; Ralph, b. 1927.

Hannah S., 1799–1855; lived single.

Smith, 1806–1887; m. Sarah Elizabeth Smith of New Hampton, dau. of Nicholas Smith and wife, Lavina Smith. (See Smiths.) Their dau., Mary Elizabeth, b. 1853; m. John P. Hanaford. (See Smiths.)

Nancy, 1810–1854; m. Joshua Wiggin.

Irene, 1813–1902; m. Charles Smith; lived in Meredith.

THE JOHN MEAD NEAL REUNION OF FAMILY IN 1898

By Mattie (Neal) Thompson

At the homestead on the hillside, what a group of children—eleven:
A babe, a child, two older sisters died, and left our number seven;
Years sped on, some went, some tilled the soil, and kept the home,
Father, mother still abiding, with no thought or wish to roam.

At the homestead on the hillside, see that group gathered today;
To recount, remember, life's events through all the way.
Father born in 'seventeen-ninety, mother born in 'ninety-five;
Mother died at almost fourscore, father almost seventy-five.

Days have sped like weavers' shuttles, filling in life's varied woof,
Days of sunshine, days of shadow, since we left this sheltering roof;
Past the goodly age of fourscore, past the threescore and ten—
Stepping briskly through the 'sixties, girls and boys, now women, men.

Do we dream the babe we tended, thought him cunning, handsome, fine;
Stands among us, gray-haired deacon, born in 'eighteen thirty-nine.
What a record, what a history, reaching through a century;
Joy and gladness—pain and sadness—has it brought this family.

'Neath this well-kept roof we gather, cross the threshold as of yore,
To the hill, the brook, the orchard, to the field, the woods, the shore
Of the Lake Winnipesaukee, scrambling over rocks and sand;
Well we knew each rock, tree, brooklet, every spot in father-land.

Hills and rocks, brook, field and woodland, greet us smiling verdant still;
We forget life's uphill journey, dreams of youth our pulses thrill.
From the hilltop, in the pasture, finer landscape few have seen—
Sparkling lake, dotted with islands, distant mountains draped in green.

Golden sunsets; oft we tarried till the sun was sinking low,
As it lingered for a moment, lovingly its rays to throw
O'er the landscape, lake and mountains, o'er the clouds, the sky so bright,
Ere it kissed the far horizon, brightly, tenderly, good night.

From the zenith to the horizon, what a picture to behold,
Rainbow tints blending and fading, to a sky of blue and gold;
Oh the pictures vivid, lifelike, photographed on memories wall,
Like a living panorama, we review them one and all.

But the orchard, "gate tree," "bar tree," "father's stripe tree," "mother's
Old sweet tree" in the corner, where we used to sit and eat—
All are gone, trees young and old, yield the fruit we pick today;
Few decrepit, scattered broken, stand the old trees by the way.

We have come each single-handed, girl nor boy brings back their mate;
One by one they passed before us, on the other shore they wait.
We shall part, no more to gather, all our sacred number seven,
Till we meet, life's journey over, all our loved ones, safe in Heaven.

Joshua Neal

April 14, 1818, Joshua Neal, born in 1756 at Tuftonborough, Strafford County, N. H., age 62 years, deposed:

That he enlisted in August, 1776, in New Hampshire under Capt. Calef, Col. Pierce Long, New Hampshire troops, for one year; served out his term and was discharged at Stillwater, N. Y., in August, 1777;

That he was in several skirmishes at Ticonderoga, and also at Patterson's Island in the Hudson on the retreat from Ticonderoga in 1777.

November 17, 1819, Mark Wiggin of Wolfborough, N. H., 74 years of age, testified that he saw Joshua Neal in service, on the retreat from Ticonderoga, in July, 1777, and has no doubt that Neal served until the regiment was discharged, August 8, 1777, at Stillwater, N. Y.

I commanded the First Company, in said regiment, and was present with my company until the regiment was discharged, and was well acquainted with Joshua Neal.

MARK WIGGIN.

October 29, 1819, Richard Lock of Rye, N. H., "late a private in Revolutionary War," testified to personal knowledge of Joshua Neal's service, as he saw him frequently while in service.

RICHARD LOCK.

Claim allowed, and certificate issued under Act of March 18, 1818.

July 11, 1820, Joshua Neal of Tuftonborough, N. H., 64 years of age, testified that he has in his family a wife (no name given), 64 years of age.

Pension continued.

(Only Revolutionary pensioner named Joshua Neal from any State.)

Joshua Neal, born June 23, 1756, died November 4, 1840; married Mary Tarlton, born August 12, 1756, died December 10, 1825. (Elias [3], Elias [2], Richard Tarlton [1]. Their children:

BETSEY (ELIZABETH), b. May 2, 1777; d. Jan. 18, 1861.
RICHARD, b. Dec. 9, 1779; d. Jan. 4, 1780.
HANNAH, b. Mar. 22, 1781; d. Aug. 23, 1865.
MARY, b. Dec. 15, 1782; d. Apr. 1, 1786.
MEHITABLE BERRY, b. July 17, 1785; d. Oct. 24, 1870.
POLLY (MARY), b. June 26, 1791; d. 1844/5.
JOHN, b. Oct. 13, 1793; d. Sept. 23, 1855.

John Neal married Nabby Hussey, born September 28, 1789; died May 9, 1872. Their children:

RICHARD B., b. Mar. 13, 1820; d. Sept. 25, 1890; m. Nancy Piper Kelsey.
THOMAS W., b. May 6, 1822; d. Nov. 27, 1880; m. Tryphena Kelsey.
JOHN L., b. Nov. 3, 1827; d. Oct. 28, 1877; m. Lydia A. Scott.
JOSHUA A., b. Oct. 14, 1827; d. Oct. 14, 1887; m. Angeline Bernel.
MARY A., b. Apr. 13, 1832; d. Feb. 23, 1861.
JAMES H., b. Jan. 29, 1835; d. Nov. 13, 1860; m. Nov. 13, Adeliza Copp, b. Apr. 4, 1835; d. Nov. 20, 1913; she a dau.

of Isaac N. Copp and wife, Hannah Rogers. Their children:

John, b. Mar. 6, 1863, in Tuftonboro.
Frederick W., b. Mar. 9, 1865; mar. Oct. 7, 1897, Anna A. Roberts of Dover.
Isaac B., b. Mar. 9, 1866.
Lucy W. R., b. Nov. 1, 1872; m. William Howard Neal of Meredith. Their son, William Joseph, b. Aug. 3. 1905.

Isaac N. Copp and wife, Hannah Rogers. Their children:

Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 3, 1831; d. Jan. 6, 1834.
Adeliza J., b. Apr. 4, 1835; d. Nov. 13, 1860. She m. James H. Neal. He was b. in Tuftonboro, Jan. 29, 1835.
William R., b. July 4, 1728; d. Apr. 6, 1752.

Richard Tarlton, Whose Daughter, Mary, Married Joshua Neal

Richard Tarlton, born August 12, 1728; married September 2, 1752. Mary (His Comfort), born Dec. 20, 1727. Their children:

Mary, b. June 2, 1753; d. Apr. 13, 1755.
Mary [2], b. Aug. 12, 1756; d. 1825; m. Joshua Neal.
Elizabeth, b. June 9, 1758; m. Aug. 11, 1758.
John, b. Oct. 2, 1762; m. Jan. 11, 1763.
Hannah, b. May 20, 1764.
Ruth, b. June 2, 1769.

Hannah Rogers, Who Married Isaac N. Copp

William Rogers, born February 8, 1756, died in 1810; married in 1780 Mary Chamberline, born May 5, 1760; she died September 10, 1795. Their children:

John, b. Apr. 22, 1781; d. Feb. 1, 1807.
Eleanor, b. Mar. 2, 1783; d. Sept. 6, 1819.
William C., b. Jan. 13, 1785; d. Nov. 16, 1852.
Nathaniel, b. Dec. 12, 1786; d. Nov. 19, 1848.
David, b. Mar. 9, 1789; d. Aug. 16, 1823.
Mary, b. Jan. 10, 1792; d. June 4, 1845.
Mary Conner, b. July 7, 1796; d. Apr. 18, 1844; m. Nov. 10, 1767.
James, b. Jan. 2, 1798; d. Dec. 30, 1878.
Samuel C., b. Aug. 24, 1799; d. Apr. 26, 1861.
Nancy, b. June 20, 1802; d. Dec., 1860.
Susan, b. June 20, 1804.

Hannah, b. Apr. 23, 1806; d. Nov. 12, 1884; m. Isaac N. Copp.
Jane, b. Oct. 30, 1808; d. Sept. 17, 1810.
Phoebe C., b. Sept. 3, 1810; d. Mar. 6, 1855.

William H. Copp and wife, Elizabeth Blake of Tuftonboro. Their children:

Belinda, b. Oct. 12, 1796; d. Oct. 4, 1854; m. James Canney.
Lydia, b. Dec. 16, 1798; d. Mar. 2, 1881; m. Jonathan Burley.
Isaac N., b. Dec. 31, 1800; d. May 14, 1887; m. Nov. 15, 1827, in Tuftonboro, Hannah Rogers, dau. of William Rogers and wife, Mary Chamberline.
John L., b. Mar. 14, 1804; d. Nov. 14, 1804.
Elizabeth A., b. Oct. 11, 1805; d. Mar. 26, 1872; m. John Fox, 1827.
William, b. Apr. 22, 1807; d. Sept. 24, 1857; m. Hannah Morrill, Nov., 1831, in Tuftonboro.
Dearborn, b. Mar. 10, 1811; d. Mar. 4, 1896; m. Elizabeth Burley.
Martha A., b. Apr. 6, 1814; d. July 7, 1871.
Arvilla, b. June 20, 1816; d. Aug. 25, 1854; m. George W. Piper, 1835.
Langdon, b. Sept. 27, 1817; d. May 23, 1848; m. Sarah A. Burley.

NEALLEY

William Nealley was the ancestor of the family who settled in Nottingham about 1725. He was one of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, or Puritans, who landed in Boston, and one of the first settlers in Londonderry. He had four sons and one daughter: William J. Mathew and John.

Mathew was born in Nottingham. He proved a smart man and became a large land holder. He had sons, Joseph and ———

Andrew Nealley died in 1865 at Meredith from a fractured spine, after a fall. He was a Revolutionary soldier; enlisted from Nottingham; was in Capt. Henry Dearbon's Company at Bunker Hill. He married Mary B. Chapman. They had a son, John, 1819–1884; born in Northwood; died in Meredith on the farm owned by him and his father, Andrew Nealley. They settled in Meredith on the Old Province Road, beyond the Batchelder and Pease farms.

Deacon Andrew Nealley, 1790–1865 (date of birth wrong, if a

Revolutionary soldier). Their daughter, Mary, married Calvin Wadleigh. Jane died young.

John Nealley, 1819–1884, married Elizabeth Kelley, born on Kelley Hill in New Hampton, 1823–1888. Christopher lived single.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Kelley) Nealley had a brother, William C. Kelley, who married Hattie King of Franklin. The mother died and Deacon Andrew Nealley and wife took the babe and brought her up (Fannie Kelley, born 1864) and educated her. She married Marvin Brown. She died in 1931.

The Nealley farm was sold, and 100 acres went with the house. The place was sold to Miss Arnold and called "Clover Ridge Farm." It is to be the future regional estate of the New England Girl Scouts for a summer camp on the "Old Province Road."

NICHOLS

Robert Nichols and wife were killed by the Indians in 1675 in Saco, Maine. He was a soldier in King Phillip's War.

In Elizabeth Lok's will (widow of Henry Lok, 1551) she mentions Elizabeth and Robert Nichols as descendants.

In the History of Candia it mentions William [1] and Mary Nichols of Topsfield, Mass.

John [2] and Lydia of Topsfield had a son, Thomas [3], baptized 1669/70, who married in Salem, Mass., in 1694, Joanna Towne. Their son, Isaac [4], baptized in Salem in 1701, married in 1727/8, Sarah Wilkins. They settled in Sutton, Mass. Their son, William [5], born in 1739, married in 1760, Kezia Fitts. Their son, Robert [6], born at Oxford, Mass., August 2, 1773, married in Royalton, Mass., 1796, Esther, daughter of Capt. Gad Pierce and wife, Mary Foster. Their son, Gad Pierce, born in 1799, married Hannah Chapman in Meredith, near Camp Anawan, near Cass Hill.

Robert More Nichols died April 2, 1879; he married Huldah Jane Fogg. They are buried in Meredith Village Cemetery at Meredith. Their children:

Sarah Jane, b. 1842, m. Dr. John P. Elkins, b. in New Durham. He was a physician in Elkins (the town named for him). He d. in 1895. They adopted a girl whose birth name was Bertha Mastin, adopted as Elkins. She has a brother, Frank Mastin of Hill, N. H.

George Franklin, 1844–1862.
James Edwin, 1845–1914; m. Elizabeth Greege of New York City.

James Edwin Nichols was one of the founders and for thirty years the head of what was said to be the largest grocery house in the United States. The firm name was Austin, Nichols & Co. He gave the town of Center Harbor a beautiful library building, in memory of his father and mother.

Robert M. Nichols and wife, Huldah Jane Fogg Nichols, were respected citizens. He had a strong personality and his counsel was valued high as a merchant, banker and citizen. His life and character were an inspiration to his fellowmen. He died in Austria, leaving a wife and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane (Nichols) Elkins. She died in Laconia at her home there, and was laid to rest at Elkins with her husband. When Mr. Nichols was a young man he worked in the Folsom & Smith store in Laconia for a time.

Robert More Nichols, 1807–1873, married Huldah Jane Fogg. They are buried in Meredith Village Cemetery. Their children:

Sarah Jane, b. 1842.
George F., 1844–1862.
James Edwin, 1845–1914; m. Elizabeth Gregge of New York City. He gave the town of Center Harbor a library, in memory of his parents. He was president of the New York City Savings Bank. A man held in high respect. He died in Austria at the commencement of the World War, leaving a wife and one sister, Mrs. Sarah P. Elkins, born in 1842, who married Dr. John P. Elkins, born in New Durham. He practiced medicine in the town that was named for him. He died in 1895. They had an adopted daughter, Bertha Mastin Nichols, who had a brother, Frank Mastin, who lives in Hill, N. H.

NORRIS

From the Norris Family in America, 1640–1892

Nicholas[1] Norris was the ancestor of the family in New England, born about 1640. He was a tailor by trade and a planter; early lived in Hampton. History states he was one of the English settlers in Ireland, where he was born. He came to

America when 14 years old. He married Sarah Coxe in November, 1663. This is the first record of him in Hampton.

In 1666 he was in Exeter. In 1696 he took the oath of allegiance and in 1696 was a soldier in a garrison. His home, in Exeter, was near Meeting House Hill, where he lived 57 years. History states that his descendants have become like the sands of the seashore.

His fourth child and second son, Moses [2], was born in Exeter, August 14, 1670. He received sixteen acres of land, in 1698, on the road to Hampton Farms, from his father-in-law, Samuel Folsom of Exeter, whose daughter, Ruth, he married in 1692. Her mother's name was Mary (Robey) Folsom. She was a granddaughter of John Folsom, the immigrant, who came on the ship "Diligence" in 1638 to Ipswich.

Their seventh son, James [3], born in Exeter, settled near West Epping. He was a soldier in Capt. Daniel Ladd's Company, and scouted for Indians six days near Lake Winnipesaukee. He married, first, Mary; second, Mrs. Alice, widow of Joshua Mitchell of Newmarket. He was a prominent man in business.

His eleventh child, Major Daniel [4], born in Epping, settled in Raymond. He was a deacon in the church. He married Mary, daughter of Joshua Lane and grand-daughter of William Lane. She was born at Hampton in 1748.

Their oldest son, Daniel [5], born 1767, married Lucy Perkins, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and wife, Rhoda (Sanborn) Perkins of Pittsfield, born in 1774, married in 1794. Daniel Norris died in 1852, aged 85 years. His wife, Lucy, died January 27, 1867, aged 92 years. Children:

BETSEY, d. 1804, aged 6 yrs.
RHODA, d. 1817, aged 17 yrs.
BETSEY, d. 1875, aged 63 yrs.

Daniel Norris built the first frame house in 1794 at Center Harbor, on the division line. Steven Norris was in Meredith, Joshua and Daniel in Center Harbor.

Jonathan and wife, Rhoda (Sanborn) Perkins Norris, children:

SALLY [6], b. 1795; m. Samuel Bean; lived in Meredith Village.
BETSEY, 1797–1804.
RHODA, 1800–1817.
DANIEL. b. 1804; lived in Meredith. They spelled their

name Norry until they came to Meredith, then changed it to Norris.
JONATHAN PERKINS, b. 1807; lived in Center Harbor.
BETSEY, b. 1812; lived in Center Harbor.
RHODA, b. 1816; m. 1851, Nathaniel Beach; lived in Vermont. Their son, Daniel N., 1856–1857.

Their fifth child, Jonathan Perkins Norris, born in 1807, lived in Center Harbor. He married December 12, 1837, Katherine, 1813–1890, daughter of Richard Neal and wife, Betsey Neal, of Meredith. Their children:

JULIA A., b. 1843; m. 1862, David M. Whicher. She d. 1889. Their dau., Ellen A., b. 1863; m. Jan. 1, 1884, Frank A. Bartlett. Their son, Perkins Norris, b. 1885. Two daughters d. young.
LUCY, b. 1847.
ELLEN, b. 1855; d. 1858.

A brother of Daniel, Joshua Norris [5], born at Raymond in 1769. He was in New Hampton and one of the signers of a petition for incorporation of Center Harbor, June 8, 1797. He married Abigail, daughter of Major Josiah Fogg, son of Stephen Fogg, pioneer of Meredith; married second, Betsey Gilman. He died in Center Harbor, December 3, 1853, aged 85 years. He lived on the so-called Webster place. Children:

JOSIAH [6], 1792–1872; m. Mary Bean in 1823. Their children:
Dudley, m. and lived on the Brown farm.
George, m. Martha Mudgett.
Jane, m. —— Tuttle.
MARY, b. 1795.

Josiah Norris sold his farm to William Brown.

A brother, Stephen [5], born in 1781 at Raymond, married in 1804, Sarah Libbey, born in 1779. He was superintendent of the first Sabbath school in the Meredith and Center Harbor Church, located first back of the Richard Neal house. Some stones remain of the first church yard there. He died in 1815. Their daughter,

RUTH [6], b. 1807; m. David S. Emery in 1827. He was a blacksmith. They lived in Center Harbor. Their children:
Stephen N., 1828–1831.
Sarah L., b. 1832; m. Dr. William A. Page.
Smith F., b. 1836; m. 1864 Susan H. Moulton. Their children: Caroline P., John H., Alice and others.

Lydia Norris, a sister to the preceding, of the fifth generation, was born in 1823 and married Jonathan Brown. She died in 1858 and he died in 1861. They lived in Meredith. Their children:

Sallie, b. 1817; m. 1838 Alphonso C. Emery. They lived in Center Harbor. Their son, George, b. 1840.

Jonathan, b. 1822; m. 1845 Elizabeth Fullerton. Lived in Meredith. Their children:

Mary F., b. 1849; m. Frank Keazer. Their son, Henry F., b. 1875.

Sarah E., b. 1853; m. Charles Miller. Their son, Earle W., b. 1885.

John N., b. 1855.

Charles N., b. 1857; m. Carrie Neal. Their son, George N., b. 1885.

George E., b. 1862.

Jennie H., b. 1864.

James Shapley Norris (Benjamin B.[5], Samuel[4], Nicholas[3], Moses[2], Nicholas[1], born at Portsmouth in 1813, where he lived sixteen years; Boston, eleven years; Cuba and West Indies, three years, and in Meredith, forty-seven years. He was a cooper by trade. He married Maria Tufton in 1835, daughter of Samuel and wife, Mary (Spinney) Tetherly of South Eliot, Maine. She was born there, and died in Meredith in 1883. Their children:

Mary Elizabeth and Mary Jane, b. 1842 in Dover. Mary Jane m. Oscar Perkins, b. in Meredith, 1838; d. 1881.

James Henry, b. 1843 in Alton; d. in Meredith, 1849.

Proctor, b. 1847.

Emma Isabel, b. 1851; m. 1871 Allen I. Sanborn. Lived at Lake Village. Their son, Charles, b. 1874.

Maria Louisa, b. 1854; m. 1872 James Henry Maguire of Lowell, Mass.

Ada Rogena Brockman, b. 1857; m. Frank Clough. Lived in Boston.

Tablet on a boulder in Meredith Village yard: Proctor T. Norris, 1847–1903; Adelaide Norris, 1848–1904.

Daniel[5] Norris (Daniel[4], James[3], Moses[2], Nicholas), was born in Raymond, N. H., September 30, 1767. He married Lucy Perkins and they lived in Center Harbor. She was a daughter of Deacon Jonathan and wife, Rhoda (Sanborn) Perkins of Pittsfield. She was born June 17, 1774. They were married February 27, 1794. He died October 2, 1852. She died January 27, 1867. Their children:

Sally[6], b. Aug. 17, 1795; m. Samuel Bean of Meredith.
Betsey, b. Oct. 20, 1797; d. 1804.
Rhoda, b. May 27, 1800; d. 1817.
Daniel, b. Mar. 28, 1804; lived in Meredith Village.
Jonathan Perkins, b. 1807; lived in Center Harbor.
John Norris, b. Aug. 23, 1809; lived in Lancaster.
Betsey, b. June 20, 1812; d. 1875.
Rhoda L., b. Dec. 23, 1816; m. Nathanile Beach in 1851.

Joshua Norris, brother of Daniel[5], was born at Raymond, February 23, 1769. He was in New Hampton and signed a petition for the incorporation of Center Harbor, June 8, 1797. He married Abigail, daughter of Josiah Fogg; married, second, Betsey Gilman. He died in Center Harbor, December 3, 1853, aged 85 years. Children by Abigail Fogg:

Josiah[6], b. July 29, 1792; d. 1872; m. Mary Bean in 1823.

NOYES

William Noyes married Mary Graves. Their son, William Furnace Graves Noyes, born in 1820, married in 1851 Charlotte Boynton, born in 1817 at Meredith. *Note*—There were freight boats that in early days freighted goods from Alton Bay, where the freight was brought overland from Portsmouth and other seaports, distributing to inland towns. William Furnace Graves was a prominent man on this line of boats. William Noyes and wife named their boy for this grandfather of Mary Graves.

William Furnace Graves Noyes and wife had a daughter, Susie Eliza Noyes, born in 1883. She lived in Laconia, also in Mere-

dith. She married Herbert Nathaniel Sanborn, born in 1862. Their children:

Ernest Noyes, b. 1884; m. Carrie Belle Cox of Meredith, b. 1882. Their children:
Ruth Leonette, b. 1910.
Frank Herbert.
Charlotte Clara, b. 1888; m. Herbert A. Hopkins from New Hampton; d. 1919. Their children:
Bernice Margaret, b. 1907.
Daris Olive, b. 1912.
Orvis Herbert, b. 1919.
Clarence Herbert, b. in Laconia, 1894; m. 1914, Minnie Bullman, b. 1892. Their children:
Louis Bullman, b. 1917.
Wilber Clarence, b. 1919.

ODELL

Thomas Odell was early in Stratham, N. H. His son Thomas settled in Nottingham. Children:

John, of Durham, N. H.
Jacob.
James, of Salem, Mass.
Noah, of Boston, Mass.

Joseph Odell, 1772–1825, settled in Sanbornton on a farm and worked at shoemaking. He was a deacon of the Bay Second Baptist Church. He married Nancy Ford in 1797; she was born in 1775, a daughter of William Ford and wife, Elizabeth Hilton. William Ford was a lieutenant in the Revolution. He lived on Sucker Brook, and was a blacksmith. Later he moved to the Oliver Calef farm. He is buried in the Ford-Doe yard, and his grave is marked by the D. A. R. marker in Sanbornton (one of the neatest kept yards in the section, with a large natural boulder in the front). Their children: Jacob, Joseph, William, Ebenezer, David of Sanbornton and Ira, who went to Massachusetts.

William Odell, born in 1804, kept a grocery store. He was a deacon of the Free Baptist Church. He married Hannah, daughter of Stoten Tuttle of Meredith, who came from Nottingham. Their children:

Nancy, b. in New Hampton; d. young.
Sarah, m. Uriah Morrison of Lake Village.
Mary E., d. in Montreal, Canada.
Mary Anna, d. in Lakeport.

Joseph Lowe Odell, born in 1831, taught school for a time in 1854. He went into the drug business in Lake Village and served in several offices in town. In 1854 he married Abbie Swain in Gilford, 1834–1895. Their son, Willis Patterson Odell, was born in New Hampton in 1831. He was educated in Boston University, and preached some years. He married Miss Beede of Meredith, who has passed on.

OSGOOD

Captain Timothy Osgood was one of three brothers who came from England in 1634. William, the youngest, settled in Salisbury, Mass. One of the sons, Chase Osgood, married three times; he lived in Epping and later in Loudon. He was the father of twenty children.

Timothy Osgood, born at Salisbury, Mass., was in Epping before he was five years old. He went to Raymond in 1770; married Jane Deaborn of Hampton. He died in 1835. They had eleven children. He was 83 years old. His widow died in Northwood in 1847, aged 98 years.

Ebenezer, a brother, was born in Epping. He was in the Revolution. He married Mary Fogg and they settled in Epping in 1782. He married, second, Anna Fullonton. In 1803 he moved to Loudon.

John Osgood married Susanna Prescott, daughter of Stephen Prescott. They moved to Loudon in 1795, later moved to Gilmanton, where his wife died in 1834. He died in 1848, aged 86 years. They had seven children. One of his sons, Stephen, lived on his farm.

Reuben Osgood of Epping had sons, Samuel, Joseph and Reuben. They settled in Gilmanton.

Samuel Osgood had Samuel, Reuben, Polly, John, Betsey, David, Elisha, Sally, Susan, Benjamin and Moses.

Joseph Osgood had True, Jonathan, Rachel, Molly, Daniel, Joseph and Anna.

Reuben Osgood, by his first wife, had Nancy, Polly, Betsey and

Dudley; by his second wife, Hannah Morrill, whom he married May 27, 1792, they had Isaac, Oliver, Ruth, Reuben, Fanny and Sarah.

Daniel Osgood married Betsey Osgood. They had Malinda, Greenleaf, William, John Hazen, Nancy, Lucinda, Joseph, Julia Ann and Asa.

Dudley Osgood had Abiah (who married Lewis W. Gilman), Perley, Mary and Jacob.

Capt. John Osgood, aged 26 years, of Gilford, married March 10, 1903, Leah Prescott, aged 20 years.

Dudley Prescott Osgood died in Gilford in 1873, aged 67 years. He married Eliza Jane Rundlett. She died in 1857, aged 55 years.

Charles Osgood married Mary Elizabeth Hanson of Laconia. He died in Potosi, Miss., in 1901. Their children:

Fred Hanson, b. Sept. 24, 1861.
Ray Susan, b. May 23, 1866; m. —— Penfold.
Georgia Serena, b. Apr. 17, 1868; lives in Laconia.

HANSON

John Hanson of Berwick, Maine, was a Quaker in 1710. One day while he and his oldest daughter were at church the Indians were watching to catch the children. The two oldest boys were in the field and the wife at home with four small children. The Indians went in, killed the children and took the mother and a babe, fourteen days old, also the nurse, one son and two young girls. They sacked the contents of the house, got what they wanted and took the party to Canada, where they sold them to the French.

When the mother's milk gave out, from exhaustion and fright, she warmed water in her mouth for the babe, until the Squaws taught her to beat walnut meats and boil them with husked corn for nourishment for the baby.

John Hanson went to Canada the next spring and redeemed his wife and all the children, except the oldest girl. He saw her and talked to her, but they would not let her go with her father, even for money. She married a Frenchman, but never returned. Mr. Hanson made another unsuccessful trip to Canada and died at Crown Point, in 1725, on his way back.

This ended the fray between the French and Indians, as a treaty was signed in 1726 at Dover, N. H.

Some of the Hanson family were in Dover, down through the generations to John Hanson, who married Susanna Prescott, daughter of Stephen Prescott. They removed to Loudon in 1795, later settled in Upper Gilmanton (Belmont), where his wife died in 1834. He died in 1848, aged 86 years. They had seven children.

Among some of the descendants of John Hanson and wife, Sarah Tuttle of Dover, were James M. Hanson, who married Abra T. Randlett, who came from Ossipee or Tamworth. Their gravestones, in Meredith Bridge yard, give their dates. They were the parents of Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles Osgood in Laconia.

Many are sleeping in their windowless places of rest, in the shadows of Belknap hills, where for many years they saw the sun rise and set in early life.

RANDLETT

From Miss Osgood's Records

Grandfather Noah Randlett married Rachel Osgood. Their children:

Trew O., m. Abigail Dow, Feb. 10, 1814, in Epping.
Joseph had three children.
Charles had five children.
Noah.
Henry W.
Ann Randlett, m. —— Somes. They had five children.
Eliza G., m. —— Osgood; five children. She was grandmother to Miss Georgia Osgood of Laconia.
Rachel, m. —— Edwards.
Mary, m. —— Wymann.
Allie, m. —— Bean.
Abegail.

Prescott P. Randlett married April 14, 1859, Lydia J. Simpson, daughter of Alexander Simpson and wife, Mary Anna Smith, daughter of Elisha Smith and wife, Abigail Robinson of Meredith. They lived in Belmont. Another sister, Abby R. Smith, married Calvin West Shephard of East Tilton.

Thomas Ford of Nottingham in 1748, one of the Masonian proprietors of Meredith, married Amanda Randlett of Sanbornville, near Ossipee, she an aunt to Mary Elizabeth Hanson, an only child.

Thomas Ford, in 1754, drew lot No. 5 in First Division, Range No. 7, a point lot, also No. 75 in the Second Division and No. 75 in the Third Division.

PEARSON

History of the Pearson Family in America

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Tradition says that early in the seventeenth century three brothers by name of Pearson sailed from England to America. One settled in what is now the state of New York; the other two came to Massachusetts.

Now the history becomes authentic. Unto one of the brothers last mentioned was born, on the 26th day of April, 1758, a son who was named Edmund. While yet young, he heard and heeded the call to fight for the independence of his country, and by his resolute courage and brave acts the rank of major was conferred upon him. At the age of 21 years he married one Dorothy Swasey, a maiden of 19 years. They settled in Exeter, N. H., and the house they lived in remains in a good state of preservation unto this day. Unto them were born ten children, five sons and five daughters.

Dorothy, the eldest, and of the same name as her mother, married a Rundlett and settled in East Kingston. James married —— ———; his wife died leaving a daughter, after which he went to sea and died there at the age of 38 years.

William married a Miss Osborne and lived in the state of Maine. Fanny married Samuel Dodge and lived in Exeter. Edmund married Hannah Philbrick, and after his father's death, in 1842, removed to Bloomfield, Maine. Mary married John F. Moses and lived on the old homestead in Exeter. Henrietta, the first, died at the age of two years; Henry M. married Mary Ladd of Gilmanton, now Belmont; Nathaniel married Caroline Gerrish and located in Exeter; Henrietta, the tenth and youngest of the flock, never married. She made Exeter her home, although she

traveled quite extensively. She died March 27, 1881, the last of her father's family.

Seven of the ten children reared families, if my memory serves me right, though those of James and Nathaniel have become extinct. Our own branch of the family tree was perhaps the largest and has been the best preserved.

The descendants of the "Pearson brothers" are scattered far and wide, yet one is sure to find traces of them near the home of their birth.

Since the War of 1776 there has not been wanting a representative to fill the ranks in our country's service, and one of our number, Samuel D. Pearson, of precious memory, yielded his life in the defence. Henry Morrill Pearson was born December 23, 1795. At the age of 17 years he responded to the call of duty and enlisted in the War of 1812, and, although not called into active service, by this act signified a desire to serve his country, if needed. At the age of 27 years he married Mary Ladd, daughter of John and Mehitable (Gale) Ladd of Gilmanton. She was the seventh of a family of ten children, equally divided as to sex: John, Stephen, Goold, Dudley, Daniel, Abigail, Susan, Eliza, Mary and Eunice. All lived to manhood and womanhood; eight reared children. Three families are extinct. All of them were of sterling worth and ability.

Our mother, Mary L., was married at the age of 17 years. She was a God-fearing woman, a faithful wife and mother. Our parents were united in their efforts to sustain religious meetings, and their doors were ever open to ministers of the gospel and for social worship. They gave largely, according to their means, for religious and educational work and were always interested in every enterprise that promised to benefit the community in which they lived, or the world at large. We believe the world is better for their having lived in it. May this prove true also of their descendants, who rise up to call them blessed.

Unto them were born fifteen children, nine of whom were married; eight reared families. That of John, the eldest, has become extinct. He married Elizabeth Crockett. Their only child, Clarence H., a lawyer by profession, died in 1899, leaving no issue. Dorothy died at 16 years. Caroline G. never married. She is located in Danville, N. H. Hattie L. died at 24 years. Fanny married an Emerson and resides in Peabody, Mass.

Mary married Monroe H. Philbrook and is located in Belmont, N. H. William died at 8 years of age. Edmund married Susan Griffin, and resides in North Hampton. Jennie married Charles G. Corliss, who served three years in the Civil War. They live in Belmont, N. H. Samuel D. was a soldier in the Ninth New Hampshire. He served two years and four months; was then taken prisoner by the rebels and died of starvation in Salisbury, N. C., prison, November 9, 1864, 20 years of age. Hannah married Edmund R. Blake, a war veteran, who served in the First Rhode Island Cavalry three years and ten months. They are located in Danville, N. H. William became a soldier at 16 years of age. He was in active service one year and two months. He married Jennie Cutler and resides at Laconia. Fred S., a minister of the gospel, married Sylvia Newbegin and lives in the state of Washington. Henrietta, a twin sister of Fred, married John A. Page. They are located in the Dorchester district, Boston, Mass. Oscar, the youngest of the family, died at the age of 20 months.

There are nine of the children living, twenty-five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren. Thirty-six of this number met on the shore of the beautiful Winnipesaukee River, near the old home, and held a reunion June 18, 1901.

We recognize the hand of divine Providence in thus watching over and caring for those left orphans at an early age, when it seemed they needed a mother's love and a father's protecting care. We believe He has fulfilled His promise, "I will be a father to the fatherless," to us, and we will render thanks to Him Who has permitted so many of us to meet again so near the home of our birth. Let us kindly remember the absent ones who would gladly meet with us if they could, and let us not forget the larger gathering in the beyond where we shall meet and greet those from whom we have long been separated in the "Home Land" above, where sorrow is unknown. Let each one seek to have his name placed upon the roll up yonder, that when it is called we may enter in and dwell in those mansions God has prepared for those that love Him.

THE MEREDITH PEASES

By Miss Madge Pease, Ashland, N. H.

The Meredith branch of the Pease family trace their ancestry to John Pease who came from England to Salem, Mass., in the year 1634. He later settled at Marthas Vineyard, where, from 1646 till his death, his name stands associated with the island.

In his last will and testament, dated March 4, 1674, John Pease mentions the names of ten children. One of these is Samuel, who has no history on the island later than the date of his father's will. It is probable he left the island when a young man.

Papers on file in the office of the registry of deeds at Exeter, N. H., give the name of Samuel Pease in a list of sixteen persons who were summoned on a jury at Portsmouth, N. H., January 16, 1694. The records also state that Samuel Pease received a grant of 50 acres of land from the town of Exeter in 1698.

Nathaniel Pease of Exeter was born in 1691. He married Phebe, daughter of John and Sarah (Philbrook) Sanborn in 1725, and settled in the part of Exeter later called Newmarket. He was a carpenter and purchaser of land, according to the county records. He died in Newmarket, October 20, 1748.

Their thirteen children are as follows:

Sarah, b. July 10, 1726.
Samuel, b. Dec. 14, 1727; settled in Parsonsfield, Maine.

(*Note.*—It was customary in early days to give the eldest son and the eldest daughter the names of the paternal grandfather and the maternal grandmother. It will be noticed that Nathaniel Pease named his first child, a daughter, Sarah for her maternal grandmother, Sarah (Philbrook) Sanborn. The second child, a son, was named Samuel. This leads to the belief that Nathaniel Pease was the son of Samuel Pease of Exeter.)

Ann, b. Nov. 17, 1729.
Abigail, b. Jan., 1732.
Bathsheba, b. Mar. 16, 1734.
Phebe, b. Dec. 21, 1735.
Nathaniel, b. Feb. 21, 1737; lived in Exeter.
John, b. July 10, 1739; settled in Epping.
Zebulon, b. July 21, 1741; is said to have d. in the Continental Army at Cambridge.

BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 2, 1743; settled in Meredith.
ELEANOR, b. June 2, 1745.
SIMEON, b. Mar. 24, 1747; lived in Poplin, N. H., in 1769 and at Sanbornton in 1772.
ELIPHALET, b. May 13, 1747; went to Cornish, Me.

Mark Pease of Cornish, Maine, son of Eliphalet and grandson of Nathaniel Pease of Exeter, said in 1869, when the Pease genealogy was being compiled, that his Great-grandfather Pease came from Martha's Vineyard. This leads very strongly to the belief that Samuel Pease of Exeter was John Pease's son, Samuel of Martha's Vineyard, and that Samuel Pease was the father of Nathaniel of Exeter. Mark Pease also stated that his Great-grandfather Pease was killed by Indians while working in his cornfield in Exeter. History shows that the Indians were very hostile to the inhabitants of Exeter from 1690–1710.

Benjamin Pease, son of Nathaniel Pease of Exeter, was the first of the Peases to settle in Meredith. The exact date of his coming is unknown, but it was between 1777 and 1797, as the following will show:

On March 27, 1777, a call was issued for all legal voters in Meredith to assemble, and a list of their names was entered on the town records. The name "Pease" does not appear in this list of 47 voters.

But in April, 1797, in a petition of the Baptist Society to the legislature for incorporation, the names of Benjamin Pease and his sons, James and Joseph, appear.

As five of Benjamin Pease's eleven children were born previous to the year 1777, it is evident that he had a family when he came from Newmarket to Meredith. He was born at Newmarket August 2, 1743. There he married his first wife, Annie Sanborn, to whom were born three children:

JAMES, b. Oct. 15, 1764, at Newmarket.
JOSEPH, b. Oct. 25, 1766; d. 1770 at Newmarket.
DOLLY, b. May 2, 1770; m. Nathaniel Sinclair and went to Vermont.

Annie Sanborn, first wife of Benjamin Pease, died before he settled in Meredith. On April 28, 1773, he married Rebecca Pike of Exeter, who was born January 29, 1752. It was her ancestor, Justice Pike of Exeter, who stopped the whipping of

Quaker women in Exeter in 1662. Justice Pike, flintlock in hand, said: "Strike another blow and I will blow your head off."

The children of Benjamin and Rebecca (Pike) Pease were as follows:

JOSEPH, b. Mar. 10, 1774, at Newmarket; d. May 4, 1862.
BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 17, 1775, at Newmarket; d. Apr. 3, 1831.
SIMEON, b. June 11, 1778; d. July 30, 1843.
NANCY, b. Oct. 20, 1779; m. Benjamin Sinclair of New Hampton.
ROBERT, b. Dec. 24, 1782; m. Polly, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Marston) Smith of New Hampton; d. Apr. 15, 1813. Robert and his wife, Polly, are buried on the Robert Smith farm, also her second husband, John Boynton.
REBEKAH, b. Nov. 28, 1786; m. Rev. Thomas Perkins of New Hampton, a prominent Freewill Baptist minister.
NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 9, 1789; went to Brighton, Mass.; m. Mary Perkins of Malden, Mass.; went to Quincy, Ill., where he d. July 24, 1836.
POLLY, b. Jan. 6, 1791; m. Thomas Woodman of New Hampton.

Benjamin Pease and his wife, Rebecca Pike Pease, are buried in the Pease lot on Oak Hill, which was near their home. They settled on the farm formerly known as the Moses Pease place. The writer has heard her grandfather (Robert Pease) tell how he and his brother, Simeon, used to take a hand sled and sometimes a yoke of steers attached to a sled, and go up to the Moses Pease place and get their grandmother (Rebecca Pike Pease) and bring her down to the home of their father, Joseph Pease, who lived in the old house near the residence now occupied by Loring S. Pease.

Benjamin Pease's sons, Joseph Benjamin[2] and Simeon, settled near each other along what is known as the Pease Road.

Joseph (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) lived on the farm later occupied by his son, Simeon, and now owned and occupied by his grandson, Loring S. Pease.

Benjamin[2] (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) lived on the farm later occupied by his only son, Noah, and now owned by Will Roberts.

Simeon (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) lived on the farm settled by his father and later occupied by his son, Moses, and now owned by Nathaniel Piper.

Joseph (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) was born in Newmarket, March

10, 1774. On April 11, 1796, he married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin and Agnes Folsom of Holderness. He died May 4, 1862. Children as follows:

BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 25, 1797.
LUCINDA, b. June 15, 1799; m. Joshua Wiggin; d. Nov. 5, 1827. Children: Charles and Ben.
JOHN SHEPARD, b. March 6, 1801. After living in Boston some years, he settled in Meredith. He m. Eliza Dow, Mar. 21, 1848. They had one dau., Ella, b. 1854.
BETSEY, b. Oct. 29, 1802; m. Levi Woodman of Manchester; d. Feb. 20, 1878.
REBECCA, b. May 11, 1805; d. Apr. 11, 1864.
WILLIAM P., b. Sept. 18, 1806; lived in Connecticut 30 years; unmarried; d. in Meredith.
JOSEPH FREEMAN, b. Oct. 6, 1808; m. and lived in Candia; d. in Manchester
NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 5, 1810; d. July 17, 1825.
SIMEON DANA, b. July 7, 1812; d. Jan. 21, 1885.
ROBERT FOLSOM, b. June 18, 1814; m. Lorinda A. Piper of Holderness; d. in Ashland, Nov. 7, 1900.
HANNAH, b. June 29, 1817; m. Dudley Bartlett of Meredith. One son, George, is now living in Haverhill, Mass.

Benjamin[2] (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) was born in Newmarket, December, 17, 1775; married Polly Cram. Their only child, Noah, was born April 20, 1811.

Simeon (Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) was born January 11, 1778; married February 16, 1802, Mehitable Wedgewood, who was born November 5, 1777. She died September 13, 1840. Simeon died July 30, 1843. They are buried in the Pease lot on Oak Hill. Children:

JOHN W., b. July 14, 1804; m. Sophronia Cram, Nov. 24, 1831; d. Apr. 2, 1836. One child, Mary.
SALLY, b. Nov. 5, 1806; m. Benjamin Ward; d. Apr. 22, 1871. Children: Noah, Simeon, George, John and Mary.
MARY ANN, b. June 1, 1809; d. Feb. 15, 1810.
NANCY B., b. June 10, 1814; m. Samuel Ward. Children: Benjamin, Frank, Nellie and Carrie.
MOSES CHENEY, b. Aug. 30, 1817; d. Nov. 22, 1894.

Simeon Pease, father of the above named children, was the first clerk of the Oak Hill Church. He was also deacon, as recorded on his tombstone. He and the minister, Rev. Moses Cheney, must have been on the best of terms. They were about

the same age. The minister's son, Nathan Smith Cheney, lived with Simeon Pease from the age of 12 to 21. It will be seen from the above list of children that Simeon Pease named his youngest son Moses Cheney Pease for the minister. The minister returned the compliment by naming his next son Simeon Pease Cheney.

The hospitality of the people of Meredith was no exception to that of early days. The writer has heard her grandfather say that the number of people invited to the house of his father, Joseph Pease, for dinner during a session of the Quarterly Meeting at Oak Hill Church was so large that an entire sheep would be consumed during the meal.

Coming down a generation later we find Noah, Simeon and Moses Pease, three cousins, living along the Pease Road on the farms of their fathers, Benjamin[2], Joseph and Deacon Simeon, who were brothers. These three cousins were nearly the same age.

Noah (Benjamin[2], Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) was the only son of Benjamin[2] and Mary (Cram) Pease. He was born April 20, 1811; m. Betsey M. Prescott, January 1, 1833; d. in Meredith, April 29, 1864. Children as follows, nearly all of whom went to Chicago:

Benjamin L., b. Nov. 4, 1834; d. in Chicago.
Mary Elizabeth, m. Andrew Rollins of Rollinsford.
Sarah Frances, m. Joseph Lawrence of Lee.
Charles Henry, b. Feb. 12, 1842.
George D., b. July 11, 1843; d. in Chicago.
Edwin Brooks, b. July 21, 1847; d. in Chicago.
Emma J., b. Dec. 12, 1850.
Ella, b. May 16, 1854; m. in Chicago.
Harriet, b. Jan. 31, 1857; d. young.
Edith, b. Oct. 21, 1863; lives in Chicago.

Simeon Dana (Joseph, Benjamin[1], Nathaniel[1]) was born July 7, 1812; married Betsey, daughter of Nathaniel and Patience (Page) Batchelder. He worked in Boston when a young man, and returned to Meredith. Near the home of his father he built a new house for his bride. Everything was ready for housekeeping. A fire was built to heat the brick oven. That night the house burned to the ground. Not discouraged, he immediately built another on the same site. Here he lived the rest of his

days, being interested in all phases of the life of the community and town. He and his family were members of the Oak Hill Church. He served in the legislature. His children were as follows:

Azelia Jane, b. Apr. 1, 1845; m. Edwin Cox. Resides in Meredith Village.
Laura E., b. Feb. 10, 1847; unm. Resides in Meredith Village.
Mary, b. Nov. 10, 1849; m. Howard Prescott; d. in young womanhood.
Hannah Abbie, b. Feb. 22, 1854; m. Frank Cummings of Holderness; d. in Holderness.
Frank B., b. Dec. 23, 1855; m. Clara Hoyt; was a storekeeper in Meredith Village; d. there.
Loring S., b. Aug. 26, 1859; m. first, Mary Ellen Hanson; second, Mrs. Mary Allen. Resides on farm of his father.

Moses Cheney (Deacon Simeon, Benjamin[2], Nathaniel[1]) was born August 31, 1817; married first, Betsey Ramsey, February 21, 1844, who died September 15, 1853. To them were born four children, as follows:

Augusta Emeline, b. Nov. 15, 1844; m. first, James Coffin; second, Dr. Phineas H. Wheeler; d. Feb. 1, 1904.
Martha Elizabeth, b. Apr. 12, 1846; resides in Laconia.
Ellen Wheeler, b. Dec. 15, 1848; m. John Frank Leighton; d. May 11, 1897.
Leonette, b. Aug. 16, 1853; m. Frank P. Cox; d. Jan. 23, 1919.

Moses Cheney Pease married, second, Almira A. Cram, Aug. 23, 1854, who died July 29, 1904. To them were born five children:

Eddie Wendall, b. Feb. 11, 1856; d. Aug. 15, 1857.
Carrie Evelyn, b. June 10, 1859; d. 1927.
Luella Belle, b. Feb. 14, 1861; d. 1927.
John Wheeler, b. July 8, 1863; m. Anna M. Gould; d. June 25, 1919.
Charles Rogers, b. July 8, 1863; m. Adelle Dearborn; resides in Laconia.

It has been said: "You will never find elsewhere the ready hospitality and humor that is in a New Hampshire kitchen in winter—the little intimate associations, the wood box piled with birch, the good wife over the sink, the mince pies, the chairs

tilted back against the wall, the farmhands stamping snow from their boots by the stove." The homes of these three farmers—Noah, Simeon and Moses—with more than twenty young people must have been happy indeed.

PEASE

Nathaniel Pease, born in 1691; married Phebe Sanborn; died at New Market in 1748.

Mark Pease, grandson, stated that his great-grandfather came from Martha's Vineyard, and was killed by Indians in Exeter. His father, Nathaniel, lived in Exeter, A Samuel also lived there.

John Pease, Sr., in his will mentions a son Samuel.

Robert [1] Pease, progenitor of the Pease family, supposed to have been the son of Robert and Margaret Pease of Great Baddow, Essex County, England, came to Ipswich in the ship "Francis" to Boston, April 1634, settled at Salem, Mass., and died in 1644, aged 37 years.

John [2] Pease, Sr, married Mary Goodell, daughter of Robert Goodell of Salem; married, second, Anne Cummings, daughter of Isaac Cummings of Topsfield, Mass.; moved to Enfield, Conn.; died July 8, 1689. Their children: John, Robert, Mary, Abraham, Jonathan and probably Samuel [3]; by second wife: James, Isaac and Abigail.

Nathaniel [4] Pease, born in 1691, supposed son of Samuel Pease, last of Exeter, and supposed grandson of John, Sr., of Salem and Enfield, supposed to have moved to Marthas Vineyard, married Phebe, daughter of John and Sarah (Philbrook) Sanborn, in 1725. He was a carpenter and purchaser of land in Exeter, and died there October 20, 1748. Children: Sarah, Samuel, Anne, Abigail, Bathsheba, Thebe, Nathaniel, John, Zebulon, Benjamin [5] (born August 2, 1743), Elinor, Simeon and Eliphalet.

Benjamin [5] Pease married Anna Sanborn; married second, Rebecca Pike, April 25, 1795; settled in Meredith. Children: James, Joseph and Dollie; by second wife: Joseph, Benjamin, Simeon [6] (born June 11, 1778), Nancy, Robert, Rebecca, Nathaniel and Mary.

Simeon [6] Pease married Mehitable Wedgewood, February 16, 1802; settled in Meredith, a farmer. Children: John, Sally, Mary A. (married Benjamin Ward), Nancy B. (married Samuel

Ward and lived in New Hampton, in 1844) and Moses[7] C. (born August 10, 1817).

Moses[7] Cram Pease married Betsey (Elizabeth) Ramsey, February 21, 1844; married, second, Almira A. Cram, August 25, 1854; resided in Meredith. Children: Augustus E., Martha E., Ellen W., Leonette; by second wife: Eddie W., Carrie, Luella Belle, John and W. and Charles[8] R.

Charles[8] R. Pease married Adelle Dearborn. Children: Arthur D. (born January 13, 1889), Alice M. (born October 19, 1891), Frances K. and Arthur D. Pease (married Ella Madeline Andy, June 13, 1916).

Simeon Pease, Meredith, 1778–1843, married Mehitable Wedgewood, 1777–1840. Their children:

John W., 1804–1836.
Sally, b. 1806.
Mary Ann, 1809–1810.
Nancy B., b. 1814.
Moses C., b. 1817.

Sally Pease, born in 1806, married Benjamin Ward in 1834. He died in 1857, aged 50 years. She died in 1871, aged 64 years.

Noah Ward married in 1865, Sarah F. Woodman, daughter of Noah Woodman and wife, Relief Rogers Woodman, New Hampton.

John F. Ward, son of Benjamin Ward, married in 1870, Julia E. Melvin, who died in 1913.

George Ward, son of Benjamin, married Alice Parker in 1869.

Benjamin Ward, born in 1806, married Sally Pease, born in 1806; married in 1834. Their children:

Simeon P., 1835–1879.
Noah S., 1837–1899.
John F., 1839–1907.
George, 1841–1902.
Mary Ann, 1845–1870.

Noah S. Ward and Sarah Fanny Woodman Ward died in 1924, aged 78 years. Their children:

Charles S., b. 1865.
Clarence E., b. 1874; m. 1897, Ida Roberta Webster, Laconia. Their children:
  Everett Gilman, 1901–1918.
  Ralph Lester, b. 1904.
  Helen Frances, b. 1906; m. Emerson B. Trask in 1928.

Charles S., b. 1865; m. 1896, Mary E. Greenfield of Rochester. Their children:
Jasper Greenfield, b. 1897.
Richmond Earle, b. 1900.
Vernon Charles, b. 1903.

PEPPER

William H. Pepper, born in 1830 in Nottingham, England, was a son of Daniel Pepper and wife, Mary Parkins, who was a lacemaker. The family located in Portsmouth, where Daniel Pepper, made hosiery. Their son, when 17 years old, went into his father's place of business and worked on a hand loom. Later he drifted around a while. In 1857 he went to Lake Villege and had charge of Appleton's Mill. In a short time he formed several partnerships, and was connected with the Lakeport National Bank. He married Ellen A. Jackson of Maine. He married, second, Mrs. Addie ——— of Lakeport, and married, third, Nellie S., daughter of William P. Moulton of Lake Village. His daughter by the first wife, Emma M., who married George A. Sanders, had a daughter, Ethelyn M., who, after her mother's death, was taken into the grandparents' home.

PERKINS

From History of Rye, N. H.

Abraham Perkins, born about 1613, came from England with his wife, Mary, on account of their religion, and settled in Hampton, N. H., about 1638. The Perkins Bible, printed in London in 1599, was brought with them and was in the possession of James H. Perkins of Rye. Their children:

Abraham, b. 1639.
Luke, b. 1641.
Humphrey, b. 1642; d. young.
James, b. 1644.
Timothy, b. 1646.
James, b. 1647.
Jonathan, b. 1650.
David, b. 1654.
Abigail, b. 1655.
Timothy, b. 1657.
Sarah, b. 1659.
Humphrey, b. 1661.

Humphrey Perkins, son of Abraham, born in 1661, married Martha Moulton. Their children:

James, b. 1695.
John.
Jonathan, d. young.
Joseph.
Abraham.
Abigail, m. —— Leonard of Bridgewater.
Martha, m. —— Tilton.
Sarah, m. —— Flanders of Exeter.

James Perkins, son of Humphrey, 1695–1774, married Huldah Robe. He moved from Hampton to Rye in 1730, when there was only a footpath from his house to the meeting house. During the Revolution he dug iron ore on his farm in Rye and hauled it to Amesbury Mills. Before then he loaded shallops with it and, with the money so earned, bought a clock, which is said to be still in existance in the family. Their children:

Huldah, b. 1718; m. Deacon Elijah Locke.
Anna, m. Stephen Page of Hampton.
John.
Abraham.
Martha, b. 1732; m. Henry Dow; m., second, Simon Lamphrey.
James, baptized 1735.

From Pension Records at Washington

Benjamin Perkins of Meredith, dated April 29, 1818, 57 years old, deposed. He enlisted in Epping, January, 1777, under Capt. Jason Wait, Col. Joseph Cilley, in 1st N. H. Regiment, for three years, served his time and was discharged at Danbury, Conn., January 25, 1780. He was in both battles at Saratoga or Stillwater, in 1777, and at Monmouth in 1778.

The discharge certificate of Benjamin Perkins of Epping, Rockingham County, N. H., who served three years in the 1st N. H. Regiment, dated Camp Danbury, January 25, 1780, signed by Col. Joseph Cilley. Nothing on file to indicate that pensioneer ever applied to have his name remain on the rolls in 1820.

August 23, 1832, Benjamin Franklin Perkins of Meredith, 72 years of age, applied under Act of 1832, and returned the certificate sent him under Act in 1818. He testified that he had lived in Meredith more than forty years, was formerly a pensioneer but

dropped under Act of 1820, and has not since been restored. Claim allowed and certificate No. 6320, N. H. Agency, was issued February 28, 1833. From memorandum on file it appears that in 1840 Benjamin Perkins, aged 79 years, was still living in Meredith. He is the only Revolutionary pensioneer named Benjamin Perkins from a New England State, although there is one from Virginia.

Benjamin Perkins, 1760–1848, came from Epping. He married, about 1783, Betsey Swain, 1762–1847, a daughter of Elias Swain of Meredith and a half sister to Bennett Swain. Their children:

Mary (Polly), 1785–1848; m. Daniel Mead.
Philbrick, 1787–1863; m. Sarah ———, 1786–1866. They had a son, Charles, who was an Advent minister, 1819–1859.
Sally, 1789–1859.
Jacob, 1791–1875; m. Widow Nancy (Randlett) Crockett in 1819. They had children: Mary Frances, 1829–1873; Benjamin, Jacob and Elizabeth.
John, 1796–1816.
Betsey, 1799–1816.
Nancy, 1801–1875.
Ruth, 1804–1897.

Mary (Polly) Perkins, 1785–1848, married Daniel Mead. Their daughter, Eliza Jane, born in 1812, married in 1837 Salmon Hibbard Sanborn, born in 1812 at Meredith (grandfather of Mrs. Felker). Their children:

Almira J., 1838–1859.
Evanah T., 1840–1928; m. Benjamin Perkins, 1822–1913. They were m. in 1870. Their dau., Eva, b. 1871, m. Andrew L. Felker, b. 1869. He came from Barrington, N. H. Their children:
  Lewis Heath, b. 1895; m. Ruth Preston. Their children: Morris Harold, b. 1924; Dorothy Eva, b. 1925.
  Harold Perkins, 1898–1923; m. Corinne Emerson. Their child, Marjorie Clyde, b. 1922.
  Walter Andrew, b. 1907.
Mary E., b. 1842; m. William Lovering; went to Massachusetts.
Lydia A., b. 1845; m. William Smith in 1869. He was a son of Elisha Smith and wife, Polly Hoyt of Sanbornton. William Smith bought in 1869 the Gideon Piper farm on Meredith Hill. Their children, born in Meredith:

Charles Lauren, b. 1871; m. Edna M. Tucker.
Mary Alice, b. 1873.
Wilfred, b. 1876.
Samuel.
Wallace.

Charles Lauren Smith, son of William Smith and wife, Lydia Ann Sanborn. Their children:

Pearl Phebe, b. 1911.
Dorothy Lydia, b. 1913.
Charlesina Edna, b. 1915.
Lauren William, b. 1916.
Louise Charlotte, b. 1918.

The fourth child of Benjamin Perkins and wife, Hannah Swain, was Jacob Perkins, 1791–1875. He married in 1819 the Widow Nancy (Randlett) Crockett, 1785–1867. He was said to be a brother of Selden Crockett. Children:

Benjamin, b. 1821.
Jacob Fred, b. 1823; m., first, Marilla Doloff, 1832–1864. Their children:
Clara Ida, 1854–1864. } Twins.
Charles Alvert, d, aged 23 days. }
Annie Emmabelle, 1855–1888; m. 1873, Orin Freeman Swain, b. 1852.
Abbie Marilla, 1857–1864.
Elmer Freemont, 1858–1864.

Jacob Fred Perkins married, second, Eliza Ann Tuttle, 1837–1905. Their daughter, Grace, born in 1866, married in 1893 Eugene Jones. He died. Their daughter, Ida Frances, born in 1899, married in 1926 Andrew Jackson Smith, born in 1902. They live in New York.

Benjamin Stokes Tuttle, 1805–1883, born in Nottingham, married at Campton, N. H., Ruth Cheney, 1805–1886. Their children:

Eliza Ann, 1837–1925; m. Jacob Fred Perkins of Meredith.
Deborah Jane, 1839–1875.
Mary Frances, 1841–1887.
John B., 1847–1870.

Ashael Sanborn married Hannah Swain, a sister to Josiah Swain. Their children:

Polly, m. Smith Leavitt.
Sarah, m. David Edgerly. They had twelve children.
Ruth, m. John Randlett.
Hannah, m. George Shores.
Salmon Hibbard, m. Eliza Mead, dau. of Daniel Mead.
Moses, single.
Ashel, m. Mary Ann Collins.
Gilman.

Salmon Hibbard Sanborn and wife, Eliza Mead, had a daughter Evanah Sanborn, who married Benjamin Perkins, 1821–1913, parents of Mrs. Felker. Children:

Eva W., 1841–1928.
Eliza R., b. 1847; m. John W. Mathes of Laconia.
Salmon N., 1851–1868.
Emma V., b. 1853.
Jesse F., b. 1856.

Lieut. John Leavitt, 1768–1847.
Sally Leavitt, 1774–1853.
Sophia M. Leavitt, 1848.

Tom Leavitt, son of John Leavitt, gave the Leavitt Park at Lakeport.

Hannah Swain was a half sister to Bennett Swain and an own sister to Josiah Swain.

John Perkins and family, consisting of his wife, Judith, and five children, came to Ipswich, Mass., from England in 1631. They were passengers on the same boat as Roger Williams.

William Perkins, born in 1616 in England, a relative of John, settled in New Market. He was 116 years old. He was a direct ancestor of Mrs. John H. Smith. A descendant of William Perkins, by name of John Perkins, born in 1700, owned much land in New Market. John's son, Richard, born in 1738, married in 1760, Molly Parsons. Their children:

Andrew.
Lydia.
Molly; m. James Black.
John.
Sally.
Eunice.
Abraham.

Josiah Perkins, born in 1767, was a grandfather of Mrs. Smith. He moved to Meredith and his mother, being a widow, came with

him. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Meredith.

Molly Perkins, daughter of Richard and wife, Molly (Parsons) Perkins, born at New Market in 1765, married James Black, 1764–1849. They removed to Meredith and later to Maine. Their children:

Edmund, b. 1788; m. Comfort Wiggin.
James, b. 1791; m. Sally; second, Lydia Perkins.
Perkins, b. 1793; m. —— Tuck.
Joshua, b. 1796; m. Mary Bryant.
Olive, b., 1801; m. Clarendon Black.

Josiah Perkins, the fourth child of Richard and Molly (Parsons) Perkins, 1767–1852, married Lydia (Rollins) Sanborn of "Bride's Hill," Hampton, then called Exeter, in 1790. He removed to Meredith, and later to that part of the town now Laconia. He is buried in the Jonathan Dow yard on the "Roller Coaster Road," above the Weirs, near the D. W. Highway. His father, Richard, died when Josiah was young, and he was apprenticed to Deacon Samuel Lane in Stratham to learn the shoemakers' trade and tanner. He served his time, but was not sent to school. He married and lived in Stratham until four of his children were born. In 1795 he bought a farm in the Third Division (so-called) in Meredith, where they resided some eight years, then he came down and bought a place by the Lake above the Weirs, where he continued his trade, as he was a good workman, and his boys cultivated the land. He was a great reader and a devout Christian man. It was said of him that no man ever lived in Meredith who exerted a wider influence of good. He was deacon of the Baptist Church many years and was a fine singer. He was very devoted to his wife. They lived together sixty-two years and had eleven children.

Copy of Old Bible Records Owned by Mrs. M. E. (Chase) Burpee

Josiah Perkins, born June 2, 1707, died January 22, 1852, son of Josiah [6] Perkins, married Lydia Sanborn in 1790. She was born in 1773, died in 1867, and was a daughter of John and Lydia (Sanborn) Perkins. They were married in 1764. Lydia was born in 1745, died in 1776. They lived in Exeter. Their children:

Andrew L., 1790–1868; went to Maine.
Josiah, 1792–1878.

Lydia, 1794–1826.
Sally, 1796–1826.
Richard, 1801–1891.
Abraham, 1803–1862.
John Swasey, 1807–1895.
David P., b. 1810.
Mary, b. 1812.
Eliza, 1813–1851.
Jesse S., b. 1816.

The above is a copy of the old Bible. Description of the children:

1. Andrew L. Perkins, 1790–1868; married Abigail Lovejoy, January 1, 1814. Their children:

Avis O., b. 1815; m. Phillip L. Hanson, Sept. 23, 1837. Their children:
Ellen S., b. June 23, 1838.
Laura, b. July 17, 1840; d. 1863.
Charles, b. Jan. 5, 1843.
Mary Abby, b. July 23, 1845.
Laura, b. Mar. 1, 1818; m. Eben Sibley in 1837. Their children:
Nancy, b. Sept. 15, 1839; d. 1858.
Oscar, b. Mar. 9, 1844.
Avis Melissa, b. Jan. 27, 1850; d. 1868.
John Andrew, b. 1822; m. 1845 Augusta Ann Judkins. Their children:
Adopted boy, 1850–1885.
Mary M., 1857–1857.

2. Josiah Perkins, Jr., of Stratham, born in 1792; married Lydia Johnson in 1822. Their children:

John, 1824–1853; m. Lydia ———.
Hiram, 1826–1828.
Sally, b. 1828; m. George P. Hunt. Their daughter:
Eliza A., b. Jan. 6, 1852.
Hiram, 1832–1834.
Abigail, b. 1833.
Emeline, dau. of Josiah and Lydia (Johnson) Perkins, b. at Meredith 1839, lived with her father and mother during their life, and had the homestead. She m. John H. Smith in 1863. He was b. 1839, was a farmer and an industrious, worthy man. He obtained his schooling in Sandwich and later worked on stone work and farming. Their children:
Charles Hamilton, m. Mabel Floyd. Their children:
Edna M., b. 1900.
Melba E., b. 1901.

Vernon, b. 1902.
J. Roydon, b. 1903.
Charles Frank, b. 1905.
Harold B., b. 1907.
Doris B., b. 1908.
Mabel Josephine, m. Joseph L. Smith of Gilford.
Nellie May, d. aged 2 years, 1873–1875.

3. Lydia Perkins, born June 15, 1974, died in 1869; married James Black, 1832–1860, as his second wife (he having married her sister, Sally, first). They were married in 1827. Their children:

Sally, b. June 7, 1831; d. 1857.
Josiah Perkins, b. 1832.
Mary Elizabeth, b. 1834; d. 1859.

4. Sally Perkins, born in 1796, died in 1826; married James Black. Their children:

Sabre Hill, 1821–1843.
Emeline, b. 1825; m. M. B. Crossman in 1852. Their children:
Jane B., b. July 6, 1850.
Alice Mariah, b. June 7, 1852.
Jesse O., b. Feb. 1, 1855.
Sally Elizabeth, b. Jan. 2, 1858.

5. Richard O'Brian Perkins, born in 1801, married Betsey Ann Littlefield in 1842. He died at the Weirs. Their daughter:

Deborah, b. July 26, 1844; d. Aug. 28, 1863.

6. Abraham Perkins, was born in Meredith in 1803, son of Deacon Josiah Perkins and wife, Lydia (Sanborn), lived on the farm known as the "Sam Doe" place, in the Third Division, which father and son purchased. He married Susan French of Sandwich in 1830. He was a cabinetmaker, but took up farming, instead, to care for his parents in their old age. He was a kind friend and ever ready to help. In 1862 he was called to help care for a stranger who was very sick with what proved to be smallpox. He took the disease and died January 5, 1862. No children.

7. John Swasey Perkins was born in 1807 in Meredith. He, with the other children, attended the district schools. Later he learned to be an expert shoemaker. He married Sally (Mason), daughter of Noah Mason and wife, Martha Clark (she a sister to Joseph Clark, born in 1807, grandfather of Clarence Clark).

Sally Mason was born in 1813 and was married in 1837 at Meredith, where John Swasey Perkins had built a new house. He worked at his trade over fifty years. He often said "his home was the dearest spot on earth, for he looked the whole world in the face and owed not any man." Their children:

Oscar, b. Apr. 29, 1838; d. 1880; m. Jane Norris of Boston.
Martha S., b. Jan. 24, 1842; d. 1925; m. John Pike as his second wife. He d. in 1925 and was buried with his first wife. Martha Susan (Perkins) Pike, d. 1927. She is also buried with her husband in Manchester, N. H., at "Pine Grove."
Josiah, 1851–1854.
Sarah Eliza, b. Apr. 15, 1854.

8. David V. Perkins, born January 29, 1810, married Lydia C. Lane. Their children:

David L., b. Mar. 2, 1838; m. Lydia C. Lane, d. Oct., 1838. He m., second, Apr. 16, 1839, Mary Melissa Wood. Their children:
Lydia A., b. Feb. 14, 1840; d. 1889.
Mary Eliza, b. May 24, 1841.
David P., m. Melissa Cook.

9. Mary Perkins, born in 1812, married John Chase, May 19, 1839. He died in 1862. Their children:

Avis Ann, b. Oct. 5, 1842.
Lydia P., b. May 23, 1845.
David P., b. Oct. 19, 1847.
Almira, b. Aug. 14, 1852; m. Ross Burpee of New Hampton.
Mary Eliza, b. 1855.

10. Eliza Perkins, born December 9, 1813, died in 1851, married Paul Lane of Pittsfield in 1837. He died May 23, 1888. Their children:

Jesse P., b. Jan. 28, 1838.
Sophia J., b. Oct. 22, 1839.
Mary Elizabeth, b. Apr. 9, 1843; d. 1846.
Hollis Venson, b. Sept. 21, 1845.
Lydia Melissa, b. Sept. 24, 1847.

11. Jesse S. Perkins, born March 17, 1816, married Sarah Powers in 1841. He died in Lakeport. Their children:

Abram, b. 1842; m. Nancy Augusta Brown.
Sabra Ann, b. 1843; m. William H. Staten.

He married, second, Mary Bowles. Their children:

Charles H., b. Aug. 4, 1865; m. —— ———.
Jesse Perkins, b. Oct. 14, 1869; m. —— Day.

Abram Perkins, born in 1842 (brother to John) at the old home in Meredith, married Nancy Augusta Brown. He served in the War of the Rebellion over three years.

Lemuel Perkins was born in 1751 at Strafford. His son, Timothy Perkins, 1789–1881, when a young man took up a tract of land in Holderness, which he cleared. After a time he sold and bought a farm in Center Harbor, where he lived and died. He served in town office many years, was a justice of the peace, and did much probate business in settling estates for over forty years. He married Sally, daughter of John Jones, 1795–1867, of Strafford, who was a large land owner. They had children:

William J., settled in Center Harbor.
Emeline R., m. Gooding Piper, who d. in the Civil War.
Paul, settled in Ashland.
John S., settled in Holderness.
George S., settled in Lakeport.
Ebenezer F., d.
Timothy, d. young.
Charles S., d. young.
Alonzo, b. 1832, m. Henrietta C., dau. of Nathaniel Keyser. They had a dau., Carrie Etta, who m. Ned B. Sanborn of Meredith.

Sarah Perkins married George P. Hunt, she a daughter of Josiah Perkins, Jr., who was born in 1792 at Stratham, N. H., and his wife, Lydia Johnson. Their children: Eliza Hunt (born in 1852), Mary, David, John, Richard, Jesse, Lydia, and Abraham Perkins.

Josiah Perkins, Jr., born in 1792, was a great reader and a good farmer. He read his Bible each day and other historical books. A favorite motto of his was, "Never let your work drive you, but keep ahead of your work." He died in 1883 at the age of 91 years.

It is said that just before he passed away he repeated the names of his sisters and brothers.

J^{no} Perkim
L^{y} Prescott
1773

Taken from what looked like a marriage announcement in a frame, found in the attic of the Horace Eastman farm in Meredith.

From Data Given by Carl Blaisdell

Annie Perkins, daughter of John Perkins and Lucy (Prescott) Perkins, born in 1775, married John Smith, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah (Spiller) Smith. They had a daughter, Annis Smith, who married Esq. Charles Smith, a son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Mehitable (Sheafe) Smith. Esq. Charles Smith and wife went back to the Perkins place, where Mrs. Smith died in 1848, leaving a daughter, Ann Maria, who died in 1849, aged 17 years. He later married Irene Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal. Mr. Smith died March 21, 1874. His second wife died June 20, 1902. She was buried in her lot with her sister, Mary (Neal) Batchelder, and her parents in Meredith Village Cemetery. Esq. Charles Smith was buried with his first wife, Annis, at Opeechee.

John Smith, son of one Ebenezer Smith and wife, Mehitable Sheafe (called John Smith, Esq.), died in 1857, aged 85 years. His wife, Annis (Perkins) Smith, died in 1864, aged 89 years. Besides Annis, John Smith and wife had a daughter Polly, who died in 1863, aged 74 years, also a daughter Susan, who married —— Blaisdell and lived on the Head farm.

Mary Smith, a sister of Esq. Charles Smith, married Rev. John K. Young, who preached in Laconia.

PICKERING

John Pickering came to Portsmouth, N. H., in 1636 from England. History states that he is the father of the several Pickering families of this part of the country. He was said to be a man of good reputation and good business ability. He lived in Portsmouth. He had two sons and four daughters. He was one of several men who gave fifty acres of Globe Land for the ministry. He died in 1669. His children grew to maturity and raised their families.

The old South Church and the "Point of Graves" Cemetery, with their moss-covered slabs that are centuries old, is a sacred place where in 1669 John Pickering was laid on his own estate, called "Pickering's Neck."

In 1671 the "town made an agreement with the heirs that they should have full liberty, without interference, to enclose half an acre on the Neck, where the people have been wont to be buried; which land shall be used forever for a burying place; only that Mr. Pickering shall have liberty to feeding the said neat cattle, and that the town any of them shall have liberty to pass over the land to bury their dead on the 'Point of Graves'." Ten years later the old South Church was built on the land Mr. Pickering gave.

The men of that period were not above the average in size. The story runs that after one of the descendants had built a log hut on Great Bay and was clearing land, an English man-of-war came into Piscataqua Harbor and a gang was sent ashore to get men recruits for service. Two of them found Thomas Pickering alone felling trees. They talked to him awhile, complimented him on his muscular appearance, and said to him that he was just about such a man as his Majesty needed, and commanded him to stop work and follow them. Thomas declined, saying that he was needed at home, as he had a young family. The reply was, "No excuse, sir, march." Thomas seized one of the officials by the back of his neck with his left hand and threw him face down on the ground, and with his right hand raised his axe as though to chop off the fellow's head. The other man seized his arm that held the axe and both begged for mercy. Thomas let the arrogant one get up, and history states they both took a fast trot and left the place, evidently feeling that they had escaped from a lion.

John F. Pickering married Carrie E. Webster, born in 1860, February 28, 1883. Their children:

Ervin F., b. 1883.
Clarence E., b. 1888.
Stella L., b. 1891.
Lewis E., b. 1892.
Raymond V., b. 1896.

Stella Pickering married Frank Mudgett. Their children:

Elsie E., b. 1911.
Bernard.

As Vital Records

Sylvester Pickering, aged 24 years, son of Stephen and wife,

Olive, married in 1866, Priscilla Robinson, aged 18 years, daughter of Benjamin and wife, Lois Robinson of Meredith.

Frank A. Pickering, born in Gilford, brother of Sylvester, married in 1865, Ella A. Lawrence, both of Meredith.

Daniel Pickering married in 1820, Betsey Wadleigh, both of Meredith.

Stephen Pickering, aged 65 years, married in 1879, Sarah D. Webster, he a son of Stephen and wife, Hannah, she from Newburyport. His son, Joseph Pickering, aged 70 years, son of Stephen and wife, Hannah Jacobs, married in 1882, Abigail Smith, aged 70 years, she a daughter of John Robinson and wife, Lydia, third marriage.

John C. Pickering, aged 42 years, son of Andrew and wife, Mehitable Pickering, born in Gilford, married in 1877, Lucy M. Renou of Meredith.

Joseph A. Pickering of Meredith married in 1832, Eliza Rowe.

Lyman D. Pickering of Laconia married in 1859, Clarinda M. Martin of Gilford.

Leon E. Pickering, aged 20 years, son of Lyman D., aged 55 years, born in Meredith, and wife, Clara Martin, married in 1891, Jennie D. McLosky, daughter of William McLosky and wife, Mary Page of Haverhill.

Charles F. Pickering, aged 19 years, son of Moses Pickering and wife, Sally, married in 1863, Susan S. Piper of Holderness, daughter of Richard S. Piper and wife, Nancy.

Arthur Francis Pickering, aged 21 years, son of Charles F. Pickering and wife, Roxanna Webster, married in 1899, Mary Elizabeth Bemis, aged 22 years, daughter of Lyman Bemis and wife, Mary Jane Hutchins.

Walter D. Pickering, aged 20 years, married Gertrude M. Plumer, both of Lake Village, in 1891, she a daughter of George Plumer-Ladd, he a son of Charles W. Pickering and wife, Mary E. Bean.

George F. Pickering, aged 29 years, son of Alanson Pickering, married in 1883, Mrs. Carrie E. Webster, daughter of Jonas R. Wheeler, both of Meredith.

Edward E. Pickering, aged 24 years, son of George W. Picker-

ing and wife, C. A. Kimball, married in 1886, Cesta W. Whaley, aged 23 years, of Meredith.

Albert J. Pickering, aged 20 years, son of Moses Pickering and wife, Sarah, married in 1866, Leoria J. Rowe, daughter of Danforth Rowe and wife, Abby R., born in Campton, both of Meredith Center.

Charles H. Pickering, aged 26 years, of Meredith, married Jennie Chase of New Hampton.

Albert J. Pickering of Meredith married Mary A. Shaw of Gilford.

George W. Pickering married in 1851, Charlotte Kimball of Meredith.

Frank A. Pickering, born in 1839, married Ella A. Lawrence, born in 1847, both of Meredith. They lived in Gilford.

Joseph A. Pickering married in 1832, Eliza Rowe, both of Meredith.

Daniel Pickering married in 1820, Betsey Wadleigh, both of Meredith.

Albert J. Pickering, born in 1846, son of Moses Pickering and wife, Sarah, married in 1866, at Meredith Center, Leoria, daughter of —— Danforth and wife, Abby Rowe. She was born in Campton.

Frank Mudgett married Stella Pickering, a daughter of Frank Pickering and wife, Carrie Webster. Their children:

Elsie, b. 1911.
Alvin Barnard, b. 1913.

Olive Pickering married Joseph Mudgett. She is sister to Lyman and John Pickering of Lakeport.

Catherine married Isaac Colby.

Sarah married Frank M. Rollins.

Amanda married Smith Dockham.

Placentia married Frank Lyford.

Stephen Pickering, born in 1814, son of Stephen Pickering and wife, Hannah, married Sarah D. Wescott in 1879. Their children:

Mary Elizabeth, m. Edward E. Lawrence.
Sylvester, b. 1846; m. Priscilla Robinson, dau. of Benjamin

Robinson; he was one of several who broke through Meredith Townhouse floor. Sylvester and Frank were in the Civil War.

Disconnected Pickerings in Meredith

Frank, born in 1839, and Sylvester were in the Civil War.

Cassanda Pickering married —— Stevens in Moultonboro. Their children were Sydney and Ida; lived in Manchester.

Comfort.

Frank A. Pickering, born in 1839, married Ella A. Lawrence, born in 1847, both of Meredith, but settled in Gilford.

Albert J. Pickering, born in 1846 in Meredith, son of Moses and wife, Sarah, married in 1866, at Meredith Center, Leoria, daughter of Danforth and wife, Abby Rowe of Campton.

Edwin E. Pickering, born in 1862 at Meredith, son of George W. and wife, Cesta W. Whaley, born in Vermont.

George F. Pickering, son of George W., married Carrie F., daughter of John Webster of Meredith.

John C. Pickering, born in 1835, son of Andrew and wife, Mehitable, married in 1877 Lucy M. Renou of Gilford.

Daniel Pickering married in 1820, Betsey Wadleigh, both of Meredith.

Joseph A. Pickering married in 1832, Eliza Rowe, both of Meredith.

Stella Pickering, daughter of Frank and wife, Carrie Webster, married Frank Mudgett. Their children:

Elsie Mudgett, b. 1911.
Alvin Bernard, b. 1913.

Charles Pickering at Meredith Village had a daughter who married —— Swain.

Ezekiel Mudgett and wife, Olive Pickering. Their children:

Frank, b. 1876; m. Anna Wise in Hebron.
Orris.
Olive, m. William Thomas of Meredith; live in Maine.

Andrew Nealley and wife adopted a girl who married Russell Brown. The Neally farm was sold to a Miss Arnold, who has

fitted it up for a summer camp for Girl Scouts. It is this side of the Pease farm on the "Old Province Road."

PIKE

John [1] Pike of Portsmouth came from Southampton, England, on the ship "James" in 1635. He was in Newbury, Mass., in 1638, and died in Salisbury, Mass., May 26, 1654. Five of their children were born in England.

Robert [2], born before March 17, 1616, married, first, Sarah Sanders; married, second, Mrs. Martha Goldwyer.

John [2] married Mary Moody.

Dorothy married Daniel Kendrick.

Ann married and had children; no record of them.

Israel [2].

Sarah died in 1659.

Major Robert (John [1]), born in England, married in 1641, Sarah Sanders. He married, second, 1685, Martha Goldwyer, widow of George Goldwyer. He was made a freeman, May 17, 1637, with sixty-five others. He left Newbury and settled at Salisbury, Mass., in 1639. He was an early member of the church at Salisbury, was prominent in public office and was a representative to the General Court, 1648/9. He was lieutenant of the Train Band in 1647, later was captain and major. He helped establish the line between Exeter and Hampton in 1651. He was serjeant-major, over a militia company of Norfolk and Pascataqua, 1770. He was councillor, 1687, and commander in chief of the militia east of the Merrimack River, 1690. He wrote a letter to Jonathan Corwin, stating his reasons why "special evidence" was not reliable in the trials of witchcraft in 1692. He died in 1706. His wife died in 1713. He had eight children by first wife.

Sarah, b. 1742; m., first, Helman Bradbury; second, John Stockman.

Mary, b. 1644, d. young.

Dorothy, b. 1645; m. Joshua Pierce; second, John Light of Portsmouth.

Mary, b. 1647; m. —— Andrews, second, John Allen.

Elizabeth, b. 1650; m. William Carr.
John, b. 1653; m. Sarah Moody.
Robert, b. 1655; m. Mary Follansbee.
Moses, b. 1659; m. Susanna Worcester.

Their seventh child, Robert [3] Pike, born in 1655, married in 1684, Mary Follansbee of Amesbury. They settled in Salisbury. He died in 1690. His widow married, second, William Hook of Salisbury, Mass.

The first son of Robert [3] Pike and wife, Mary Follansbee, Robert [4] Pike, born September 3, 1687, married Hannah Gilman of Exeter. He sold the farm in Salisbury given him by his grandfather, Major Robert Pike, and moved to Exeter in the part called Newmarket Parish, now the town of Newfield. There he bought a farm, and settled on the Piscassic Road.

Their third son, Robert [5] Pike, born in 1718, married Elinor Perkins and settled in Newfield. Their children:

Molly (Mary) m. John Wedgewood.
Robert, b. 1746; m. Mehitable Perkins of Epping in 1777.
Mercy m. Stephen Lyford of Hall's Mill Road.
William, b. 1748.

William Pike, born in 1748, when 29 years old joined the Continental Army, and was in Capt. Nathaniel Ambrose's Company, Col. Welch's Regiment of Volunteers. They marched from Moultonboro and adjacent towns, September 30, 1777, and were under General Gates at Saratoga. He was killed in 1804 on his farm by a falling tree, when 56 years old, leaving his mother, Phebe (Smith) Pike, a widow. She was born July 24, 1762, daughter of Pioneer Robert Smith, 1724–1762, and wife, Abigail (Cass) Smith, born in 1724, of New Hampton, then called "Moultonboro Gore."

Phebe (Smith) Pike lived on the home farm, and died there in 1857, aged 96 years. Their daughter, Nancy, married Dr. Thomas Chattle and settled in New York State. Their son, William Pike, 1748–1804, married Polly Pease. They had eight children.

PIKE FAMILY

Salisbury, 1914

'Twas in nineteen hundred one
The Pike Family first did meet
In ye ancient town of Salisbury,
Whose walls echoed to the feet
Of the earliest Pikes, who came
From the land across the sea,
To found upon these Western shores
A Home for Liberty.
All honor to those early Pikes
Who came as Pioneers
To redeem the wilderness
And to build for future years.
For they laid the stones so well
That in times of strain and stress,
We have never lacked a leader
To release us from duress.
And when, all through the country
Superstition riot ran
Here, in this town of Salisbury,
There lived a famous man;
Major Robert, you all know him,
He who stood so firm for right and true,
For that Liberty, God-given,
Which is each man's due.
"No lash," said he, "for women's backs,
No slave to Churchman's zeal.
But this little town of Salisbury
Will give each one a fair deal."
So he kept this quiet village
From smirching its fair fame,
And for justice and fair dealing,
It has ever had a name.
Therefore we all do honor him;
May we ever have his like,
And may the quaint old town of Salisbury
Never lack a Pike.

PIPER

Nathaniel Piper was in Ipswich, Mass., in 1666. He married Abigail Church. They had a daughter, Sarah, who married Capt. Thomas Wiggin. They were the ancestors of the Stratham Wiggins.

Nathaniel Piper [1] married Hannah, daughter of Christopher Smith of Hampton. They settled in Sanbornton. She was called a very smart woman. After she had three children of her own, she attended a neighbor's funeral, Mrs. Jerusha Burley's. They had been neighbors in Stratham before removing to Sanbornton. Mrs. Burley left a babe, Polly, born October, 1794, who was only two months old when her mother died. The minister, Rev. Woodman, remarked during the service, that "the Lord would bring someone that would be a mother to the little girl (then less than two months old). History states that Mrs. Piper, on returning home that night, was sure that it could not be herself, for she had three little ones of her own, but early the next morning her vigorous direction was: "Sir (addressing her husband), put the saddle on the horse; I must go down to Mr. Mason's." She took the motherless little one, who was afterward treated as one of her own family, adopted her and presented her with a silver spoon and gold beads, at 18 years old, as well as her own daughters. Polly married Deacon Levi Carter and was a lovely wife and beloved by all. They both professed religion together and brought up a family in a Christian home.

Gideon Piper of Stratham, 1741–1816, moved to Pembroke and had children there. About 1783 he went to Meredith and cleared land near the Sanbornton line. He married Rachel, daughter of Deacon Daniel Sanborn, in 1761. She was the widow of —— Griffith of Meredith. She died in 1798. He married, second, in 1799. Anna Chandler. She died in 1810. He married, third, Betsey Morrill, 1765–1827. Children by Rachel (Sanborn) Griffith-Piper:

ABIGAIL, b. 1762; m. William Chase of Meredith, son of Ebenezer Chase, who lived near the Meadow schoolhouse in Sanbornton.
ANNA, 1765–1845; single; lived in Meredith.
ELISHA, b. 1768; m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Nicholas Folsom, 1774–1802; m., second, Molly Plummer, dau. of Jesse. He was captain in the militia. They had six children.
DANIEL, 1771–1814; m. Hannah Piper of Holderness. They lived in Meredith.
SARAH, b. 1774; m. Nathaniel Piper.

Elisha [2], son of Gideon Piper and Rachel. Their daughter, Mehitable Piper, born in 1797, married Benjamin Farnham, who died at the Sally Leavitt place on Steele Hill in Sanbornton, and

was buried in the Leavitt yard. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and his grave is marked. His daughter married Smith Leavitt of Meredith; moved to Vermont. Her name was Susanna Farnham.

Moses [3] P. Piper, son of Elisha [2], Gideon [1], 1801–1863, settled at "Piper's Mills," North Sanbornton. He was a deacon in the "Pine Hill" or "Merrill Brook" (Sanbornton and Meredith) Baptist Church. This church was built near Moses Merrill's, on the opposite side of the road from Mr. Merrill's farm (the old forsaken churchyard, walled in, with most of the wall down, all grown up to trees, and no one living that can tell who or where they were laid). Here some of the early members were buried, among them Moses Merrill and wife. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Deacon Moses Piper and wife rest there, and many others. If there were stones, they are fallen and covered with leaves. The church history states that the church was moved to Sanbornton, and used in summer and kept in good repair, with a neat little yard near. The old yard is a disgrace to all Meredith citizens, as well as many other neglected yards, and we hope in the near future the law will be obeyed and these old yards, where our early pioneers were laid to rest, cared for.

Moses P. Piper married Betsey Ambrose, 1802–1870. They were married in 1825 in Meredith. They had four children.

Gideon [3] Piper married Caroline J. Taylor. He was selectman of Meredith, 1854–5, and also represented the town. He moved from Meredith to North Sanbornton.

Nathaniel Piper, born in 1630 at Devonshire, came to Ipswich, Mass., in 1653. He married Sarah ———.

Their seventh child, Thomas Piper, born in 1666, married Grace Hawley, of Wenham in 1692. They removed to Stratham.

Their second child, Nathaniel Piper, 1701–1778, married Hannah Goss (as Exeter probate records). He was a prominent business man.

Their second son, Gideon Piper, born in Stratham, 1741, died at Meredith in 1816, where he moved in 1783 from Pembroke. Before leaving Pembroke he was drafted for military service by Captain Head (as records). He married Mrs. Rachel (Sanborn) Griffith in 1761. Their children:

Abigail, b. 1762; m. William Chase.
Anna, 1765–1845; never m.

Elisha, 1768–1834; m. Mary Folsom; second, Molly Plummer. They had seven children. He was captain of the militia.
Daniel, 1771–1814; m. Hannah Piper of Holderness.
Sarah, b. 1774; m. Nathaniel Piper of Holderness.

Elisha Piper, 1768–1834, married Mary Folsom, 1774–1802, daughter of Elder Nicholas Folsom of Meredith. Their children:

Rachel, 1795–1837; m. John Palmer of New Hampton.
Mehitable, 1797–1859; m. Benjamin Farnham, of Meredith. He d. on Steel Hill, and was buried in the Leavitt yard. He was a Revolutionary soldier.
Susanna Plummer, b. 1799.
Moses P., b. 1801.
Josiah, b. 1803; m. Margaret Ann Huckins, dau. of Nathan C. and wife, Sarah (Whidden) Huckins.
Gideon, b. 1805.
Molly, b. 1807; m. Edward Chase, son of Thomas. They lived in Meredith Center. He was a clothier and farmer.

Susanna P. Piper, daughter of Elisha [2] Piper, married Smith Leavitt of Meredith. They moved to Vermont.

Moses P. Piper, another son of Elisha, lived at Piper's Mills for nearly 40 years. He was a deacon of the Pine Hill (Sanbornton, and Meredith) Baptist Church, and choir leader. He married Betsey Ambrose of Meredith in 1825. They had four children.

Oscar J. Piper married Ina J. Nelson of Plymouth. He served in the Civil War, in the 12th N. H. Regiment. He was a prominent business man.

Their son, Oscar G. Piper, born in 1879, married in 1903, Grace B. Bartlett, daughter of Clifton J. Bartlett and wife, Sarah Fernald. They had sons: Earl G., Harold B., Lloyd, Donald and Jesse Linwood.

Ralph L. Piper, a brother of above, born in 1882, has been a prominent business man in Meredith. He married Lillian L. Bonney, daughter of James D. Bonney and wife, Lucy Ann (Young). James D. Bonney was a sea captain in early life. They have one son, Nelson Bonney Piper.

Tradition tells us that four brothers by the name of Piper (Benjamin, John, Nathaniel, and Gideon) came from Scotland.

Stephen [5] Piper (Stephen [4], Thomas [3], Thomas [2], Nathaniel Piper [1]), was born in 1733 at Stratham, N. H. He was deacon of the church in Stratham and a State Representative. He is said

to be the ancestor of the Pipers in Sanbornton. He married in Stratham, Abigail (Church) Wiggin [4], daughter of Capt. Thomas Wiggin and wife, Sarah (Piper) Wiggin, born in 1754. Their children:

MARY P., b. 1756; m. Andrew Jewett.
PATIENCE, b. 1758; m. Noah Buzzell.
STEPHEN, b. 1760; m. Mary Ayers. Their children:
- Asa [6], 1784–1860; m. Sophia Chellis; she b. 1796, in Newfield. They had nine children.
- Nancy, 1786–1834; m. Winthrop Hill.
- Stephen, b. 1788; m. Louisa Parsons, dau. of Ensign Stephen Parsons and wife, Abigail Moore.
- Abigail, b. 1790; m. Charles W. Whicher in 1810.
- James, b. 1792, a sea captain, died at sea; m. Alice Perkins.
- Pelatiah, b. 1795; m. Mary Stevens.
- Israel, b. 1798; m. Sarah Hill.

Stephen [6], m., second, Widow Fogg. Their children:
- Nathaniel, b. 1802; m. Mehitable Varney; m., second, Ruth Durgin.
- Thomas, 1804–1834; m. Sabrina Dunnells.

STEPHEN [6], m., third, Widow Mary Martin, 1770–1846, of Brookfield, N. H.
ABIGAIL, b. 1762; m. Simeon Cate in 1789 at North Hampton. They settled in Meredith. Their children:
- Simeon, Jr., b. July 20, 1790; m. Lydia Durgin. Their son, Asa Piper, b. 1813 in Northfield, was a prominent business man; also eight other children, as Sanbornton History.
- Asa Piper, drowned when 14 years old.

SARAH [5], 1766–1779.
ISRAEL, b. 1768; lived in Wolfeboro.
ELIZABETH, b. 1770; m. Andrew Sanborn of Sanbornton in 1794.
TABITHA, b. 1773; m. —— Chase.
THOMAS, b. 1776; lived on the old homestead.
HEPHZIBAH, b. 1779; m. John Wiggin, who was an 1812 soldier from Sanbornton.

Charles A. Piper, born at Meredith, married Flora J. Nudd, born at Center Harbor in 1879. He was a son of Hanson Piper, born in Meredith, his mother was Deborah Moses, born in Campton. Flora J. Nudd was a daughter of Enos G. Nudd, born in Center Harbor, and Clarissa Hadley.

Benjamin Piper, son of Nathaniel Piper and wife, Jennie Sanborn, married Betsey Moses of Meredith in 1879.

John Piper and Sarah Moses Piper. Children:

Lucetta Piper Webster.
Oscar J., m. Mary Batchelder. Their dau., Emma, m. Frank Arnold.
Emily had a dau., Carrie, who m. Frank Pickering.

Oscar J. Piper, born in Meredith, married in 1875, Ina Nelson, born in Plymouth. Their children:

Fred Harold, b. 1877.
Oscar Guy, b. 1879.
Ralph N., b. 1872.
Earl R., d. 1887.

Oscar Piper, born in Meredith, was a son of John Piper and wife, Sarah Moses, born in Bridgewater.

Nathaniel Piper married Jennie Sanborn. Their children: Benjamin, Dudley, John, David, Polly, Susan, and Abigail. They lived on the Piper farm above Meredith Center.

Ceaser Wallace, the African who was sold as a slave in early days, lived here, died and is buried on this farm. He served four years in the Revolutionary War, and had a bounty. Tradition tells that his discharge was signed by George Washington, the only one signed by the President. He rests in an unmarked grave, with his family.

Gideon Piper, born September 7, 1741, in Stratham, married Rachel Sanborn, daughter of Deacon Daniel Sanborn. She died in 1798, aged 61 years, in Meredith. Giedon Piper married, second, Anna Chandler; third, Betsey Merrill.

Nathaniel Piper married in 1820, Polly Hill, both of Meredith.

Josiah S. Piper married in 1823, Sally Swain, both of Meredith.

Lyman Piper married in 1845, Elizabeth Dame, both of Meredith.

Josiah S. Piper married in 1847, Caroline F. Conner of Meredith.

George W. Piper married in 1849, Mary Jane Pickering of Meredith.

Albert B. Piper married in 1897, Eliza Shaw, daughter of Jonathan Kelley and wife, Unis Goss of New Hampton. Albert was son of Dudley Piper.

Piper Family In Meredith

This name was spelled in early days Pyper. History states that Nathaniel Piper first operated a trading ship between Ipswich and other Bay Colonies, as shown in a "trial," "Nath Pyper versus John Keene," held at Ipswich, in 1673. History states that nearly all the Pypers in this country emigrated from Dartmouth in Devonshire, England, and settled in Ipswich.

Solomon Pyper drew a share in Plum Island in 1665. He emigrated to America during the Revolution, in the days of Charles the First, under Oliver Cromwell (as old records).

It is recorded that in 1653 Nathaniel Pyper deeded land. He married Sarah ———, probably in America, as his children were born in Ipswich. He died in 1676 and his will was proved in 1676, which shows that they had children.

Copy of the Will of Nathaniel [1] Pyper

From the Ipswich records in Essex registry of deeds at Salem, Mass.:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, Nathaniel Pyper, of Ipswich, in America, being weake in body, but of good and perfect memory, blessed be God, doe dispose of that estate God hath lent me, as followeth. IMPRIMIS: I give unto Sarah, my loveing wife, my house and house lott, barne and orchard, and all my lands at Hog Island, with all my marsh both there and elsewhere in Ipswich, and all my stock of cattle and sheepe, with all my household goods and debts, dureing her widdowhood, and untill my children come to the age of one and twenty yeares, or be marryed.

And then my will is that my daughter Sarah shall have five pounds payd her by her mother soe soone as she can convenyently; also I give my son Nathaniell ten pounds at the age of one and twenty yeares, or at his day of marriage; also I give unto all my other children, Josiah, John, Thomas, Mary, Margarett, Samuel, and Jonathan, five pounds apeece, as they come to age or marry away; also my will is that none of these legases shall be payd soe as to hinder my wife her comfortable subsistence while she lives; and also my will that if any of my children shall depart this life before they come to age, that then there portions shall be equally devyded amongst the rest of my children that shall survive; also my will is that if my wife should marry againe that she shall have one halfe of my house and halfe of my home lott dureing her naturall life, and the use of halfe my household goods; after her decease my will is that Nathaniel my son, shall have all my house and home lott; and all my land at Hog Island, with the marsh there and elsewhere, all these being prised and equally devided amongst all my children then liveing, every one of them alike, only my son Nathaniell to have dubble portion out of the same. I doe make Sarah, my loveing wife, sole executrix of this my last will and testament, dated the seaventh day of

March, in the yeare of Grace sixteene hundred and seaventy and five, 1675. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale.

NATHANIEL PYPER. [SEAL]

These being wittnesses:
FRANCIS WAINWRIGHT.
JAMES CHUTE, SEN^r.

Nathaniel Pyper and wife had twelve children. The eighth was Thomas [2] Piper, born November 26, 1666. He married Grace Hawley of Wenham, November 21, 1692. Among their children was Thomas [3] Piper, born November 17, 1697, in Wenham, Mass. He removed to Stratham, N. H., and married Tabitha Rollins. They had children, among them Stephen [4] Piper, born in Stratham, who married Abigail Church Wiggin, daughter of Captain Thomas and wife, Sarah (Piper) Wiggin. They were married June 20, 1754. They had twelve children. Among them (as history) Stephen is the ancestor of the Sanbornton, N. H., Pipers. Children:

MARY [5], b. Jan. 20, 1756; m. Andrew Jewett.
PATIENCE, b. 1758; m. Noah Buzzell.
STEPHEN, b. June 23, 1760; m. Mary Ayers.
ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 23, 1762; m. Simeon Cate of Meredith.
NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 16, 1764; m. Jenny Sanborn, dau. of Asa Sanborn; resided in Sanbornton.
SARAH, d. aged 13 years.
ISRAEL, b. 1768; resided in Wolfeborough.
ELIZABETH, b. 1770; m. Andrew Sanborn in Sanbornton.
TABITHA, b. 1773; m. —— Chase.
THOMAS, b. 1776; lived on the old farm in Stratham.
HEPHZIBAH, b. 1779; m. John Wiggin.
SUSANNA, b. 1782; m. —— Coleman.

Nathaniel Piper lived on the Piper farm above Meredith Center, where Caesar Wallace is buried. Their children:

BENJAMIN, 1804–1884; m. Mar. 3, 1879, Betsey Moses, 1801–1884. He owned the old Piper farm.
DUDLEY SANBORN.
DAVID, m. Mary E. ———.
POLLY, d. young.
SUSAN.
ABIGAIL, d. young.
JOHN, m. Sarah Moses. Their children:
Lucetta, 1842–1864.
Oscar J., b. Nov. 27, 1845, d. May 18, 1914; m. in Meredith, Mary Batchelder. Their dau., Emma, m.

Frank Arnold. They had a dau., Carrie, who m. Frank Pickering at Meredith Center. Oscar J. Piper m., second, Ina Nelson, born in Plymouth, July 26, 1853; d. 1926. Their children:

Fred Harold, b. Sept. 27, 1877; reside in Meredith.
Oscar Guy, b. Aug. 15, 1879; reside in Meredith.
Ralph Nathaniel, b. Dec. 1, 1882.
Earl K., d. 1887.

Dudley Sanborn Piper and wife, Eliza (Shaw) Piper, had a daughter, Eliza Shaw Piper, who married Warren Kelley Kimball, April 30, 1868. Their children:

Nettie Eldora, b. 1869, m. Luther Flanders of New Hampton. They have two children, Loamba Elizabeth and Robert Flanders.
Herman Leroy, m. Lillian Tuttle.
Frank Blake, m. Bessie Mellor.
Irville Warren, m. Gladys Harmon.

Dudley Sanborn Piper, and wife, Eliza (Shaw) Piper, had children:

Polly, who m. Joe Moses; lived in Meredith.
Benjamin, m. Betsey Moses; lived in Meredith.

John Piper married Sarah Moses.

Abigail and Susan died young.

David Piper was single; died in Quincy, Mass.

Albert B. Piper (aged 42 in 1897) married January 16, 1897, Sophia M. Kelley (aged 49), daughter of Jonathan Kelley and wife, Unis Goss of New Hampton.

Dudley Sanborn Piper and wife, Eliza Shaw, had a daughter, Eliza Shaw Piper, who married Warren Kimball April 30, 1868. Her mother, Eliza Shaw, was a daughter of Hilliard Shaw, born in Chichester. He was an 1812 soldier. Hilliard Shaw married Elizabeth Witham, daughter of Peletiah Witham, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Hilliard Shaw and wife, Elizabeth, had children: Eliza Greenleaf, Elijah and Daniel Shaw.

Inscriptions

Inscriptions on stones in a small yard enclosed by a wall on the Piper farm, called the B. Piper estate:

Benjamin Piper died June 17, 1884, aged 80 years. His wife, Betsey Moses, died January 25, 1869, aged 68 years.

Susan Piper died July 13, 1859, aged 29 years.

Ida A. Piper, daughter of David and Mary E. Piper, died April 20, 1877, aged 3 years.

Lucetta A. Piper, wife of John Webster, died January 24, 1864, aged 22 years.

Dudley S. Piper, born November 24, 1811; died October 18, 1889. His wife, Eliza Shaw Piper, born December 28, 1811; died November 16, 1898.

From Rev. John W. Haley's Piper Family Records

Nathaniel Piper [3], grandson of the emigrant, was born in Wenham, Mass., January 22, 1701, and died in Stratham, N. H., November 26, 1778. As probate records at Exeter, N. H., state, he married Hannah Goss. They had children. After his death several of his sons went to Pembroke (then Suncook), and the mother went to live with her children. In her will, dated December 18, 1779, she mentions names of children: Martha Thurston, Hannah Goss Piper; sons, Thomas, Gideon, William, Benjamin (dead) and Nathaniel or Nathan, who was made sole executor of her estate. In 1779 this Nathaniel of Pembroke had been appointed administrator of Nathaniel's (his father's estate), late of Stratham. (The records of Stratham are few; the oldest cemetery in Stratham has been ploughed up and the tombstones carried away. What do our laws amount to?)

Gideon Piper, the second son of Nathaniel and Hannah Goss Piper, was born in Stratham, September 7, 1741, and died in Meredith, May 18, 1816. He moved from Stratham to Pembroke in 1762, where his children were born. In 1783 he moved to Meredith and cleaned up a farm on a hill overlooking North Sanbornton, and there died. In 1781 he was drafted into the Revolutionary War by Captain Head. Their children were:

Abigail, b. Oct. 28, 1762; m. William Chase of Meredith. They had six children.

Anna, b. Mar. 24, 1763; d. 1845; never m.

Elisha, b. May 2, 1768; m. Mary Folsom, dau. of Rev. Nicholas Folsom, she b. Sept. 5, 1774; d. May 18, 1802. He m., second, Molly Plumer, dau. of Jesse. She d. 1824; he d. June 30, 1834. They had seven children.

Gideon, b. May 4, 1805, m. Caroline J. Taylor, dau. of William, May 31, 1852, in Concord. They moved from the old farm in Meredith in 1866 to North Sanbornton, and later

to the Bridge (Tilton). He was a prominent man. They had a dau., Nellie Chase Piper, b. Aug. 16, 1861.

Gideon Piper married Mrs. Ann Chandler of New Hampton, November 4, 1799.

Gideon Piper married Betsey Merrill, April 30, 1810, Meredith.

Gideon Piper married Caroline J. Taylor of Sanbornton, May 31, 1852.

Abigail Piper, daughter of Stephen Piper and wife, Abigail Church Wiggin of Stratham, married Simeon Cate. They settled in Meredith. Her sister, Elizabeth Piper, born November 5, 1770, in Stratham, married Andrew Sanborn. They lived in West Sanbornton. Another sister, Hepizibah, married John Wiggin of Meredith.

As Runnells, the Pipers in the Swain Line

Nathaniel Piper [4] (Stephen, Thomas, Nathaniel) removed to Sanbornton, N. H., about 1787. He was a large landowner, below the chapel. He married June 13, 1787, Hannah Smith, daughter of Deacon Christopher, who lived in Hampton, N. H. They had thirteen children. The third son, Nathaniel Piper [5], born April 20, 1800, married Susan Swain, daughter of Ebenezer Swain and wife, Sarah Fogg.

Ebenezer Swain was born in 1765; moved from Epping to New Salem. He enlisted when 17 years old and was taken prisoner and carried to England, hence his widow was granted a pension. He was married before going to New Salem. He died June 29, 1807 (as gravestone), aged 42 years. They had (as Sanbornton Town History) nine children. (Tradition says he is buried on his old farm, north of the Abraham Swain farm in Meredith, which is disputed, as I have been informed there are no stones in that yard, only field stones, for thirteen graves there. Question?)

PLUMER

Joseph Plumer, "The Hermit," descended from Francis Plumer, who settled in Newbury, Mass., and was admitted as freeman in 1634.

One of his descendants, Jesse Plumer, married Sarah Merrill. They removed from Londonderry to Crotchtown (this name is found on the old Massachusetts records, from its position on the

fork of the rivers), and, as the State Archives state, it was laid out as the infant town of Sanborn Town, about 1768. The family lived a short time on the "Minister's Great Lot," No. 76, now Sanbornton Square. Three years later they settled permanently on the edge of Meredith, in the so-called Plumer Neighborhood.

Their fourth child, Joseph, born in Londonderry in 1774, was called very sensitive and timid towards people, and had fear of mankind. He was a good scholar and well read. When 21 years old he bought seven acres of land at the foot of Meredith Hill, and built a house in the forest with a circular cellar. His chimney was built of stones with old scythes protruding upward so that no one could climb down the chimney and surprise him in the fireplace, where he burned long pieces of wood, which he cut, and as the ends burned off he would push the stick farther in the fire until it was consumed.

He did not have any windows in his house for any outsiders to look in at him, and the only entrance was a door some four feet high and three feet wide. In front of this door, inside, which set some two feet above the ground (without any steps), was a trap door, so if anyone tried to surprise him suddenly he could open the trap door and the intruder would fall into the cellar. His bedstead was made of spruce poles with boards to edge it, also on the bottom, with herbs that he had gathered in the woods to sleep on, as he had great faith in Nature's remedies, and always kept brimstone along with the herbs for disinfecting.

The young people often went there for curiosity, and as long as they behaved he made them welcome. He entertained the ladies by weighing them with a pair of steelyards he had suspended from a beam overhead in the room. A hoop hung in it for the lady to sit in at a "penny a weight."

The theological students from New Hampton often visited him and held arguments on Bible topics, but he invariably got the best of the argument, as he was a good Bible student and could quote Scripture as well as the most learned of the students.

He wore homespun cloth uncolored for clothing and no hat. It is said that he wrote some jingles but never read a newspaper. He was said to watch strangers with an eagle eye, until he was satisfied that they were friendly towards him.

The family were industrious, well-to-do citizens and well spoken of in the community.

He died as he had lived, "alone," aged 84 years.

The Plumer family came from England, and settled on Plumb Island, about 1635, then drifted inland to Newburyport, Mass.

Joseph Plumer settled in Gilmanton as a farmer; he married Sally Lamprey. Their children:

Ann E., m. —— Ayers; settled in Maine.
Mary E., m. Henry E. Marsh of Gilmanton.
Laura, m. J. H. Drew of Gilmanton.

Charles E. Plumer was a large landowner of over one thousand acres. He was an extensive stock raiser. He married Mary, daughter of Stephen Moody of Gilmanton. Their children:

Etta J., m. Edwin N. Sanborn of Laconia.
Carrie E., m. Frank H. Furber of Alton.

William A., born in 1865, was a Dartmouth graduate. He went to Canaan and taught school, where he was popular as a teacher, and later he attended the Boston University Law School; was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1889, and a little later was a partner of Hon. S. S. Jewett. He married in 1890, Ellen F., daughter of George W. Murray. They had one son, Wayne M. Plumer, born in 1891.

Inscription on the stone of Col. Dudley Prescott on his farm, now grown up to big trees. He married Martha Swain, June 22, 1780, in Epping, and settled in Belmont in 1786.

Sacred to the Memory of Col. Dudley Prescott
Who Was Born in Epping July 9, 1758,
and Died in Gilmanton August 3, 1815

He volunteered his services to his country in the darkest period of the Revolutionary War, and was in some of the battles that contributed to give freedom to the Colonies. At an early period he found his way through a tractless wilderness into the westerly part of Gilmanton and after great industry and deprivation made the wilderness smile with the fruits of trees and flowers of spring. His life was devoted to acts of charity and many of the first settlers of Gilmanton were often sustained by his assistance. May his ashes slumber in sweet repose, his faults be forgotten and his virtues imitated by posterity.

Ye grieve, friends, now cease to mourn.
To die, you know, we all were born.

PRESCOTT

Colonel Dudley Prescott was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Martha Swain in Epping, and they settled in Upper Gil-

manton (Belmont). Martha was a daughter of Nathan Swain, born in 1760, died in 1834. He was a colonel of the 10th Militia.

Their son, Horatio Gates Prescott, born in 1780, married Leah Prescott Wadleigh, his cousin, born in 1783 at Hampton Falls. They lived at Meredith Bridge (Laconia).

Their second child, Rachel Prescott, born in 1784, married Jonathan, son of Samuel Ladd, born in 1779, a merchant at Meredith Bridge. She died in 1814/5. He married, second, Betsey, daughter of Gordon Lawrence. He died in 1826.

Their seventh child and fourth daughter, Hannah, born in 1796, married Daniel Ela Swasey in 1820. He died in 1825. One daughter, Martha Ann, born in 1823, married Royal Winter in 1844. He died in 1851. Mrs. Swasey died at Meredith Bridge in 1857.

Josiah Prescott married Hannah Batchelder. Their first child, Josiah, born in 1743, married Betsey Smith, sister to Judge Ebenezer Smith of Meredith. Betsey (Smith) Prescott married, second, Jeremiah Bean of Candia, and married, third, Dr. Jonathan Hill of Gilmanton Iron Works. They were married in 1798. She died at Grandtham in 1830. Her daughters by Josiah Prescott were: Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah.

Mary Prescott, daughter of John and wife, Hannah Rundlett of Epping, married Gordon Lawrence, brother of Edward of Epping, born in 1750. They settled in Meredith as farmers. She died in 1797. He married, second, Betsey Kelley of Salem in 1812.

Erastus W. Prescott, born in 1827, a blacksmith of Meredith Village, married Tryphena Huntress. He was a son of David Prescott and wife, Polly Glines of Holderness.

Gordon Lawrence, born in 1781, son of Gordon Lawrence and wife, Mary (Prescott) Lawrence, married Polly, daughter of John Wadleigh, in 1801. They settled in Canada.

Their fourth child, Samuel Lawrence, married, first, Susan Smith, daughter of Hon. Ebenezer Smith of Meredith. She died and he married, second, her sister, Betsey, who lived and died in Meredith.

Their seventh child and fifth son, Noah Lawrence, born in 1782, married Priscilla, daughter of Jeremiah Marston, in 1804. She was born in 1783, died in 1807. He married in 1847 her sister, Mary Marston. They settled in Canada East.

The eighth child and sixth son, Hazen Lawrence, son of Gordon

Lawrence and wife, Mary Prescott, born in 1787, married Sally, daughter of Col. Daniel Smith of Meredith, and later removed to Gilmanton. He died in 1856 in Canada East.

Their third daughter and ninth child, Betsey Lawrence, born in 1791, married Jonathan Ladd, a merchant, at Meredith Bridge (Laconia) in 1816. He was born in 1779 and died in 1816. She married, second, Stephen Woodman Mead of Meredith in 1832. He was born in 1799. She died in 1841.

John Perkins of Meredith married Lucy Prescott. Their daughter married John Smith, son of Hon. Ebenezer Smith of Meredith and his wife, Sarah (Spiller) Smith. He was a farmer, justice of the peace, and worthy citizen.

John Smith, "the tailor," married Rebecca Marston in Hampton.

Josiah Hall, son of John Hall and wife, Ruth Prescott, born in 1784 in New Chester (Hill), married as his second wife, Sarah (White) Ferrin. Their sixth child, Rev. King Solomon Hall, born at Groton, N. H., in 1819, married Ann E. Buswell, daughter of Caleb Buswell of Warner, in 1847. He was educated at New Hampton Literary and Theological Institution, where he graduated in 1845. In 1851 he was settled over the Baptist Church at Lake Village, where he remained until 1859. In 1854 he was elected a member of the Board of School Commissioners. In 1855 he was secretary of the board and later settled as pastor again at Lake Village, formerly a part of Meredith.

Jeremiah Prescott, son of Col. Jeremiah Prescott (who signed the Association Test in 1776) and wife, Jane Sherburne of Epsom. Their son, Jeremiah, married Molly Sanborn, daughter of Timothy Sanborn of Epsom.

Their third child, Jeremiah, born in 1794, married Betsey Moses in 1815. They lived at Meredith Village, where he died in 1860. She died at Pittsfield and is buried at Meredith.

Their sixth child, Jane S. Prescott, born in 1800, married Capt. Amos Cram in 1821. He was a son of Jonathan W. Cram and wife, Polly Dockham, born in 1799. He was a carpenter and painter at Meredith Village. He was a captain of the militia and held many town offices.

William Thompson, a son of William Thompson and wife, Catherine (Mason) Thompson of Stratham, born in 1758, died, aged 40 years. He married Mary, daughter of Major Prescott,

baptized 1758. Their fourth son and fifth child, Benjamin Thompson, born in 1788, married Ruth, daughter of Thomas Eastman of Meredith, in 1809. He was born in 1792. She died in 1829, aged 37 years. He died in 1829.

John Hubbard of Sandwich, born at Ipswich Hamlet in 1847, drifted through many towns. He married, in Gilmanton, Judith Prescott. Their daughter, Mary, born in 1780, married John Ambrose of Moultonboro. He died in 1806. She married, second, Parker Plummer of Meredith. Later they removed to Sandwich. Their sixth child, Catherine, born in 1787 (a twin), married Timothy Badger and settled at Meredith in 1807. Their eighth child, Susan, born in 1791, married Dr. John Sanborn of Meredith Village in 1820. She died in 1866.

Josiah Rundlett, son of Josiah and wife, Mary (James) Rundlett of Epping, born in 1762, settled in Upper Gilmanton. He married Dolly, daughter of Micah Prescott and wife, Abigail (Brown) of Epping. Their fourth child and third son, Daniel P. Rundlett, born in 1790, married Polly Hadley. They lived in Meredith. Their seventh child, Polly, 1797–1851, married Bailey Young of Meredith.

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Samuel Lawrence married Susan, daughter of Hon. Ebenezer Smith of Meredith. Their son, Ebenezer Smith Lawrence, born in 1807, married in 1829, Hannah Plummer Ladd, daughter of Dudley Ladd. They lived on the Gilford side of Meredith Bridge Village, where they lived some years, but later he received an appointment to the Custom House office in Boston. Their third child, Ezekiel Brown Lawrence, born in 1809, married Susan Kelley, born at New Hampton. They lived on a farm in Laconia.

Noah Lawrence, son of Gordon Lawrence and wife, Mary Prescott, daughter of John Prescott and wife, Hannah Rundlett, married Priscilla Marston, daughter of Jeremiah Marston of Meredith. Their third child, Mary Burleigh Lawrence, born in 1808, married Abraham True of Meredith in 1827, he born in 1800. They had one son, Noah L. True. Their ninth child, Nancy Boynton Lawrence, born in 1822, married Joseph W. Robinson of Meredith in 1845. She died in 1850.

Hazen Lawrence, born in 1787, son of Gordon Lawrence and

wife, Betsey Kelley, married Sally Smith, daughter of Daniel Smith Lawrence, who was born in 1820. He was a blacksmith at Laconia. Their eighth child, Sally Smith Lawrence, born in 1823, married Alvin Jay Batchelder of Meredith in 1842. He was a son of Deacon John Batchelder of Meredith, a blacksmith and removed to Charlestown, Mass. They had two sons and two daughters.

Betsey Lawrence, born in 1791, married Jonathan Ladd, a merchant at Meredith Bridge. Their son, Lucian Augustus Ladd, born in 1821, married Mary Jane Smith, daughter of Charles Smith and wife, Anna Smith of Meredith. They were married in 1843. Their second child, Olive Jane, born in 1824, married Dr. Joseph Knowles, son of William Knowles of Northfield. He died at Meredith Bridge in 1852. She married, second, David S. Prescott in 1853, a physician. Lived in Laconia. Betsey Lawrence married, second, Stephen W. Mead. Their son was George Lawrence Mead, born in 1853, died in Boston.

Samuel Washington Prescott, born in 1786, married Mary, daughter of Enoch Brown of Pittsfield in 1812. They lived in Lake Village and Gilford. Their son, Enoch Brown Prescott, born in 1813, married in 1839 Hannah Gove Thing, born in 1815. He lived in Lake Village and was a blacksmith. Their sixth son, Samuel Washington Prescott, born in 1823, lived in Meredith. Their seventh child, John Oliver Prescott, born in 1825, married in 1851 Lydia B. Randall, born in 1827. He was a machinist in Lake Village.

John S. Osgood, son of Samuel Prescott of Gilford, married Leah Prescott, born in 1782. Their daughter, Livonia, married Abial, son of Benjamin Sanborn of Gilford; later moved to Laconia. Their sixth child, Rachel, married Elbridge G., son of John Haven of Meredith Bridge Village.

Jonathan Bean Prescott, son of Samuel Prescott, married Phebe Morrison of Sanbornton, daughter of Bradbury Morrison. Their sixth child, Dr. David Sanborn Prescott, born in 1823, married in 1853 Mrs. Jane L. Knowles of Laconia, widow of Dr. Joseph Knowles, she a daughter of Jonathan Ladd and wife, Betsey Lawrence (Ladd). He was a Dartmouth graduate, and in 1853 took up Dr. Knowles' practice.

Susan Hubbard, born in 1791, married Dr. John Sanborn of Meredith Village, born in 1789. Their second child, Susan

Catherine, born in 1823, married Levi Leach; lived in Meredith. Their third child, Dr. John Henry Sanborn, born in 1830, married Elizabeth Leach in 1854. He practised with his father in Meredith Village.

Enoch Brown Prescott, born in 1813, son of Samuel W. Prescott of Lake Village, and wife, Mary Brown, married Hannah G. Thing of Lake Village. Their children:

John Freeman Thing, b. 1841.
Susan Adda, b. 1850.
Enoch True, b. 1852.
Cora Ellen, b. 1857.

Therina Osgood married Col. Ebenezer Stevens, son of Paul Stevens of Gilford; lived in Meredith. Their children: Cyrus, Pelestena and Ann.

Susanna Prescott, daughter of Asa Prescott and wife, Hannah Thompson of Sanbornton, married Obadiah Eastman; lived near Meredith Line. Their children:

Hannah Elizabeth, b. 1846.
George Prescott, b. 1848.

Mary Prescott, born April 12, 1766, daughter of Samuel Prescott and wife, Anna Healey of Gilmanton, married Daniel son of Moses Flanders of Loudon, in October, 1835; resided in Andover. Their children:

Eunice, b. 1788; m. William, son of Edward Scribner of Gilmanton, Oct. 8, 1810; lived in Gilmanton and removed to Holderness, where he d.
Lucy, b. 1790; m. John, son of Ezekiel French of Gilmanton.
Nancy, b. 1792; d. 1794.
Sarah, b. 1795; m. Dudley Dearborn.
Nancy, b. 1797; m. —— Scribner, son of Samuel Mudgett, in 1825. Mary married Daniel Flanders (as above).
Lemuel, b. 1801; m. Eliza Gilman; went West.
Lydia, b. 1803; m. Oliver Osgood.
Judith, b. 1808; m. Edward Gould Mudgett, son of Edward of Gilmanton (Meredith), Oct. 1826; resided in Canaan.

Issue of Mary Prescott and Daniel Flanders:

Mary Frances, b. 1835; m. John Geddon of East Boston, 1853.
Sarah Ann, b. 1837; m. Reuben Cook of East Boston.
William Mudgett, b. 1839; d. 1840.
Daniel Bailey, b. 1844.

Other children born and died young.

Samuel, son of Jonathan Prescott, and wife, Rachel Clifford of Kensington and Gilmanton.

Jonathan Prescott, born in 1723, married Rachel Clifford, born in 1723. They settled in Kensington, where all his children were born. He signed the Association Test there in 1776, entered the service of his country, and served through the Revolution. He went to Pierce's Island in 1775 under Capt. Joseph Clifford and Col. Thomas Tash. In 1776 he went to New York under Capt. William Prescott and Col. Thomas Tash. He was at West Point and other places in New York State, the last years under Capt. Henry Butler and Col. Thomas Bartlett. He removed to Gilmanton in 1793, where he died December 10, 1809, aged 86 years.

Maj. William Prescott, born in 1728, married, in 1750 his cousin, Susanna, daughter of Joseph Sanborn, Jr., and wife, Susanna (James) Sanborn. Joseph Sanborn, Jr., was a son of Joseph and wife, Mary (Gove) Sanborn, Sr., who was the son of John and Mary (Tuck) Sanborn, the emigrant, who was one of the first settlers if Hampton, N. H. Susanna Sanborn, born April 18, 1728; died in 1800. Maj. William Prescott settled in Hampton Falls, built a large house there in 1780, sold it to John Wadleigh and removed to Sanbornton when the town was sparsely settled, where he died September 28, 1811, aged 83 years. He was prominent in the Revolutionary War and was commander of a regiment, under Col. Jonathan Moulton when they went into winter quarters at Peeksville. He was captain in that company, Abraham Sanborn was lieutenant and Ebeneezer and Jonathan Prescott were privates.

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, was a son of Jonathan Prescott and wife, Elizabeth, born in 1675. He died at Kensington January 6, 1755, aged 80 years. He was one of the petitioners for the new town of Kensington in 1736. In 1696 he labored seven days at Fort William and Mary, and in 1710 was one of a scouting party under Capt. John Gilman.

Jonathan Prescott, born in 1675, was the son of James Prescott and wife, Mary Boulter. James came from Dryby in the County of Lincolnshire, England, in 1665 and settled in Hampton, which was in the "Old County of Norfolk," Mass. His farm was some two miles north of Hampton Falls Academy. He was a man of

integrity and influence, in whose opinion people placed the utmost confidence.

Frank R. Prescott, born in 1870 at Weirs, son of Samuel W. Prescott and wife, Emma (Jenness) Prescott, born in Vermont. He moved to Meredith and went into the lumber business, where he has been very successful. He is connected with the Meredith Trust Co. and the Utilities Power Company. He married in 1915, Mary, daughter of Gilbert Pynn of Meredith.

Flanders Family

By William Prescott, Author of Prescott Memorial

Jonathan [5], Richard C.[4], Jonathan [3], John [2], Stephen Flanders and wife, Apphia Danford. He married, second, Sophronia Knowlton of Hopkinton, N. H., in 1820. They had ten children.

Jonathan [5] Flanders was born October 23, 1791; and was a farmer in Gilmanton.

Moses F., born April 21, 1786, Concord, son of Oliver and wife, Abigail Chandler.

Moses F., born June 2, 1762, son of Ezekiel and wife, Sarah ———, Hampton.

Moses F., born June 2, 1767, Boscawen, son of sixth Jesse and Ruth.

Moses F., born January 20, 1749.

RAY

Caleb Ray, in the year of 1645, appears in early records of the Second Church of Boston, and a brother of his, Daniel Ray, of New Plymouth, in 1630. On the genealogical tree of the Ray family are inscribed the following lines:

"The hasty Coffin—fractious loud;
The silent Gardner—plotting;
The Mitchells good, the Barkers proud,
The Macys eat the pudding;
The Rays and Russells coopers are,
The knowing Folgers lazy—
A learned Coleman very rare,
And scarce an honest Hussey."

William Ray was a descendant of Caleb Ray.

Daniel Ray, the emigrant, of Danvers, Mass., married Hepzibah Peabody.

Joshua Ray.

Zorabel Ray of Danvers, Mass., married Margaret Rogers. He died in 1744.

Caleb Ray, born in 1727, died in 1760, was a physician and surgeon, in an expedition against Ticonderoga in 1758. He married Widow Abigail Sargent, second, married Ruth Porter.

Caleb, son of Caleb of Windham, Maine, born in 1790, died in 1849; married Susan Bickford.

Fabius Ray, born in 1837, graduated at Bowdoin College, and studied law; was a member of the Maine legislature, was in the House in 1871 and in the Senate in 1885. He married Mary M. Marrett.

Lieut. William Ray, Vol. 1, returned to Meredith from 4th Co. as lieutenant, also ensign Vol. 2, in Lieut. Col. Ebeneezer Smith's Co., 1777, at Ticonderoga; Vol. 3, in Capt. Sinclair's Co., West Point, 1780.

Vol. 1, William Ray, among men who went to Canada in Capt. Joseph Badger's Co., returned to Gilmanton (Meredith). March 12, 1812, he received pay for road going through a part of his land beginning at "the stone casway" till it strikes Jacob Currier's land. He married a sister of "White Oak" Joseph Neal. He died about 1831.

Betsey Ray (Elizabeth), daughter of William Ray and wife, died when young, October 6, 1814.

John Ray, born in 1804; died December 3, 1878, at Meredith, aged 74 years.

Hannah C. Ray, daughter of John Nason and wife, Elizabeth Nason, died January 14, 1877.

Fred Smith's wife has a history of the Roberts and Meads. Her husband was a Mead descendant.

Joshua Wiggin died March 25, 1860, aged 48 years.

Nancy (Neal) Wiggin died March 18, 1855, aged 44 years.

Lieut. William Ray and His Descendants of West Rumney, N. H.

Lieut. William Ray came from Nottingham. Tradition states that he brought thirty or forty apple sprouts with him and planted them in Meredith. One old tree is to be seen in the

Joseph Neal orchard at the present time, where he settled near the home of Joseph Neal, his brother-in-law, between the "Province Road" and the D. W. Highway. Lieut. William Ray married Elizabeth Neal, sister of "White Oak" Joe Neal. Among their children was a son, Nathaniel Ray, who was captain of the militia in training days. Two children are buried in the Joseph Neal burying ground, on the old farm, where it appears that Lieut. William Ray and wife, Elizabeth, are also buried.

Capt. Nathaniel Ray married Sarah Bickford. They had a son, Nathaniel, also a son, Ebeneezer Bickford Ray. When he was young, they were poor and only had small parcels of land and no money to buy more, so they moved to Ellsworth, where they could get land cheaper. When they moved they left behind the gun that the lieutenant used in the Revolution, also a sword, with a long rod with an iron hatchet on the end for protection. Capt. Nathaniel Ray was buried at Ellsworth. No stones.

Lieut. William Ray lived on the east side of the Province Road, near the Joseph Neal homestead, and his son, Capt. Nathaniel Ray, lived on the west side of the Province Road, where the Tuttles, who bought the place, made a burying ground, using the cellar wall as an edge to the yard or fence. This yard is where Stoten Tuttle is buried, above the Ray corner, and the Tuttle watering trough.

Nathaniel Ray, born in Meredith, August 24, 1810, died in New Hampton, October 2, 1871. He was a son of Capt. Nathaniel Ray and wife, Sarah (Bickford) Ray. His father was William Ray, who married Elizabeth Neal, a daughter of Samuel Neal and wife, Elizabeth Haley of Rye and Stratham.

Nathaniel Ray, born in Meredith, married Mary Locke, born in Alexandria, September 26, 1832, a daughter of William Locke, born in Epsom, September 6, 1785; he was married December 25, 1808, to Mercy Shaw, born in Epsom, March 8, 1791, died in Lowell, Mass., in 1869. He was a farmer in Alexandria, and died in Epsom in 1829. They had six children (as the Locke Genealogy).

William Locke was a son of William Locke, born in Rye, June 16, 1758; married October 29, 1779, Abigail Saunders, born October 7, 1760, daughter of John Saunders, born in 1720, of Torbay, England, and his wife, Tryphena Philbrick, born in Rye, April 24, 1729, married January 29, 1760, as John Saunder's

second wife. He was lost in the big gale of 1770, and she married, second, in 1780, Jonathan Berry.

Tryphena Philbrick, born in 1729, daughter of Joses Philbrick, born in 1703, and wife, Abigail Locke, born at Rye in 1706, married January 4, 1826/7. Joses Philbrick was a son of Joseph and wife, Tryphena (Marston) Philbrick. Abigail Locke, born in 1706, was a daughter of Deacon William Locke, born at Hampton, April 17, 1677; married in 1699 Hannah Knowles of Kingston, daughter of John and Jemina (Austin) Knowles. Hannah Knowles, born at Hampton in 1678; died at Rye, September 12, 1769, aged 91 years. Deacon Locke bought many different pieces of land in Portsmouth and "on ye bank to Greenland." In 1728 he bought, in Rye, land called "Ye island of ye pond," once called "Locke's Hole." He died at Rye in 1781. He was a son of Capt. John Locke, baptized at London, England, in 1627; married about 1652, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Jane (Berry) Locke. Captain Locke was killed by the Indians August 26, 1696, while working on his land. They had twelve children (as Locke's Genealogy).

Ebeneezer Bickford Ray was born at Meredith in 1808, and lived to be 93 years old. He married Jane Marston.

William Frank Ray, only son of Ebeneezer Bickford Ray and wife, Jane Marston, married Addie M. Dolloff of Rumney, N. H., daughter of Augustus Dolloff and wife, Martha Jane (Elliott) Dolloff of Dorchester, N. H. (This town was formerly opposite Rumney.) Children of William Frank Ray and wife:

EDWARD EBEN, b. Sept. 22, 1883.
EVERETT AGUSTUS, b. Nov. 7, 1884.
SUSIE JANE, b. Aug. 24, 1886; m. William B. Atwood of Rumney, June 10, 1910.
GEORGE THURMAN, b. June 11, 1888.
ARCHIE MARSTON, b. Dec. 5, 1889.
ETHEL TRYPHENA, b. Mar. 11, 1893.
FRANK HUBERT, b. Mar. 5, 1895; d. young.
WILLIAM HOVEY, JOHN HIBBARD } twins, b. May 23, 1896.
RUFUS DOLLOFF, b. May 11, 1902.

William Ray is a cousin to Alonzo Ray Sanborn, born in Campton. He married Martha J. Avery. Their son, Alonzo Ray Sanborn, born at Campton in 1869, lives part of the time on the

Emerson Martson farm in Meredith. He married Nellie Tucker of Thornton.

William Ray, originally in family of Lazarus Row, cleared ten acres in 1770.

John Neal, originally Jonathan Wadleigh, had land, and one in the family cleared one acre in Meredith which was settled December 31, 1748. Granted to Samuel Palmer, called "Palmerstowne," later called "New Salem," and changed to Meredith in 1768.

Daniel Smith came to Palmerstown in 1748, near Winepesioca Pond.

Towle to Ray

John Towle of Meredith, consideration $150 dollars, granted to Nathaniel Ray, being part of the homestead, owned by Capt. William Ray, bounded beginning at the corner of Ray's land by the side of the highway that leads to Dow's Mill, about 2 rods from the north corner of Ray's house, thence to run westerly, binding on highway, 8 rods to stake and stone; thence northerly from the first boundary adjoining the Province Road, so called, 10 rods to a stake or stone, thence westerly to where the road runs to Dow's Mill 8 rods to a stake; thence southerly to the second bounds, to contain half an acre, and is the same land where John Towle built a small building, Dec. 29, 1797.

Silas Ray, April 8, 1818, of Amenia, N. Y., enlisted in Keene, under William Ellis, Colonel Scammel, for three years. On June 26, 1820, he was 64 years old. He enlisted in 1777 at Charlestown. His family was a wife, 54 years old, two sons, 23 and 11, and a daughter, 13 years old. Names not stated.

September 25, 1829, William Ray, son and heir to Silas Ray, testified that his father enlisted in 1776. Silas Ray died in Dutchess County, N. Y., April 16, 1828. He never received a bounty, to which he was entitled, and William Ray applied for 100 acres of land. William Ray married Elizabeth Neal, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, and lived near his father-in-law. He, his wife and two children are buried in the old Neal yard on the farm.

ROBERTS

Stearns' History states that Thomas Roberts settled on Dover Neck, about 1623. The land he was on was occupied by Roberts' descendants over two centuries. They were men who were in

public offices and occupied high positions. In 1662 he rebuked his sons, who were constables, for enforcing the law against Quaker women.

Whittier's poem on how they drove the Quaker women from Dover:

> The tossing spray of Cohecho's falls
> Hardened to ice on its icy walls
> As through Dover town, in the chill gray dawn,
> Three women passed, at the cart tail drawn,
> Bared to the waist, for the north wind's grip
> And keener sting of the constable's whip.
> The blood that followed each hissing blow
> Froze as it sprinkled the winter snow;
> Priest and ruler, boy and maid,
> Followed the dismal cavalcade;
> And from door and window, open thrown,
> Looked and wondered, gaffer and crone.

Thomas Roberts had been a member of the church over twenty years. He died about 1673 and was buried on Dover Neck. Tradition, through Charles Roberts of Meredith, states that Thomas Roberts was drawn on a jury as one of the men to punish the Quaker women for maintaining their religion. He refused and the Dover magistrate took his cow away to punish him. In his will he gave most of his property to his daughter, Sarah, and husband, Richard Rich, but remembered in his will, John and Thomas; Hester, wife of John Martin; Anne, wife of James Philbrick of Hampton; and Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Heard.

John Roberts, born in 1629, his son, was prominent on Dover Neck; he married Abigail, daughter of Elder Hate-evil Nutter. They had children: Joseph, Hatevil, and probably Thomas and Abigail Nutter Roberts. In 1679 John was in Portsmouth, served as marshall of the Province, but resigned in 1681.

Thomas Roberts, born in 1633, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Leighton of Dover.

Nathaniel lived on Dover Neck; married Elizabeth Mason. Their children:

HESTER, m. John Martin of New Jersey in 1673.
ANNE, m. James Philbrick of Hampton.
ELIZABETH, m. Benjamin Heard.
SARAH, m. Richard Rich.

John Roberts, 1793–1870, married Nancy, widow of Nathaniel Drake. (Sanbornton, N. H., records.)

Benjamin Roberts, born in 1809, was a blacksmith at Pipers Mills and resided on the edge of Meredith. He was a deacon of the Pine Hill Baptist Church. He married Polly Leavitt, who came from Sutton, Vt. Their children:

Benjamin Franklin, b. 1839; m. Lizzie E. Woodward.
Leavitt Sylvester, b. 1840; m. Laura E. Burley. She d., aged 20 years. He m., second Nora L. Liston, b. in Canada in 1865. He served three years in the 12th N. H. Regiment.
Ellen P., b. 1844; d. young.
Ellen P., b. 1846 in Moultonboro; m. Horace P. Howe.

Dr. John Leavitt Roberts, 1772–1850. He was a wheelwright; he made cart wheel blocks with the fellies of rock maple, and the tread of the wheel was rounded and made without any tire. He married Lovey Hawkins, 1774–1853. They are buried in the Bean cemetery. He settled on a farm midway between Meredith Village and Squam Bridge, in the town of Holderness. They had children: Levi, John, James, Calvin, Sanders (1801–1847), Benjamin, Thomas, Washington and Nancy Leavitt Roberts.

Leavitt Roberts' family were rugged, healthy and industrious. Two of them were blacksmiths and six farmed.

John, James and Thomas settled on Meredith Neck, also their sister, Nancy, who married Madison Chase and lived near the Advent Church. Several of the family are laid to rest in the Bean yard, over the line out of Center Harbor, in Moultonboro, one-half mile from Center Harbor Village.

Sanders married Sophronia ——— and settled on Center Harbor Neck. His children were: Harriet J., born in 1842; Benjamin, 1843–1847; Lydia Melvina, 1834–1856, married David M. Huckins. Calvin lived in Moultonboro and Benjamin and Washington lived in Sanbornton. Levi settled in Barton, Vt.

Leavitt Roberts lived mostly in Meredith, but died in Center Harbor. He married Laura Esther Burleigh, born in 1841, a daughter of John S. and wife, Esther Wadleigh, who was a daughter of James Wadleigh, Jr., and his wife, Eunice Farnham, and she a daughter of Capt. Barachias W. Farnham. He was born in 1760 at Lebanon, Maine, and married a Stevens. He was in the War of 1812, from Sanbornton. His children married into the Simpson and Kelley families and lived on Kelley Hill, near the Turnpike. Leavitt Roberts had eleven children. Three were Baptist deacons.

John Roberts was one of the first settlers on Meredith Neck. His children:

James.
David Moody, m. Abby ———. Their son, Otis S., m. Mar. 31, 1883, Cora E. Locke of Gilford, dau. of John C. Locke and wife, Mary T. Locke.

Lieut. Joseph Roberts' son, Joseph R., married Mary Roberts. Their three children married Boyntons.

Warren Roberts, 1804–1851, married Abigail Drake in 1841. She died in 1856 at Meredith Center.

William D. Roberts married in 1823 Phebe Roby in Meredith.

(This history was written for a Roberts who lived in Texas: it may help someone in future days.)

John Roberts, 1797–1867, married Phebe ———, born in 1799. As Durham history states, John Roberts was in the "Parish of Madbury," in the town of Durham, in 1758, and John Roberts, Jr., was an inhabitant in 1764, among a company of men to protect the country called "Gentlemen Troopers." Among them were Huggins (Huckins), Davis, Doe, Capt. Joseph Bickford, Leathers, Langleys, etc., whose descendants came and settled in Meredith.

Births

Martha A. Roberts, born February 4, 1819.

Fannie Roberts, born September 24, 1823; died in 1910.

William S. Roberts, born December 1, 1826; died in 1845.

Benjamin R. Roberts, born August 9, 1833; died in 1836.

John S. Roberts, born June 21, 1838; died in 1910; married Sarah J. Whidden, born in 1849 on "Christian Hill" in Holderness, now Ashland, daughter of Reuben Whidden and wife.

Reuben Whidden, in the cold year of 1816, raised forty bushels of wheat on high land, cut it wet, dried it by the fireplace and distributed it among the settlers on the low land who could not raise any, and helped feed them that year. The citizens were so grateful that in after years they marked his grave on a boulder on "Christian Hill." It still stands in memory of his great charity.

Charles Cutter Roberts, son of Joseph Roberts and wife, Mary (Daniels) Roberts, born in Strafford, N. H., December 17, 1835, died in 1880; married Hannah Jane Neal in 1858, a daughter of

Joseph Neal and wife, Lucy Dow, born in Meredith in 1829, died in 1913. They settled in Tamworth, N. H. Their children:

Lucy Jane, 1859–1859.
Charles Hezekiah, 1860–1913.
Joseph Neal, 1862–1862.
Joseph Neal, b. 1865.
Arthur, 1869–1916.
Dixie Guy, b. 1874.

John Roberts was the first Roberts settler in Madbury (Durham). His son, Thomas Roberts, died in Brentwood in 1821. He married Nancy Wiggin; married, second, Mary, daughter of Coffin Sanborn, born in 1737, and wife, Hannah Hilliard, born in 1741. They settled on the Sanborn Road in Sanbornton. Coffin Sanborn was a son of Abner Sanborn and wife, Rachel (Shaw) Sanborn, born at Hampton Falls.

James Roberts married Sarah Whidden of Holderness, a daughter of Ezra S. Whidden of Holderness and wife, Susan H. ———. As stones: Ezra, 1805–1859; Susan, 1811–1863. Their children:

Hosea M. Whidden, 1847–1849.
Charles E. Whidden, 1850–1857.
Sarah Whidden Roberts, 1839–1927.
John S. Roberts, 1838–1910.

James Roberts married Elmira Clement of Holderness. Their daughter, Nancy Ann, married —— Lovejoy. Their daughter, Eva Lovejoy, married John Wiggin, a son of George Wiggin; lived on Meredith Neck.

Levi Roberts, a brother to James, 1795–1861, married Abiah ———, 1796–1869. Levi was a brother to James, John and Thomas.

Leavitt Roberts of Meredith. His son, Thomas Roberts, born in 1812, helped on the farm until he was married, then he bought a farm. He married Nancy Wiggin, daughter of Winthrop Wiggin and wife, Hannah Cate. Their children: Betsey, Ann, George, Smith and Nancy C.

Thomas Roberts and wife, Nancy C. (Wiggin) Roberts. Children:

George Smith.
Eben Fisk.
Frank; settled in Meredith.

Oren Nason, b. 1838. After he attained manhood he went to Massachusetts, and after some years he returned to Meredith and, with his brother, George, and Simeon Wadleigh, formed a company called the Wadleigh Plough Co., in which he stayed some four years, then bought a farm, and served in town business. In 1864 he m. Julia Ann, dau. of Clark Smith. Their children:

Fred S. of Laconia.
Emma N., m. Wilbur W. Ballard of Meredith, he d. 1926.
Charles N. of Meredith.
Harry F. of Massachusetts.
Bertie C.

Leavitt Roberts, a pioneer of Meredith Neck. His son, Thomas Roberts, 1812–1886, born in Meredith, worked as a stonecutter in Quincy, Mass., and later farmed. He married Nancy C. Wiggin. Their children:

George Smith, settled in Chicago, Ill.
Oren N. of Meredith.
Eben Fisk of Medford.
James Frank, b. 1852 in Meredith, and spent his life as a good farmer. He m. Mrs. Avis E. (Shattuck) Ferry, dau. of Rev. Calvin S. Shattuck, who lived in Pittsfield and m. Phillis Gray. Their children:

Rev. Frank Shattuck, who lived in Rochester, N. H.
Avis E., who m. James Frank Roberts of Meredith.
Rev. Charles W. Shattuck of Lakeport, N. H.

John Roberts' daughter, Martha, married John Clark of Meredith Neck. Their daughter, Fanny, married Daniel L. Alexander.

James Roberts' children: Newell and Moody.

Clark

John Clark, 1812–1860, married Martha A. Roberts in 1838. She was born in 1819. Their children:

Moses Eton, 1846–1921; m. Sarah A. Dow in 1875.
Fannie M., b. 1849; m. Daniel L. Alexander in 1866. He b. 1843, d. 1918. Their children:

Mattie L., 1876–1899.
Amy, 1881–1902; m. Arthur Sherlock, 1879–1916. She m., second, 1924, George S. Jenks, b. 1876.

Charles F., 1857–1881.
Sarah A., 1856–1917.

ROBERTS

John Roberts, one of the early settlers on Meredith Neck, had a son, John Sawyer Roberts, who married Sarah Whitten. They were some of Meredith's respected citizens, who had attained fourscore years and past.

Sarah (Whitten) Roberts was a daughter of Reuben Whitten of Holderness (now Ashland Village), who, history states, raised forty bushels of wheat, on "Indian Hill," now called "Christian Hill," which lies on the upper part of Highland Street in Ashland Village, now so called. He was the son of a Revolutionary soldier and a pioneer of Holderness, which lies in the foothills of our beautiful White Mountains.

The legend runs that in the cold, sunless year of 1816, Reuben Whitten succeeded in raising his wheat. The crops of his neighbors, who lived on lower ground, were all drowned out, and many families starved in that section of the country. Mr. Whitten gathered his wheat so as not to lose a kernel, dried it around the fireplace, and each week gave some of his neighbors a little, as no vegetables were raised, and with fish and wild game they managed to live through the cold, rainy summer. In early fall a hard blizzard came and froze many cattle in the pastures, and later the flesh was gathered, they were so short of food.

In 1847, the children of the families that Reuben Whitten had helped save through the sacrifice to his own family, erected a monument with this inscription:

REUBEN WHITTEN
1771–1849

This was erected on "Indian Hill," in his memory, where were laid to rest, he and his wife, and their son Calvin and his wife, overlooking beautiful Squam Lake, in gratitude for saving them from starvation.

David M. Roberts, born at Meredith in 1872, married Abbie Bickford, born on Bear Island. Their son, Willie J. Roberts, born ——, at Meredith. Children:

OTIS.
ALICE J., m. George O. Brown of Campton.
BENJAMIN of Meredith.
EMMA, m. Newell Prescott.
ADA, m. Willard C. Page of Meredith.
ALMEDA, m. Albert James of Massachusetts.

Willie J., who was the third son and seventh child, m. Jesse Maloon, dau. of David Maloon and wife, Susan C. Wiggin of Bear Island. Their son, Carlton E., lived on the farm.

Charles N. Roberts, born in 1869 at Meredith, son of Orin N. Roberts and wife, Julia Ann (Smith) Roberts. Orin N. Roberts was a farmer in Meredith, 1738–1826.

Charles N. Roberts married Jennie M. Prentice, daughter of Adrastus P. Prentice and wife, Helen M. (Smith) Prentice. Children: Ella, Lloyd E., Frances and Charles N., Jr.

Charles Cutter Roberts, son of Joseph Roberts and wife, Mary (Daniels) Roberts, born in Strafford, N. H., December 17, 1835, died September 6, 1880. He married Hannah Jane Neal April 19, 1858, daughter of Joseph Neal and wife, Lucy Dow, born in Meredith April 9, 1829, died April 14, 1913. They settled in Tamworth. Their children:

Lucy Jane, b. Feb. 25, 1859; d. 1859.
Charles Hezekiah, b. Sept. 22, 1860; d. 1913.
Joseph Neal, b. Nov. 10, 1862; d. 1862.
Joseph Neal, b. June 13, 1865.
Arthur S., b. Apr. 18, 1869; d. 1916.
Dixie Guy, b. Mar. 8, 1874.

From an Old Bible at the Zoo in Meredith

Leavitt Roberts, 1772–1850, lived in Meredith and died in Sanbornton at his son's home. His wife, Lovey Roberts, 1774–1853. They had eleven children; among them was Benjamin, born in 1809, who was a blacksmith at Piper's Mills, on the edge of Meredith. He married Polly Leavitt of Sutton, Vt. He was a deacon of the Pine Hill Baptist Church; also two of his brothers were deacons of churches.

Levi Roberts, 1798–1864; his wife, Abiah C., 1796–1869.

Sanders Roberts, 1801–1847.

Benjamin Roberts, son of Moody Roberts, married —— Sinclair. His brother, Will Roberts, married Jessie Maloon, daughter of Stephen Maloon, on Meredith Neck.

Thomas Roberts, 1812–1887; his wife, Nancy G. Roberts, 1811–1868.

Thomas Roberts, born Sept. 11, 1812.

Nancy C. Roberts, born April 6, 1813.

Oren N. Roberts, born April 16, 1838.

George S. Roberts, born December 16, 1839.
Eben F. Roberts, born July 15, 1842.
James F. Roberts, born November 7, 1852.
James Roberts, born June 2, 1900.
John Roberts, 1797–1867.
Phebe Roberts, 1799–1866.
Benjamin R. Roberts, 1833–1836.
William S. Roberts, 1826–1845.
Fannie R. Lovejoy, 1823–1910.
Sally P. Bickford, 1810–1836.
James Roberts, 1803–1833; his wife, Ann Roberts, 1777–1817; second wife, Nancy Roberts, 1805–1845. Their son, Benjamin F., 1837–1859.

At the Smith Yard (Opeechee)

A field stone, chiseled W. R. 1797, near the Roberts graves.
Joseph Roberts, 1771–1849; his wife, Mary Roberts, 1775–1850. In the same line is the grave of Joseph Roberts with a government marble marker, Revolutionary soldier, put there by the Mary Butler Chapter, also a sunken grave supposed to be that of his wife. By the side are the stones of Noah Robinson, 1794–1874; his wife, Betsey Robinson, 1778–1858. Their daughter, Mary S., wife of Elihu Dow, 1807–1875.
Sarah B., wife of Joshua B. Robinson, 1817–1875.
Joseph W. Robinson, 1817–1864.
Matilda Robinson, 1811–1863.
James M. Robinson, 1819–1906; his wife, Sarah M. Smith, 1818–1864. Child died young.
Jacob J. Severance, 1805–1896; his wife, Susan R. Severance, 1812–1896.
Mary R. Severance, 1834–1913.
Mary, wife of C. Orrill Corliss, 1815–1891.
John S. Collins, 1835–1893, soldier in 1st N. H. Regiment. His wife, Nettie S. Collins, 1848–1899.
Lieut. John Perkins, 1750–1827; his wife, Lucy Perkins, 1752–1843.
Lieut. Daniel Woodman, 1831–1866.
Edward and Harry, sons of Daniel and wife, B. L. Woodman, 1854–1856.
Daniel Woodman, 1791–1857; his wife, Eunice W. Woodman, 1790–1879. Their son, George Woodman, 1826–1842.

ROBINSON

John Robinson, born about 1616 in Meppershall, Bedford County, England, was a son of John Robinson and wife, Katherine "Eaden." They came to Exeter and Haverhill, and lived there. He was killed by Indians in 1675. Their son, John Robinson, married Elizabeth ——— of Newbury (probably Truckly). Their children:

JOHN, b. 1641; d. young.
JOHN, b. 1642; lived one week.
JONATHAN, b. 1645; m. Sarah ——— of Exeter.
SARAH, b. 1647/8.
DAVID, b. 1649; m. Sarah Taylor of Exeter.
ELIZABETH, b. 1651.

Jonathan[2] married Sarah Robinson. They had eight children:

JOHN[3], b. 1671; m. Mehitable Stanyon of Exeter.
SARAH, b. 1673.
ESTHER, b. 1677.
ELIZABETH, b. 1679.
JONATHAN, b. 1681; m. Mary D. ———.
DAVID, b. 1684 in Epping; m. Sarah Sanborn; second, Martha Scribner of Stratham.
JAMES, b. 1686; m. Mary Jackson. They had a son, b. Nov. 27, 1716. He m., second, Elizabeth ——— of Stratham. Their son, Joseph R. Robinson, was probably an original proprietor of Meredith.
JOSEPH, b. 1690.

John[3] married Mehitable Stanyon. Their children:

LYDIA, m. —— Morrison.
SARAH, m. —— Palmer.
JONATHAN[4], b. 1720; m. Mercy Chase, 1737/8.
JEREMIAH.
DANIEL.
MARY, m. —— Follansbee.

Jonathan[4], born in 1720, married Mercy Chase, born in 1738, daughter of Jonathan Chase and wife, Joana (Palmer) Chase of Stratham. Jonathan Chase was a son of Aquilla Chase, the emigrant. Children of Jonathan Robinson and wife, Mercy (Chase) Robinson:

CHASE[5], 1738–1831; b. in Stratham; d. in Meredith. He was an original proprietor of Meredith.
JONATHAN, b. 1741; called captain; m. Mary ———.

Mary, b. 1744; m. Jonathan Randlett.

Bradbury, b. 1748; he was a Revolutionary soldier; moved to Nova Scotia.

Jeremiah, b. 1750; m. Molly, ———; lived in Sandwich; a Revolutionary soldier.

Thomas, b. 1753; m. Polly Prescott; lived in Pembroke.

Noah, b. 1756; m. Betsey Sinclair; was captain and lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. They had a son Josiah who m. Harriet A. Pitman. They settled in New Hampton.

David, b. 1759; m. Elizabeth Eastman; lived in Meredith. They were buried in the First Congregational yard, near the Richard Neal Farm. There are stones in the graveyard.

David Robinson, 1759–1834.

Elizabeth Robinson, 1763–1833.

Their dau., Hannah, 1781–1837; m. John Batchelder.

First wife, Hannah W., 1746–1825.

Their dau., Hannah Batchelder, 1811–1834; m. Reuben Prescott, 1798–1834.

Eliza A., 1813–1836.

David Batchelder was a Revolutionary soldier, and had many descendants; he was also a pensioner from Meredith.

Winthrop, b. 1761; lived in Center Harbor; a Revolutionary soldier.

Chase[5] Robinson, 1738–1830; married Priscilla, 1734–1830, daughter of John and Priscilla (Thurber) Pratt; she was born in Seakonk, Maine, and died in Meredith, N. H. Their children were buried in the Robinson yard, at Meredith Center. Children:

John[6], 1759–1848; m. 1784, Lydia, dau. of Ebenezer and wife, Susan (Mackrice) Pitman, 1759–1839. He was a Revolutionary soldier for seven years and pensioner; he was a nephew of Noah Robinson of New Hampton (as pension records). He settled first on his father's lot in the Edgerly District (southern part of Meredith), afterwards removing to the farm near Ladd Hill.

Chase, Jr., 1738–1890; m. Ann ——— ; lived in Center Harbor.

Mercy, m. Josiah Marston of Meredith Center; second Col. Shephard Folsom.

Jonathan[6], b. 1776; m., Dolly, dau. of Thomas and wife, Dolly (Folsom) Norris of Exeter.

Anna, m. Chase Crockett; lived in Meredith. They had a dau., Mary Crockett, 1795–1877.

Thomas[6], 1769–1827; m. 1796, Polly Crocket, 1778–1842, of Epping. They settled in Meredith. Their son, Thomas Jefferson Robinson, 1804–1886, m. 1838 Eliza Glidden, 1816–1901. Their children:

Anna M., m. John Edward Butler, son of Rev. Oliver Butler, who preached at Meredith Center. His wife was Miriam (Sawyer) Watson. Her father was Elijah Watson. They had a son, Ralph E. Butler, b. July 11, 1871.

Mary Caroline, d. young.

Emma Rachel, m. Rev. Charles E. Emery, a pastor at Gilford.

Isabel, m. Joseph Frank Smith, son of Daniel Smith. Their children:

Dr. Robinson W., m. Ruth Hull.

Joseph F., m. Marion Swain.

Frederick, m. Grace ———; is president at New Hampton School. Two daughters.

Abbie Maud, m. E. Rollins. They have one daughter.

Rachel, m. Wilfred Smart.

Thomas, d. young.

Joseph, m. Marion Swain.

Mary, m. John Ansboro.

Barbara, m. Edward Edwards.

John[7] Langdon Robinson, 1809–1897, married Rachel C. Smith in 1831, daughter of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller. Their son, John[8] Henry, married in 1869, Hannah Blaisdell, a daughter of David Blaisdell and wife, Eliza. They had a daughter, Elnor B., born in 1878.

Peter[7] Robinson married his cousin, a daughter of Jeremiah Robinson. Their son, John Greenleaf, married in 1831 Lucinda Roberts; second, in 1852, he married Eunice R. Little.

Buried in the Robinson Yard, Opposite Mr. Felker's

Chase Robinson, born in 1738; died July 27, 1829. Stones gone. His wife, Priscilla, born in 1735; died November 27, 1830.

Thomas P. Robinson, born in 1769; died December 22, 1827. His wife, Polly Crocket Robinson, born in 1778; died July 10, 1842. Anna W. Chase Crocket, born in 1748; died January 13, 1829.

Mary C. Robinson, born in 1795; died March 16, 1877.

Capt. H. Robinson, born in 1797, died March 13, 1850.

Thomas J. Robinson, born in 1804; died May 26, 1886. His wife, Eliza Glidden, born in 1816, died December 15, 1901.

John Langdon Robinson, born in 1809; died April 16, 1897. His wife, Mrs. Rachel C. Smith, born in 1811; died January 12, 1892.

John Robinson, born in 1759; died March 7, 1848. His wife, Lydia Pitman, born in 1769; died March 23, 1859.

Chase Robinson, born in 1790; died July 9, 1880. His wife, Sally Wadleigh, born in 1793; died April 16, 1879.

Joseph W. Robinson, born in 1818; died May 9, 1886. His wife, Frances Weld, 1831–1906.

John P. Robinson, born in 1822; died August 13, 1861. His wife, Lavina. Their daughter, Nellie, died in 1858, aged one year.

John S. Ladd, 1820–1869. His wife, Sarah J. Robinson, 1828–1890. Their daughter, Mary C. Ladd, 1864–1865.

John C. Huse, 1794–1841.

Noah Robinson, born May 7, 1754, in Stratham was a Revolutionary soldier with Washington at Valley Forge. He went to sea as commander of the Marines. Tradition states that they captured 137 British vessels in the Bay of Biscay. They got a British man-of-war. He married Nancy Wiggin in Stratham; buried in Meredith. Noah Robinson was a son of Capt. Mark D. L. Robinson. His son, De La Fayette Robinson.

Noah[6] Robinson, born in 1775, married in 1799, Susan Horne of Barnstead. Their children:

CHRISTIANA, b. 1800.
HANNAH S., b. 1802.
SUSAN HOWE, b. 1804.
NOAH M. W., b. 1808.
NANCY PRATT, b. 1811.
BETSEY JANE, b. 1813.

John Robinson, who married Lydia Pitman. Their children:

SUSAN[7], b. 1785; m. Abram Swain of Meredith Center.
EBENEZER, b. 1787; m. Betsey Shaw. Their children:
Munroe[8] had one dau. who m. John Collins.

Sally Wadleigh, born in 1792; married John C. Huse, 1794–1841, of Sanbornton. He is buried opposite the Felker home. Sally married, second, —— Chase of Campton.

Noah[7] Robinson, born in 1794; married Betsey Sinclair. They had a son, Joshua, who married, when 61 years old, Harriet A. (Hatch) Pitman. He aged 38 years; she a daughter of Isaac C. Hatch and wife, Emily.

Jonathan[7] Robinson, born in 1797; married in 1829, Charlotte Smith of Meredith; no children.

Joshua B.[7] Robinson, born in 1800; married in 1842, Sarah Hall of Gilmanton.

Abigail Robinson, born in 1803; married Joseph Edgerly; married, second, Elisha Smith.

John P. Robinson, born in 1805; married in 1834, Lorinda C. Kenney of Meredith.

Betsey K. Robinson, born in 1815; married Daniel Randlett; went to Virginia.

Chase[7] Robinson, 1789–1880, was buried opposite the Felker home. He married in 1811, Sally Wadleigh, 1792–1879, daughter of Nathaniel Wadleigh, who enlisted in the Revolution when 19 years old from Candia, N. H. Their children:

NATHANIEL[8], b. 1815; d. in one week.

JOSEPH WADLEIGH, 1818–1886. In 1850 he lived in Gilford. He bought out the heirs of Chase Robinson (now owned by Mr. Felker) in Meredith. He m. first, Nancy B. Lawrence of Meredith. He had a dau., b. 1851. He moved onto the old farm in 1852. He m. (one account states) Matilda G. Crocket of Meredith in 1841. Nancy B. Lawrence was a dau. of Noah Lawrence and a sister to Smith Lawrence.

Joseph Wadleigh Robinson married, second, Frances Eliza Weld, 1831–1906. Their son, Francis Joseph, born in 1864, married in 1889 Edith Eldora Webster, born in 1869 at Center Harbor, daughter of Moses S. Webster and wife, Hannah Webster. A son, George W., married Mary B. Nickerson of Lisbon in 1894.

John Pratt Robinson married Lavina ———, 1822–1851. They had a daughter, Nellie, 1858–1859.

Sarah Jane[8] Robinson, 1828–1890, married John Sturdivant Ladd, 1820–1869. A daughter, Mary C. Ladd, 1864–1865. Sarah Jane (as tradition) was widow of Charles Smith.

Some of the family rest in the Robinson yard at Meredith Center, said to be over 100 years old.

Ebenezer Robinson married Betsey Shaw. Their son, Ebenezer (called Sullivan), married Lucy Sanborn. Her nephew

is Fred Sanborn, editor of the Norway, Maine, paper; lives in the same town with Mellie Dunham.

Munroe Robinson married Sarah Smith, daughter of Capt. Washington Smith and granddaughter of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah (Spiller) Smith. Munroe Robinson was a son of Ebenezer [7] and Betsey Shaw. They had a daughter, Annette, who married John Collins. They live on the Bennett Swain farm at the foot of Marston Hill. They had another son, Lewis Collins, who married Grace Leavitt, daughter of George A. Leavitt and wife, Alice (Woodman) Leavitt, also another son, Ralph, who married —— Jewett.

Washington Robinson married Abbie Blaisdell, daughter of Aaron Blaisdell of Meredith. Their children: Ella, Clara, George, Bessie and a son.

Peter [7] Robinson, son of Thomas [6], had a daughter, Dolly Robinson, 1797–1880, who married John Tilton, 1794–1874. She was called "Aunt Dolly" Tilton, a very estimable woman. She used to spin and weave by hand. After she passed away her loom was bought by N. S. Davis (an old neighbor, but later removed to Sanbornton Bay) and used in the frame work of a small building that his son, Ned, used for a little store to sell candies and tobacco. The building is still standing under the "Old Willow Tree," marked by the State Forestry.

Tradition tells us that the reporter, Mrs. Hall, who lives near the Country Club, owns the John Tilton place and that a monument, unmarked, stands in Opeechee yard for Joseph Tilton Robinson (a brother of John), who married Nanny Robinson, who lived back of the church at Meredith Center. A sister, Nancy, married —— Hill; lived in Meredith Center, next house to "Aunt Dolly" Tilton.

Mary Ann Robinson married George Ham, who came from Maine. They lived with "Aunt Dolly" and are buried in Robinson yard at Meredith Center. Their children:

GEORGIA, m. —— Cromett.
BELLE, m. —— Weeks.
FRANK went to Me.
IDA d. young.

Sally (Graves) Davis, wife of N. S. Davis and daughter of Alvah Graves, 1806–1850. Their boy, 1844–1849. She married, second, Joseph Odell, 1801–1872, a brother to Jacob Odell.

Stephen Robinson Branch

John Robinson of Ipswich, Newbury, Haverhill and Exeter, was (as Stearns' History) in 1664, one of three men to help lay out the highways in Exeter, where he was killed in 1675 by Indians. Little is known of his family. A David and Jonathan were in Exeter, from 1657–1683, also Stephen and John, who probably were sons of John. Through some generations was a John who removed from Exeter to Sanbornton, about 1793, where he died in 1799. Probably he is the John who married Elizabeth Folsom. John of Sanbornton had several children, among them Daniel, born at Exeter in 1781, died at Laconia in 1869. He lived many years in Sanbornton, a good citizen, and in his last years lived with his son, Stephen, in Laconia, and there died.

Daniel Robinson married Betsey Philbrick, 1789–1860, daughter of Deacon David Philbrick. Their children:

True Philbrick, 1817–1837.

Ira, 1807–1837; m. Caroline M. Cleverly. He was at Chancellorsville in 1863, and discharged disabled.

Abigail Marston, b. 1822; m. Horace Chapman of Belmont.

Sarah Ann, b. 1824; m. Samuel S. Hersey.

Stephen Coffran, 1827–1905, b. in Sanbornton, lived on his father's farm until 1869, then removed to Laconia. He m., first, Nancy Maria Odell, 1830–1888, dau. of Jacob and wife, Almira (Aiken) Odell. They had one child, Frank Orrin Robinson, 1854–1923. After his education in 1874 he went to Newburg, N. Y., in the railroad business. He m. in 1880, Henrietta Scott. They had two sons, Royal Herman, b. 1884, and Frank P., b. 1886. Stephen Coffran Robinson, after his wife d. in 1888, m. Clara A. Harvell, b. 1856, dau. of John W. and wife, Sarah Ann (Jameson) Harvell.

John Robinson was in Exeter in 1652. He was shot by Indians in 1675. His son, John, was with him and escaped.

Nathaniel Robinson, born in 1753, married in 1799 Polly Marston of Deerfield.

Levi Robinson of Nottingham (as vital records) had Jeremiah, born in 1778; married Phebe Keniston in 1800 at New Hampton.

Josiah Robinson, born in 1780, married Polly Weeks in 1815 at Gilmanton; married, second, Louisa Morrison in 1835.

Levi Robinson married in 1781 Rachel Rinea of Durham. Their children:

Joseph R., b. 1780; m. in 1803, Elizabeth Gordon of New Hampton.
Benjamin, b. 1782.
Mary, b. 1784.
Ephraim, b. 1786.
Joanna, b. 1788.
Sarah, b. 1790.
Levi, Jr., b. 1795.
Nathaniel, b. 1797.

Noah Robinson of New Hampton married in 1805, Elizabeth Brown of Portsmouth; married, second, in 1824, Widow Rosamand Taylor of Sanbornton.

The Stones in the Old Yard on the Farm

Noah Robinson, 1757–1827.

Rosamond, died 1859 (age worn off).

Elizabeth (not legible).

Mercy, wife of Major Richard Shephard, died April 16, 1860, aged 87 years; she was probably a sister to Noah.

Nancy E. Marston, daughter of Noah and Elizabeth Robinson, died 1827, wife of Thomas S. Robinson.

Josephine, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Robinson, 1839–1869; married Israel Woodman.

Thomas Robinson, 1796–1880, married Nancy Marston, 1796–1881, daughter of Josiah Marston. Nancy Marston was an own cousin to Mary Marston, daughter of Reuben Marston, Jr., who married Nicholas Smith of New Hampton. Their children: Thaddeus Pulaski and Nancy Josephine.

Thaddeus Pulaski Robinson, 1824–1900, married in 1847, Eliza Ann Farnham of Lynn, she born in Newmarket, 1824–1907. Their children:

Emma G., 1849–1883, m. 1871 John Dearborn Wadleigh, son of General Wadleigh of Meredith; John d. at West Point, Nebraska. Their dau., Jennie Dearborn Wadleigh, b. 1872, lives in Meredith.
Ettie E., 1854–1899.

Buried in Meredith Village Yard

David Robinson, 1796–1876.

Mehitable Robinson, 1800–1869.

Hannah E. Robinson, 1834–1886, married Benjamin F. Cox, 1814–1882.

Nathaniel Robinson Line

In 1652 John Robinson was one with others chosen to lay out "the Exeter Meeting House" (as Dow), to be made 20 feet in extent, of square logs, with rude benches of boards as they came from the sawmill. This building served as a place of worship over forty years.

As history, John Robinson was a blacksmith, who removed in 1657 to Hampton, N. H. He carried a warming pan in his hand as he drove his team; he was called "Goodman Robinson."

Among his descendants was Jonathan Robinson. They came from England. As Deerfield history, Captain James Robinson was one of the first settlers in Brentwood. He married Mary Gilman of Exeter in 1732.

Their four sons settled in Brentwood. Capt. James' wife died in 1750. He then married Anna Trask, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Nathaniel Robinson, served in the French and Indian War; later he settled in Meredith; he came from Epping, and took up wild land. His son Capt. Joseph Robinson, born in 1760, served in the Revolution under General Stark, and was in the Battle of Bennington. After his return he married Judith York, 1768–1834. They are buried in Meredith Village Yard. Their son, Zadoc Bowman Robinson, 1799–1882, married August 27, 1820, Polly Moses, 1797–1888, of Meredith. (The Old Nathaniel Robinson Bible, printed in 1816, gives the names and dates in his own handwriting.) Their three children:

Joshua Alford, b. Mar. 10, 1821; d. Oct. 22, 1886. He m. Adeline Fox. Their dau., Laura T., b. June 10, 1846, in Meredith, m. J. Freeman Prescott. After the first wife d., he m Aug. 28, 1850, Julian Perkins Moore, she b. in Sanbornton, July 9, 1820, d. Feb. 26, 1901, in Laconia, a dau. of Mark Moore and wife, Betsey Gale. He was a carriage maker in Meredith Center. Their son, Mark Moore Robinson, b. Aug. 22, 1853, in Meredith, worked as a jeweller with S. E. Young in 1876. Later he and Frank Lougee formed a partnership in the furniture business, and have one of the largest stores in northern New Hampshire and sell goods all over the world. He m. May 30, 1880, Charlotte Libbey Moore, she b. Jan. 27, 1858, in Laconia, dau. of Jonathan Lovejoy Moore and wife, Lucy J. Sanborn, she a dau. of Col. Daniel Sanborn and wife, Harriett Ladd of Sanbornton.

Angeline, m. Noah Brown of Tilton.
John M., b. Aug. 14, 1828, d. July 12, 1906. When some 25 years old, he went to Ohio and worked as a railroad man for a time, then returned to Lakeport, working there until 1861. He then retired to the old homestead that had come down from his great-grandfather, Nathaniel Robinson. He filled several town and public offices He m. Mar. 26, 1856, Lucinda H. Severance, she b. Aug. 14, 1829, d. Feb 17, 1909, a dau. of Peter and wife, Judith (Glidden) Severance. Their children:
Judith Annie, b. 1858; a teacher.
Carrie Blanche, b. 1860; m. Samuel A. Garland of Meredith. Their children:
Irving R. m. 1919 Gladys Leavitt.
Edgar Drew, m. 1921 Pauline Robinson.
Ellen Wadleigh b. 1863.

From Mary (Neal) Robinson's Old Bible

Joseph E. Robinson, 1783–1854, married, second, Mary Neal, daughter of "White Oak Joseph" Neal. Children of Mr. Robinson by first wife:

George B., b. Dec. 18, 1812.
John S., b. Jan 1, 1814.
Mary S., b. Sept. 19, 1822.

Joseph E. Robinson is buried with his first wife in the Pease yard. He died May 23, 1867, aged 81 years. He was living in Newcastle when he married, second, Mary Neal. Tradition says he was born on the Felker farm, in Meredith, and married, second, January 30, 1844.

Disconnected

John Robinson married Mary Gilman of Meredith.

The Robinson family on Cass Hill were related to Pulaski Robinson, who lived near Fogg's Tavern.

In 1766 Chase E. Robinson had seven or eight acres of trees felled on land, and three cleared on what is now the present Felker farm. He had built a log house, which stood opposite the present barn, on the same side of the road as the Robinson burying ground.

New Hampton Robinsons

Levi Robinson of Nottingham married in 1781, Rachel Rinea of Durham. Their children:

Benjamin, b. 1782, in New Hampton.
Ephraim, b. 1786.

Levi Robinson married February 5, 1823, Lucy Chritchet. Their children:

Jeremiah, b. 1778; m. Phebe Keniston in 1800, in New Hampton.
Josiah, b. 1780.
Mary R., b. 1784.
Joanna, b. 1788.
Sarah R., b. 1790.
Levi, Jr., b. 1795.
Nathaniel, b. 1797.
Joseph R., b. 1799; m. Elizabeth Gordon.

Noah Robinson married in 1805, Elizabeth Brown of Portsmouth; married in 1824, Rosanna Taylor of Sanbornton.

James M. Robinson married Sarah E. Smith in 1844 at Meredith.

John D. Robinson married Jerusha Mason of Bristol in 1854.

Jabez S. Robinson, 1831–1919, married in 1854 Mary Fernald; both of Meredith; married, second, Priscilla Bickford, 1845–1902.

ROBY

Henry Roby, 1618–1688 (as provincial papers), was born in England. He came to New England in 1639 and settled in Exeter, where he signed the Combination; then removed to the part called Hampton, where he occupied several offices of trust, was selectman, constable, and justice of the peace many years. He kept an "Ordinary" for some ten years in Hampton. They had seven children—four boys and three girls. His wife died in 1673.

John Roby, the second child, married Mary ———; moved in 1675 to Haverhill, in the part that was assigned to New Hampshire, under the "Mitchell Line" (as history). He was killed by the Indians. He left seven children, all under twelve years of age.

Other branches settled in Dunstable, and kept the family names.

James Roby, 1734–1802 (as history), was in Durham, and later settled in Center Harbor. His son, Samuel, died in 1846. He married May 7, 1821, Eunice Roberts of Meredith, daughter of Joseph Roberts. (Reported from Gilford.) Their children:

Susan.
Mary, b. Sept., 1824.
Nancy, b. 1826.
James, b. Oct., 1828; m. Elnora A. Hanes of Gilford in 1850.
Thomas, b. Dec., 1830; m. Addie Hoyt of Meredith in 1860. He was a conductor on the B., C. & M. railroad for many years.
William, 1832–1907; m. Harriet M. Chase, 1838–1872. Their children:
Samuel Hastings, b. 1862 in New Hampton; m. Lizzie O. Mills. He was editor of the Chelsea, Mass., paper.
Charles Warren, b. 1858, is vice-president of the American Railroad Express. He has a son, Harold William, who keeps the "old home for a summer home," called "Rock Ridge."

William R. Roby of New Hampton married, second, in 1875, Martha G. Walker of Ashland, 1836–1923.

ROWE

Jeremiah Rowe, born in Gilford (now in Laconia), was an extensive farmer. He married Ruth Lone; married, second, Ruth Seward. He had a son, Morrison, by the first wife, and by the second wife: Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Charles M., born in Gilmanton, 1810–1868. When he was twenty-one he bought a farm of 125 acres in Belmont, where he was a successful farmer. He was a representative in the legislature in 1855. He married Sarah B., daughter of Jonathan James. Their children:

Mary J., m. Franklin Cook of Plymouth, N. H. They had three children.
Flora A., m. John F. Merrill of Laconia. They had four children.
Charles H., 1837–1855, born in Gilmanton (now Belmont), followed farming for a time; later he was in the real estate business and then ran a store with his son, Daniel M., for five years. Tradition tells us that he owned some twelve acres in Laconia, on Court St., and gave out of this acreage enough land for Fair, Bay and Charles Sts. to the town, and la d out thirty-three house lots, which he sold and built on. He married in 1861 Marietta R., dau. of Daniel G. and wife, Lydia (Rundlett) Ladd of Belmont. They had children: Daniel M., Leon G. and Merton C.

SANBORN

The earliest mention in history of Sanborne is in England in 1194, but since the fourteenth century the last letter has been cut off and it makes the shorter word, Sanborn.

Lieut. John Sanborn, born in 1620, whose mother, Anne, daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, who came to Hampton, N. H., married Mary, daughter of Robert Buck. They had twelve children. Through several generations were: Shubael [6] Sanborn, Benjamin [5], Shubael [4], Shubael [3], Richard [2], John [1] of Canterbury. He married Phebe, daughter of Jacob Smith and wife, Betsey Cass. Jacob Smith came from Epping in company with Satchel Clark and John Thorn, and settled on a clearing west of "Tin Corner" (in what is now Tilton). He came in time to sign the "Petition" in 1768; he also signed the "Association Test" in 1776.

Their eighth child, Jeremiah Sanborn, 1806–1883, was a farmer in Holderness. He married Caroline Basford of Candia. She died in 1836. Their daughter, Ann Eliza Sanborn, married George Washington Baker of Holderness. Children:

Luther.
Jason.
Caroline, m. Thomas Hughes of Ashland.
Phebe, m. Stephen Eastman.
George W.

Sidney Sanborn Baker married Hattie Wilmina Fernald of Meredith, daughter of William Fernald and wife, Loretta Burleigh, she a daughter of Stephen Burleigh and wife, Hannah (Prescott) Burleigh. Sidney Sanborn Baker and wife had a son, Sidney Fernald, born September 22, 1890, in Milford, the fourth child. He married in 1921 Nora Eva Fecteau, born in Laconia. Their children:

Betty Jane, b. Sept. 30, 1922.
Sally Ann, b. Feb. 19, 1928.

John, William and Stephen Sanborn were sons of William and wife, Anne, daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, who came to Hampton about 1630 with their grandfather. Their father (as history) died in 1630 in England. Their mother was a widow, and in 1631 resided at "ye Strand." They had "licenses to pass beyong the seas."

Lieut. John Sanborn, born in 1620, had a house in Hampton, near "Meeting house Green," and had grants of land. He married Mary, daughter of Robert Tuck of Gorlston, Suffolk County, England, and she later was in Hampton, N. H., where she died in 1668. He married, second, Margaret (Page) Moulton, widow of William Moulton and a daughter of Robert Page of Ormsby, Norfolk County, and later in Hampton. They had twelve children. Two daughters, Abigail, born in 1653, married Ephraim Marston, and Dinah married James Marston.

Their eleventh child, Deacon Benjamin, born in 1668, was one of the grantees of Kingston, but lived at Hampton Falls. He married Sarah ———, 1666–1720; second, Meribah (Page) Tilton, widow of Josiah Shaw and second wife of Samuel Tilton. Meribah Sanborn died in 1740. He married, third, Abigail (Gove) Dalton, daughter of Capt. Edward Gove and widow of Philemon Dalton. Deacon Benjamin Sanborn died in 1740, leaving twelve children.

Their eleventh child, Benjamin, born in 1712 at Hampton Falls, married in 1733 Hannah Tilton, daughter of David Tilton; married, second, in 1736, Dorothy (Tilton) Prescott, widow of James Prescott.

Their fourth child, Theophilus, born in 1747 in Hampton Falls, married Anne Shaw. They moved to Meredith. Their children:

Lois, b. 1793; m. Samuel Shaw of Chichester.
Benjamin, b. 1771.
Theophilus, b. 1772; m. Patty Gale; lived in Meredith. No children.
Dudley, b. 1775.
Samuel, b. 1777.
Newell, 1779–1801.
Nancy, b. 1783; m. Noah Ward of New Hampton.
Aaron, b. 1789.

Their second child, Benjamin, born in 1771, lived and died in Meredith. He married Hannah Bean of Gilmanton, who died 1802; married, second, Polly Chase of Sanbornton, died in 1848. Their children:

Nancy, b. 1802; m. Asa Ladd of Gilford.
Mahala, b. 1804; m. Nathaniel Cawley of Sanbornton.
Sally, b. 1806; m. Alvah Graves; m. second, Job Batchelder of Meredith.
Hannah, b. 1811; m. Joseph Wadleigh of Sanbornton.

Luther, b. 1812.
Newell, b. 1814.
Benaih, 1817–1839.
Eliza L., 1822–1848.

Dudley Sanborn, born in 1775–1853, son of Theophilus and wife, Anna Shaw, lived and died in Meredith; married in 1799 Polly Fox, daughter of Deacon Edward Fox of Meredith; married, second, in 1803, Polly Sanders, daughter of John Sanders of Sanbornton, born in 1783. Their children:

Mary F., 1803–1879; m. 1827, Noah Folsom of Sanbornton; m. second, 1842, Deacon John Batcheldor of Laconia.
Warren, b. 1806; m. Ann Lougee of Sanbornton. Five children.
John, b. 1809; d. young.
John M., b. 1810; single.
Electa J., 1818–1849.

Phebe Sanborn, 1774–1840, married John Sanborn; married, second, Jesse Plumer of Meredith.

Harriet Whitman Sanborn, born in 1838, married George Smith Roberts of Meredith.

Benaih Sanborn, born at North Hampton, 1757–1841, married Huldah, daughter of Deacon Christopher Smith, North Hampton, 1760–1858. They had twelve children. Their fifth child, Huldah, born in 1791, married Thomas Eastman of Laconia, son of Thomas of Meredith.

John Roberts of Meredith married Polly Sanborn, born in 1777, daughter of Zadok Sanborn, born at Brentwood in 1733, and wife, Susanna Judkins of Kingston, born in 1736.

Eunice Sanborn, born in 1860, daughter of Deacon John Sanborn, born at New Hampton, 1730–1760, served in the French War. He moved to Gilmanton in 1764; married Mary Glidden of Greenland, 1732–1706. Their third child, Eunice, married Richard Boynton of New Hampton.

Betty, daughter of Capt. Nathan Sanborn, born at North Hampton, baptized in 1735, early moved to Deerfield; Capt. Nathan signed the "Test" there. He married Jemima French, who died at Daniel Clough's in Gilmanton in 1817. Their daughter, baptized in 1760, married —— Farrar of Meredith.

Lucretia, 1786–1874, daughter of Jeremiah Sanborn, born in 1757 at Kensington, moved to Gilmanton in 1777. Jeremiah's

wife was Lydia Tilton. Lucretia married in 1809, Capt. Nicholas Folsom, son of Elder Nicholas Folsom.

Aschel Sanborn of Epping, 1770–1860, lived and died in Meredith. He married Hannah Swain. Their children:

Polly, b. 1798; m. Smith Leavitt of Meredith.
Sarah, 1801–1823; m. David Edgerly of New Hampton.
Ruth, 1805–1852; m. John Randlett of Meredith.
Moses, 1808–1850.
Salmon, b. 1812.
Ashel, b. 1818; m. 1853 Mary Ann Collins of Meredith.
Hannah, b. 1821; single.

Stephen Sanborn, born at Epping in 1772, lived and died in Meredith. He married Esther Thompson. They had nine children.

Samuel Sanborn, 1777–1859 (son of Theophilus and wife, Anna Shaw), lived and died in Meredith; married Deborah Gale, 1782–1858, of Sanbornton. Their children:

Hannah, 1803–1807.
Louisa, b. 1805; m. 1833 Capt. Josiah B. Batchelder, son of Carter Batchelder of Sanbornton.
Theophilus S., b. 1808; m. 1832 Margaret Ann Hutchinson. Ten children.
Samuel, b. 1810; d. young.
True, b. 1811 in Meredith; m. 1837 Sally Heagan, in Maine. Six children.
Deborah, b. 1814; m. 1838 Lieut. Daniel Robertson of Boston.
Samuel, b. 1819; m. 1844 Sylvania S. Bickford, dau. of Ebenezer. Three children.
Lavina, b. 1819; m. 1852 Dwelly Turner Smith of Boston.
Jonathan, b. 1821; m. in 1845 Emeline H., dau. of Ebenezer Bickford and a sister of the wife of Samuel Sanborn. One child, Alma Ann.

Aaron Sanborn, born in 1785 at Meredith and died there; married in 1813, Lydia Woodman, daughter of Thomas Woodman, 1793–1839, of New Hampton; married, second, Sarah Jane (Tilton) Abbott. Their children:

Levi W., b. 1814; moved to Maine; m. Frances Ann Rolfe. Three children.
Noah W., b. 1816; moved to Maine; m. Mary E. Merrill. Two children.

Ann W., b. 1819; m. William Batchelder, son of Solomon of Meredith.
Arvilla, b. 1822; m. 1844 Benjamin C. Batchelder of Meredith and Sanbornton.
Belinda, b. 1831; m. Alonzo Lane; lived in Maine.
Lydia Ann, 1848.

Children of Samuel Sanborn:

Betsey, b. 1812; m. John S. Towle.
Maria, b. 1816; m. Philip O. Blaisdell of Gilford, son of Eliphalet.
John S., b. 1820.

Newell, son of Timothy Sanborn, 1789–1865, lived in Loudon; married Polly F. Shaw, who died in 1846; married, second, Betsey Tenney. Their children:

Harriet, 1817–1846.
Lucy L., b. 1820; m. 1841 E. Robinson of Meredith.
John Shaw, 1823.
William Tenney, 1825–1829.

Samuel P. Sanborn, son of Timothy, born in 1805, married Sally Prescott of Meredith. Their children:

Charles Leach, b. 1844.
Timothy Bracket, b. 1846; lived in Holderness.
Mary Elizabeth, b. 1851.

John Sanborn, born at North Hampton in 1769; inherited his grandfather's farm.

Daniel Sanborn married Phebe Sanborn, who died in 1840, after she married Jesse Plumer. They had twelve children.

Ira Sanborn, 1801–1891, born at Meredith, son of John Sanborn of Epping and wife, Sarah Dow; married in 1796; married, second, in 1824, Abigail Plumer, 1796–1852. Their children:

Hannah, b. 1826, m. J. E. Mudgett of Laconia.
Nathan P., b. 1827.
Abigail S., 1830–1857.
Cynthia, b. 1835; m. Edmund Copp of New Hampton.
John Taylor, b. 1838; lived in Meredith; m. 1864 Emily H. Weld, b. 1839. Their children:
  Carrie E., d. 1868.
  Arthur Lincoln, b. 1869.
  Annie Maud, b. 1874.

Salmon Hibbard, 1812–1860, lived in Meredith, son of Asahel Sanborn, born in 1770; married Hannah Swain; Salmon married Eliza Jane Mead, 1812–1870. Their children:

Almira Jane, 1838–1860.
Evanna T., 1840–1870; m. Benjamin Perkins of Meredith Center.
Mary Elizabeth, 1842–1844.
Lydia Ann, b. 1845; m. William S. Smith of North Sanbornton.
Eliza Ruth, b. 1847; m. 1871 J. W. Mathes of Laconia.
Jesse Fremont, b. 1850; lived at Meredith Center.
Moses Salmon, 1851–1869.
Emma Valora, b. 1855; lived Meredith Center.

William Thompson Sanborn, born in 1799, son of Stephen and wife, Esther Thompson. They had nine children; lived in New Hampton, also Bristol. William married Rachel Swain, who died in 1843 at Bristol; married, second, Mary Gordon; third, Susan Mudgett. Six children.

Nathaniel Sanborn, 1801–1873, born at Meredith, son of Stephen Sanborn and wife, Esther Thompson. Nathaniel married in 1825, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Roberts of Meredith, 1807–1889. Buried at Smith yard in Meredith. Their children:

Mary R., b. 1826; m. John T. Jewel of Laconia.
Phebe Ann, b. 1828; m. J. S. Weeks of Laconia.
Olive Esther, b. 1830; m. Langdon G. Robinson of Laconia.
Sarah Jane, b. 1833; m. D. W. Tenney of Methuen, Mass.
Joseph Noah, b. 1836.
Charles Francis, b. 1838.
Wesley Curtis, 1841–1869.
Anna C., b. 1844; m. Charles A. Davis of Fall River, Mass.
Frederick Milton, b. 1856.

Joseph Noah Sanborn, born at Meredith in 1836 (son of Nathaniel and wife, Sarah, 1807–1889, daughter of Joseph Roberts of Meredith), married in 1857 Esther P. Stockridge, 1839–1861. Joseph Noah married, second, in 1862, Ruth K. Smith, daughter of David Smith of Sanbornton, where the famous grapevine flourished. Children by Esther Stockbridge:

George C., b. 1859 in Gilmanton; an electrician of Lakeport; m. 1885 Harriet A. Collins of Laconia, b. 1864; they have children:
Henry Arthur, b. 1886.
Carl Collins, b. 1889.

Children by Ruth K. Smith:

Mildred Laura.
Willis J., b. 1865 in Sanbornton; a Baptist preacher.
Orrin N., b. 1866; m. 1885 Nellie E. Bowers.
Olive E., b. 1870.
Wesley D., b. 1872, an electrician.
Mary A., 1876–1893.

David Sanborn, 1803–1838, son of Stephen and wife, Esther Thompson; lived and died in Meredith. (No records.)

A brother, Moses Sanborn, born in 1810, married Dorothy Swain; one daughter, Emily, born in 1837.

Another brother, Richard Sanborn, born in 1813, later moved to Belmont; married Mary Swain of Meredith. Their children:

Mary Judith, b. 1845; m. Gordon Burleigh of Laconia.
Stephen Richard, b. 1847; m. 1871 Harriet A. Moulton, she b. 1852. One son, Roscoe C., lives in Laconia.
David S., b. 1850; m. and left a dau., Mrs. E. Howe of Laconia.
George H., b. 1853; m. and had a dau., Ida. (No other records.)

Luther Sanborn, 1812–1861, born in Meredith (son of Benjamin Sanborn, a brother to Newell, born in 1814), married Lucinda Batchelder, daughter of John, born in 1819; lived in Sanbornton, died in 1844, leaving one son, Odell Batchelder, born in 1840. She married, second, James B. Swain; third, John Fields of Laconia.

William Chase Sanborn, born at New Hampton in 1807 (son of Walter Sanborn, born at Brentwood in 1770, and wife, Jane Chase of Sanbornton), married Mary Smith. Their children:

Sarah Ann, b. 1838.
Frank D., b. 1839; m. Martha Pike, b. 1850. Children:
Ida L., b. 1873; m. Herman Johnson of Sanbornton.
Eva R., b. 1877.

John Y. Sanborn, born in 1842.

Another brother, Moses Sanborn, born in 1817 at New Hampton; married Sarah Jane Kelley. Eight children.

Dr. George Sanborn, born at Gilford in 1820 (a son of Samuel Gilman Sanborn, born at Gilmanton in 1787, and wife, Sarah, daughter of Samuel B. Mason of Gilford). A physician in Meredith; married in 1847, Sophronia D. Stockbridge, 1821–1888.

A son, George Freeman, born in 1857, married Charlotte J. French of Meredith, born in 1857. A druggist there. Their child, Roydon W., born in 1886 at Meredith.

Col. David Sanborn, 1797–1878, born at Sanbornton, a colonel in the militia (son of Dr. Benaih Sanborn, born in 1757, and his wife, Huldah, daughter of Christopher Smith, 1760–1858). They had twelve children.

The fifth child, Huldah, married Thomas Eastman, son of Thomas of Meredith and his wife, Mary Belinda, born in 1813; married in 1831.

Another son, Obadiah, son of Thomas Eastman and wife, Mary Belinda. She was a daughter of George Washington Sanborn and wife, Molly Sanborn.

Col. Daniel Sanborn went into business in Meredith. He married in 1822, Harriet, daughter of Edward Ladd, 1803–1885. Their children:

Emmeline B., b. 1823; m. David Allen of Newport; d. 1851. She m., second, Alfred Burleigh of Sanbornton. (See lineage in Sanbornton Town History.)
Hannah Ladd, b. 1825; m. Arthur C. Taylor of Sanbornton.
Eliza Ann, b. 1828; m. Jacob Wadleigh of Laconia.
Mary Simpson, b. 1831; m. Edwin Sanborn of Lowell, Mass.
Lucinda M., b. 1835; m. Barnard H. Burleigh of Sanbornton.
William Henry, b. 1838; m. Eliza Conner of Laconia.
Esther, b. 1847; m. Frank F. Libbey of Laconia.

Benjamin Sanborn, born at Gilford in 1793 (son of Neb, born at Gilmanton in 1766, settled in Gilford and there died. He married in 1792, Judith, daughter of John Tilton), married 1819, Sally, daughter of John Smith, 1797–1834, of Meredith. He married, second, Lucinda, daughter of Deacon Caleb Marston. Their son, Eben S., born in 1820, married in 1846, Joanna Elizabeth Ferguson, born in 1825, who came from Pelham. Their children:

John Smith, b. 1847.
Sarah Jane, b. 1850.
Susan C., b. 1832, and three others.

Dr. John Henry Sanborn, born at Meredith in 1830, studied medicine, and practiced. (Son of Dr. John Sanborn, born at Sanbornton in 1789. He lived and died in Meredith; was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Meredith; married

Susan Hubbard. Their daughter, Susan C., born in 1823, married Levi Leach of Meredith.) He was assistant surgeon of the 12th Regiment, N. H. V.; served in many battles. He married in 1854, Elizabeth Hervey, daughter of the Rev. Giles Leach of Meredith. He removed to Franklin Falls in 1874. Their children:

Giles Leach, b. and d. 1855.
Hattie Leach, b. 1856; m. Edgar A. Jones.
Susan Lillian, 1861–1873.
Elizabeth Thompson, 1873–1887.

Kingston First Church records state that Zadoc Sanborn married August 5, 1755, Susanna Judkins. Early records state that they were in Brentwood. Their son, Walter Sanborn, born in 1770 at Brentwood, went to New Hampton and settled in 1802. He married Jennie, born in 1775, daughter of William Chase. Their children were: John, Eliphalet, Susan, William, Phebe, Jane and Moses.

Moses Sanborn lived on the homestead in New Hampton, then moved to another part of the town; later he went to Lake Village, where he worked on the railroad. He married Sarah Jane, daughter of Benjamin and wife, Hannah (Avery) Kelley. Their children:

Augusta L., m. John C. Fogg of Lake Village.
Edwin, m. 1861 Elsie A. Glidden.
Annie M., m. Arthur Tucker.
George E., m. Fanny Lane; they settled in Connecticut.
Wesley C. was drowned.
Herman L., d. young.
Oscar C., a machinist in Lakeport.
Fred C. was a machinist, then went on the railroad as brakeman and later was conductor on the Lakeport and Dover branch. He m. 1878 Fostina E., dau. of Moses and wife, Ann Maria (Chase) Young of Belmont. Her great-grandfather was b. at Loudon in 1755 and moved to Gilmanton, by "spotted trees," on horseback with his wife and five children.

Deacon Bailey Young married Molly Randlett. The old homestead fell to Deacon Bailey Young, who was a prosperous farmer and deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church in Gilmanton. Their children:

Louisa, m. Dr. Weymouth of Andover.
Mary Jane, m. John Avery.
Harriet.
Emeline, m. Edwin Nutting.
Adeline, m. Ezekiel Gilman.
Charlotte, m. and lived in Vermont.
John S., m. Mehitable Cole.
George B., m. and went to St. Louis.
Charles A., m. Ellen Leavitt.
Ansel F., d. in the army.
Moses worked at stonecutting; later farmed. He m. a dau. of John Young, Ann Maria (Chase) Young. She was a granddaughter of Zachias Chase. Their children:
Oscar T., settled in North Andover, Mass.
Fostina E.
Charles S., settled in Northfield.
Sarah E., d. young.
Hattie A., d. young.
Ansel C., d. young.
Abbie M., m. Albert Head of Laconia.
{ Amy A., m. Fred W. Chatfield
{ Annie, d. young } Twins.

Nathaniel Sanborn married in 1691, Rebecca Prescott of Hampton. He signed the "Test" in Epping.

Nathan Sanborn married Catherine Sattalee, 1710–1810. They had five children at Hampton Falls, then moved to Epping.

Nathan [4] Sanborn (Nathaniel, John, John [1]), 1809, signed the "Test" in Epping.

Nathaniel, born in 1737, married Polly French, settled in Meredith (Chemung). Their son, John Sanborn, 1767–1836, married in 1796, Sally Dow, 1770–1843, of East Kingston. Their son, Ira Sanborn, born in 1801, married in 1824, Abigail Plummer, 1796–1852, in Meredith. Their son, John Taylor Sanborn, 1838–1891, married Emily H. Weld of Boothbay, Maine, she born in 1839. They were married in 1864. Their daughter, Anne Maud Sanborn, born in 1874, married Elmer Perkins of Meredith.

Nathaniel Sanborn married Sally Roberts of Meredith, December 25, 1825.

Nathan Sanborn of Sanbornton married Agnes Durgin, February 20, 1800.

Nathaniel Sanborn married Mary Dow, February 23, 1799, both of New Hampton.

From David Perkins Records

John Sanborn, 1789–1870, son of John and wife, Lydia (Rollins) Sanborn of Hampton, who lived on "Bride's Hill." His line runs back many generations through the Sanborns of Sanbornton. He studied medicine with Dr. Shaw of Moultonboro and commenced practice in Meredith Village in 1815. He was a man of strict integrity, of a social disposition, an advocate of temperance; was a member of the Congregational Church for more than fifty years, and served as a deacon forty years, often proving his piety, as a physician for souls, as well as the bodies of his patrons. He married, in 1820, Susan Hubbard, 1791–1866, of Moultonboro. Their children, born in Meredith:

Jesse Appleton, b. 1820; m. Sarah Sanborn in 1842; went west.
Susan Catherine, b. 1823; m. Levi Leach in 1845.
Infant son, b. 1828.
John Henry, b. 1830; m. Elizabeth H. Leach in 1854.

Susan Catherine Sanborn married Levi Leach in 1845. He was born in Bridgewater, Mass., and was a teacher of vocal music. He enlisted in the 12th N. H. Regiment and was promoted to sergeant; was at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where he was severely wounded. After his return they lived several years with her parents at Meredith, later removed to Franklin Falls. Their children, born in Meredith:

Willie S., b. 1847; served in the Civil War; d. there in 1863.
Edward Giles, b. 1849; m. M. Agnes A. Robinson in 1874. He is a lawyer by profession; resides in Franklin. Their children:
William Eugene, b. 1877.
Robert Milton, b. 1879.

John Sanborn, born in 1620 in England, son of William and wife, Anne, daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachiler. Lieut. John Sanborn came to New England with his grandfather, Rev. Stephen Bachiler; was in Hampton in 1639. In 1679 he was commissioned lieutenant of Hampton forces and served as lieutenant in King William's War. He married Mary, daughter of Robert Tuck, and they had children; she died in 1668. He married, second, Margaret (Page) Moulton. He died in 1692.

John [2] Sanborn, born in 1649, eldest son by first wife, married in

1674, Judith, daughter of Tristam Coffin, born in 1653. They had ten children.

Nathaniel [3] Sanborn, born in 1666, married Rebecca, daughter of James Prescott of Hampton. They had five children. She died in 1704. He married, second, Sarah Mason, and had six children. He was prominent in town business in Kingston.

Nathan [4] Sanborn, born in 1709 at Hampton Falls, married Catherine Satterlee, born in 1710. They removed to Epping, where he signed the "Association Test" Act; later removed to Sanbornton, where she died in 1810, almost 100 years old. Their second daughter, Hannah, born in 1735, married Joseph Cass, grandfather of Lewis Cass.

Nathaniel [5] Sanborn, born in 1737 at Hampton Falls, married at South Hampton in 1764, Polly French of Kingston. They removed to Epping, where he signed the "Test Act." They had eight children. Their fifth child, Polly, born in 1776, married Stephen Leavitt of Meredith.

Stephen [6] Sanborn, born in 1772 at Epping, lived and died in Meredith. He married Esther Thompson. They had nine children; several of them never married.

Nathaniel [7] Sanborn, born in 1801 at Meredith, was a successful farmer. He married in 1825, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Roberts of Meredith; she was born in 1807, died in 1889. Their children:

Mary R., b. Oct. 15, 1826; m. John T. Jewell of Laconia.

Phebe Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1828; m. John S. Weeks of Laconia.

Olive Esther, b. Nov. 7, 1830; m. Langdon C. Morgan of Meredith.

Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 6, 1833; m. D. W. Tenney of Methuen, Mass.

Joseph Noah, b. Mar. 6, 1836; m. Esther P. Stockbridge of Gilmanton in 1857, she b. 1839, d. 1861; they had a son, George C. Sanborn, b. 1859 at Gilmanton; m. 1885 Harriet A. Collins, b. 1864. He lives in Lakeport. Their children: Harry Arthur, b. 1886; Carl Collins, b. 1889; Mildred Laura, b. 1891. Joseph Noah m., second, Ruth Knowlton in 1862, dau. of David and wife, Olive (Knowlton) Smith, b. 1836. He removed to his father-in-law's, David Smith's in Sanbornton, near the Meredith line in Rocksbury, so called, where he lived over forty years; was a very successful fruit grower, and was prominent in church affairs. Their children:

Rev. Willis, b. 1865 at Sanbornton; a Baptist Minister; m. Georgia Lambert.

Orin N., b. 1866; m. Nellie Bowers, b. 1854, d. 1904. Their children; Robert, Earl, Ray, Ernest. He m., second, Mrs. Grace Hallowell.

Olive E., b. 1870.

Wesley David, b. 1872; has been connected with several electric firms and is an electrical contractor and dealer in Laconia. He m. Hattie Grace Lawrence of Meredith in 1897, dau. of Samuel Henry Lawrence and wife, Carrie (Bowers) Lawrence of Sanbornton. She d. in 1902. He m., second, in 1904, Nellie R. Taylor, b. in Greensboro, Vt.

The name of Samborne is found in Warwickshire and Hampshire, England. Two branches of the family were found in early days during the Herald's visitations; one in Oxfordshire and one in Somersetshire. The arms of all the various branches are the same. The pedigree through the generations came down to John, the father of the three American emigrants.

The State Papers between 1650 and 1660 refer to three Samborme brothers, who were merchants in France. They aided in the Restoration. John Sanboine (as history) was held in high esteem and honor by the Court, and held many commissions from the King. When the King was banished and escaped from Worcester, John Sanborne was the trusted person to know his location.

John Samborne was born about 1590, and removed to London (as history) with two brothers, but the family ties were in Dorsetshire, near Hampshire. Here lived Rev. Stephen Bachilor, whose daughter married John, father of these three brothers—John, William and Stephen. Their father died in England and the brothers came with Rev. Stephen Bachilor to America. He was the first preacher in Hampton, N. H.

William's houselot in Hampton is described in the town records:

Imp^{r} five acres upland for a houselot, and three quarters of an acre laying between the ground of John Browns towards the east, and the ground of Aquilla Chases; sometime Stephen Sanborn's in p^{r}t towards the west, abutting upon a commonway towards the north, and a certaine swamp towards the south.

William, the second son, born near 1622, married Mary Moulton. He died in 1692.

Their sixth child, Stephen Sanborn, born September 4, 1671, married in 1693, Hannah Philbrick, born April 30, 1646, died in

1750, daughter of Lieut. James Philbrick (a mariner) and wife, Hannah, daughter of Isaac Perkins.

James Philbrick, mariner, from 1690 to 1700 (books show), was trading between Marthas Vineyard and Hampton in lumber, wood, hides, spices, molasses, iron and wooden ware, cloths and other goods. The story goes that he was captured on the high seas by a French privateer, who took his vessel. A hard storm arose and he guided his captors to a safe place. They in gratitude gave him back his vessel. During the storm he had an old Bible that his captors were going to throw overboard, but he begged so hard for it they gave it back to him. The Bible in 1892 was owned by Joseph A. Philbrick. It was published in 1583.

Their seventh child (as Hampton History), Zadok Sanborn, born June 1, 1707, married Sarah Robinson (as vital records in Brentwood).

Their son, Zadok Sanborn, baptized in Brentwood May 2, 1733, his mother being a widow (as Hampton History) when he was baptized.

His son, Walter Sanborn, born February 23, 1770, died August 5, 1856; married Jennie Clark (the Sanbornton Town History calls her Phebe), born in 1780, a descendant of Aquilla Chase, who came to this country in 1630.

John Sanborn, born at New Hampton, January 20, 1803, died September 1, 1868, married Polly Kelley in 1828.

Eliphalet, born August 23, 1804, died in 1835, married Lydia G. Robinson in 1831.

Susan, born March 15, 1806, died in 1877, married Perrin Prescott.

William C., born November 10, 1807, died in 1888, married Mary Smith in 1837.

Phebe C., born August 21, 1809, died in 1882.

Jane, born August 12, 1815, died in 1885, married Noah B. Brown.

Moses, born October 29, 1817, died in 1894, married Sarah J. Kelley in 1840, who died in 1866. She was born at New Hampton September 26, 1820, daughter of Benjee Kelley and wife, Hannah (Avery) Kelley. Their children:

Augusta L., b. June 6, 1841; m. John Calvin Fogg, 1863.
Edwin F., b. Sept. 23, 1842; m. Elsie A. Glidden, 1861; d. 1873.

Annie M., b. Aug. 3, 1844; m. Arthur Tucker, 1866.
George E., b. May 11, 1846; m. Mary E. Gilman, 1865.
Wesley C., b. Mar. 15, 1850; drowned, 1862.
Herman L., b. Dec. 14, 1854; d. 1863.
Fred C., b. Oct. 9, 1857; m. Fostine Young, 1877.
Oscar C., b. Feb. 10, 1860; m. Hattie Boynton, 1887. Their children:
Gladys Augusta, b. 1895; m. Wilfried Gauthier.
Lillian Jane, b. 1899; m. Dr. James F. Conway. Their son, Robert Francis Conway, b. 1923.
Helen May, b. 1901.

Nathaniel Sanborn married Mary French. Their son, Stephen Sanborn of Meredith married Esther Thompson of Massachusetts.

Nathaniel Sanborn, born at Meredith in 1801, married Sarah, born in 1807, daughter of Joseph and wife, Molly (Davis) Roberts, who was a son of Joseph and wife, Eunice (Leavitt) Roberts; buried in the Smith yard, Opeechee. Molly Davis, wife of Joseph Roberts, was a daughter of William and wife, Molly (Boynton) Davis.

Nathaniel Sanborn, who married Sara Roberts. Their children:

Mary Rosetta, b. 1826.
Phebe Ann, b. 1828.
Olive Esther, b. 1830.
Sarah Jane, b. 1833.
Joseph Noah, b. 1836.
Charles Francis, b. 1838.
Wesley Curtis, b. 1841.
Anna Comfort, b. 1844.
Fred Milton, b. 1850.

Charles Francis, born at Laconia, married Clara, daughter of Daniel Gray. They were prosperous farmers in Meredith (Laconia). Their children:

Frank M., resided in Laconia.
Ella G., m. Charles F. Sanborn.

Herbert Nathaniel Sanborn, born in 1862 at Laconia. In 1886 he bought a farm in Meredith. He married in 1883, Susie E., daughter of William F. G. Noyes, born in 1821, and wife, Charlotte, daughter of Worcester Francis Boynton, born in New Raleigh, Mass. He was a tanner and currier. He served as selectman in

Meredith and also a sheriff of Strafford County. He married Mary Gilman.

Mrs. Sanborn's grandfather was William Noyes, who married Mary Graves. He was an iron moulder and a person of much literary talent. Mrs. Sanborn's great-grandfather was David Boynton, who married Molly Bradbury.

Herbert Nathaniel Sanborn and wife, Susie E. (Noyes) Sanborn, had children: Ernest, Charlotte, Clara and Clarence Herbert.

Jacob Sanborn lived in Gilford. He had two sons, Enoch and William Sanborn.

William Sanborn, born in Gilford, after thirty years removed to Moultonboro Neck. In 1850 he returned to his native town. He married Sally, daughter of Richard Dame, who came from Portsmouth. Sally (Dame) Sanborn was a teacher of fine education. They had two children, Elvena and ——.

Jacob Sanborn, born in 1843 at Moultonboro, lived in Gilford. After he received an education he assisted on the farm as valuable help. In 1866 Polly Smith of Old Meredith felt old age creeping on and, needing assistance on her farm, where a respectable family had been raised, and no boys to see to the outside work, she employed Jacob Sanborn to care for the farm, which he did in a faithful way, and cared for her. She willed him the farm. He prospered, bought more land, and kept the buildings up in good repair and raised good stock. He married Augusta, daughter of John L. Perley and wife, Dora, daughter of Josiah and Betsey (Potter) Rundlett of Gilmanton. They had a daughter, Pearl, who studied law and was admitted to the bar. She married Attorney J. Waldo Bond. She died in Winchester, Mass., in 1927.

Esquire Samuel Sanborn, born in 1820, was a resident of Gilford. He had sons, W. A. Sanborn, the popular captain of the steamer "Lady of the Lake," in days past.

George F. studied for the medical profession at Harvard and Dartmouth. After practicing in Gilford he moved to Meredith and followed his profession for over thirty years. He married Sophronia B., daughter of George Stockbridge of Alton.

Their son, George F. Sanborn, born in 1857, after completing his education started the paper, *Meredith News*; later he had a drug store in 1883. In 1896 he organized a company to make what was called "Paris Night Robes." He has been prominent in

other kinds of business in Meredith. In 1885 he married Charlotte J., daughter of John B. French of Meredith. They had a son, Royal W. Sanborn, who married Cora A. Adams. He is in business with his father in the drug store. Their children: Charlotte J. and George F.

Newell Sanborn married Polly Shaw. Their daughter, Lucy L. Sanborn, married Ebeneezer Robinson (son of Ebeneezer), who lived the first house below the watering trough at Meredith Center. They did not have any children.

Newell Sanborn and wife, Polly Shaw, had a son, John Shaw Sanborn, who married Dorcas A. Brown of Norway, Maine. Their daughter, Harriet Eleene Sanborn, born at Norway, Maine, married in 1923, Charles E. Osgood of Hudson, N. H. Their children:

NEWELL S., m. Lottie Robinson; lives in Lakeport.
JOHN MINER, m. Ida G. Plumer, dau. of Nathan at Meredith Center.
RALPH is business manager of the *Norway Advertiser*.
ELENA, m. Chester C. Russell of Farmington, N. H.

Fred Walter Sanborn, editor of the *Norway Advertiser*, married Laura A. Hill of Strafford, N. H. She died in 1923.

William Sanborn, born in 1842 at Sanbornton, settled on the Gideon Piper place on Meredith Hill in 1866 and lived there in 1881. He married Lydia A. Sanborn, born in 1845, daughter of Salmon Hibbard Sanborn of Meredith. They were married in 1869. She was a descendant of the early Samborne family.

John Mooney Sanborn married Lydia Ann Sanborn, daughter of Aaron Sanborn, who lived at the top of Meredith Hill (Saddleback).

Joe B. Sanborn, born in 1872, son of John Mooney Sanborn, married Bertha Burleigh, daughter of Albert W. Burleigh and wife, Betsey (Elizabeth) Mead, a daughter of William Henry Mead and wife, Rhoda Fletcher, who was born in Bridgewater. William Henry Mead and wife, Rhoda, are buried in the Mead yard, above Laconia. They lived in Lakeport.

SANDERS

George Sanders came from England with his family and settled in Rye, N. H. Children:

HENRY, d. at sea.
MARY, m. Nemiah Sleeper of Gilford.
GEORGE was a sea wanderer. He sailed from Portsmouth, when the War of 1812 broke out, on a privateer. In 1813 he bought a farm in Gilford and was prosperous. He m. Philena, dau. of Elder Richard Martin, who in his early life lived in Lee and ran a grocery store. In "ye" olden days the country stores sold liquor. When Elder Martin was asked for more by a customer he saw had plenty, his reply to him was to come again. He gave up the store and moved to Gilford, and preached at the "Gunstock Meeting House." He died suddenly after preaching there in the morning. Their children:
John went away.
Richard was a painter. He d. in Laconia; is buried at McCoy, I think.
Christopher was a minister in Vermont.
Hannah m. Vowel Langley; probably buried among the many graves, on the hillside at Langley Cove. (No stones.)
Ruth m. Hezekiah Sleeper.
Betsey m. Elder William Blaisdell.
Thankful m. —— Jackson.
Philena m. George Sanders. They had children:
Ruhamah m. William G. Hoitt of Gilford.
Olive m. Tenny Hibbard.
Richard M. d. young.
Orrin d. young.
Francis m. Emma Tuttle.

George W. Sanders, after his education, taught for some time, went into a shoe shop for a time, and then returned home. After a time he went into the lumber business. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph P. Smith of Gilford. She died in 1894. Their children:

JOSEPH S. resided at home.
GEORGE A. was in business with his father-in-law, William Pepper.
J. FRANK was in business in Lakeport.
ROSCOE M. was a carpenter.

Isaiah Sanders, a revolutionary soldier, fought under Colonel Stark. He lived in Mason.

His son, Joseph Sanders, was a cabinetmaker, and farmed some also. He married Sarah Mansur. They had six children.

Their son, Samuel Sanders, 1819–1892, was a tinner by trade,

and kept a hardware store. He served as selectman of Meredith, and was earnest to help in any good cause. He helped divide Meredith and form the town of Laconia. He also served as postmaster and filled other offices of public trust. He married Serena Randlett.

George A. Sanders, born at Meredith Bridge in 1846. In 1887 he bought the stove business from his father. He was connected with the Laconia Savings Bank. He married in 1872, Addie Currier of Cambridge, Mass. She died in 1886, leaving a son, Frank C., and two daughters. He married, second, Ida M., daughter of John B. Chase of New Hampton. He served in many public offices of trust.

SHAW-WITHAM

Hilliard Shaw came from Chichester. He married Elizabeth Witham, daughter of Peletiah Witham, a Revolutionary soldier, also a shipbuilder. He lived and died in Nottingham. Hilliard Shaw was in the War of 1812. He settled near Wicwash Pond.

Jonathan Leathers, another 1812 soldier, is buried near Hilliard Shaw. Jonathan Leathers had sons, Samuel, Freeman and David, and a daughter, Dolly Leathers. The Leathers boys had their name changed to Emery. One of them is buried at Bayside.

Hilliard Shaw was a grandfather of Mrs. Warren Kimball. He had a daughter, Eliza Shaw, who married Dudley Sanborn Piper of Meredith. Their daughter, Eliza Jane Piper, married Warren Kimball.

Peletiah Witham, father of Elizabeth Witham of Nottingham, also had a son, Asa Witham.

Asa Witham had eight sons in the Civil War. All returned but one, Peletiah, named for his grandfather, who served in the Revolution. This grandson was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville, where George Swain had the same fate.

Hillard Shaw, from Chichester, married Elizabeth Witham, a daughter of Peletiah Witham, a shipbuilder at Nottingham. Peletiah Witham was a Revolutionary soldier; lived and died in Nottingham.

Hillard Shaw was in the War of 1812. He settled near Wequash Pond. The house he lived in is gone. He is buried near by, also Jonathan Leathers. He had sons, Samuel, Freeman and Daniel,

and a daughter, Dolly Leathers. They all had their names changed to Emery. Hillard Shaw was a grandfather of Mrs. Warren Kimball. He had a daughter, Eliza Shaw, who married Dudley Sanborn Piper of Meredith. Their daughter, Eliza Jane Piper, married Warren Kelley Kimball of Meredith Center. They are highly respected people.

Asa Witham, son of Peletiah Witham of Nottingham, had eight sons who served in the Civil War, and all returned but Peletiah, who was named for his grandfather. He died in the army.

Revolutionary Pension Declaration

Nathan Witham of Meredith. (Declaration missing.)

Affadavit.

We, Rhoda (Witham) Bagley and Sally G. Bagley, both of Meredith, in the County of Strafford, State of N. H., depose and say that we were acquainted with Nathan Witham, a Pensioneer of the U. S. Pension Roll in the State of Maine, and that the said Nathan Witham departed this life on the 6th day of Nov. 1824—And further depose and say that Rhoda Witham the widow of said Nathan Witham deceased, was living a few days since, and have not any doubts they were lawfully married, as they lived together many years, and were the parents of seven children, and I the said Rhoda Bayley being one of their children.

(Signed) Rhoda Bagley.
Sally G. Bagley.

Aug. 31, 1832.
Verified by Daniel Gale, J. P.

SHERMAN

Dryden says of the Shearmans:

> Do thou as your progenitors have done
> And by their virtues prove yourself their son.

The Shearman Trade and Name

In olden times the shearman sheared the long nap from the new-made woolen cloth (made from the wool sheared from the sheep by the shearer). The name of his trade became the surname of the man. Later, in the common speech, "Shearman" was clipped to Sherman. The shearman, by industry, rose to be a clothmaker, in olden times also called a clothier.

Henry Shearman in his will, dated 1590, bequeathed to his son his "Shearman's Crafte." The Shearmans lived in Dedham, a

parish in the north of Essex County, England, near the River Stour. This locality was where mills for making cloth and fulling mills were in 1382.

The early inhabitants fled to this place to escape religious persecution. The town was established here in the Bay (baize) and Say (serve weaving).

The Sherman's coat of arms and motto on the shield is the lion rampant, sable, between three oak leaves, vert. (The lion signifies that they were associated with the crown.)

Reuben Shearman was born in Gloucester, R. I., July 22, 1763; died in Lisbon, N. H., May 2, 1843. His residence during the Revolution was Douglas, Mass. He enlisted at Gloucester, R. I., April 12, 1779, as a private for one year in Captain Carr's R. I. Regiment; he again enlisted in April, 1781, in Capt. Nemiah Lovell's Vermont Company and served until the last of December, 1781. He was allowed a pension as (Shearman). He married in 1823 at Barnet, Vt., Ruth Smith, who was born in Sandwich, N. H., in 1798.

Mrs. Janette (Shearman) McMurphy was one of seven children of Reuben Sherman and wife, Ruth (Smith) Sherman. She was a "Real Daughter" of a Revolutionary soldier and was accepted by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, April 12, 1924. She died January 3, 1927, at the home of her son, Edward McMurphy, 16 Irving Street, Laconia. She was a member of the Advent Church at Lakeport, where she had resided several years, and was an estimable Christian woman. The son's wife, Mrs. Edward McMurphy, said that in the thirty years she had lived with her, she never heard her speak an unkind word.

John McMurphy came to America from the north of Ireland with other Scotch people who had settled there in that location to escape oppression because of their religious belief. They were Presbyterians.

John MacMurphy, after coming to New England, settled in Londonderry in 1720. In 1722 he was prominent in public affairs, and a member of the General Court for eleven years. He was said to be a man of great intelligence and morality. He served as town clerk for fourteen years. He was assigned as proprietor of land in Londonderry. This land fell from father to son, and is still in the name.

It was said that he built the second framed house in the town, a part of which is still standing. He died in 1755 at Portsmouth, and was buried in Londonderry, while a member of the General Court. His obituary was: "John MacMurphy, Esq., Justice of the Quorum, who departed this life September 21, 1755, at Portsmouth, was carried to Londonderry, and buried the 24th, at ye old Burying Place in the town, with an extraordinary company, aged 73 years." Some of the descendants scattered into "Old Hary's Town," later in 1751 named Derryfield.

Henry MacMurphy, born in Deeryfield, enlisted August 18, 1862, as private, aged 27 years, credited to Lisbon. He was in the Civil War in Company C, 5th New Hampshire Regiment. He was wounded December 13, 1862, in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va.; was also in the battle of Antietum. He was discharged September 7, 1863, as disabled. He married Janette Sherman, daughter of Reuben Sherman and wife, Ruth (Smith) Sherman.

SIBLEY

Jacob Sibley was born in Salem, Mass., in 1746. History states that his ancestors came with the "Winthrop Fleet" to Massachusetts. When he was 18 years of age his father, one of the proprietors of Meredith, N. H., where he had acquired land a short distance southwest of Meredith Center (and later settled), sent Jacob to assist in building the first bridge across Winnipisogee River, near the outlet of the lake. This was the present site of Main Street bridge in Laconia (as history).

In 1771 Jacob married Anna George at Haverhill, Mass. Her mother was a Jewett. After their wedding they rode a horse nearly to his sister's home in Hopkinton (within two miles). There being no road, they had to walk the rest of the way to their humble home, driving a little spotted pig before them. Her fitting out, as history states, was three white cups and saucers, three knives and forks, one coverlet made of hair and tow, and one of wool. They settled near Sugar Hill in Hopkinton, where he cleared three acres of land and burned it over to raise corn.

In 1776 Jacob Sibley was in the military service at Portsmouth. He worked on Fort Constitution, leaving his wife at home where she hoed the corn and cared for it.

It seems, from history, that they lived in Meredith for a time, but in later life returned to Hopkinton and there died, and are

buried in Sugar Hill yard, one of the oldest yards in the country, overlooking a long distance where one can view lovely pictures of Nature. There are many unknown graves and many old stones that are worn past reading.

Samuel Sibley, born in 1751, married in 1775 Sarah Dow of Kensington, N. H., one of the Dow family that later settled above Meredith Center. He had land given him by his father, who was an early settler. Samuel lived and died in Meredith. He was said to have been a small man, and tradition states that the cause of his being so small was that he ate too much bean porridge. A youth in later life heard the story and asked him if it was true. Being very indignant at the youth, he replied: "No, I did not get enough of it."

Rev. Isaac D. Stewart wrote that when Mr. Sibley moved to Meredith there was but one log house at Meredith Bridge. His nearest neighbor on one side was three miles distant, and on the other side four miles away. He carried his corn to mill to be ground, ten miles away. After he had earned something he bought a horse to use.

Being in need of salt, later on, he went to Exeter on horseback to procure some for family use. In 1789 some settlers had come in. Benjamin Perkins had settled about half a mile away, and he asked him to look after his wife and family while he was gone and assist her in keeping the bears out of the corn, if need be.

As history states, it was a beautiful still, moonlight night in the month of October when Mrs. Sibley heard a destructive crashing in the corn. Leaving her four children in bed, she ran out and called to Mr. Perkins to come to her aid. He soon arrived, went into the cornfield and discharged the contents of his gun, and crippled the bear badly. She moved off as fast as she could with two cubs, but stumbled over a log and fell. Mrs. Sibley caught her by one hind leg and held her while Mr. Perkins came up and cut her throat with his pocket knife. This probably furnished meat for a time to the settlers. The cubs got away.

Among the descendants were:

Josiah Dow Sibley, born in 1779.

Hannah Sibley, born in 1780; married Jeremiah Gove.

Richard Sibley, born in 1782; also Nancy, Mark and Sophia.

Mary Sibley, born in 1784; married in 1815 Paul H. Stanton of

Bartlett. They had children: Richard, born in 1816, and Sarah, born in 1818.

Members of this Sibley family are some of the ancestors of Mrs. Dr. (Sibley) Norris of Laconia and Tilton, chiropractic physician.

In 1768 he went to Hopkinton, N. H., boarded with his sister, Mrs. Stevens, in the wilderness, and died in Hopkinton, June 25, 1831.

It appears that Jonathan and Jacob settled a short time in Union, Maine, but (from records) Jacob removed. They were sons of Jonathan, born in 1701, he a son of Samuel of Salem, Mass., and he the son of Richard, born probably in England. (He may have been the son of John who lived in Charlestown, Mass., and came over with the Winthrop fleet.)

Some years ago George Littlefield of Meredith Bridge (whose features and movements were like those of the late Amos Sibley of Hopkinton) was followed a long distance on Washington Street in Boston by a gentleman who mistook him for James Sibley of Sutton, Mass., the late United States marshal.

SINCLAIR

A few branches of the Sinclairs in Meredith and those over the New Hampton Line.

The Sinclair History by L. A. Morrison, published in 1896, gives the early history of the family and refers to the "Hermit," the "Holy Well" and the "Hermitage" in France, described as follows:

> Far in the wild, unknown to public view,
> From youth to age a reverend Hermit grew;
> The moss his bed, the cave his humble cell,
> His food the fruits, his drink the crystal well,
> Remote from man, with God he passed his days
> Prayer all his business—all his pleasure praise.

The chief home of the Sinclairs was in Normandy, where the original family, down through the ages of "long ago," lived in

their castles, and fought as was the custom of the kings and dukes of England, which is a long drawn-out tale.

History states that John [1] Sinkler was the founder of Exeter, one of many generations past. He bought ten acres of land in Exeter in 1659.

Old Norfolk County records at Salem, Mass., so state. He and his wife Mary settled there. He married, second, Deborah ——. She, being a business manager, made a contract previous to their marriage. His will, made in 1699–70, shows that he had children. The generations that followed lived on Quoboag Road, known as the Sinclair place, which dates back to 1725. The Sinclair place was located on "Sinkler Path." It led across the farm of Richard M. Scammon, near "Frying Pan Lane," in Stratham. The generations that followed were related as:

Joseph [3] Sinkler (James [2], John [1]), born about 1692. He married Elizabeth Lyford, daughter of Thomas Lyford of Exeter. He was born in Exeter and one of the original proprietors of Gilmanton, which at one time took in a part of Meredith.

Thomas [4] (Joseph [3], James [2], John [1]), born in South Newmarket in 1721. His mother's father was Thomas Lyford. In 1758 he located in Pembroke, N. H. At that time the people lived on fish, caught at Amoskeag Falls, now Manchester, where the Indians for centuries before the palefaces came had caught much of their sustenance. William Stark, the poet, wrote of the value of the eels that were so abundant there:

> From the eels they formed their food in chief,
> And eels were called the Derryfield beef;
> It was often said that their only care,
> And their only wish, and their only prayer,
> For the present world, and the world to come,
> Was a string of eels, and a jug of rum.

Thomas Sinkler sold out, and the next town where he settled and helped found was Sanbornton. He was there in 1768 or earlier, and served as tything man, 1773–76. He served in the Revolution in Capt. Chase Taylor's Company, Col. Thomas Stick-

ney's Regiment, Gen. John Stark's Brigade, but only went to Charlestown, N. H. His son, James Sinkler, after a long and honorable service in the Revolution, lived in Sandwich, and to him he sold his farm of 90 acres in 1785, which was situated on Steele's Hill. Thomas Sinkler felt the age that had crept over him, being 72 years old and a pioneer in four towns—South Newmarket, Pembrook, Allenstown, and Sanbornton. His sons had removed to other places, so he sold his Sanbornton home and he and his son, James, went to Hardwick, Vt., where he died in 1796, aged 75 years. He had seven children. His second son, Thomas, was born in Newmarket in 1751. He settled in Meredith before 1772. His home was in the Pease School District, near "Oak Hill Church." (In 1888 the farm was owned by a son of Deacon Thomas Veazey.) He married Mary Meed in 1774; she was born at Stratham in 1755 and died at Meredith in 1790. He married, second, Nancy Pike of Meredith in 1791, who was 34 years old. She had two children who died young. She died in 1827, aged 70 years. Thomas Sinkler and wife, Mary Meed, are buried near "Oak Hill Church," in a small enclosed yard. One stone has this inscription:

Thomas Sinclair, 1751–1824
Mary Meed, 1755–1790

[At the base of the stone]

My Grandparents
J. L. Sinclair

I am informed by an old resident near Oak Hill that J. L. Sinclair is Rev. John Langdon Sinclair, born in Meredith in 1809, near "Oak Hill Church." He was the son of Joseph Sinclair, the sixth child of Thomas and wife, Mary (Meed) Sinclair.

Joseph and wife, Isabel (Dockham) Sinclair, who was born on Meredith Parade in 1780, daughter of John Dockham, who later moved to Meredith Neck, are both buried in this neat enclosed yard with a few others.

His seventh child, Constantine Sinclair, died in Meredith before 1783. He settled near the line between New Hampton and Meredith. In 1772 he owned and lived on Lot 19 in the Second

Division in Meredith. He married Huldah ———. In 1783 he passed to the "Great Beyond" and left no record of any children.

Their fourth child, Mary Sinclair, born in 1781, married Hezekiah Smith; lived in Meredith.

Their fifth child, William Sinclair, born in 1782, married Nancy Dow; lived in Meredith; died in 1815.

Their sixth child, Joseph [6] Sinclair, born in 1785, married Isabel Dockham, daughter of John Dockham of Meredith Neck. She was born on the Parade in Meredith in 1780. She was a great weaver of table linen and carpets, also fulled cloth. She spun and wove a suit of clothes for one of her sons when he was 21 years old, and is said to have nearly paid for fifty acres of woodland, which her husband bought, by her work weaving. She was an unusually smart woman and very religious. She died in 1878, aged 97 years. They had seven children.

Their first child, Belinda Sinclair, born in 1806, married John Cotton of Meredith.

Their third child was Rev. John Langdon Sinclair, born in 1809; died at Lake Village in 1888.

Rev. John [7] Langdon Sinclair (Joseph [6], Thomas [5], Thomas [4], Joseph [3], James [2], John [1]), born in Meredith in 1809, near the "Oak Hill Church." He was educated in New Hampton Academy. Later he taught school. He joined the church at Meredith and was licensed to preach in 1832. He labored in many towns, was a good financier and helped many poor churches. He gave to the Sinclair Orphanage in India and did much mission work in India. He married in 1837 Olive Eastman, daughter of David and Mehitable (Hilton) Haynes of Deerfield, she born in 1812. They had a son, Joseph Haynes Sinclair, 1838–1858.

Nathaniel [6] Sinclair (Benjamin [5], Thomas [4], Joseph [3], James [2], John [1]), born in Meredith in 1773, married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and wife, Rebecca (Pike) Pease of Meredith, she born at Newmarket in 1770. They were married in 1795. He lived in Greensborough, Vt., and later Hardwick. In 1801 his wife deeded her right in the homestead farm of her father, Benja-

min Pease, in Meredith, to Simeon Pease, and went to Vermont, where both died. They had eleven children.

Jacob [6] Sinclair, born at Epping in 1752. He enlisted in the Revolution in 1775; was at Winter Hill and in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17. He again enlisted, went to Montreal and to Pennsylvania, also took part at Trenton, N. J., 1776. As pension record, he was serving from April, 1775, to March, 1777. He was called lieutenant, having filled that office probably in the militia. He married in 1777 Rachel Clifford of Epping, she born in 1759. They lived in Epping until 1790, when they bought of Andrew Neal, for 100 pounds, 50 acres, with buildings, in New Hampton. This farm Andrew Neal and wife had bought of Daniel Ward in 1777. It was situated in the part called "Moultonborough Gore," afterward included in New Hampton. He lived in the log house nine years, when he built the large home on the same site his grandson, Charles P. St. Clair, later occupied. The bricks for the massive chimney (20,000) he made and burned himself up in the clay pit under Beech Hill. Later he bought more land. For his military service he received a pension of eight dollars a month, which started in March, 1819. He and his family attended church at New Hampton Center, where some of his children were baptized. The location was on high ground, which commanded a fine view of the country and lakes around.

Thomas Sinclair, a pioneer settler in New Salem, was two miles away. Zebulon, another relative, was a resident until 1801 in Meredith, where, in plain view, were to be seen the "White Face" and the Ossipee Range, and almost within the shadow was another cousin, Richard [4] Sinclair, in Sandwich, N. H. With these relatives near by and a loving family, living on the acres that produced abundant support, he lived to be almost 78 years old. His wife was 93 when she passed away. They had five children. Betsey, 1778–1858, married in 1798, Joshua Roberts of Meredith, now Laconia. He died leaving two children—Polly Roberts, who married Eli Dow, and Eliza Jane, who married Noah Swain. She married, second, Ebenezer Pitman. They had a son, Joshua Robinson Pitman, who married Sarah Hall of Belmont. Betsey

Sinclair married, second, Noah Robinson. Their fourth child, Polly Sinclair, born in 1789, married Washington Smith, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller Smith. He was injured in the fall of the floor of the Town House at Meredith and died in 1855. She died in 1863. Tradition of their children:

George W.
Rachel, m. John Langdon Robinson.
Mary.
Joshua.
Sarah E., m. Monroe Robinson.
Ebenezer.
Samuel L.
Catherine, m. Nathan Baldwin of Laconia.
Ira Sinclair, b. in New Hampton, 1796, d. in Deerfield, 1875.

John [6] Meed Sinclair, born at Meredith in 1776, married Sarah Lovett of Deerfield and settled in Maine. They had five children.

James Sinclair, born at Meredith in 1777, married Sally Wiggin of Stratham, a sister to George Wiggin, she born in 1778. They had eleven children.

Belinda Sinclair, born at Meredith in 1806, married in 1826, John Cotton of Meredith, born at Gilford in 1806. They had seven children.

Their second child, Mary Cotton, born in 1828, married Oliver Ambrose of Sandwich Center.

Their third child, Isabel Sinclair Cotton, born in 1830, married Lewis Smith of Sandwich. He was born at New Hampton in 1830; died in Maryland; was a soldier in the 14th N. H. Regiment. Their children:

Evelyn A., 1857–1858.
Mabel E., b. 1859.
Rolf S., b. 1860; m. 1884 Carrie E. Smith. Their dau., Ethel W., b. 1887.

Thomas Jefferson Sinclair (Noah [7], Joseph [6], Thomas [5],

Thomas [4], Joseph [3], James [2], John [1]), born at Meredith in 1838. His father, Noah Sinclair, died when he was five years old. His mother married, second, in 1846, and he went to live with his step-father, Joseph S. Hart. He married in 1858 Elizabeth Melissa, daughter of Ezra Wilmarth and wife, Louisa Jane (Lockwood) Doe, born in Rumney; lived in Meredith. Their children:

Laura[9] Etta.
Noah Leroy, b. 1863; settled in Concord; m. Georgiana Beatty, dau. of John Beatty of Holderness.

Myrtle Beatrice Sinclair, born in 1872; lived in Meredith.

SMITH

From English research Richard Smith, a yeoman, came from Shropshire, England, in 1648 and settled in Ipswich, Mass.

Richard [2] Smith, born in England in 1640, married in 1660 at Newbury, Mass., Hannah Cheney, a sister of Nathaniel Cheney, who mentions her in his will as "his sister Smith," and wills her "my great Bible." He also mentions Lydia, wife of John Kendrick of Ipswich, and others.

Their second child, Daniel [3], 1673–1755, married Elizabeth Payne, founder of the Ipswich Grammar School. She died in 1719. He married, second, Deborah Wicom (Wilcomb), born in Exeter; the Wilcombs came to the Weirs and settled early.

Their fourth child, Payne Smith, married —— Pickering. They settled in Meredith, and are buried in the old Smith yard.

Their fourth child, Jeremiah, 1733–1794 (as gravestones), moved to New Salem in 1768. New Salem was so called because seventeen families moved from Salem, Mass., and settled there. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Hannah Lock, 1743–1815, daughter of Deacon William Lock and first wife, Meribah Page. Their children:

Anne, b. 1765 in Exeter.
John Rice, 1768, m. in Meredith Rhoda Blaisdell of Epping. Their children:

John, Jr., 1797–1897, m. 1821 Rhoda Davis, 1794–1876. Their children:
Ebeneezer Lock m. Sarah Marston of Warren.
Jeremiah Morrill m. Eliza Dolloff. Their children:
John Morrill.
Frank m. Nellie Lawrence. They had eight children, among them Earl Smith of Detroit, Mich.
Mary Ann m. Henry Folsom, 1829–1879, of Belmont.
Rhoda, single, 1831–1923.
Martha m. Joseph Carson, 1838–1918; both buried with their parents in Union yard.
Susan m. Moses Nash, 1812–1892.
Anna G., 1834–1856; single.
Jacob (son of John, Jr., and Rhoda Davis) m. Louisa Robinson of Meredith Center.
Hannah m. Stanford Jackson; m., second David Gilman.
Nancy m. Nathan Collins.
Betsey m. Samuel Mudgett.

Hannah Smith, daughter of Jeremiah and wife, Hannah Lock, married Joseph Neal ("White Oak" Joseph) of Meredith, son of Samuel Neal of Stratham and wife, Elizabeth Haley. (See Neal family.)

Ebeneezer [4] Smith, 1735–1807 (Daniel [3], Richard [2], Richard [1]), married in 1766 Sarah Spiller, 1759–1807, of Exeter. They went to Meredith, following spotted trees, on horseback. She rode on the horse behind him, he carrying their child and, in his coat pocket, a little dog. Later he was called the "Father" of the poor people, as he helped them any way he could in the new country. He served in the Revolution, and was colonel of a Meredith company. Their children:

Ebenezer, Jr., b. 1765 in Exeter.
Daniel, b. 1767; the first white child born in Meredith.
Sarah, b. 1769; m. John Mooney.
John, b. 1771; lived at home.
Polly, b. 1773; m. Col. W. B. Kelley. They had eleven children.

Susanna, b. 1776; m. Samuel Lawrence as his first wife; she d.
Elizabeth, b. 1779; m. Samuel Lawrence as his second wife.
Catte (Catherine), b. 1781; m. Winthrop Dudley of Epping.
Washington, b. 1784.

About 1761 Ebeneezer Smith was a proprietor in Gilmanton (Meredith) and was one of several who gave bonds for its settlement. He was a large landowner.

A little later Ebeneezer Smith and Joshua Crockett, with five others, went up into the then wilderness, looking up land. The five others went back, but these two remained, staked out a claim and built cabins at the head of Opeechee, where he later brought his family on horseback. History tells that before 1766 he had cut the trees on six acres of land and had three all cleared for cultivation.

History also states that he and David Lawrence went to Portsmouth and presented a petition to have the name of New Salem changed to Meredith, which had previously been called Packerstown. (No reason for calling the new town Meredith.) The petition was granted and Col. Ebenezer Smith received ten pounds and sixteen shillings for pay in securing the charter. For forty years he was one of the leading citizens. He served in many public offices as senator, presidential elector, and received many votes for governor.

Tradition says that when his son, Daniel, was born (the first white child born in New Salem) he was given 200 acres of land.

Later in life Colonel Smith built a large two-story house, near the site of his early camp, and died there. His son, Washington Smith, and family occupied it many years, but it was removed later on.

Colonel Smith had a sawmill at Gilford and sawed the lumber for the Gunstock Hill Meetinghouse, besides helping build the church.

It is also said that he had another sawmill, nearer home, and sawed the lumber, and helped build the first church in Meredith,

on the Parade. (That is used as a gymnasium for the school in Meredith now.)

He was lieutenant-colonel of the 10th Regiment of N. H. Militia and, in 1781, was one of the leading members in helping frame a State Constitution.

Maj. Gen. B. F. Kelley, 1807, a descendant of Col. W. B. Kelley and Polly Smith, married in 1835 Isabel Goshen, 1816–1860. Their daughter, Martha Belle, 1850–1908, married in 1872 Capt. David B. M. McElwaine, 1840–1914. They had five children:

Mary Clare, b. 1873; m. 1912 William C. Hopkins; d. 1926. Their dau., Cornelia Alice, b. 1913.
Alice S., b. 1875; m. 1917 John F. McMillan.
Frank Kelley, b. 1881; m. Grace Spicer, b. 1893.
Isabel Goshorn, b. 1883; m. 1913 Paul Manship. Their dau., Pauline Frances, b. 1913. They settled in New Jersey.

A son, Samuel Lawrence Smith, 1825–1901, lived in Charlestown, Mass.

Washington Smith, born in 1784, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah Spiller, married two daughters of Ezekiel Brown Lawrence and wife, Susan Kelley. He had a daughter, Rachel, who married Langdon Robinson, and a son, Joshua R., 1813–1915, who married Clarissa Crockett, 1817–1866. Their son, Henry J., born in 1840, was corporal in the 12th N. H. Regiment of Volunteers, was wounded and died at Gettysburg. Anna M., only daughter of Joshua R. Smith and Clarissa (Crockett) Smith.

By Miss Weymouth

The History of Hampton, N. H., states that Robert [1] Smith, born about 1611, was in Exeter in 1639 and settled in Hampton about 1657. He was a tailor by trade. He died in 1706. His wife, Susanna, was struck by lightning June 12, 1680. They had a son, John [2], who married Rebecca Adams; married, second, Rebecca Marston, daughter of William Marston and wife, Rebecca

Page, who was a daughter of Robert Page (as Norfolk records). Their children:

Mehitable.
Leah.
Joseph, b. about 1653; m. Dorothy Cotton; m., second, Mary Moore; d. 1717.
Abigail, b. 1678; m. Moses Blake
Ithiel.
Jacob.
Israel, b. 1680; m. Mary Gilman of Brentwood. Their son, Chase, b. 1732 at Brentwood; m. Abigail Sanborn, b. 1732. Their son, Joseph Gilman, b. 1759; m. Elizabeth Gilman in 1778. They moved from Brentwood to Candia in 1771.

Their children:
Joseph Chase, Jr., b. Mar. 19, 1781; m. Betsey Bean in Brentwood, 1803; d. 1857.
Stephen m. Dorothy Rowe of Candia.
Betsey.
Mary m. Samuel Martin.
Jesse m. Lydia Sargent.
Sally m. David Young.
Mehitable, single.

Joseph Chase Smith, Jr., and wife, Betsey (Bean) Smith, moved to Corinth, Vt., for a few years, then removed to Meredith on the New Hampton Road. They are buried on a knoll of land on their old farm. Their children:

Gilman, m. Mahala Bickford of Meredith.
Daniel, 1809–1899; m. Abigail Dolloff of Meredith in 1830.
Joseph C., m. Mary Edgerly of Meredith.
Mary never married.
Betsey, m. Gilman Plumer.
Susanna, m. Lorenzo Dolloff.
Sarah Ann, m. Steven Colcord; d. 1869.

Daniel Smith (ancestors not given) married Abigail Dolloff. Their children:

Elizabeth, m. Mooney Russell; no children.
Thomas, m. Elizabeth Veazey. They brought up a boy and

gave him the name of Charles Smith. (See lineage in Smiths.) Elizabeth Veasey was one of the Veasey daughters in New Hampton, or near the line of Meredith.
Malissa, d. aged 19 years.
Stephen, d. aged 15 years.
Laura, m. Lyman Veazey. They had five children.
Gilman, d. in the Civil War, aged 17 years.
Mary, m. William Sanborn. They had one son.
Joseph F., m. Isabelle Robinson; eight children.
Abbie, m. Herman C. Weymouth; two children.

Thomas Smith, who married Elizabeth Veazey, and Joseph Frank lived in Meredith, Joseph (who married Isabelle Robinson), at the home place. Their children:

Rachel, m. Wilfred Smith Smart; no children.
Daniel Thomas, d. in infancy.
Mary E., m. John Ansboro; two children.
Barbara W., m. Truman Edwards; one child.
Robinson W., m. Ruth Hull; no children.
Frederick, m. Grace Vohr; two children.
Maurice P., m. Elsie Lynn; one child.

Joseph Frank Smith still kept the old home in the family in Meredith.

John Smith, born in Plymouth, England, who was with the British in the Revolution, escaped when he reached Boston and went to Holderness and settled. His son, William, born in 1794 at Holderness, married Lucinda, daughter of Stephen Pillsbury. He later went to Massachusetts, where in 1836 he was killed by an explosion in a mine. Their children:

Melvina, m. David Taylor; m., second, William Chase; third, Luther M. Chase.
Adaline, m. Charles Belden.
Alva, b. 1824, after leaving school went to Concord, later to Lowell. He m. Mehitable, dau. of Jeremiah B. Swain, in 1851. After his marriage he bought a farm at Meredith Center for a home. Their son, William B., b. 1852; m. Julia McIntyre; lived in Meredith. Their sons:
Herman A.
Howard A.
George H., d. young.
Curtis F., b. ——; m. 1874 Hattie M., dau. of David M. Hawkins of Center Harbor.

George Henry Smith, born at Moultonboro in 1847, son of Rufus and wife, Nancy, daughter of Caleb Lovejoy of Meredith. Her ancestor came from England, and later the four or five generations had homes in Pembroke. Rufus Smith lived on a farm, but was a good machinist, also lumbered some. He settled in Laconia, in the part set off as Gilford. They had a daughter, Lucy J., and a son. George Henry Smith, after he was educated, went into the Cole Manufacturing Co. for some years. He later went into the dry goods store in Lakeport. He married Eliza E. Gardner of Boston. Their son, Harry L. Mr. Smith, married, second, Carrie A. Bryant of Tamworth, N. H.

John P. Smith, born in Gilford, April 30, 1830, son of John P. Smith, Sr., and widow, Abigail (Smith) Smith. The grandfather, Daniel Smith, lived in New Hampton, N. H. He was a prominent man in public business and a successful farmer and storekeeper. He married Mary Pickering. Their children were Daniel, James, Sarah, Abigail and Susan.

John Pickering Smith, Sr., was born in East Meredith. After receiving his education, when he was 29, he had charge of a farm that contained 500 acres. Later in life he had a farm of his own. He was a deacon of the Free Baptist Church for some 40 years, also served as selectman for some time. He died in Gilford. His children:

Mary Ann, m. Richard Gove.
Daniel K.
John Pickering, b. 1830 in Gilford, worked with his father farming for a time. After he was of legal age he went to Sanbornton, and there farmed. He m. Eliza Smith, dau. of Samuel P. Smith and wife, Sarah, of New Hampton, but returned to his old home in Gilford His wife d. in 1887. They had children: Vina, d. 1863; Abby, d. 1878. He m., second, Sarah Potter of Gilford.

Thomas L. Smith, son of Daniel P. Smith and wife, Abigail Dolloff, daughter of Thomas Dolloff, a Revolutionary soldier, buried in one of the Dolloff yards above Meredith Center. Daniel P. Smith was a son of Joseph Smith and wife, Betsey Bean, who came from Brentwood, N. H. They are buried on his old farm on the New Hampton Road.

Thomas L. Smith married Lizzie Veasey of New Hampton, N. H. He was a brother of Joseph Smith of Meredith Center.

Their son, Charles Smith, married Lizzie Constantine, daughter of Washington Constantine. His father came from England. His brother was an adjutant of the G. A. R. Post in Laconia. He was in the Civil War. Washington Constantine married Sarah Batchelder, born in Sandwich. She had a brother, Edward B. Batchelder, who lived in Meredith, and a sister, Martha, who married —— Atwood.

Charles Smith and wife's children:

Evelyn, m. and lives in Montpelier, Vt.
Anzel, lives in Laconia.
Gilman, lives in Laconia.
Lelia, d.
Gladys, d.
Ernest, d.
Lee.

Ashland, N. H., October 3, 1927.

David Smith and Hepsibah Worcester were married at Hollis, N. H., January 1, 1795. Their children were:

David Page, b. at Hollis, Sept. 20, 1795.
Noah, b. Sept. 7, 1798.
Hepsibah Rolinda, b. Sept. 27, 1801.
Emmons, b. Dec. 7, 1802.
Martha, b. July 14, 1804.
Mary, b. Sept. 19, 1805.
Hannah, b. Sept. 20, 1806.
Lydia, b. Aug. 1, 1808.
J. Sewall, b. at Temple, Maine, May 5, 1811.
Martha, b. at Temple, Maine, Dec. 26, 1813.
Eunice Woodbury, b. at Temple, Maine, Dec. 2, 1816.

David Smith was the first resident minister in Meredith. The church was on the old road to Center Harbor, afterwards was moved to Meredith Village, just above S. A. Ladd's residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are buried in Plymouth Street Cemetery. For the first twenty years they were buried on the hill near the old church lot. When they were moved to the village Mrs. Smith was so heavy it took eight men to lift her. They opened the coffin and found her petrified.

Mary Sewall Huckins.

From History of Marthas Vineyard

John Smith, born 1615/16–1670, the Annals of Edgartown state, was the ancestor of one Smith family on the Island. He

settled first in Watertown in 1634, where he married Deborah Parkhurst, daughter of George and wife, Phebe Parkhurst, she baptised in 1619 at Ipswich, England. He removed to Hampton, N. H., in 1644, and to Edgartown in 1653. He died and his widow was appointed executrix of his will, dated February 14, 1670. Their children:

JOHN[2], b. 1640.
DEBORAH, b. 1645; m. Nathaniel Batchelder of Hampton.
PHILIP, b. 1650.
SAMUEL, b. 1651.
ABIGAIL, b. 1652; m. perhaps James Covell.

James [2] Covell, son of James [1], who was a resident of Barnstable, and first mention of him was in 1651 at Edgartown, had four sons. The second, James [2], born about 1660, resided at Edgartown and married Abigail, who may have been Abigail Smith. He was living in 1734 and died before 1749. His house was located at Meshacket. They had children:

LYDIA, b. 1685; m. Richard Holman in 1706.
JAMES, b. 1687.
BETHIAH, b. 1689; m. Jonathan Hillman, 1722/3.

Thomas Mayhew, Jr., came to New England in 1631 with his father when ten years old; attended school in Medford, 1631/35, and later in Watertown, where he was well educated. He married a step-daughter of his father, Jane Paine. In 1646 his father went to the Vineyard and his son, Thomas, Jr., went with him.

Thomas Mahewe, Jr., and wife, Jane Paine, had children:

MATTHEW, b. 1648.
——, b. 1649.
THOMAS, b. 1650.
JOHN, b. 1651/2.
JERUSHA, b. 1654; m. first, Joseph Wing of Sandwich; m., 2d, Thomas Eaton of Shrewsbury, N. J., about 1688.
JEDIDAH, b. 1656; m. Benjamin Smith before 1685.

John Smith, born in 1595 at Dorking, England, married Deborah Parkhurst. He made a will in Nantucket, Marthas Vineyard, and died 1670.

Copy of Will of John Smith of Felix Neck

I, John Smith, of Marthas Vineyard being in perfect health and soundness of mind both in body and mind, doe make my last Will and Testament, this 14th day of February in the year 1670 as followeth:—

Imprimis! I give unto my two sons John and Samuel, all my lands on the Island of Nantucket, with all privileges thereto belonging to be equally divided between; they paying their two sisters, Debora and Abigail, unto either of them five pounds, to be paid within one year after their entrance and possession thereof.

Item: I give unto my sonne Philip my land and house at Marthas Vineyard with all privileges, belonging to the aforesaid land, to be his after the decease of his mother; and in the meantime after my decease, my will is that the said Philip my son shall enjoy two thirds of the said lands and privileges.

The true intent and meaning of this my gift unto my sonne is that because the wise disposing hand of God hath ordered that my said sonne at present is impotent in his understanding, that his weakness shall not alienate the land from my family: therefore my will is that the lands and priviliges as afore mentioned shall be thus disposed, namely if the said Philip shall marry and have issue the lands are given to him and his heirs forever, but if the said philip shall dy without issue then it shall at his decease fall to the next heir in the family;

And further I give to my sonne Philip what drawing cattle are in or being on the land, or living aforesaid, at my decease, with carts, plows and all furniture belonging to the same; and also two cows and liberty to dwell in the house all the time of his mother's life.

Item: I make Debora, my wife, whole executor of this my last will and I desire and appoint my loving friends Mr. Thomas Mahew, and Isaac Robinson, at the Vineyard, and Mr. Edward Starbrick, and Thomas Macy, of Nantucket overseers of this my last will and testament and in case one or more of these friends dy, or leave the country, and their places vacant then the survivers or remainders, shall have liberty to choose others to supply, and are desired so to doe, for the confirmation hereof I the said testator have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

Witnesses.
Thomas Macy junr.
Sarah Macy.
Mary Starbrick.

John Smith, immigrant ancestor, came from England at some time between 1632 and 1636 and was one of the original settlers of Hampton, N. H. He was closely associated with Christopher Hussey and with Rev. Stephen Batcheldor. His daughter, Deborah, married Nathaniel Batcheldor, son of Rev. Stephen Bacheldor. It seems certain that he was the John Smith mentioned in the formation of "The Company of the Plough" of London.

In London, England, in 1630 was formed an association called "The Company of the Plough," which was of a religious nature,

although at this time it is impossible to know what was their belief.

Their leader was Stephen Bachildor, and their plans were to come to America. They did not get away until 1632, when they sailed on the ship "William & Francis," and (as history) it seems that John Smith came then, also Christopher Hussey and others.

Comprised in the association were Bryan Benckes, John Dye, Anthony Jupe, Thomas Jupe, John Smith, Bryan Kipling and some twenty others. After arrival in America they made several attempts to plant their colony, with rather indifferent success in several places, but the original settlement was at Hampton, N. H., during nine years of trials.

John Smith, with others, first settled at Hampton, but shortly afterward he and Christopher Hussey removed to Marthas Vineyard; and all later reference to him is referred to as John Smith of Nantucket or John Smith of Marthas Vineyard. He was one of the heads of sixteen families named John Smith who settled in Massachusetts prior to 1650.

On March 16, 1641, Thomas Mayhew, Sr., and Thomas Mayhew, Jr., in a deed conveyed to John Doggett, Daniel Pierce, Richard Beeres, John Smith and Francis Smith, one half of the Island of Nantucket, "beyond the Pond," etc. His name appeared as a witness in a deed of Nantucket signed by Thomas Mayhew on July 2, 1659 There were two witnesses, John Smith and Edward Scale.

In an Indian deed recorded June 29, 1671, "Wanackwamack, head sachem of ye Island of Nantucket, sells and conveys to Tristram Coffin, Thomas Macy, Richard Swayne, Thomas Bernard, Christopher Hussey, Robert Pyke, John Smith, John Bisop, Edward Starbuck, Peter Coffin, James Coffin and Stephen Greenleaf, all ye west end of ye aforesaid Island, etc."

It appears that John Smith resided on Marthas Vineyard and not on Nantucket, for his name appears under date of August 16, 1662, as a member in the militia company, organized under Thomas Boyer, captain at the Vineyard. He was one of the proprietors, and may have lived at both places.

In 1671 the proprietors were Tristram Coffin, Jr., Robert Pyke, Thomas Coleman, Nathaniel Starbuck, Thomas Look, James Coffing, John Smith, Robert Bernard, Edward Starbuck and Thomas Mayhew, Jr.

John Smith married Deborah Parkhurst, daughter of George

Parkhurst. They had two children, John, Jr., and Deborah. Deborah married Nathaniel Bacheldor and settled in Hampton, N. H. John Smith died previous to 1674, his will being dated 1670.

The place of birth of John, Jr., is uncertain. He remained in Hampton after his father went to Nantucket, and was called John Smith, "the cooper," there being another John Smith there called "the tailor." He married Huldah, daughter of Christopher Hussey.

Christopher Hussey was baptized in Dorking, England, the son of John and wife, Mary (Ward) Hussey. He solicited in marriage the daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachildor, who gave his consent on condition that he would come to America with them, which he did. They settled in Hampton, where he died in 1686. Their children:

Stephen, m. Martha Bunker.
John, m. Rebecca Perkins.
Joseph.
Huldah, m. John Smith. (She lived to be 97 years old.)
Mary.
Theodate.

His enlistment in King William's War was noted thus, "Searg. John Smith. His son, John Smith."

Lieut. John Smith of Hampton, N. H., and wife, Huldah.

Theodate, b. Dec. 16, 1667; d. Oct. 2, 1675.
John, b. Aug. 21, 1669; d. 1708.
Deborah, b. Apr. 7, 1671; d. 1671.
Samuel, b. Oct. 31, 1672; m. Ruth Haskell, dau. of Pease.
Stephen, b. Apr. 23, 1674; d. 1692.
Huldah, b. July 6, 1676; m. Thomas Deaborn.
Christopher, b. Dec. 12, 1677; d. 1701.
Deborah (2), b. Apr. 12, 1679; d. 1682.
Phillip, b. 1683; d. 1745.
Lieut. Elisha, b. 1685; m. Abigail Marston.
Abigail, b. Feb. 24, 1687; m. Jonathan Marston.
Mary, b. 1690; m. Jeremiah Marston; d. 1760.

Capt. John Smith, son of Lieut. John Smith, born at Hampton, August 21, 1669, lived at Bramble Hill; married Abigail Shaw, daughter of Benjamin Shaw. Their children:

Stephen, b. May 26, 1696.
Benjamin, b. May 31, 1697; d. 1756.
Jeddidah, b. May 25, 1699.

Sylvanus, b. Mar. 29, 1701; m. Mary Weare, a widow, dau. of Jos. Taylor, and settled at Chester.
Ruth, b. Apr. 3, 1703; m. David Page. He d. 1769.
Paul, b. Jan. 8, 1704; m. Love Gross, a widow, dau. of Reuben Marston, settled in Chester and died there.
Abigail, b. July 6, 1707.
Jerusha, b. Feb. 2, 1709; m. Caleb Marston. She d. 1738.
John, b. Apr. 1712.

Benjamin Smith, son of Capt. John [5] Smith and wife, Abigail Shaw of Northampton, born May 31, 1697, died in 1756; married Mary Hobbs, 1704–1747. Their children:

Abigail, b. 1728; m. Gen. Jonathan Moulton. She d. from smallpox in 1775.
Theodate, b. 1730; m. Elisha Batchelder.
Mary, b. 1732; m. Jonathan Page.
Huldah, b. 1732; d. 1746.
Benjamin, b. 1734.
Christopher, b. 1736; m. Mary Page.
Josiah, b. 1739.
Ann, 1741–1745.
———, b. and d. 1747.

Extract from the Will of Benjamin Smith, June 11, 1755

I give and bequeathe to Sarah [second wife] my beloved wife the west end of my house, from top to bottom, and a privelidge in my other suller, and her goods that she brought with her, and that she have 100 weight of good pork, and 60 weight of good beef, and 12 bushels of Indian corn; 3 bush. of grain, one half wheat, and half rye, and ½ bushel malt, and fifteen weight of flax, from the swingle; also the income of three good sheep, and two good cows; and sufficient fire wood cut fit for the fire; and 3 barrells of cider.

All the above provissions yearly, and that she be provided with a horse for meetings, and that she also have a horse to market, and that she have convenient mourning, and that she have sass for eating, and a convenient garden; and that she be well provided for in time of sickness, and that she have a coverlid, and two blankets, that she made since here, and that she have the privilidge of the Dairy this year.

These things to be continued as long as she remains my widow.

Roger Shaw, born in England, was an ancestor of the Shaw family in New Hampshire. He was made freeman in 1636 in Cambridge, went to Hampton in 1647 and became a prominent man there. He married, first, Anne ———; second, Susanna, the widow of William Tilton of Lynn. She died in 1655. He died in 1662. He had seven children by the first wife: Margaret, Joseph, Esther, Mary (died young), Mary, Benjamin and Ann.

Benjamin, son of Roger and wife, Anne Shaw, born about 1640, died December 31, 1717. He married Esther Richardson in 1663. She died in 1736, aged 91 years. They had twelve children: Mary, Esther, Sarah, Abigail, Ruth, Benjamin, Roger, Joseph, Edward (died young), Edward and Abigail Shaw who married Capt. John[3] Smith in 1695.

Fourth generation. Benjamin Smith of North Hampton, son of Capt. John Smith, born in 1697. In 1727 he married Mary Hobbs, daughter of Morris Hobbs, born in 1680, and married November 18, 1703, Theodate Bachiller, daughter of Nathaniel Bachiller.

His father was named Morris, born in 1652, and on June 13, 1678, married Benjamin Swett; lived at Hampton, N. H.

Morris Hobbs, father of Morris Hobbs, was the emigrant ancestor, born in England in 1615, came to Hampton and married Sarah Eastow, daughter of William Eastow. He died in 1706.

Children of Benjamin Smith and Mary (Hobbs) Smith:

Abigail, b. Apr. 28, 1708; d. of smallpox. She m. Gen. Jonathan Moulton, he having had it before.
Theodate, b. Apr. 20, 1730.
Mary, b. Apr. 23, 1732; m. Jonathan Page; d. 1793.
Huldah, b. Apr. 23, 1732.
Benjamin, b. Sept. 25. 1734.
Christopher, b. Oct. 11, 1736; d. 1814.
Josiah, b. June 21, 1739; d. 1746.
Ann, b. Oct. 6, 1741; d. 1745.
Child, b. 1747.

Fifth generation. Deacon Christopher Smith of North Hampton. He served in the Colonial Militia and was first lieutenant. He served in the Continental Army and was in the Revolution as private in Col. Jonathan Chase's Regiment of N. H. Militia at Ticonderoga; was discharged June 16, 1777. He is buried at North Hampton, N. H. Christopher Smith married Mary Page, who was the mother of his children. She died in 1778; later he married Abigail Cilley. They had one daughter, Anna.

Christopher's wife, Mary, was the daughter of Shubael Page, born in April, 1738. Shubael Page, born in 1707, married in 1731 Hannah Dow. His father was Christopher Page, born September 20, 1670; married in 1689 Abigail Tilton. Christopher Page's father was Thomas Page, born in 1639; married in 1664 Mary Hussey, daughter of Capt. Christopher Hussey.

(Note that this marriage brings the Hussey and Bachiller blood back to the family. See the marriage of Lieut. John Smith and Huldah Hussey, sister of Mary Hussey.

Children of Christopher Smith and wife, Mary Page:

Benjamin, b. Oct. 21, 1757; m. Judith Pottle. He d. 1842.
John, b. Jan. 20, 1760; d. 1842.
Huldah, b. Jan. 20, 1762; m. Dr. Benaiah Sanborn; d. 1857.
Mary, b. Feb. 6, 1764; m. Daniel Marston, son of Isaac Marston.
Hannah, b. Dec. 8, 1764; m. Nathaniel Piper; d. 1850.
Reuben Page, b. Jan. 3, 1770; d. 1843.
Ebeneezer, b. Apr. 27, 1773; d. 1844.
Christopher, baptized Feb. 1, 1778.
Anna, baptized May 12, 1789.

Most of the children settled in the interior of the state, four going to Sanbornton.

Benjamin [6], oldest son of Christopher and wife, Mary Page Smith, settled in New Hampton, and was known as Lieutenant Smith, also as Deacon. He served in the Revolution from North Hampton. He was present at the taking of Burgoyne. He married Judith Pottle, daughter of Samuel and wife, Jennie (Piper) Pottle. She died May 15, 1804. Their children:

Peter [7], b. 1785; drowned 1805.
Mary, b. 1787; m. Nathaniel Robinson. Their children:
  Mary Jane m. David Moore.
  Mahala m. Samuel Dalton.
  John.
  Nathaniel.
  Josiah.
  Betsey m. —— Hammond.
  Phebe m. Samuel Colby of Penacook.
Josiah [7], b. 1789; m. Hannah Gilman. Their children:
  Betsey m. B. Smith Huckins.
  Mary m. George Robinson of Candia.
  Louise m. —— Noyes.
Abigail [7], b. Sept. 9, 1791; m. James Huckins. Their children:
  Ruth m. Perrin Dow; d. 1907.
  Abigail m. —— Huckins.
  John.
  Martin Luther m., first, Sarah Dow; second, Mary Mudgett.
  Caleb d. 1908.

HANNAH [7], b. Nov. 28, 1793; m. Thomas Abbott. Their children:
Esther m. Austin Shaw.
Thomas Perry d. young.
Anna.

SAMUEL [7] POTTLE, b. Dec. 9, 1795; d. 1880; m. Sally Judkins of Sanbornton. Their children:
Eliza m. John Parker Smith, Sr.
Mary m. Kendrick W. Smith.
Julia m. Stephen Worthen.
Laura m. Luther Sanborn (twin); the other d.
Addie m. Samuel Stickney.

SALLY [7], b. Apr. 16, 1798; m. James Gordon. Their children:
George.
Smith.
Anna.
Leonard.
Sarah.
The girls remained single.

DANIEL [7] MARSTON, b. 1801; m. Hannah Abbott. Their children:
Mary Charlotte Hodgdon m. J. H. Wilkinson.
Naomi Jane.
Benjamin Abbott.

ESTHER [7], b. Aug. 28, 1803; m. Anthony Colby; d. 1847. Their children:
Abbie m. Alfred Clark.
Mary.
Benjamin m. Mary Booth.
Martha m. C. H. Wilkinson.
Samuel Pottle, b. Apr. 26, 1844; d. 1868.

Benjamin Smith married Widow Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Sleeper, of Poplin, N. H. Elizabeth S. (Marston) Smith; died in 1842. Their only child, Anna, born in 1806, married Nathaniel Drake. She died in 1862. Their children: George, Elizabeth, Frank M. and Mary Ann.

John [6] Smith of North Hampton and New Hampton, son of Christopher, born in 1760, died at New Hampton, July 17, 1842. He served in the Revolution. (Rev. Rolls, Vol. 1, page 642, 456, etc.) Miss Hattie M. Smith, his great-granddaughter, also has his family Bible, printed in London in 1577, which fell to her father, John Smith. Shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War he removed to New Hampton, in the interior of the state, and settled on "Beech Hill," where he died July 17, 1843. He

married Martha Drake, daughter of Abraham Drake. Their children: Levi, Christopher, John, Abigail, Lydia, Polly, Martha, Hannah and Anna.

Of these, John was the only one leaving any descendants named Smith. He died at his farm on "Beach Hill" and was buried with his wife on the home farm.

Some years ago his daughter, Hannah, who married a Merrill, removed the bodies of her parents to a small cemetery in Holderness and reinterred the bodies in the family lot. John Smith's grave is marked by the Sons of the Revolution marker, placed there in 1909 by his great-grandson.

John Smith, Jr., of West Center Harbor, son of John Smith, was born on Beech Hill in 1792; died in Meredith, and was buried in the old yard. He married Mary Mudgett and lived on a farm at West Center Harbor, later occupied by Amos Webster. He was one of the best farmers in the state, and later sold it to Jacob Merrill, who married his daughter, Mary, and removed to Meredith Village. Their children were: Priscilla, Mary, Timothy, Esther, Abigail, Huldah, John, Benjamin, Lavina, George and Hannah.

(Copied from papers of Mrs. Jennie Wilkinson Fifield, 338 Main Street, Laconia, N. H.)

This data came through Mrs. Fifield, which she obtained from Ralph M. Smith of Beverly, Mass. in 1909:

John [1] Smith, the emigrant ancestor, was born in Dorking, England. He came to America in 1632 on the ship "William and Francis." He was a member of the association, "The Company of the Plough," formed in London, England, in 1630, a religious order. The leader was Stephen Bachillor, who returned to England in 1656, leaving his family here, and died in England at the age of 100 years.

Christopher Hussey married Batcheldor's daughter.

John [2] Smith, son of John [1] Smith, married their daughter, Huldah, in 1667; so are related to the Smith, Hussey and Batcheldor families. John [1] Smith was one of the original owners of Nantucket, and died there. Rev. Batcheldor made the original settlement there, at Hampton.

John [2] Smith, called John Smith, "the Cooper," was a lieutenant in the local militia, also in Colonial service as Serg. John Smith. He was one of twelve men who were granted 40 acres

each at the North Plantation in 1669, upon agreeing to build and settle there, now called North Hampton.

Capt. John [3] Smith, born at Hampton in 1669, lived on Bramble Hill.

Benjamin [4] Smith, born at North Hampton in 1697, died in 1756. His daughter, Abigail, married Gen. Jonathan Moulton, who exposed her to smallpox, and she died (as tradition), so that he could marry a younger woman.

Deacon Christopher [5] Smith, First Lieut. in the Revolution (his stone is marked, born October 29, 1736; died December 7, 1814), was deacon of the Congregational Church 33 years. Married, first, Mary (Mollie) Page; second, Abigail Cilley.

Deacon Benjamin [6] Smith, born at North Hampton in 1757, was in the Revolution; married Judith, daughter of Samuel and Jennie (Piper) Pottle of Stratham, born in 1761. The Pottles are supposed to have come from England. Their children:

Peter, b. 1785.
Mary, b. 1787.
Josiah, b. 1789; m. Hannah Pitman.
Abigail, b. 1791.
Hannah, b. 1793.
Samuel, b. 1795.
Sally, b. 1798.
Daniel Marston, b. 1801.
Esther, 1803.

Deacon Benjamin Smith married, second, Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Sleeper of Poplin, who die in 1842. Their child, Anna, born in 1806.

Benjamin Smith died June 29, 1842, and is buried with his first wife and son, Peter, in what is known as the Kendrick Smith farm, not far from the Dr. Dana Meetinghouse, in New Hampton. It was to this farm that he made his way by "spotted trees"; and, after clearing a space and building a cabin, he brought his wife on a pillion. His second wife is buried in the cemetery nearer the Meetinghouse.

Mary Smith, born in 1787, married Nathaniel Robinson, died in 1861. Their children:

Mary Jane, m. David Moore; d. 1902.
Mahala, m. Samuel Dalton; d. 1881.
John.
Nathaniel, m. Abigail Thompson.

Josiah, d. 1861.
Betsey, b. Mar. 1, 1818; d. 1892; m. Rufus Hammond.
Phebe, b. Sept. 17, 1822; m. Gilman Colby of Pennacook.
Josiah Smith, m. Hannah Pitman. Their children:
Betsey m. B. Smith Huckins.
Mary m. George Robinson of Candia.
Louisa m. —— Noyes.

Abigail Smith, born in 1791; married James Huckins. Their children:

Ruth, m. Perrin Dow. She d. 1907. If she had lived a short time she would have been 95 years old. She had a sister in Hanover 92 years old, and two brothers—Luther of Holderness 86 years old and Caleb Huckins, 84 years old. She had five children: Mrs. Sam Hodgdon of Ashland, Rufus of Laconia and Charles, with whom she was living when she passed away.
B. Smith, m. Betsey Smith.
Abigail, m. —— Hutchins of Maine.
John, in Australia.
Luthur, m., first, Sarah Dow; second, Mary Mudgett.
Caleb, m. Lucretia Ward.

Hannah Smith, born in 1793, married Thomas Abbott. Their children:

Esther, m. D. Austin Shaw.
Thomas Perry, d. young.
Anna.

Samuel Pottle, born in 1795, married Sallie Judkins, and later Mrs. Hoyt. Their children:

Eliza, m. John Parker Smith.
Mary, m. Kendrick W. Smith.
Susan, d. young.
Julia, m. Stephen Worthen.
Laura, m. Luther Sanborn.
Addie, m. Samuel Stickney.

August 22, 1918, John A. Marsh married Alice C. Smith, daughter of Albert W. and Ella M. Smith, she a granddaughter of Kendrick W. and wife, Mary Smith.

Sally Smith, born in 1798, married James Gordon. Their children:

George, m. Hannah Flanders. Their children: Marilla, Everett and Elmer C.

Smith, m. Sarah Smith. Their children: Leavitt, Curtis and Emma.
Anna.
Leonard, m. Ellen Brown. Children: Albert, Ida and Willis.
Sarah.

Daniel Marston, born in 1801, married Hannah Abbott, daughter of Paul and Naomice (Carr) Abbott. Their children:

Mary Charlotte, m. John Hutchins Wilkerson.
Naomi Jane.
Benjamin Abbott.

Esther Smith married Anthony Colby. He married, second time and had a son, Hiram. Their children:

Abbie, m. Alfred Clark.
Mary, single.
Benjamin Smith, m. Lilla Batcheldor; Mary E. Booth.
Martha, m. Charles H. Wilkinson.
Samuel.

Anna Smith, born in 1806, married Nathaniel Drake. Their children: George, Elizabeth, Frank M. and Mary Ann.

An Old Story

By Mrs. Jennie Wilkinson Fifield

The story runs that in early Colonial days one Jonathan Moulton presented the Governor of the State, or rather the Colony, a fat ox for a thanksgiving feast, which so pleased his Excellency that he gave General Moulton a tract of wild land "up north." What is now Moultonboro was a part of the grant.

The wife of General Moulton was Abigail Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith, who lived in North Hampton. When the general was giving homesteads from his wild land to his own young nephews, he also gave a tract to Mrs. Moulton's nephew, Benjamin, son of her brother, Christopher Smith.

Young Benjamin found his way to his lot and cleared some land, built a house of three rooms (something rather unusul in those days), returned to North Hampton and married Judith Pottle of Stratham.

With their worldly possessions packed on a large white stallion, and Benjamin's own sturdy shoulders, they took the "trail,"

marked only by spotted trees, for their new home. Behind the saddle, where rode the bride, Judith, was the priceless "live goose" feather bed and all the bridal setting-out. With a meal sack across Benjamin's shoulders containing seed corn and beans, and with his trusty musket in his arms, they steadily pushed their way into the wilderness to New Hampton, some two miles from the now so-called "Dr. Dana Meetinghouse." Tradition also says that he led a cow along for their use. This farm is still occupied by a great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. John A. Marsh, who before her marriage was Miss Alice Smith, so it is that in very recent years the occupants bore other names than Smith.

The following story is still current among the descendants of Benjamin and Judith Smith, particularly if any of them are thought timid.

One cold night in early spring the couple were peacefully sleeping when a very unusual noise awoke Mrs. Judith, who after listening a short time decided that a bear was after one of the precious litter of pigs.

With a sharp prod of her elbow she endeavored to arouse her husband, at the same time shouting in his ear, "Ben, Ben, wake up; there is a bear after the pigs; get up; get up!"

Ben rolled over, vowing he would not get out that cold night for all the pigs in the county. Not so with Mrs. Judith. She sprang up, slipped her feet into her husband's cowhide boots and, grabbing the axe as she dashed past the woodpile, followed the sound of the squealing pig and lumbering bear, all the while shouting with all her strength, until Mr. Bruin decided to drop his prey and betake himself to safety, whereupon Mrs. Judith seized the badly frightened pig and returned to the house where she proceeded to very thoroughly waken her husband, Benjamin, and gave him a piece of her mind.

After a few years a neighbor came to settle about three miles away, beyond the so-called "Little Hollow."

One afternoon Grandmother Judith took her knitting and went over to "set a spell" with a neighbor, upon arriving home, she discovered that she had left her best apron. After supper she went back over the "blazed trail," got the apron and returned home.

Mrs. Judith (Pottle) Smith, must have been a fit wife for a pioneer. When she was sick she requested to be buried in the

orchard just above and back of her present home. She died May 15, 1804, her request was granted, and she rests with her husband and a brother in the old orchard.

Lieut. John[2] Smith, the "Cooper," and sister, Deborah, were children of John Smith of Marthas Vineyard. The sister, Deborah, married Nathaniel Batchelder. She died in 1674, and Mr. Batchelder thought single blessedness was not pleasant, and he decided to marry again, so, as the legend runs, he took his staff and held it up, determined to be guided by the direction that the staff fell when dropped from his hand. That should be the direction he would follow to seek a wife. The staff pointed towards Woburn, and he walked down there and called on the Widow Wyman. He proposed marriage to her, saying that she could have a little time to think it over before she decided, as he was going to Boston, and would call for his answer on his way back. She decided to accept him. He had six children by Deborah and eight more by Mrs. Mary (Carter) Wyman, who was a cousin to Deborah. The descendants drifted inland and settled.

Lieut. Christopher of the fifth generation was born in Hampton, and married Mary Page, 1737–1778. His children were:

Benjamin, 1757–1842; he settled in New Hampton.

John, 1760–1842.

Huldah, 1762–1858; m. Dr. Benaiah Sanborn, a man of much energy. He had a practice that extended for miles. He, as history states, advised opening a road through the valley from Sanbornton to New Hampton, which was later called the "Turnpike." Often when out to call on his patients he had to leave his horse and go on snowshoes, but never neglected anyone. His wife, Huldah, was a very generous-hearted woman.

Hannah, 1765–1850; m. Nathaniel, son of Stephen Piper and wife, Abigail C. Wiggin. Stephen Piper was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Stratham.

Mary, 1767–1826; m. Daniel Marston, 1764–1800, of Parsonsfield, Maine. After his death she m., second, Josiah Deaborn, a superior mathematician and astronomer who made almanacs. He clerked in a store at Sanbornton Square for some years. The children of Mary Smith by Daniel Marston were:

Polly, b. 1790; d. young in Parsonsfield, Maine.

Molly, b. 1792; d. young in Sanbornton.

Isaac, b. 1794; m. Sally Lane.
Abigail, b. 1797; m. Jonathan Cawley. He was a deacon of the North Sanbornton Baptist Church.
Smith, b. 1799; m. Hannah Dudley, b. 1804, dau. of Samuel C. Dudley, who came from Brentwood, and wife, Mercy Thorn.
Reuben Page Smith, 1770–1843; lived in Meredith, now Laconia. He m. Sarah Huse Smith, 1798–1867, dau. of Capt. Elisha Smith and wife, Sara Huse Smith of New Hampton, and later settled on a farm at the entrance to Meredith Neck.
Ebeneezer Smith, 1773–1844.
Christopher, b. 1775.
Abigail, 1778–1801.
Anna, 1788–1805.

The children of Mary (Smith) Marston, by Josiah Deaborn:
Josiah Smith, b. 1803; d. young.
Sarah Freese, b. 1805; m. John S. Pearson, son of Jethro of Meredith; second, Gilman Clark; third, Sylvester Wyman.
Anna Smith, b. 1807; m. John Peaslee of Weare.
Daniel Marston, b. 1800; m. Mary Jane Gordon, dau. of William and Margaret (Moses) Gordon of New Hampton. She d. 1843. He m., second, her sister, Harriett, b. 1815. He was ordained by the Meredith and Sanbornton North Baptist Churches. He began preaching in 1843, farmed some besides, and was called a gifted man. They had nine children. Lived in Meredith.
Samuel John, b. 1812; m. Mary A., dau. of Josiah Robinson of New Hampton. Two children.

John [7] Smith, who married Martha Drake, was a son of Christopher Smith and Mary Page, and was called "Shaving John" for distinction from other Johns. Their children:

Christopher, b. Oct. 4, 1786; d. 1843.
Martha, b. Oct. 6, 1788; d. 1876.
Levi S., b. Aug. 30, 1790; d. 1853.
John, b. Dec. 31, 1792; d. 1866.
Abigail, b. Dec. 12, 1796; d. 1858.
Annie, b. Sept. 25, 1800; d. 1858.
Lydia, b. May 30, 1802; d. 1834.
Mary, b. Apr. 2, 1805; d. 1834.
Hannah P., b. July 20, 1810.

John [7] Smith, son of John [6] and wife, Martha Drake, who married Mary Mudgett. They are buried in the Lang Street yard, Meredith.

Priscilla M., b. Oct. 21, 1818.
Timothy, b. Apr. 23, 1821; d. 1822.
Mary, b. Mar. 20, 1823; d. 1908.
Esther, b. Oct. 9, 1825; d. 1844.
Abigail, b. Jan. 20, 1828; d. 1915.
Huldah P., b. Aug. 9, 1829; d. 1915.
John, b. July 6, 1831; d. 1908.
Benjamin M., b. Nov. 1, 1833; d. 1912. He gave the Meredith Public Library in memory of his parents.
Lavina, b. Sept. 6, 1835; d. 1856.
George S., b. June 14, 1837; d. 1898.
Hannah, b. Nov. 28, 1842; d. 1908; m. 1860, Moses Gilman Webster, son of Moses Webster and wife, Mary (Dolloff) Webster. Their children:

Marietta, b. Jan. 16, 1861; m. Alonzo Corliss.
Daniel Frank, b. 1864; m. Alice Lincoln in 1887.
Charles Gilman, b. 1866; d. 1867.
Edith Eldora, b. 1868; m. Francis Joseph Robinson.
Nellie Eveline, b. 1871; m. 1893, Herbert Cox.
Ida Roberta, b. 1874; m. Clarence Ward in 1897.
Emma Jane, b. 1876; m. Edward Bickford.
The children all born in Center Harbor.

Orville Parker Smith, born in 1861, was the only child of Noah Smith and wife, Grace E. W. (Mudgett) Smith. Noah was a son of Parker Smith, who settled on the farm in 1821. Orville P. Smith lives in Center Harbor, where he owns 65 acres of land, and he owns 150 in Holderness, 40 in New Hampton, all near his home. He married Anna L. Grant. She died and he married, second, Elena B. Cram, daughter of Francis H. Cram and wife, Mary Catherine (Woodman) of Meredith.

Another Record of "Shaving John" Smith's son, who married Mary Mudgett. Their children:

John, m. Almatia Gourd.
Benjamin, m. Mary Grendall of Salem, Mass.
George, m. Ellen Adams of Haverhill, Mass.
Mary, m. Joseph Merrow of Meredith.
Abbie, m. Stephen How.
Priscilla, m. Cotton Downing and, second, —— Eastman.
Huldah, m. Hiram Bixby, father of William Bixby.
Hannah, m. Gilman Webster.
Lavina and Esther, both d. young.

Deacon Christopher Smith, born October 11, 1736, married Mary Page in 1757. They lived in Hampton.

Their sixth child, Reuben Page Smith, born January 3, 1770, married Sarah Huse Smith, daughter of Capt. Elisha Smith and wife, Sarah Huse Smith. They settled in 1817 on Meredith Neck and died there and are buried on the old farm. Their children:

Elisha, 1798–1847, m. Phebe Ring in 1823. They settled in Meredith, and had a son who went to California.
Mary, b. 1799; m. —— Shaw; settled in Holderness.
Shoebal Page, 1801–1803.
Benjamin, 1805–1864; went to Wisconsin; single.
Reuben Page, 1807–1868; m. Anna Smith; second, Judith ———; settled in Laconia. One son, who had children: Benjamin, Reuben and John.
Anna, b. 1809; lived in Meredith; single.
Christopher, 1811–1891; settled in Campton; m. Louisa French. They had two sons: David and Reuben.
Huldah, 1813–1839.
Lavina, 1816–1840; m. Levi Towle; lived in Meredith. No children.
John, 1819–1891; lived on the home farm. He was prominent in public office; m. Sarah J. Badger in 1828, dau. of Timothy Badger and wife, Catherine Hubbard, 1787–1864. Their children:
  Sarah Catherine, b. 1850; m. 1877 George H. Adams, b. in Campton, 1851–1911; lived in Plymouth. Their children:
    Walter Blair, b. 1887; m. Marguerite Draper. Their son, Walter Blair, Jr., b. 1919.
    George Herbert, b. 1890; m. Inez Perkins of Salem, Mass. Their son, George Herbert, Jr., b. 1916.
    Louisa Jane, b. 1853.
  Abbie Haseltine, b. 1858; m. Lester Dearth; live in Laconia.
  Maud Badger, 1865–1884.

Grandmother Smith's Bible

Owned by Louisa F. Smith, West Campton, N. H.
Bible published by Luther Roby, Concord, N. H., 1846.
Now owned by Miss Frances Smith, Plymouth, N. H.

Christopher and Louisa F. Smith, married in Plymouth, December 19, 1837. Their son, David French Smith, and Jennie R. Stout, married in Blackberry, Ill., March 5, 1862, by Rev. R. L. Hayden.

Reuben Page Smith and Ermina Mitchell, married in Campton, September 27, 1866, by F. Barron.

Christopher Smith, born in Sanbornton, November 2, 1811; died in 1891. His wife, Louise F. Smith, born in Campton, August 24, 1809; died April 27, 1900. Their children: David F., born December 20, 1838, died July 16, 1874, and Reuben P., born June 8, 1843, died October 23, 1920.

Reuben F. Smith, son of David F. Smith and wife, Jennie R. Smith, born December 24, 1863. A daughter, Mary H., born July 28, 1865.

Frances Helen, daughter of David F., and wife, Jennie R. Smith, born October 29, 1866.

John Coleman, born May 8, 1868; died March 7, 1925.

David F., son of David and Jennie R. Smith, born December 27, 1869; died in 1903.

Lewis, son of Reuben P. and wife, Martha Ermina Smith, born April 3, 1870; died in 1911.

Maggie Louise, daughter of David F. and Jennie R. Smith, born September 29, 1871; died in 1872

Jennie R., wife of David F. Smith, died August 11, 1876.

Jenny Wycoff, daughter of David and Jenny R. Smith, born April 9, 1874; died in 1875.

Perley Blair, son of Reuben P. and wife, Mary Ermina Smith, born in Jefferson, Iowa, December 8, 1876. A sister, Kate Smith, born in Jefferson, Iowa, March 12, 1892.

Richard Hawley, son of John Coleman Smith and wife, Delma W. Smith, born November 19, 1890. A sister, Rebecca M., born at Campton, March 9, 1897. A sister, Helen Louise, born July 31, 1899. A brother, Daniel French, born September 11, 1901.

By Miss Frances Smith, Plymouth, N. H.

Christopher Smith, son of Reuben Page and Sarah Huse Smith, was born in Sanbornton, N. H., November 2, 1811; died in Campton, September 4, 1891; married Louisa French of Campton (born August 24, 1809, died April 27, 1900), December 19, 1837. Their children:

David French, b. Dec. 20, 1838; d. July 16, 1874.
Reuben Page, b. June 8, 1843; d. in Dubuque, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1920.

David French Smith married Jennie R. Stout in Blackberry, Ill., March 5, 1862. Their children:

Reuben Fernand, b. Dec. 24, 1863.
Mary Hannah, b. July 28, 1864, a graduate of Plymouth Normal School; m. Dr. Friend C. Suitor of La Crosse, Wis.
Frances Helen, b. Oct. 29, 1866.
John Coleman, b. May 8, 1868; d. Mar. 7, 1929.
David French, b. Dec. 27, 1869; d. Jan. 20, 1923.
Maggie Louise, b. Sept. 29, 1871; d. Aug. 6, 1872.
Jenney Wycoff, b. Apr. 9, 1874; d. Jan. 1875.

John Coleman Smith married Delma Wilson of Oskaloosa, Iowa, August 13, 1889. Their children:

Richard Hawley, b. Nov. 17, 1890.
Rebecca Margaret, b. Mar. 9, 1897; graduate of La Crosse (Wis.) Normal School; teaching in Arizona.
Helen Louisa, b. July 31, 1899; graduate of Boston University; teaching in Hartford, Conn.
Donald French, b. Sept. 11, 1901.

John Coleman Smith married the second time, June 8, 1923, Lulu M. Willand of Kittery, Maine.

David French Smith, Jr., married Margaret Smith of Newton, Mass.

Richard Hawley Smith married, first, Elizabeth Basset, who died November 26, 1929; he married, second, Emily L. Disinger of Lockport, N. Y. Their daughter, Frances Helen, was born October 31, 1930.

History states that in 1671 an elderly woman, who was called "Goody Cole," was styled a "witch" in Hampton, N. H. She was poor and had no home, and was subject to the many whims of the people, who boarded her a week at a time, as she was a public charge, then she was turned over to another neighbor. Her life was made miserable by charges that she appeared in various forms, as a dog, an eagle, or cat, or a woman that tried to entice young girls to go and live with her. Finally she was tried in court and Nathaniel Smith appeared against her, but did not make sufficient proof, and finally: "In ye case of Unis Cole, now prisoner, all ye Bar not Legally Guilty, but so decided, and according to Inditement, butt just grounds of vehement suspisyon of her hauving had famillyarety with the Deuill." So she was let go and passed many unhappy days the last of her life in Hampton.

John Smith and his sister, Deborah, children of John Smith of Marthas Vineyard, as Hampton history states, were in the town of

Hampton the last part of the seventeenth century. The sister, Deborah, married Nathaniel Batcheldor. She died in 1676 at the birth of her sixth child. He married, second, the Widow Wyman of Woburn, Mass., October 31, 1676. They had eight more children. She died and he married, third, in 1689. He died in 1710, aged 86 years.

One of their sons, Lieut. John Smith, called the "Cooper," married February 26, 1667, Huldah, daughter of Christopher Hussey. They had eleven children.

Their second child, Capt. John Smith, married in 1695, Abigail, daughter of Benjamin Shaw and wife, Esther (Richardson) Shaw. They lived on "Bramble Hill Road" in North Hampton and raised nine children.

Their second child, Benjamin, born in 1697, married Mary (born in 1704, died in 1747), daughter of Morris Hobbs and wife, Theodate, she a daughter of Nathaniel Batcheldor and second wife, Widow Mary (Carter) (Wyman) Batcheldor.

Their sixth child, Deacon Christopher, born October 11, 1736, died in 1814. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Mary, daughter of Shubael Page and wife, Hannah Dow, she a daughter of Deacon Samuel Dow and wife, Mary, born in 1739, a daughter of Christopher Page and wife, Abigail Tilton.

Their second son, John Smith, born in Hampton, January 20, 1760, died in 1842. He was a Revolutionary soldier; married Martha Drake, born August 30, 1767, daughter of Abraham Drake. John Smith lived up over Beech Hill in New Hampton, where for a time in early days the old stage coach passed each day (when passable) with four horses. Tradition tells us that Captain Sinclair each day hitched on two more horses to help climb Beech Hill, as the old stage coach was pretty heavy with its load of passengers. At this period there were several John Smiths, and it was sometimes hard to distinguish them. It was a custom to nickname them for distinction, and this John, who was a very nice man, was called "Shaving John." He had a method, which showed his frugality, of measuring his meat in the pork barrel by putting wood shavings between the layers of meat, so that a certain layer of meat must last until Candlemas Day (the old adage, "half your wood, and half your hay"). This showed his good management to provide for his family so that they should not get short of meat.

John Smith and wife, Martha (Drake) Smith, were the parents of Anna, who married Parker Smith in 1800, son of Benjamin Smith.

Phillip Smith, son of Benjamin Smith and wife, Mary Hobbs, married Anna (Nancy) Jewell, born in Stratham in 1768, daughter of Daniel Jewell and wife, Sarah (Jewell) Smith. The children of Phillip and wife, Anna (Jewell) Smith, were:

PARKER.
JONATHAN PAGE.
BETSEY (ELIZABETH), who m. Charles Shephard.
SALLY, who m. Jeremiah Burleigh.
NANCY, who m. Nathaniel Huckins.
CHARLOTTE, who m. Dr. Jeremiah Smith, son of Deacon Nicholas Smith, and wife, Mary Marston, dau. of Reuben Marston, Jr., of Meredith. Dr. Jerry settled for a time near the Dr. Dana Meeting house, in New Hampton, but later moved to Meredith, and there practiced medicine.

Anna (Jewell) Smith married, second, Abraham Drake. She died in Holderness in 1868, in her 92d year.

Parker Smith, son of Phillip, born in New Hampton February 7, 1796, died in 1836; married Anna Smith, daughter of John Smith, born in New Hampton, and granddaughter of Deacon Christopher Smith, who was a son of Benjamin Smith. When Parker Smith was 27 years old he bought the Joseph Cox farm in Center Harbor, where his son, Noah and family lived, and now occupied by his grandson, Orville Parker Smith.

Noah Smith, son of Parker Smith and wife, born March 7, 1831, in Center Harbor, married Grace E., daughter of Levi Mudgett of New Hampton. She died January 19, 1927, aged 93 years.

Orville Parker Smith, born March 31, 1861, married Anna L. Grant, daughter of Daniel B. Grant of Moultonborough. Mr. Smith is a prominent business man and selectman of Center Harbor. He married, second, Eleanor B. Cram, daughter of Frances H. Cram and wife, Mary C. (Woodman) Cram, June 12, 1900.

Mrs. Grace Smith, widow of Noah Smith and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Mudgett of New Hampton, died, aged 92 years, October 15, 1902. She was survived by two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Porter of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Ellen Flanders of Ashland, N. H.

John Smith, 1760–1842, was a Revolutionary soldier, son of

Deacon Christopher Smith and wife, Mary Page of Hampton. Their children: Christopher, Patty, Love, Lydia, Polly, Hannah, Ann (the mother of Noah Smith and grandmother of Orville Smith), and Nabbie, single.

Captain John Smith, son of Lieut. John Smith, who married Abigail Shaw, had nine children.

Benjamin, who married Mary, daughter of Morris Hobbs. Their children:

Abigail, 1728–1775; m. Jonathan Moulton in Hampton.
Theodate, b. 1730; m. Elisha, son of Josiah Batchelder.
Mary, b. 1732; m. Jonathan, son of Jonathan Page.
Huldah, 1732–1746.
Benjamin, b. 1734.
Christopher, b. 1736; m. Mary, dau. of Shubael Page. Their children:
Benjamin, b. 1757; m. Judith Pottle. He d. 1842.
John, b. 1760; m. —— Drake.
Huldah, b. 1762; m. Dr. Benaiah Sanborn; d. 1857; buried in Sanbornton.
Hannah, b. 1754; m. Nathaniel Piper, buried in Meredith.
Mary, b. 1767; m. Daniel Marston.
Reuben Page, b. 1770; m. Sarah Smith, dau. of Elisha Smith.
Ebenezer, b. 1773; m. —— Stevens.
Christopher, b. 1775.
Abigail, b. 1778.
Josiah, 1739–1745.
Ann, 1741–1749.

The Children of Abigail Smith and Jonathan Moulton:

Josiah, b. 1749; m. Miss Shackford.
Sarah, 1752–1754.
Jonathan, b. 1754.
Abigail, 1758–1759.
Mary, d. young.
Benning, b. 1761; m. Sarah, dau. of Jonathan Leavitt and his second wife, Anna, widow of John Dole; settled in Center Harbor.
Anna, b. 1763; m. John, son of Lieut. Elisha Marston and wife, Mary, dau. of Abraham Drake.
William P., b. 1766.
Elizabeth, b. 1768.
Jacob Smith, b. 1770.
Joseph, b. 1772.

John Smith, born at North Hampton, owned a farm there. The ancestors settled there about 1640.

His son, Parker Smith, born at New Hampton, had a son, John Parker Smith, Sr., born at Center Harbor, married Eliza, daughter of Samuel Potter Smith of New Hampton. Her grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. They had four children.

The third child, John Parker Smith, born in 1854 at New Hampton, came to Laconia in 1879 and worked in the J. H. Tilton store some six years. Mr. Tilton died and he conducted the store until the Tilton business was settled. In 1884 he married Hattie F., daughter of George I. Greeley of Franklin. They had one son who died young. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church for some years.

Found in the attic of Horace Eastman's house, what appears to be a marriage certificate:

J^{no} Perkins
L^{y} Prescott
1773

Data given by Mr. Carl Blaisdell

Annie Perkins, daughter of John Perkins and Lucy Prescott married John Smith, son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Sarah (Spiller) Smith, who were pioneers of Meredith.

John Smith, 1772–1857, and wife, Annie (Perkins) Smith, 1775–1864, had a daughter, Annis, who married Esquire Charles Smith of Meredith, he a son of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Mehitable Sheafe. (He was another branch of the Smith family.)

John Smith and wife, Annie (Perkins) Smith, also had a daughter, Polly, 1789–1863, and another daughter, Susan. They lived on the Head place. Frank N. Blaisdell, 1851–1913, son of David Blaisdell and wife, Eliza (Gilman) Blaisdell. He was the eighth generation who came from England in 1640. Frank N. Blaisdell married in 1886 Grace E. Weeks, born February 24, 1857. They had one son, Carl Blaisdell.

Esquire Charles Smith and wife, Annis (Perkins) Smith, settled on the Perkins farm and had children. She died in 1848, and is buried in the Smith yard, near her parents. They had a daughter who married —— Weeks. Their children:

M. Isabel, b. Feb. 24, 1857.
John Herbert, b. June 1, 1859.

After Esquire Charles Smith left his farm and moved to Meredith Village, J. C. Sanborn lived on the place. Then Horace Eastman bought it and he and his son, Fred W. Eastman, lived there 55 years.

Horace Eastman was the son of Abel Eastman, who was a son of Thomas Eastman, who lived in Meredith, over the line of Sanbornton.

Thomas Eastman was a Revolutionary soldier. He left the army with one silver dollar, with which he bought a brass kettle. He was a small man and could shelter himself under a barrel, as history states.

Capt. Elisha Smith, 1754–1834, was a nephew of Robert Smith, who was among the first settlers in the territory called "Moultonboro Gore," later changed to New Hampton. He married Sarah Huse, 1754–1811, daughter of Thomas Huse and wife, Hannah Webster. Hannah Webster was a daughter of John [2] and wife, Ann Webster.

Thomas Huse was a descendant of Abel Huse, 1665–1690. His home was in Newburyport, Mass., near the so-called, in early days, "Frog Pond." He was held in affectionate remembrance as the founder of the Huse family in America.

Capt. Elisha Smith served in the Revolution from Massachusetts. After he removed to New Hampton he served in the War of 1812. In the war records he is recorded as from Meredith, where he enlisted.

From Moses Smith's Bible

(Printed in 1818)

My father, Elisha Smith, born Jan. 2, 1755; died in 1834.
" mother, Sarah (Huse) Smith, born May 4, 1754.
" mother-in-law, Lydia, born March 5, 1766.

Children by Sarah (Huse) Smith:

My brother, Elisha, Jr., born Aug. 16, 1777; married —— Harper; buried at head of Long Pond.
" sister, Sally, born Oct. 17, 1778; married Reuben Smith.
" brother, Hezekiah, born Jan. 3, 1780; married Polly Sinclair.
" brother, Ebenezer, born Jan. 7, 1782; married Abiah Stevens.
" sister, Anna, born Oct. 6, 1783; married George Rand of Lowell.
" brother, Huse, born Oct. 10, 1785; married —— Perkins; lived in Vermont.

My sister, Betsey, born July 17, 1790; married —— Johnson; second, Deacon Sanborn.
" brother, Moses, born May 4, 1792; married Hannah Cram in 1815, born in 1790.
" sister, Lavina, born March 3, 1794; married Nicholas Smith of New Hampton. (See Smiths.)
" brother, John B., born May 30, 1797; died in 1798.
" brother, John B., born July 27, 1799.

Captain Elisha Smith and wife's third child, Hezekiah Smith, born in 1780, married Polly (Mary) Sinclair, born in 1781, of New Hampton. Their children:

Mary M., b. 1802; m. and settled in Vermont.
Ebenezer, b. 1804.
Moses B., b. 1805.
Moody Huse, b. 1807; m. Caroline Warner.
Sally Huse, b. 1809; m. Reuben Smith.
Thomas M., b. 1811.
Nancy P., b. 1813.
Lavina, b. 1815.
Eliza, b. 1817.

Hezekiah Smith's oldest son, Ebenezer, 1804–1885, married Sarah Cram. They lived on the Weirs road. Their children:

Hannial P., 1839–1913; d. in the west.
Simeon P., 1841–1863.
George Frank, 1845–1931; m. in 1876, Charlotte Porter Kent. Their children:
Frank Percy, b. 1878; m. Bertha Pease; m., second, Vera Berry. Their children: Edward Otis, Frances Esther and Jean Alice.
Marion K., m. Waldron W. Hodsdon. Their children:
Marshall Sinclair, b. 1901.
Charles Kent, b. 1904.
John Wesley, b. 1906.
Emily Bracket, b. 1908.
Alice Robbins, b. 1913.
Mary Ellen, b. 1847; m. Charles A. Thomas.
Flora L., b. 1851; m. Arthur Merrill Black. Four children.
Sarah Luella, 1854–1864.
Jessie, b. 1857; m. Moses A. Withey. They have a son, David Earl Withey.

Children of Hezekiah Smith's fourth child, Moody Huse, and wife, Caroline Warner:

Augustus M., b. May 26, 1840; d. 1909, of Center Harbor; m. Laurelia Clifton, b. 1864, of Lynn.
Charles Brooks, b. 1842; m. Clara H. Burleigh, b. 1880, in Lynn. Their children:
Mertie F., b. Sept., 1869.
Charles O., b. May, 1872.
Walter, Ida, Guy.
William E., b. June 7, 1844, of Meredith.
Francena Curtis, b. Apr. 17, 1846; m. John Frank Smith of Campton, Nov. 6, 1878. Their children:
Arthur L., b. Oct. 2, 1880.
Alice W., b. Mar. 12, 1882; d. 1899.
Carrie L., b. Aug. 30, 1883.
Horace Wellington, b. June 27, 1848; d. 1897; m. and lived in Biddeford, Maine. Their child, Linwood Smith, m. Zoe Jose of Biddeford, Maine.
Arthur, b. Sept. 29, 1850; d. 1897.
Elizabeth M., b. Nov. 3, 1851; m. Joseph Shephard.
Frank W., b. Nov. 16, 1852; d. 1911.
Ellen Maria, b. Dec. 17, 1854.
Fred Herbert, b. Feb. 9, 1856; m. Lindie C. Smith in 1888, dau. of Lewis Smith of Sandwich. He m. second, —— Head. Their children:
Edith, b. Oct. 2, 1890.
Clarence, b. Sept. 21, 1892; d. 1893.
Mildred E., b. June 24, 1899; d. 1901.
George H. Sumner, b. Apr. 7, 1857; m. Laura Cram in 1886. Their children:
Bessie, b. Dec. 13, 1889.
Beatrice, b. Feb. 9, 1897.
Arthur Willis, b. 1859; d. young.
Carrie E., b. Feb. 1, 1861; m. Rolfe Smith, son of Lewis Smith of Sandwich. Their dau., Ethel W., b. Apr. 18, 1887, m. Herbert J. Darios of Meredith.
Fred H., m. in 1888, Linda C., dau. of Lewis Smith of Sandwich. Their children:
Edith M., d. young.
Clarence A., d. young.
Mildred E.

The fourth child of Capt. Elisha Smith and wife, Sally (Huse) Smith.

Ebenezer Smith, born January 7, 1782, died in 1846; married Abiah Stevens, born October 4, 1792; died in 1872. Their children:

Betsey, b. Feb. 20, 1809; m. Deacon Daniel Veasey; d. 1865.

Relief R., b. June 26, 1813; d. 1878; m. Noah Woodman, 1807–1835.
George F., b. Aug. 21, 1814; d. 1846; m. Ruth Ransom. Their child d. aged 2 years.
Mary, b. July 22, 1821; m. Ira Taylor. She d. 1853.
Ruth C., b. July 6, 1828; m. Richard Shephard. One child, Ella Shephard; lives in Exeter.
Simeon Dana, b. Nov. 12, 1837; d. 1885.

Lackawana (Later Called New Hampton)

The name of a neighborhood on the road to New Hampton was called "Lackawana, or the Veasey Neighborhood."

Samuel Woodman of New Hampton married Ruth Harper. Their children: Israel, Rodney, Martin, Oliver and Addie.

Thomas Woodman, who died April 14, 1843, aged 91 years, was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Ann Drake. She died September 7, 1845, aged 85 years. Their children:

Lydia, d. aged 41 years.
Amos C., d. 1830, aged 35 years.
Thomas, d. 1838, aged 74 years. Thomas's wife, Polly Pease, sister to Joseph Pease, who d. 1863, aged 71 years. Their children:
  Hiram S. was in Co. E, 12th N. H. Regiment Volunteers; d. at Berlin, Md., 1862, aged 28 years.
  Nathaniel, d. Sept. 6, 1829, aged 2 years.
  Rebecca, d. Feb. 14, 1840, aged 30 years.
  Mary P., m. William D. Boynton, Apr. 27, 1813.
  Mara, m. G. W. Stevens; d. June 21, 1859, aged 35 years.
  Sarah, m. Joseph Boynton; d. 1850, aged 30 years. Their dau., Sarah E., d. 1850, aged 12 weeks.
Nancy S., m. George Haynes; d. 1861, aged 45 years.
Mary O., d. Aug. 21, 1851, aged 3 months.
George F., d. Feb. 18, 1853, aged 5 months.
Benjamin P., 1819–1891, m. Elizabeth Hill, 1820–1904.

Woodman

Thomas Woodman married Polly Pease. Their son, Noah Woodman, 1807–1888, married Relief (Smith), daughter of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Abiah Stevens. She died in 1875, aged 65 years. Their children:

John Kelley, b. Mar. 30, 1837; d. aged 4 years.
Mary A., b. July 6, 1843.
Sarah F., b. Jan. 1, 1846.

Clara Ann, b. Dec. 5, 1853; m. Albert Sumner Hawkins Dec. 25, 1872. Their children:
Elmer W., b. Sept. 16, 1874; d. 1886.
Florence E., b. July 23, 1879; m. Joseph W. Smith, son of Henry L. Smith and wife, Mary E. (Brown) Smith. They had three children; one living, Esther Smith, who is in Boston University.
Arthur W., b. Aug. 2, 1881; d. 1901.
Bessie M., b. Jan. 14, 1889; d. 1894.

Thomas Woodman and wife, Polly Pease, had a son, Frank Woodman, who married Bessie Jenkins in Salem, Mass. Their children:

Ray, who m. Ruth Hawkins, dau. of Rufus Colby Hawkins and wife, Abbie (Jones) Hawkins of Fitzburg. Ray and wife have three children: Frank Henry, Ruth Elinor and Philip Colby.
Frank.
Mary.
Florence.

Fannie S. Woodman married Noah Ward, February 4, 1865. Their son, Clarence Ward.

Mary A. Woodman married George C. Lawrence. They had three daughters.

Captain Elisha Smith's ninth child, Moses Smith, 1792–1874, married in 1815, Hannah Cram, 1790–1869. Their daughter, Sally, born in 1816, married Samuel Cram; lived in New Hampton. Their children:

Elisha Smith, b. 1846; m. Annie Batchelder, 1868; m., second, Almena E. Avery, 1878.
Charles Henry, 1849–1863.
Lucinda Jane, 1854–1883.

Captain Elisha Smith's tenth child, Lavina, born in 1794, married Nicholas Smith, a son of Deacon Nicholas and Mary Marston. (See Smiths.) Nicholas was a Revolutionary soldier, born in 1764. His wife was Mary Marston, daughter of Reuben Marston, Jr., and granddaughter of Reuben Marston, Sr., and wife, Sarah Batchelder. Reuben, Sr., and Reuben, Jr., were Revolutionary soldiers. Reuben was a pioneer on Meredith Parade. They came from Hampton, N. H.

Reuben, Jr., kept the "Old Wooden Pound." He also built

the Marston house on Marston Hill, in 1803, which is still occupied by a descendant of the Marston men, he being the sixth generation of Marstons who have lived there, and Joseph William Smith is the sixth generation of Smiths who have lived on the Robert Smith place since Robert Smith and wife, Phebe Nason, came there from Brentwood.

Children of Nicholas Smith and wife, Lavina Smith:

Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1824; d. 1886; m. Smith Neal, son of the so-called "White Oak Joseph" Neal, a pioneer of Meredith. Their only child, Mary Elizabeth arranged the "Meredith Annals"; b. Oct. 2, 1853, m. John P. Hanaford in 1890.

Nicholas Marston, b. Sept. 15, 1825; d. 1898; m. Lydia Kimball of Sandwich, 1829–1860; lived and died in Meredith, leaving one dau., Frances Lydia, b. Feb. 15, 1856; m. John P. Hanaford of Illinois. Their dau., Frances Lydia, b. Apr. 21, 1879; m. Fred Spencer; one son, Earl Spencer. Live in Canada.

Nicholas Marston Smith moved west; married, second, Clara Ferrin, born in 1844 at Bridgewater, Vt., daughter of Alfred Ferrin and wife, Nancy (Hold). Their children:

Ida B., b. Jan. 25, 1869; m. Mike Dilschneider. They have had five children and live in Montana.

Frank Marston, b. Feb. 8, 1871; m. Alice Carter. They have John Nicholas and Una E. Smith; live in North Dakota.

Lilla M., b. Dec. 17, 1873; lives in North Dakota; m. Thomas Fitzgerald. They have five children:

Lewis Marston, b. Sept. 7, 1903.
Morris Alfred, b. Aug. 10, 1905.
Clara Ann, b. May 7, 1907.
Ida Elisabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1910; m. 1932 Gunvald Nelson; live in North Dakota.
Thomas Franklin, b. July 24, 1912.
Mary Blanch, b. June 2, 1915.

Lewis Cass Smith (Nicholas; Deacon Nicholas; Robert, the pioneer), born April 23, 1829, in New Hampton (Winona), died in Illinois, at the home of his niece, Mary E. Neal Hanaford, with whom he had made his home for many years. He was brought back and buried on his lot in Meredith with his father and mother, Nicholas and Lavina Smith.

Ebenezer Smith died September 24, 1831 (as tradition, in Gilford). He married Mehitable Sheaf, 1761–1843. He was married May 5, 1785, Thursday evening, between the hours of 8 and 9 P.M. Their children:

JACOB SHEAF, b. Apr. 28, 1786; d. 1791; baptized by Rev. Mr. Ogden in 1787.
EBENEZER, b. Oct. 22, 1787; d. 1867; m. Hannah Richardson of Dover in 1814.
REV. HENRY, b. June, 1789; d. 1799.
ALFRED, b. Feb., 1791.
MARGARET, b. Oct. 12, 1792; d. 1796.
MEHITABLE, b. June 20, 1794; d. 1833; m. Ebenezer Coe, 1813, of Northwood.
CHARLES, b. Nov. 19, 1795; m. Annis Smith; m., second, Irene Neal.
ADDISON, b. June 21, 1798; d. 1800.
EMILY, b. Aug. 13, 1799; d. 1800.
CHARLOTTE, b. Oct. 3, 1801; d. 1903.
MARY W., b. May 10, 1807; m. Rev. John Kimball Young, 1803–1875. He preached in Laconia.

Robert Smith was born in England about 1611. He came, as history states, to Boston and later settled in Exeter, where he signed the Exeter Combination. He took the Freeman's Oath, October 7, 1644. He removed to Hampton and died there August 30, 1706. In 1639 he married Susanna ———. "She was struck by lightening" June 12, 1680, and he remained a widower 26 years. He was a tailor by trade, also farmed land. Their children (no dates have ever been found of their birth):

JOHN, m. May 14, 1675, Rebecca Adams; m., second, in 1676, Rebecca Marston.
MERIBAH, m. Francis Page.
ASCHEL.
JONATHAN, b. 1645, was a bricklayer in Exeter; m. Mehitable Holdred. Their children:
  Israel, b. 1671.
  Jacob, b. 1673.
  Ithiel.
  Abigail, b. 1678.
  Joseph, 1680–1717. He was a judge of the Superior Court in 1703. He married, first, Dorothy Cotton; second, Mary More; third, Elizabeth Marshall.
  Leah, b. 1683.
  Mehitable, 1685.

History tells us that many of the men in early days were "Smithys," and took the name of Smith. They were industrious and workers of iron and wood, and made, by hand, all the nails used for building. It is said that the men did not have any Christian name to distinguish them, but later on these were added.

We find the "coat of arms" of Robert and Richard Smith very similar, and from data read I am inclined to think that they were closely related and descendants of Nicholas.

Records down through the generations state that Nicholas was a son of Robert, born in England, and that Nicholas [2] was in Exeter in 1658 and died there in 1673, leaving real estate that was divided among his children as late as 1717. The records also show that the baptismal name of his wife was Mary, born September 3, 1661, died in 1716. He was said to be a farmer and a good citizen of Exeter. It is recorded that he, with others, was returning from church one Sunday and was attacked by the Indians and escaped and lived, but the others were killed. His will is recorded in Concord, dated February 13, 1716, in which he names his wife, Mary; sons, Richard, Nathaniel, David, Nicholas, Benjamin, Edward and John; daughters, Ann (who married —— Clark), Mary, Elizabeth, Patience, Comfort and Abigail. Another will recorded, dated February 26, 1753, of Nicholas Smith, son of Nicholas; wife, Susanna Mudgett.

Nicholas Smith married ————. Their children:

NATHANIEL, b. June 9, 1660.
NICHOLAS, b. Sept. 3, 1661.
ANNE, b. Feb. 14, 1663.
THEOPHILAUS, b. Feb. 14, 1667.

Nicholas [1] was selectman in Exeter in 1658. As his will states, he died in 1715. Nicholas [2], born in 1661, married Mary Leavitt, daughter of Samuel. Their children:

RICHARD.
NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 15, 1695.
DANIEL.
DANIEL.
NICHOLAS, m. Judith, dau. of Moses Gilman of Exeter. This Nicholas and wife, Judith, deeded land in 1749 to Josiah Ladd.
BENJAMIN, m. Mary Swasey in 1760, at Exeter.

Edward, m. Mary ———, Jan. 13, 1668/9.
John.
Mary, m. Daniel Lovering; was his wife in 1729.
Elizabeth, m. Thomas Mudgett.
Patience, m. Joseph Eastman.
Comfort, m. William Lovering.
Abigail, m. —— Clark.

Nicholas [3], born in 1749, received land from his mother, Mary (Gilman) Smith. This land was in Epping (as deed and will). He married Susanna ———. Their children:

Nicholas, 1723–1814.
Robert, 1724–1815; m. Abigail Cass of Exeter.
Edward.
John.
Susanna.
Anna.
Abigail.
Judith, m. Daniel Veasey.
Mary.

Nicholas [4] married Sarah ——— (as will dated in 1755). Their children:

Elisha, b. Jan. 2, 1755; m. Sarah Huse; came from Brentwood and settled near Beech Hill in New Hampton.
Ebenezer.
Hezekiah, m. Clarissa ———; she d. 1732.

A will, dated in 1775, made in Brentwood, gives two acres of land to his wife, Susanna; mentions children, Nicholas, Robert, Edward and John; daughters, Susanna, Anna, Abigail, Judith and Mary Leavitt, aged 7 years in 1759. It looks as though Nicholas married first Sarah, as she was the mother of Elisha, who was born in 1755 and a Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Susanna, married, first, John Mudgett of Gilmanton (was his wife in 1746). He died and she married, second, Nicholas Smith, and after he died she married Abner Thurston (which makes quite a puzzle to sort out). Susanna, as old wills state, was the daughter of Ithiel Smith and wife, Catherine (as will) in 1767. They had children: Ithiel, Hannah and Susanna (who married, first, John Mudgett; second, Nicholas Smith; third, in 1763, was the wife of Abner Thurston).

Another will, dated January 16, 1812, made by one Nicholas

Smith of Brentwood, witnessed by Rich[d] York, Henry Veasey and Wentworth Cheswell. Nicholas gives "all goods to present wife, Elizabeth, that she brought with her before our intermarriage, and other provisions." To sons, Elisha, Ebenezer, Hezekiah, Nicholas; to daughters, Mary Mudgett (daughter of a former wife), Juda Veasey and Mehitable Larrabee; to grandson, John Smith, son of Hezekiah, deceased, and grandson, Smith Lamprey; to granddaughter, Betsey Hodgdon; to four grandsons, Gilman Smith, Josiah Smith, Richard Smith and Hezekiah Smith, sons of Ebenezer Smith, certain things named in the will.

Robert Smith (Nicholas [3], Nicholas [2], Nicholas [1], Robert) of New Hampton, the pioneer, born July 10, 1724; died in 1815. He married Abigail Cass in 1758, daughter of Joseph Cass and wife, Phebe Nason. The Nason family came from Bainsford County, England, where some of the Smith family came from. Robert Smith went to New Hampton in 1779 from Epping. He was a Revolutionary soldier and was first lieutenant in service. In 1760 he gave a bond of 1,000 pounds to either pay for or dispense with a sawmill and dam, before 1762. (From tracing other papers, the connection runs to the early sawmill at Meredith Center. From records, he gave it up to the Dows, who ran it for a time.) Children:

Deacon Joseph, b. 1760; m. Elizabeth Marston, dau. of Reuben, Jr.
Phebe, b. 1762; m. Captain William Pike, a Revolutionary soldier.
Deacon Nicholas, b. 1764; m. Mary Marston, dau. of Reuben, Jr.
Moses, b. 1767; m. Susanna Marston, dau. of Reuben, Jr.

Three Marston sisters, daughters of Reuben, Jr., and wife, Sarah Batchelder, married the three Smith brothers. Reuben Marston, Jr., and father, Reuben, came to Meredith in early days, where Reuben tended the "Pound" for a time. They bought land on Marston Hill in Meredith and built the old homestead in 1803, which is still standing and is occupied by the sixth generation of Marstons, and the old Robert Smith home is occupied by Joseph W. Smith of the sixth generation of Smiths. The Yorkshire Escutcheon was most honorable; the lion emblem signifies connection with the crown, and runs back to the tenth century. Reuben Marston and wife, Sarah Batchelder's children were:

Reuben, b. Apr. 19, 1746.
Sarah, b. 1747.
Jane, b. 1749.
Stephen, 1751–1851.
Abraham, b. 1752; d. young.
Mary, b. 1759; m. Deacon Nicholas Smith.
Elizabeth, b. 1763; m. Deacon Joseph Smith.
Jeremiah.
Susan, b. 1767; m. Moses Smith.

Hazen Marston died, aged 86 years. He had lived in the old home over 60 years. His wife Mary died, aged 81 years. Their children:

Mrs. Noah (Mary) Marston.
Mrs. Albert Gilman.
Joseph Gilman of Somerville.

Noah Marston, only son of Hazen Marston and wife, Tryphena (Ray) Marston, died in 1908. Their children:

Mrs. Charles Prescott.
Cora A.
Phena R.
Leon G., who has a son.

Record of those buried in the field on the Robert Smith farm. The graves are marked only by field stones, and many of them are sunken out of sight. The farm is now owned by Joseph William Smith, of the sixth generation, since the pioneer, Robert Smith, settled there.

Abigail, daughter of Deacon Joseph Smith, 1783–1857, married Deacon Theodore Hart.

Theodore Hart, also his father, mother and three children. The Harts came from Lee, a town near Dover.

Polly (Mary), born in 1842, daughter of Deacon Joseph Smith. She married Robert Pease, and he and three children were laid there. She later married John Boynton, and she also was laid beside her first husband, Robert Pease; also three of their children are buried there.

Robert Pease Drake, son of Joshua Drake and wife, —— Smith, who lived near by.

Robert Smith and Abigail (Cass) Smith were laid there, and removed to the Smith yard and stones put up.

Deacon Joseph Smith (son of Robert and Abigail (Cass) Smith), who married Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Reuben Marston and wife, Sarah Batchelder. Their children:

JOSEPH, 1803–1861; m. Charlotte, dau. of Deacon Nicholas Smith and wife, Mary Marston. Their children:
Rufus, 1829–1841.
Henry Lyman, 1835–1920; m. Mary E. Brown, dau. of William Brown and wife, Eliza (Smith) Brown. Their children:
Charlotte Josephine, 1870–1886.
Joseph Henry, 1872–1873.
Joseph William, b. 1875; m. Florence Hawkins, dau. of Albert S. Hawkins and wife, Clara A. (Woodman) Hawkins. Their only child living, Esther F., b. 1909, is in Boston University.
ABIGAIL, m. Theodore Hart. They had four children.
MARY, m. Robert Pease; second, John Boynton.
NANCY, m. —— Whicher.
SUSAN, m. —— Meader: two children, Joseph and Deborah.
ELIZABETH.
MATILDA, 1797–1873; single.
PHEBE, b. 1799; m. Joseph Whicher. Their children: Joseph, David and Daniel.

Phebe Smith, born in 1762, married Capt. William Pike, a Revolutionary soldier.

Nicholas Smith, born in 1764 (a Revolutionary soldier), married Mary Marston. Their children:

ROBERT, 1788–1857; m. Sarah Merrill, 1790–1866. Their children:
Harrison, m. Sarah Ann Hawkins.
Eliza, 1817–1885, m. 1842, William D. Brown, 1816–1889. They lived in Campton. Their dau., Mary E., m. Henry L. Smith, son of Joseph Smith of Winona, N. H. Another dau., Nellie E., m. John B. Adams; both dead. Another dau., Josephine A., m. Daniel B. Whicher. Their children:
Phebe M., m. Harry E. Flanders.
Mary E., m. Joseph S. Gordon. Four children.
Mina J., m. Carl M. Meader.
Milton J., m. Algie D. Whicher; live in Maine.
POLLY, 1790–1865; single.
NICHOLAS, 1794–1859; m. Lavina, 1794–1871, dau. of Capt. Elisha Smith and wife, Sarah Huse, of New Hampton. Their children:

Sarah Elizabeth, 1823–1886; m. Smith Neal of Meredith. They had one dau., Mary E. Neal, who m. J. P. Hanaford.

Nicholas Marston, 1825–1898, m. first, Lydia Kimball, 1829–1860. They had one dau., Francis Lydia, 1856–1879, who m. John P. Hanaford. She died, leaving one dau., Francis Lydia, who m. —— Spencer. One son, Earl, lives in Canada.

Lewis Cass, 1829–1911; buried with his parents in Meredith.

Dr. Jeremiah Smith, 1796–1863, married in 1823, Charlotte, 1810–1856, daughter of Phillip Smith of New Hampton. Their children:

William Prescott, 1826–1886; m. 1853, Mary Jane Bartlett, b. 1828, of Meredith.

Henry.

Francis A., 1839–1907; m. William Fogg. Their children:
Clara, m. —— Bacon.
Edward.
Susan, a fine teacher in Manchester.

Charles Darwin, 1838–1912; lived in Mississippi.

Frank.

Charlotte Smith married Joseph Smith. Their children: Rufus, Henry Lyman. (See elsewhere.)

Moses Smith, 1767–1848, married Susanna Marston, 1767–1845, one of the three Marston sisters. Their children:

Haven.
Moses G., 1808–1826.
Samuel, had children Electa and Abel.
Mahala.
Clarissa.
Nancy.
Aseneth.
Jane.

Excerpts from Old Smith Deeds and Wills

September 13, 1706, Robert Smith's will, allowed of Hampton. His children were: John, Joseph (Exec.), Jonathan and Asahel; one daughter, Maribah Smith.

1706. One-half of an island of three acres Robert sold his son, Jonathan, near the clam-banks in Hampton.

March 27, 1760, Robert Smith of Epping received land from Josiah Gilman of Exeter, land being in Epping.

Susanna (Smith), wife of Nicholas Smith, Brentwood. She was a former wife, in 1746, of John Mudgett. After his death she married Nicholas Smith, and in 1763 was the wife of Abner Thurston.

1767. Susanna Smith, daughter of Ithiel Smith, whose wife was Catherine. Their children: Ithiel, Hannah, Susanna (who married Nicholas Smith), Catherine, Anne and Motte.

1715/16. Mary, wife of Nicholas Smith, deceased. Their daughter, Mary, married Daniel Lovering. She was his wife in 1729.

January 17, 1729/30. Nicholas Smith. Comfort, wife of William Lovereign, was a daughter of Nicholas Smith in 1729. Mary, the widow. Nicholas, Edward and John of Biteford, Maine; a daughter, Mary, wife of Dan Lovereign; Patience, wife of Joseph Eastman; Abigail Smith; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Mudgett.

December 15, 1730. Nicholas Smith, grandfather of Richard Smith. Reference to salt marsh and flats which Nicholas bought of James Wall at Broad Cove.

June 9, 1736. Nicholas Smith of Exeter and his wife, Judith (Gilman) Smith, daughter of Moses Gilman. They deeded land to Zebulon Giddings.

March 28, 1749. Nicholas Smith and wife, Judith (Gilman) Smith, deeded land in Exeter to Josiah Ladd.

Captain Elisha Smith Branch

Nicholas Smith of Brentwood, N. H., as will dated January 16, 1812, bequeathes to wife, Elizabeth (Jennis), all articles and goods she brought that belonged to her before "our intermarriage." As data, they were married in 1790. From other data he had previously married Mrs. Mary Mudgett, as he wills the Mudgett daughter a cow. In a will dated 1812, he gives his son Elisha, born in 1777, a certain sum. To his son Nicholas, a certain sum. To his son Ebenezer, certain land. To Mary Mudgett (wife's daughter by a former husband, John Mudgett), certain article. To Juda Veasey (she a sister of Elisha and Juda, married Daniel Veasey), a cow. To his grandson, John Smith, son of Hezekiah Smith, a certain amount of money, also to grandson, Smith Lamprey, certain land. To granddaughter, Betsey Hodgdon,

a cow, and to four grandsons, sons of Ebenezer Smith, Gilman, Richard, Hezekiah, certain things.

COPY OF MOSES SMITH'S BIBLE OF NEW HAMPTON

As it appears in the old Bible

Capt. Elisha Smith's family

My father, Elisha Smith, b. Jan. 2, 1755; Revolutionary soldier.
My mother, Sarah (Huse) Smith, b. May 4, 1754.
My mother-in-law, Lydia Smith, b. Mar. 3, 1766.
My brother, Elisha Smith, b. Aug. 10, 1777 (m. a Harper).
My sister, Sally Smith, b. Oct. 17, 1778 (m. Reuben Smith).
My brother, Hezekiah, b. Jan. 3, 1780 (m. Polly Sinclair).
My brother, Ebenezer, b. Jan. 7, 1782 (m. Abiah Stevens).
My sister, Anne, b. Oct. 6, 1783 (m. George Rand).
My brother, Huse, b. Oct. 10, 1785 (m. —— Perkins).
My sister, Molly, b. July 14, 1787 (m. —— Sawyer).
My sister, Betsey, b. 1790 (m. —— Johnson).
Myself, Moses, b. 1792 (m. Hannah Cram).
My sister, Lavina, b. Mar. 3, 1794 (m. Nicholas Smith).

Captain Elisha Smith, born at Exeter, enlisted with Massachusetts soldiers and sailors. He was lieutenant from New Salem (Meredith), also in service in the 1812/14 War.

Elisha Smith married Sarah Huse. Their children:

ELISHA, m. —— Harper.
MOSES, b. 1792; m. Hannah Cram, 1790–1815. Their dau., Sally, 1816–1898, m. 1844, Samuel Cram. Their children:
Elisha Smith, b. 1846; m. Annie Batchelder; second, Almena Avery.
Charles Henry, 1849–1863.
Lucinda Jane, 1854–1883.
HEZEKIAH, m. Polly Sinclair.
EBENEZER, 1782–1846; m. Abiah, dau. of Peter Stevens. Their children:
Betsey, b. 1809; m. Daniel Veasey.
Relief, 1813–1878; m. Noah Woodman, 1809–1888. Their children:
John H., b. 1837; d. young.
Mary Abiah, b. 1843; m. George C. Lawrence.
Sarah Francis, b. 1846; m. Noah Ward. They had sons Charles and Clarence, who m. —— Webster. They have a son and dau., both m.
Clara A., b. 1853; m. Albert S. Hawkins. Their children:
Elmer W., 1874–1886.

Florence E., b. 1879; m. Joseph W. Smith. (See Smiths.)
Arthur W., 1881–1901.
Bessie M., 1889–1894.

George F., 1814–1846; m. Ruth Leavitt.
Mary, 1821–1853; m. Ira Taylor.
Ruth C., b. 1828; m. Richard Shephard, 1826–1864. Their dau., Ella Florence, b. 1860, lives in Exeter.
Simeon, 1837–1885.

Anna, m. George Rand; lived in Lowell, Mass.
Huse, m. —— Perkins; lived in Vermont.
Molly, m. —— Sawyer; lived in Vermont.
Betsey, m. John Johnson. He d. and she m., second, Deacon David Sanborn. Their dau., Elizabeth, b. 1822, m. Aaron Hill in 1846. Their son, Charles K. Hill, b. 1847, m. Ruth Hunkins. They had a son, Adna, who m. Ina Johnson. Their son, Harold, 1892–1914. They also had a son, Waldo, b. 1868; m. Francis Pickett. They had a dau., Eveline, b. 1906; m. Hilton Noyes, b. 1903. Their children:

Hilton, b. 1927.
Waldo Hill, b, 1929.
Herbert, b. 1930.

Moses, b. 1792; m. Hannah Cram. Their children:

Sally, 1816–1898.
Charles B., 1820–1847.
Elisha, 1822–1845.

Lavina, 1794–1871; m. Nicholas Smith, son of Deacon Nicholas. Their children:

Sarah Elizabeth, 1823–1886; m. Smith Neal.
Nicholas Marston, 1825–1898; m. Lydia Kimball. One dau., Francis, m. John P. Hanaford. Nicholas m., second, Clara Ferrin. Three children.
Lewis Cass, 1829–1911.

George Sanborn Hill, born in 1851, married Emma Barrett in 1873. Their children:

Lucius, b. 1874.
Arthur S., b. 1876.
Clarence, b. 1878.
Orbut, b. 1880.

Frank D. Hill, born in 1853, married Mary Jane Dalton in 1879. She died in 1914. He married, second, Mrs. Adelaid (Codman) Young, born in 1860. He and the two wives are dead.

Fred Aaron Hill, 1860–1908, married Mattie A. Hackett. Their son, Forest Hill, born in 1892.

Mary A. Hill, married Frank Dalton. He died and she married, second, —— Nelson. Children by F. Dalton:

Ross, b. 1885; m. Mildred Southwick. Five children.
Ethel G., b. 1888; m. Everett Sanborn.

Another grandson of Robert Smith, the pioneer, and his wife, through Deacon Nicholas Smith, who married Mary Marston of Meredith, daughter of Reuben Marston, Jr., and wife (another pioneer of Meredith), who first lived on the "Province Road" and was pound keeper when the first wooden pound was built, opposite the first burying ground on Meredith Parade. This grandson was Dr. Jeremiah Smith, whose ancestry runs back to Joseph Cass and wife, Phebe Nason, whose ancestors came from Bainsford, England, in 1648, and settled in Exeter, later in Brentwood, a subdivision of Exeter. He was born March 24, 1796, married Charlotte Smith, daughter of Phillip Smith, who lived in West New Hampton and married Anna Jewell, daughter of Daniel Jewell and wife, Sarah Sanborn of Holderness. Their son, William Prescott, 1826–1886, born in Illinois, a noted singing master, who married in 1853 Mary Jane Bartlett, daughter of Joseph Bartlett and wife, Elizabeth Leavitt, she a daughter of Dudley Leavitt and wife, Judith Glidden of Meredith. (Dudley Leavitt was the astronomer.)

Joseph Bartlett was a son of Abial Bartlett and wife, Marie Goodhue. Abial Bartlett was a Revolutionary soldier and pioneer of Meredith. Abial Bartlett and wife are buried in the burying ground on the Richard Neal farm, now owned by William Joseph Neal of Grange and stock renown. (The William was for William Lock, a grandfather four generations back.)

A daughter of Dr. Jeremiah Smith and wife, Charlotte, named Francis Ann, of Meredith, 1833–1907, married William Fogg, a descendant of Stephen Fogg, the Revolutionary soldier and pioneer of Meredith, who lived on Cass Hill, one of Nature's beauty spots, located on the old Stage Coach Road to Center Harbor and on to the mountains, an old abandoned farm. The hill is hard to climb. Their children:

Clara, m. 1893, Francis H. Bacon, and lived in Brookline, Mass. She was an experienced teacher.
Edward, a man of fine business ability, d. 1926, aged 66 years.

Susan, a teacher, and connected as councillor with the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences, the art school of northern New England, also president of the natural science department of that institution.

Joseph Smith, Sr., in 1748 lived in Epping. He drew Lot No. 18, for 100 acres of land, after signing the "Petition," and was one of twenty-three men from Stratham, N. H. His son, Elisha Smith, who married Lydia Norris, settled in Epping and the lot fell to him. "He used to walk back and forth from Epping by spotted trees, to clear the land, and built a log house." In 1774, on one of his trips, he broke a willow cane in four parts, and stuck them in the ground in front of his log house. One of them grew and became the famous "willow tree" which blew over in 1880, but the outside of the tree remained and sprouted again, and is a pretty tree today. The State Forestry marked the tree, "Under protection of Philip W. Ayers, N. H. State Forester," and it stands a historic landmark. Elisha Smith bought more and more land until he had 700 acres, which extended to the Meredith line. He gave each son 100 acres and kept 100 for himself.

John Smith, 1792, buried in the Swasey yard at Meredith, married Mary Mudgett, 1798. Their children:

Priscilla M., b. 1818; m. —— Cotton; second, —— Downing; third, —— Eastman.
Timothy, 1821–1822.
Mary, b. 1823.
Esther, 1825–1844.
Abigail P., b. 1828.
Huldah P., b. 1829; m. Hiram Bixby; buried in Swasey yard.
John, b. 1831.
Benjamin M., b. 1833. He gave the Meredith Library.
Lavina, b. 1835.
George S., b. 1837.
Hannah, 1842–1908; m. Moses Gilman Webster. They were the parents of Mrs. Clarence Ward.

Old Deeds and Records at Concord

1751. In John Smith's will of North Hampton (he a brother of Elisha and Philip Smith). Legatees: John, his son and executor; his sons, Benjamin, Sylvanus and Paul; daughters, Ruth Page and Abigail Thomas; Paul Smith Marston, son of late daughter, Jerusha (Smith) Marston; Christopher Smith, a grandson; Paul

Smith, father or grandfather of Charlotte Smith, who married Dr. Jeremiah Smith, over Beech Hill.

1729/30. Benjamin Smith of Exeter. Right from William and Comfort. Sovereign right in the estate of "our father," Nicholas Smith, late of Exeter. Benjamin Smith, Exeter, from Thomas Mudgett and Elizabeth (Smith) Mudgett, she a daughter of Nicholas Smith, late of Exeter, 1743.

1756. Benjamin and Christopher Smith of North Hampton, from Sarah Smith, land that belonged to Benjamin Smith of North Hampton and his wife, Mehitable; estate intestate.

1762. Estate wife, Mehitable, Exeter. Joseph, Benjamin, Nicholas, Timothy, Sarah Smith Hoit, Rhoda, Mary, Betty Smith.

1755, June 11. Will of Benjamin Smith, North Hampton. Will allowed May 26, 1756. Wife, Sarah. (My wife's daughter, Mary Thomas.) His wife was Sarah Tappan, daughter of Christopher Tappan. Benjamin Smith's children: Benjamin, Christopher, Abigail (Smith) Moulton, Theodate (Smith) Batchelder, Mary Smith, and grandsons, Josiah Moulton and Josiah Batchelder.

SOMES

Family Records in Somes Bible

Old Bible Bought of Dudley Leavitt in 1825

Timothy Dexter Somes, born at Meredith in 1774, died at Meredith, March, 1833, aged 59 years.

Nancy Leavitt, born at Meredith in 1782, died at South Danvers, October, 1856, aged 74 years. (Probably his wife; not stated.) Children:

Betsey, b. and d. in Meredith; m. Isaiah W. Mudgett.
Benjamin, b. in Meredith, 1801; d. in Manchester; m. Rheuhannah Stevens.
Timothy D., b. Sept. 3, 1805; d. 1884; m. Ann Ranlet, 1806–1868.
Thomas J., b. 1803; d. young.
John Langdon. (No dates given.)
Nancy, m. Jonas Reid.
Daniel Eaton, m. Laura Chase.
Mary, m. James S. Anderson.

Timothy D. Somes (lived on Somes Court, Laconia), born September 3, 1805, died in 1884; married Ann Ranlet, 1806–1868. Their children:

Flavilla A., b. Apr. 5, 1827; m. John T. Coffin, Jr., Apr. 17, 1853; d. 1907.
Charles H., b. Mar. 1, 1829; d. 1895; m. Abra W. Moulton in 1853.
Mary E., b. Oct. 5, 1832; d. 1836.
Rinaldo R., b. July 23, 1836; m. Anna M. Peabody, Oct. 23, 1859.
Mary E., b. Oct. 4, 1838; m. L. D. Young, Dec. 7, 1865.
George R., b. Dec. 17, 1840; d. 1842.
Sarah J., b. Aug. 3, 1843; d. 1845.
George R., b. Dec. 13, 1845; m. Belinda C. Whipple, Sept. 2, 1867.

Children of Charles H. Somes and wife, Abra W. Moulton:

Charles Frank, b. 1856; m. Dora Cheever Hunter, June 28, 1881.
Will Wyman, b. Dec. 13, 1857; m. Caroline Thompson in 1907.
Fred Moulton, b. 1870; m. Blanche Hamilton, Jan. 29, 1896. She d. and he m., second, Leona Carter Luse, widow of Charles Anderson Luse, in 1923.

Henry Hamilton Somes, son of F. M. and Blanche, born in 1902, married Alice Smith, June 2, 1923.

STANTON

Richard Stanton married Eliza Wiggin of Wakefield in 1838. They located near Meredith Center. She is buried on their old farm near the Bay (no stones). He married, second, the widow of Benjamin Robinson, in Meredith. Their children were: Jane, Lydia, Olive, Mary, Priscilla (who married Sylvester Pickering of Meredith); probably other children.

John C. Stanton of Meredith married Catherine Y. Young of Canterbury, in 1843, at Plymouth.

In Meredith is an account of Mary Dow Sibley, who married Paul Harford Stanton of Bartlett, at Strafford, in January, 1813.

STEVENS

From a Memorial History of Hampstead, Vol. 2, Congregational Church, 1752–1902, with an appendix to Vol. 1 by Harriette E. Noyes, Boston, G. B. Reed, 1903.

Page 252. For thirty years that Rev. Mr. True was pastor of the church were years of trying experience to minister and people. Early in his work the Provincial Army of New Hampshire was calling for recruits to protect the colonies against the invasion of France. From 1755 to 1762 thirty-three stalwart sons and fathers from the parish who had been taught the qualities and traditions of the soldier, true to their ancestral training, marched to Lake George, Crown Point, and other places of defense. The Rev. Mr. True, as their good shepherd, went with them as chaplain in 1759, and again in 1762. His "Journal of Events" as he arrived home reads: "May I never forget ye goodness of ye Lord in ye land of ye living," rejoicing that he was once more among his people.

Page 719. Otho Stevens, born at Gloucester, Mass., in 1722, son of Otho and Abigail (Kent) Stevens, married Abigail Emerson, born March 20, 1737, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Watts) Emerson, October 28, 1752. They owned the covenant, April, 1754. He died September 21, 1759, aged 37 years. He was with Wolfe at the storming of Quebec While climbing the Heights of Abraham his foot slipped and he fell to the bottom, which caused such injuries as to result in his death. He was taken back to Oswego, N. Y., where he died. Capt. Jacob Bayley's journal reads: "Oswego, Friday, Sept. 21, 1758, cool morning but pleasant. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon dies Otho Stevens after a long and tedious illness of 22 days, which was much lamented by his relations and friends, he being a loving brother and a faithful friend. He was sensible to the last breath he drew, and sensible of his approaching near another world, which did not in the least ruffle his spirits, but he seemed to have hope firmly placed in God."

They had children born in Hampstead:

Abiah, b. Aug. 23, 1753.
Simon, b. Mar. 14, 1755; m. Elizabeth Boynton; lived in Canterbury.
Jesse, b. Jan. 22, 1757.
Jacob, b. Mar. 16, 1787; d. aged one year.

After Otho Stevens' death, Abigail, his wife, married Deacon David Morrill of Canterbury, December 28, 1763, and moved there with her children. The old house is still standing and owned by a descendant, Charles Sargent of Canterbury, and is in good condition. Abigail (Emerson) (Stevens) Morrill died June 30, 1833, aged 95 years and seven months, and was buried in the Center Cemetery at Canterbury. She has been noted as a "remarkably fine woman." Her children, born in Canterbury, were Reuben, Hannah, David, Betty, Sarah, Abigail, and Ruth (1764–1778.)

Page 772. William Stevens, from Gonsham, Oxford County, England, came to Newbury, Mass., probably in the ship "Confidence" in April, 1638. He married Elizabeth ——— in Newbury, of whom the eldest son, John, was born November 19, 1650. He married Mary, daughter of Aquilla Chase. John and Mary Chase had a son, Otho, born in 1702, who married Abigail Kent.

Page 345. John Stevens in will, dated 1715, mentions children by name and age: John, aged 19 years; Samuel, aged 16 years; Otho, aged 13 years. Otho was a farmer, a constable in Hampstead, and lived on the eastern shore of the pond. He died in Hampstead, May 4, 1771, aged 69 years.

Major Ebenezer Stevens was an early settler in Kingston, N. H. He received his title in the French and Indian War. He married in 1710, Elizabeth Colcord; they had four sons. He died in 1749.

Their second son, Col. Ebenezer, born in 1715, married in 1736, Mary Colcord. He married, second, in 1768, Dolly Stevens of Newmarket. Their children:

Ebenezer, Jr., b. 1739, was a deacon in Kingston Church.
John, b. 1770.
Moses, b. 1771.
Peter C., b. 1773.
Paul, b. 1775.

A legend of Col. Ebenezer Stevens runs thus: When seven years of age he with others was taken captive by the Indians and carried across Lake Winnipesaukee to Canada. After a year he was ransomed by his father paying 100 silver pistareens ($17). The story runs that they demanded more, because he wore a better hat and clothes than his companions. Colonel Stevens was said to be a very polite man. When riding home from

church on horseback, he carried his cocked hat under his arm, bowing to all the people on the way. He took the father of Daniel Webster when nine years old to bring up, and promised he should learn a trade, but, liking the boy, he kept him on the farm until he was 21 years old, then gave him a farm in Andover. As age weakened him, Mr. Webster took advantage of him, and demanded more, as he did not teach him a trade, and the colonel gave him the farm in Salisbury where Daniel Webster was born.

Paul Stevens, the youngest son of Colonel Ebenezer and Dolly Stevens, born in 1775 at Kingston. He married in 1796, Sally, daughter of Dr. Howe. He removed to New Hampton, later to Gilford, where he died in 1846, aged 71 years. Their son, Col. Ebenezer Stevens, was born in 1810. When seven years old he went to live with a farmer back of Belknap Mountain, in what was called "The Cellar." In a year he left and worked on a farm until he was 14 years old, then he learned the blacksmith's trade of his brother, William. He prospered, and in 1831 he married Therina, daughter of John S. and wife, Leah (Prescott) Osgood, and granddaughter of Colonel Prescott of Gilmanton. They had four children. In 1837 he removed to Meredith Village and worked as blacksmith until 1845, when he went into partnership with Joseph W. Lang for six years. He married in 1846 Cassandia, daughter of John B. and wife, Alice (Ladd) Swasey of Meredith. They had one daughter, Alice S., who married Henry W. Lincoln. They had three children. It was said of him, "He was a self-made man."

Eben Stevens was a resident of Hill, where his father was very active as a farmer. His mother was one of the sturdy Hampton mothers who lived to be over fourscore and ten. Their children:

HIRAM studied to be a Baptist minister in Meredith Village.
LORENZO D. lived on a farm in Franklin.
CUTTING settled west.
CHASE was in business in a Manchester woolen mill.
COL. GEORGE W. was a prominent lawyer in Laconia. He was b. in Hill in 1814; d. in 1877. When young, his father desired him to farm, but like many a boy he did not look at life that way and persisted in his studies, and taught school. After earning something to help him farther on in an education, he read law in Judge Nesmith's office. After he was admitted to the bar he went to Meredith and bought Judge Lovell's practice, then went to Laconia

in 1855 and formed the firm of Elkins and Stevens, and later with O. A. Vaughan. After a time he was connected with C. F. Stone until he retired in 1873. He married Sarah A., daughter of Thomas Davenport of Meredith, one of the pioneer settlers. Their children:

Georgianna, m. M. C. Boynton of Boston.
Ella, m. M. K. Harkness of Utah.
George Edward, resided and d. in Laconia.

STONE

Deacon Mathias Stone settled in Claremont. His son, John Stone, and brothers went to Cabot, Vt., then a wilderness, and cleared land, built homes and raised their families there.

John Stone married Betsey Huntoon of Unity, N. H. They had ten children, among them four sons who studied to be Congregational ministers.

The second son, Rev. Levi Stone, 1806–1892, preached in several places. He was a good orator and popular as a speaker. He married Clarissa Osgood. They had eight children. She died at the birth of the last one.

Charles F. Stone was born at Cabot, Vt., in 1843. His grandparents took the babe and cared for it and, living on a farm, he became strong and healthy. After attending school for a time he began to teach, and earned some money teaching singing school. In 1870 he went to Laconia and read law in Judge Hibbard's office. In 1880 he went in with E. P. Jewell, under the name of Jewell and Stone, who were known as very successful in business. He married in 1870 Minnie A. Nichols of Sudbury, Vt. She died after some years, leaving a daughter, Flora M. Stone. After many years, in 1896, he married Mrs. Isabella (Smith) Munsey, daughter of Col. Noah E. Smith of Gilmanton.

Col. Noah Smith was born in 1808 at Meredith. His grandparents were among the earliest settlers. Col. Noah Smith visited many foreign ports, also Mexico, and went to Sacramento, Calif., during the gold discovery. He was awarded a pension for his services during the Mexican War. He died in 1887.

STURDEVANT

Church Sturdevant went to Center Harbor. He was one of the pioneers, going there from Halifax, Mass. He had several sons.

Hosea served in the Revolutionary War. He had a son, Joseph Sturdevant, who was in Halifax in 1770. In 1784 he went with his parents, who settled on wild land in what was later called Center Harbor, At the time there were only two small houses and a gristmill where the city of Laconia now stands, but farther on were a few farms and homes on Meredith Parade. Meredith Village had only two farm homes, a gristmill and what was called a "dugout," in the side of the hill, that the miller called his home. The farm Joseph helped clear fell to him from his father, Hosea Sturdevant. Joseph married Dorothy Towle. Their children:

ELSIE, m. Jonathan Clark; settled in Moultonboro.
OLIVE, m. James Jackson of Eaton, N. H.
WARD C., 1798–1879, was b. on the old homestead and inherited it from his father. He was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church at Center Harbor and was elected deacon, which position he held for many years. He m. Lucetta, dau. of Joseph Dalton of Deerfield. Their children:
Julia A., m. Alner Z. C. True; settled in Center Harbor.
Martha, m. William Gordon; settled in Boston, Mass.
Henry, lived on the old farm.
Mary, d. young.

Josiah Towle Sturdevant attended school at home and in Meredith. When some 14 years old he learned the blacksmith's trade; later he went into the piano factory in Meredith and worked as painter and varnisher. In 1858 he bought a traveling photograph outfit of a migratory man, who wanted to unload, and went to Concord to learn the business, which he had used in the home towns. He found a party who wanted his outfit, so he sold to him. He then opened a gallery in Meredith and worked there until 1864, when he went to Laconia and followed the photography business there. He married Mary A., daughter of Dr. J. L. Perley of Laconia.

Samuel Sturtevant came to Plymouth, Mass., about 1640, from Rochester, England. His wife's name was Ann ———. They had nine children. They lived in Plymouth, later called Plympton, and later Halifax, Mass. He was a prominent man and did much public business. Their son, Samuel, 1645–1736, the fourth child, married Mercy ———. They had nine children, among them Josiah, born about 1690. He married Hannah, daughter

of Nathaniel Church. They had eleven children: Josiah, Jr., Charles, Zadock, William, Hannah, Church, Mercy, John, Lucy, Independence and Samuel Stafford.

Church Sturtevant, 1730–1814, removed from Halifax, Mass., to Center Harbor, N. H., about 1785. After serving in the Revolution, he married Sarah Leach. They had children: Joseph, Benjamin, John, Hosea, Perez, Church, Jr., and Lucy.

Many of the family were laid to rest in the "Bean yard," in Center Harbor, near each other.

Church Sturtevant and his six sons cleared land and lived on seven farms that joined on "Squaw Neck," lying between Squaw and Winnepesaukee Lakes.

Joseph Sturtevant, the oldest son, was born in Halifax, Mass., in 1770, and the family settled on wild land in Center Harbor, and cleared the land for their homes. At that time there was a small settlement on Meredith Parade, but the present village of Meredith had only two homes, a mill and a "dugout," in the hill, where the miller made his home. The farm that he and his father cleared fell to him. He married Dorothy Towle. Their children:

Elsie, m. Jonathan Clarke of Moultonborough.
Olive, m. James Jackson of Eaton, N. H.
Ward Cotton, 1798–1879, was a good business man and one of the founders and a deacon of the Congregational Church at Center Harbor. He married Lucetta, daughter of Joseph Dalton of Deerfield, N. H. This is the church that one of the deacons, Mr. Coe, said should be raised on "cold water"; no rum. (Story follows.) Their children:
Julia Ann, m. Abner Z. C. True.
Josiah Towle, 1827–1907, m. 1871 Mary A., dau. of Dr. John Langdon Perley and wife, Dora (Rundlett). He was a good business man and strictly honest. He died in Laconia.

Raising the Center Harbor Congregational Church

Deacon Coe of Center Harbor, after the men had the lumber ready to raise the building, did not approve of buying rum for the raising, as was the custom then, and he said they should not have any rum "to get tipsy on to raise God's house." Some of the outsiders who were always ready to help stood back and said they would not help if they could not have the customary drinks.

Deacon Coe kept quiet after he saw how the matter hinged. After supper he hitched up his horse, and went up the hill westward. (Then the road went over "Cass Hill.") All remained quiet for the night. In the morning, about five minutes before nine, he drove down the hill into town with two men in his wagon. Several wagons followed, filled with Meredith men, who hitched their horses in the shade, took off their coats and proceeded to start raising the lumber. The strikers were ashamed and at once started in to help. The Congregational Church at Center Harbor was raised with ample help, on *cold water* to drink, and today is prospering under God's care.

SWAIN

Abraham Swain walked to Meredith with a pickax on his shoulder and a bundle of clothes. He had a deed of land in 1777; also Hezekiah had a deed in 1780 (relationship unknown).

Abraham[6] Swain, 1744–1821, was a Revolutionary soldier, who came from Brentwood. He was a deacon in Elder Nicholas Folsom's Church, the first church in Meredith. He had a brother Caleb who lived with him, who was drowned through the ice; also a brother Ebenezer. They are buried on the old farm. (No stones.) Ebenezer was a Revolutionary soldier.

Abraham Swain married in 1788 Mary Small of Gilmanton; married, second, —— ———, had a son, Joseph Priest; married, third, Lucy Hatch in 1803. Children:

Sarah, b. 1771.
Lydia, b. 1773; m. Phillip Dow of Meredith.
Abraham, 1779–1850; m. Susan Robinson.
Joseph F., b. 1789; m. Sarah J. Heath in 1841. Joseph had a son, Sylvester, who m. —— Weeks, a sister of Mrs. Dr. Wiley.
Ebenezer, b. 1794; m. Abigail Wadleigh in 1816. Their son, H. A. Swain, b. 1821, m. 1846 Lydia Thorne; m. 1893 Hattie A. Easter of Center Harbor.

From David Swain's Bible, printed in Concord, N. H., in 1839

Abraham Swain, 1779–1850; married in 1807, Susan Robinson, 1786–1864. Their children:

Stephen Farrar, 1808–1848; m. 1831 Eliza Jane Roberts, 1811–1899. They had a son, Noah Robinson, who m. Mary

Weeks, dau. of Thomas Weeks. Stephen F. Swain d. and his widow m. Eben Pitman. He d. and she went to live with her son, Noah, in Massachusetts. Their children:

David, b. 1810; m. Phebe Straight in 1843.
Abraham, b. 1812; m. Emanda Stowell; second, Sarah Tucker.
Noah, 1815–1837.
Susan, 1818–1820.
Susan, 1821–1825.
John M. L., b. 1824; m. 1850 Hannah L. Folsom, b. 1826. He d. 1890; she d. 1898. Hannah Lavernia Folsom was a dau. of Joseph L. Folsom, who was a son of Nicholas Folsom, and he a son of Elder Nicholas Folsom, a son of John Folsom.

A daughter of John M. L. Swain and wife, Hannah L. Folsom, was Sarah H. Swain, who married a Crocket and had a son, Edwin Charles Crocket. She married later Frank Sargent. She had a brother, Frank W. Swain, born in 1858, who married Alice E. Neal, daughter of Smith Lock Neal and wife, Eliza Heath. Sarah Hannah Swain, daughter of John M. L. Swain, born in 1851. They had three boys. One was Ebenezer, who married Abigail, daughter of Nathaniel Wadleigh and wife, Elizabeth Ray of Meredith.

Elias, Abraham and Hezekiah, all came from Brentwood. They signed the Association Test in Meredith.

As history states, the Plumer girl who married George Clemencea is the fourth generation from Elder Nicholas Carr Folsom of Meredith.

Abraham Swain, first in Meredith, married Mary Small in 1788 at Gilmanton.

Elias Swain lived on the island. Four children:

Mercy Ann, m. John Champlain of Laconia.
Hosea.
Charles, lived in Lake Village.
Mary, m. Richard Sanborn of Sanbornton.

This Elias and Benjamin were brothers (as tradition), and are buried on the old farm (no stones); said to be cousins to Abraham first.

John B. Swain and wife, Mary, had a son, Edgar, who was a temperance lecturer. Other children were: Frank, George and Arthur.

John Alvah Swain works in the casket factory at Meredith. He has a son, Charles Alvah. He has a sister, Myrtle (Swain) Palmer, who lives in Meredith.

Josiah Swain, 1789–1861, married Abigail Wiggin, 1794–1859. Their children:

ABIGAIL.
RUTH, b. 1815.
WILLIAM B., b. 1817.
CHARLES R., 1823–1886; m. Sarah Jane ———, 1832–1915. Their son, Herbert Swain, 1859–1903.

Ebenezer, a brother of Josiah. Children: George, Darius, Mary Jane, Melissa and Ira. He had granddaughters: Mrs. John Jackson of Meredith, Mrs. Plum of Meredith, and Mrs. Harry Dow of Laconia.

Charles I. Swain, born at Warren, has been in the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad over 44 years and has served as agent at Meredith, 22 years.

Charles Swain was Harrison Swain's oldest child, who lived near Pickerel Pond in Meredith.

George A. Swain married in 1850 Lydia A. Flanders; both of Meredith.

This record from Mrs. Pluma (Swain) Merrill, a descendant of Benjamin

Benjamin Swain, one of the pioneers of Meredith, is buried on his old farm, joining the farm once occupied by Abraham Swain. There are no stones, but said to be thirteen buried in this old enclosed yard.

Benjamin Swain married in 1812 Polly Davis.

John Swain married in 1864 Frances Ann Dockham; second, Hannah Weeks.

Alvah[5], 1804–1890, married Sarah Weeks, a sister to George, Eben, Phineas and Abram. They lived on Oak Street, Laconia. She died, and he married, second, Mrs. Mary V. Jewell, 1827–1883. They were married in 1872; she a daughter of Nathan Sanborn and wife, Polly Roberts.

George married Elizabeth Pitman; lived on North Main Street, Laconia.

Benaiah married Sarah Kelley in 1851. She died and he married, second, Mrs. Emma A. Clough, a daughter of Noah Folsom

and wife, Mary F. Batchelder of Meredith. Their children: Mary Frances, Isabelle and Walter (born in 1860).

Isaiah married Rosetta Hall of Sandwich. They lived in New Hampton. Their children: Susan, Lucia, Sarah, Alvah, Charles and Henry.

Stephen went to Sherbrook.

Mary M. married John B. Swain. They had seven sons. One son, Frank J. Swain, born in 1861, married Augusta Bennett.

Amanda married Frank Holt of Fisherville.

Nancy, 1819–1899, married in 1843 Charles William Crockett, son of William Crockett and wife, Nancy Randlett. They had a son, George A. Crockett, who married Sarah A. Swain.

Dolly (Dorothy) Swain married Reuben Sanborn; second, Arthur Atwood. She was one of several children of Benjamin and Polly Davis. The daughter of Arthur P. Atwood and wife was Pluma Ann Atwood. Their children:

Emma J. Carlton (a half sister) d. 1912, aged 75 years.
Pluma Ann, 1842–1930; m. Dudley Merrill. One son.
Ellen, b. 1843; m. Levi Kimball, twin of Warren Kimball.
Alcira, b. 1844.
Mary A., b. 1847; m. Dana Hines. They had a son, George Hines, who m. Frank Smith's dau. Her mother was a Lawrence.
George A., b. 1849.

Arthur T. Atwood died in 1891, aged 75 years. His wife, Dorothy, died in 1888, aged 75 years.

Caleb[5] Swain (son of Caleb[4], William[3], William[2], Richard) married Anna Fellows. Their children:

Lucy, b. 1742; m. Josiah Sanborn of Sanbornton. They lived on the Smith Neal farm, and are buried there with the Sanborn family, who were pioneers. The yard has been ploughed over by the present owner. There are no stones; only field stones marked the thirteen buried there. Their children:
  Abigail, b. 1770; m. 1802 Benjamin Johnson; lived in Vermont.
  Sally, b. 1772; m. 1820 Robert Morrison; m. second, Samuel R. Smith.
  Elizabeth, b. 1773; m. Zebulon Smith.
  William, b. 1775.
  Simon, b. 1776.
  Anna, b. 1778; m. Samuel Calef.

Henry D., b. 1779.
David, b. 1783.
Nathan, 1786–1786.

Susanna, m. Major Ebenezer Gove, a tailor; moved to Vermont.

Ichabod, 1748–1825, settled in Sanbornton, about opposite the place of Josiah Sanborn, whom his sister, Lucy, married. Later he moved to the Patterson farm and d. there (as tradition), and is buried in one of the unknown graves in the William Burleigh yard. He was a Revolutionary soldier, also his brother. He m. Mrs. Betsey (Stevens) Calley.

Dudley, b. 1760; m. 1793, Molly Chase of Sanbornton. After the father's death in 1753, the family was in Hampton Falls, in 1778. The mother rode up to Sanbornton, alone, on horseback, and bought 100 acres of land, east of Steele Hill, the land now owned by John Morrison. She took the four above children and moved up there, not far from where her two sons and daughters later settled.

Jeremiah (as history a son), b. 1759; m. Elizabeth Calley; a Revolutionary soldier.

Caleb Swain married Mehitable Lyford at Epping, in 1779. (The Swain records vary so in the same families that we are not sure unless we get "old Bible records.") In Caleb Swain's will it states that there were eight children.

Another record gives: Dudley [6] Swain, born in 1760, married at Sanbornton in 1793, Molly Chase. Children: Dudley, Hezekiah, Thomas, Asa and six daughters (no names given), as in early days they were not considered of much account.

Joseph B. Swain married Lucinda (Batchelder) Sanborn, born in 1819. She married, first, Newell Sanborn of Meredith in 1840. In 1844 she married Joseph B. Swain, born in 1853. Her mother married Dr. Wells.

Elias Swain, born at Brentwood in 1753, married Sarah Rogers, born in 1752. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Their children:

Hannah, b. 1778.
Ruth, b. 1780.
Susanna, b. 1782.
William, b. 1784.

Ebenezer Smith deeded to Elias Swain in 1774 a home lot. The deed was witnessed by Abraham and Hezekiah Swain. (Their relationship, as tradition, was cousins. I cannot figure it all out.)

Hosea D. Swain, born at New Hampton, son of Elias and wife, Elizabeth Crengue, married, second, in 1885, Esther A. Bickett, daughter of Joseph Colcord of Newmarket.

Elias Swain, born at New Hampton, married Elizabeth Cragin of Londonderry. They had a son, Hosea D. Swain, born at New Hampton, married in 1859 Sarah Jones in Manchester.

Hosea Swain, 1838–1888, had a daughter, Edith L. Swain, who teaches in Laconia.

Harrison Swain, 1802–1876.

Chase Swain of Gilford married Emily Morrill; she was born in Hill. They had a son, Rufus W. Swain, who married Flora J. Richardson in 1866, she a daughter of Henry Richardson and wife, Angeline Bond of Gilford. Another son of Chase Swain, James Harrison Swain, married in 1859, Susan Williams, born in Ireland, daughter of Thomas Williams and wife, Honoria Kilery.

Chase Swain, born in 1795, was a son of Dudley and wife, Molly (Chase) Swain. Molly Chase was born at Sanbornton in 1793. Chase Swain married, second, Hannah Jackson of Gilford in 1821.

Chase M. Swain, 1795–1865, died in the Civil War. His son, James Harrison Swain, 1837–1909, was the father of Mrs. Richardson. It is said that the grandmother, Emily Morril Swain, said that she sent five boys (all she had) to help the Civil War.

A brother of Harrison was Asa Swain, who married Lydia Wadleigh in 1829; second, Nancy Rowe, in 1836. They had a daughter who married Stephen Ayer on the White Oaks Road. They had the Stephen Ayer farm.

A son of James Swain was Rufus W., 1846–1888, who married Hannah Hill.

John Swain, brother to Harrison, lived in Lakeport. They had a daughter who married Joseph Odell; parents of Rev. Willis Odell.

Hezekiah Swain lived and is buried on his farm, which later was called the Abram Dow farm, and is now owned by Mr. Corlis. Captain Foss located his grave in 1926 and put up a marker. We do not know where his wife is buried, but probably in Canaan. The pension records show his age, 1762–1838. He enlisted in the spring of 1777 at Meredith and served three years, and came home and enlisted again for one year. After his death in 1838, a pension certificate was issued to his wife, Miriam

(York) Swain of Meredith. They had a daughter, Judith Swain, who married Joshua Crocket in 1822. Judith was born in 1800 and died in 1863 (as gravestones in the Robinson yard at Meredith Center). Their children:

Loenza, b. 1823.
Almira, b. 1826.
Sulden, b. 1830; m. Lucy Staples. Their dau., Ella J., m. Henry Clark.
John Frank, b. 1833.

Caleb Swain married Sarah P. Bryant. Their son, Sergt. Samuel B. Swain, born in 1844; married in 1862, Olive Jane Gilman, daughter of Samuel Gilman and wife, Hannah Durgin, daughter of Richard Durgin, 1785–1863. Sergt. Samuel B. had no children. He was wounded in the Civil War. Tradition states that both his grandfathers, Hezekiah Swain and Robert Bryant, were Revolutionary soldiers.

John Langdon Swain, 1816–1898.

Mrs. Gould of Meredith was Mary Swain, a daughter of George Swain, he a son or grandson of Hezekiah Swain.

Jeremiah Swain, born June 1, 1759, married Elizabeth Calley, daughter of William. They were married in 1782. He married, second, Sarah Rawlins in 1787. Their children:

Rebecca, b. 1783; m. Samuel B. Rider; moved to Vermont.
Jeremiah, b. 1785; m. Catherine, dau. of Deacon Josiah Sanborn. They removed to Vermont and had six children.

Jeremiah Swain and Sarah Rawlins' children were:

Marcy, b. 1784; m. Philip Carter of New Hampton in 1808; went to Vermont.
Rachel, b. 1792; m. Philip Carter as his second wife. No children.
Caleb, b. 1793; m. in Danvers, Mass. He died of consumption, leaving one dau., Eliza Ann.

Jeremiah and his brother, Dudley, were on the pension rolls in 1832. They lived on Lots 32 and 33, in the second division, in Sanbornton.

Old Farm Burying Ground Records

Jeremiah Bennett Swain, 1801–1885. His wife, Mehitable Mudgett, 1799–1873. Their daughter, Mehitable, 1827–1908,

wife of Alvah Smith, 1824–1899. Their sons, George H. Smith, 1858–1864, and William B. Smith, 1852. His wife, Frances J. (Brown) Smith.

Jonathan Glidden, 1783–1830.

Levi Smith Swain had sons, Austin, James and Orrin Freeman, who lived on the Chemung Road.

Arthur Swain married —— Clark.

Jeremiah Swain married Eunice Smith in 1816, and Catherine Sanborn in 1820.

Elias Swain, Jr., married Rachel Bennett, born at Sandown, N. H. Their children:

LEVI, b. 1788; lived and buried at Weirs.
JOSIAH, 1790–1861; m. 1814 Abigail Wiggin, 1794–1859; she b. in Sandwich.
SALLY, b. 1792.
POLLY, b. 1794.
BETSEY, b. 1796.
CHARLOTTE, b. 1797.
HENRY, lived on the Chemung Road.
JEREMIAH BENNETT, 1801–1885; buried on the farm at foot of Marston Hill, Meredith; m. Mehitable Mudgett in 1824. His second wife was —— Nordway. She is buried in Concord.
HANNAH, m. Ashel Sanborn. Their children were: Polly, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Hibbard, Moses, Ashel and Gilman.

John L. Swain, married, first, Ann Dockham. Their children:

FRANCES, m. Charles Hoyt.
JOHN D., m. 1869 Esther Yeaton, dau. of Joseph and wife, Melisa Yeaton.
JOSEPHINE, m. Henry Whitney.
NETTIE, m. George Whiting.
DAVID LANGDON, b. in Gilford, m. Kate Green; a dau., Kate Marion; m., second, in 1890, Mrs. Kate Robinson.

Stephen G. Swain married Eliza Jane Roberts of Meredith in 1831.

John Langdon Swain married Sarah Batchelder. She died and left a son, John Warren Swain. He married, second, her sister, Olive Batchelder; third, Mrs. Hannah S. Grant, daughter of John Weeks and wife, Judith E. Weeks. The first wife's son:

JOHN WARREN, b. 1838; m. Sarah F. Tilton in 1858. He was in the Civil War and injured.

The second wife's (Olive) children:

George W., b. 1840; d. 1863; wounded in battle.
Frank B., b. 1843; m. Jennie Tucker in 1866; two daus., Mary and Emma.
Morrill, b. 1850; m. Helen A. G. Robinson. Their children:
Ida Mary, b. 1878.
Mabel Frances, b. 1881.
George Morrill, b. 1884.
Marion O., b. 1890.

John Swain, a brother to Hezekiah, married Priscilla Bickford. Their son, Hezekiah Monroe, 1821–1894, was born in Meredith and died in Hanover.

Adeline Swain, born in 1818, married David Hatch. Their son, George Hatch, was a druggist in Laconia for many years.

John Bickford Swain married Mary Elizabeth Swain of Warren in 1846. Their children:

Hezekiah Edgar.
George Orrin, m. Ada Rossiter.
Russell.
Henry.
Frank James, m. Augusta Plumer of Manchester. Their son, John, lived at Meredith Center.
Warren.

George Orrin Swain, born in 1869, married Ada Rossiter, born in 1869 in England. Their children:

Alice Maud, b. 1890; m. —— Gould.
Eva Beatrice, b. 1891.
Leo Rossiter, b. 1892.
Granville O., b. 1893.
Clarence E., b. 1894.
Mary, b. 1895.
Gladys C., b. 1897.
Beth Estella, b. 1898.
George Dewey, b. 1899.

John L. Swain, son of Caleb Swain and wife, Sarah R. Bryant, died October 27, 1878, aged 82 years, in Meredith.

Caleb Swain married Sally Bryant of Meredith, January 13, 1813. (Perhaps this Caleb was a son of Hezekiah and wife, Marion York, of Meredith.)

John L. Swain, born March 17, 1816, married Olive C., born April 6, 1819. Children:

John W., b. June 17, 1838.
George, b. Dec. 4, 1840.
Frank B., b. Sept. 12, 1843.
Mary A., b. Apr. 10, 1845.
Emma, b. May 18, 1848.
Morril, b. Sept. 14, 1852.
Lora, b. Mar. 11, 1854.
Morgan, b. Apr. 10, 1857.
Mary H., b. Aug. 3, 1859.

Frank Swain's children:

Abbie J., b. June 12, 1867.
Florence A., b. Mar., 1870.
Ida Mary, b. Nov. 1, 1878.
Mabel T., b. June 13, 1881.
Mary O., b. Sept. 21, 1890.

John Swain, born June 26, 1770, died in 1823, married Ruth Smith, born in 1773, at Meredith. They lived on the Chemung Road, where four generations were born. Their son:

Smith, b. May 5, 1801; m. Polly Smith of Gilford; d. 1878 and was buried in Chemung. Later the body was moved to New Hampton. It was petrified and so heavy it required two pairs of oxen to draw it from place of burial in the field to the road. Children:
- Thomas, 1802–1803.
- Henry, b. 1804; m. Asenath R. Willey of Gilford, 1829–1857.
- John, b. 1806; m. Rachel Lane of Arlington in 1834.
- Jane, b. 1808; m. Hiram Lovering of Leominster, Mass., in 1851.
- Sally M., b. 1810; m. Alvah Downing in 1835. She d. 1853.
- Levi Smith, b. 1814; m. Rachel Ann Smith of Meredith. Their children:
  - Clara Ann, b. 1849.
  - Orin Freeman, b. 1852; m. Annie E. Perkins in 1873.
  - Austin James, b. 1861; lives on the old homestead on the Chemung Road, where four generations were born. He m. Rose May Hemmings.
  - Augusta Anna, b. 1865; m. Nathaniel Manson in 1894.
  - Fred Everett, b. 1869; buried in Swain yard, near Austin Swain's.

Rachel Ann (Smith) Swain, widow of Levi Smith Swain, had a half sister, Melvina Taylor (her mother's first husband's child),

who married William Chase of Meredith in 1858. Rachel Swain married, second, Charles C. Swain of Vermont in 1876.

Stones in the Robinson yard at Meredith Center mark the graves of Josiah Swain, 1789–1861, and his wife, Abigail (Wiggin) Swain, 1794–1859. She was born in Sanbornton. Their children:

Ruth, b. 1815.
William B., b. 1817.
Charles R., 1823–1886; m. Sarah Jane ———, 1832–1915. Their son, Herbert, 1859–1903.

History states that Josiah S. Swain was the fifteenth soldier enlisting in the Civil War from New Hampshire. He served three years.

Harrison Swain lived at the head of Pickerel Pond in Meredith. He married Hannah McIntyre. His brother, Cyrus, born in 1835, married Mary A. Robinson in 1880. Harrison's son, Josiah Sanborn, born in 1840, married Frances Paulina Gordon, born in 1846, of New Hampton. They were married in 1867. Their children:

Julia Mae, b. 1868.
Clarence G., b. 1870.
Sallie Kate, b. 1872.

Harrison Swain married Lavina B. Farrar, a daughter of Nathan Farrar, who was a brother to Isaac Farrar.

Abby L. Swain, born in 1860 at Gilford, was the fourth child of Harrison Swain and wife, Lavina B. (Farrar) Swain.

Stephen Farrar Swain, 1808–1848, married Eliza Jane Roberts, 1811–1896, daughter of Betsey (Sinclair) Roberts. They had a son, Noah Robinson 1838–1914, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Weeks, a relative of Mrs. Dr. Wiley. Stephen died and his wife married Eben Pitman.

Mr. Carter, on Lyford Street, stated that Samuel B. Swain of Meredith, who was a son of Joseph Swain and wife, Sarah (Bryant), married in 1862, first, Olive J., born in 1844, daughter of Samuel Gilman and wife, Hannah (Durgin) Gilman of Sanbornton, who was a farmer and shoemaker in Belmont.

Caleb Swain married Sally Bryant in 1813 at Meredith. Their son, John L. Swain.

Sergt. Samuel B. Swain, born at Sanbornton in 1832, was a son of Caleb Swain and wife, Sarah (Bryant) Swain. Both of his grandfathers were in the Revolution, Robert Bryant and Hezekiah Swain.

Robert Bryant had a son, Robert, who lived in Vermont, also a son, John Bryant, who was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Asa Swain rebuilt a mill in 1826 on Salmon Brook, which later passed into other hands and burned.

Cyrus Swain was a director in the Sanbornton Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in 1874. He was among those who helped celebrate the town centennial in 1876. His farm was included in the water privilege on Salmon Brook, near "Turkey Brook." He married Mary A. Robinson.

Dudley and Jeremiah Swain were in the Revolution from Sanbornton. They were sons of Caleb Swain, who married Anna Fellows, and died in Hampton, in 1770.

Betsey, b. 1755; m. William Eaton. She d. 1833, aged 77 years.
Jeremiah, 1759–1841.
Dudley, b. 1763.
Olive, b. 1769; m. Lieut. Benjamin Calley in 1789. He was styled "Stiffkneed Ben Calley" to distinguish him from others of the same name.

Jeremiah Swain, son of Caleb, married, first, Elizabeth Calley, daughter of William Calley. He married, second, Sarah Rawlins in 1787.

Dudley Swain married Molly Chase in 1793. She died in 1840, aged 65 years.

Alvah T. Swain married Sarah Weeks. She had a sister, Caroline, who married Dr. Munsey, both sisters of Dr. Wiley, and another sister married Taylor Batchelder of Laconia.

Tradition states that Benjamin had a brother, Elias, who lived on the Island in Great Bay. Elias' daughter, Mercy, married John Champlain.

George A. Swain married Lydia A. Flanders in 1850 at Meredith.

Charles A. Swain married Sarah A. Edgerly of New Hampton in 1876.

Dudley T. Swain, born at Denmark, Maine, married Comfortable Ann Bean in 1849.

George W. Swain married Ann Pitman in 1840.

Stephen Swain married Eliza Jane Roberts in 1831.

Asa Swain married Nancy Row in 1836.

Hezekiah Morrill Swain married Hannah Pitman in 1847.

Jeremiah Bennett Swain married Mehitable Mudgett in 1824 at Meredith.

Jeremiah Swain married Emma Smith of Sanbornton in 1816.

Joseph Swain, born in 1789, married Sarah J. Heath in 1841.

Frank James Swain, son of John S., married Mary Swain and lived at Meredith. John S. was a brother to Hezekiah Swain.

Frank James Swain married Augusta Plumer and lived in Hill, later in Franklin.

Caleb Swain married Mehitable Lyford at Epping in 1779.

Orrin Freeman Swain, son of Levi of Meredith, married in 1873 Annie E. Perkins, daughter of Jacob F. Perkins.

Nancy Swain, born in 1819, married in 1843 Charles William Crockett, son of William Crockett, and wife, Nancy Randlett. Their son, George A., married Sarah H. Swain.

Levi Swain, 1788–1859, married Hannah ———, 1789–1879. A daughter, Melinda, 1823–1845.

Levi Swain of Meredith married Rachel Bennett of Loudon in 1812.

Levi Swain married Sally Eaton of Gilmanton in 1827.

Levi, Jeremiah, Bennett and Henry were brothers. Henry lived in Chemung.

Abraham Swain, according to Mrs. Sargent, his granddaughter, had a brother Caleb, who broke through the ice and was drowned. He is buried in the Swain yard on Abraham's old farm (no stones). He was a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Swain owns the yard, as it was reserved when the place was sold to Miss Daisy Gardner.

Jeremiah Bennett Swain of Meredith died March 25, 1885, aged 84 years. He was a son of Elias Swain and wife, W. J. Bennett. Another son was Hosea Swain, who died May 7, 1888, aged 50 years. His daughter, Mrs. Richardson of Laconia, states that her father, Hosea, was born in New Hampton and that he was a son of Elias D. Swain and wife, Elizabeth Cragin, born in Londonderry, N. H., according to her records.

September 4, 1838, Miriam Swain of Meredith, Strafford County, 76 years of age, deposed, that she is the widow of Hezekiah Swain, Revolutionary soldier, who served in the spring

of 1777 under Lieut. Nathan Hoyt for three years; that he marched from Meredith through No. 4 (now Charlestown, N. H.) to Ticonderoga; was in the battles of Hubbardstown and Stillwater and went with General Sullivan through the Indian country; returned home to Meredith in the spring of 1780; that she was married to Hezekiah Swain, November 27, 1782, and that her husband died April 9, 1813. (Signed by a mark.)

October 13, 1838, Nicholas Folsom of Meredith, 60 years of age, testified that his father was a settled minister in Meredith, and that since his father's death he has the custody of his papers; that among them he finds the recorded marriage of Hezekiah Swain and Miriam York by "Nicholas Folsham," November 28, 1782. On the back of the record the certificate was signed by the (then) Town Clerk Ebenezer Smith that their intentions have been properly published.

The original marriage record, evidently cut from a book, is on file in the case.

October 10, 1838, Ebenezer Pitman of Meredith, 63 years of age, testified to acquaintance with Miriam Swain for more than forty years, and knows that she never married since the death of her husband.

Her claim was allowed, as was her subsequent claim made March 23, 1843. She was aged 81 years when Nicholas M. Taylor, J. P., and John Russell certified to her identity, the certificate being 1837, Portsmouth, N. H., agency issued July 21, 1843, under Act of March 3, 1843. According to the census of 1840, Miriam Swain, 78 years of age, was living at that time in Meredith. This was the only Revolutionary soldier named Hezekiah Swain for whose services a pension was obtained or applied for.

SWASEY

Benjamin Swasey married Lydia Ladd, 1784–1858, of Meredith. Their children:

Lydia, b. Dec. 4, 1809.
Darius Ladd, b. Feb. 4, 1811.
Alice Jane, b. Mar. 23, 1812.
Emily, b. Aug. 28, 1813, d. 1906.
Edwin, b. May 20, 1815.

Mary Park, b. Aug. 22, 1818; m. Ira Davis.
Lydia Ann, b. July 7, 1820; buried in Ipswich.
Benjamin, Jr., b. Jan. 31, 1822.
Eliza Smith, b. May 15, 1824, d. 1863.

Benjamin Swasey, 1754–1783, from Exeter. His wife, Jane Bond, 1759–1840. Their children:

Jane, 1778–1842; m. —— Rice.
Sally, b. 1780; m. Rev. Henry Kendal.
John Bond, 1782–1825; m. Alice Ladd in 1809.
Benjamin, 1784–1863; gave land in Meredith Village for Swasey yard.

John Bond Swasey, 1782–1828, married in 1809 Alice Ladd, 1779–1875. Their children:

Mary Park, 1811–1850; m. John Chapman.
Jane Bond, 1813–1897.
George Bond, 1814–1865.
Cassandra, 1818–1901; m. as second wife of Colonel Stevens.
Alice Asenath, 1820–1830.

Eliphalet Ladd, 1755–1827, a Revolutionary soldier, from Atkinson, N. H. His wife, Mary Park, 1756–1824, from Windham. Children:

Alice, 1779–1875.
Joseph Park, 1781–1830.
Timothy, 1783–1854.
Lydia, 1784–1858; m. Benjamin Swasey.
Alexander Park, 1786–1875; m. Charlotte ———, 1796–1861.
Darius, 1788–1872.
Mary Jane, 1789–1874.
Aseneth, 1791–1792.
Aseneth, 1793–1880.

John Swasey of Meredith married Sally Robinson of New Hampton, November 23, 1809.

Ebenezer Swasey of Meredith married Vestia N. Eager, June 26, 1820. Married by Elder Nicholas Folsom of Meredith.

Daniel C. Swazy of Sanbornton married Hannah Prescott of Gilmanton, March 22, 1821.

Frank P. Swazey, aged 24 years, born at Gilford, lived in Laconia, married Carrie M. Hutchins of Concord in 1871. He

was a son of Henry W. Swazy of Gilford; she a daughter of Ebenezer Hutchins of Canterbury.

Col. Ebenezer Stevens, 1810–1901, married Therima Osgood of Gilford. He was a son of Paul Stevens and wife, Sally Howe, and one of thirteen children born at Gilford.

Rev. Daniel Mattison was the first husband of Miss Gordon of New Hampton. After his death she married, second, Shephard Vittum. She was a sister to Joseph Neal's wife.

Benjamin Swazey married Lydia Ladd, 1784–1858, of Meredith. Their children:

Lydia, b. Dec. 4, 1809.
Dairus Ladd, b. Feb. 11, 1811.
Alice Jane, b. Mar. 23, 1812.
Emily, b. Aug. 28, 1813, d. 1906; buried in Meredith.
Edwin, b. May 20, 1815.
Mary Park, b. Aug. 22, 1818; m. Ira Davis.
Lydia Ann, b. July 7, 1820, buried in Ipswich.
Benjamin, Jr., b. Jan. 31, 1822.
Eliza Smith, b. May 15, 1824; buried in Meredith.

From Mrs. Lincoln's Bible

Benjamin Swazy, 1754–1783, came from Exeter. His wife was Jane Bond, 1759–1840. Their children:

Jane, 1778–1842.
Sally, b. 1780; m. Rev. Henry Kendall.
John Bond, 1782–1825; m. Alice Ladd in 1809.
Benjamin, 1784–1863; he gave land for Swazy yard on Lang Street.

John Bond Swazy, 1782–1828. His wife, Alice Bond, 1779–1875. Their children:

Mary Park, 1811–1850; m. John Chapman.
Jane Bond, 1813–1897.
George Bond, 1814–1865.
Cassandra, 1818–1901; m. as second wife of Colonel Stevens.
Alice Asenath, 1820–1830.

Cyrus A. Stevens, 1831–1906. His wife, Mary A., 1830–1899. Their children: Blanche, Edith May, Marion, Louise, Mary and Renie.

LADD

Eliphalet Ladd, 1755–1827, came from Atkinson. His wife, Mary Park, 1756–1824, came from Windham. Their children:

Alice, 1779–1875.
Joseph Park, 1781–1830.
Timothy, 1783–1854.
Lydia, 1784–1858; m. Benjamin Swazy.
Alexander P., 1786–1875; m. Charlotte ———, 1796–1861.
Darius, 1788–1872.
Mary Jane, 1789–1874.
Aseneth, 1791–1792.
Aseneth, 1793–1880.

John O. M. Ladd, 1817–1855. His wife, Ruth W., 1817–1845. Nancy J., 1822–1842.

LINCOLN

Henry Williams Lincoln, 1842–1901, born in Norton, Mass., went to Meredith from Windham. He married Alice S. Stevens, a daughter of Colonel Stevens, 1810–1901, and wife, Therima Osgood, of Gilford, and granddaughter of John Swazey. Their children:

Ebenezer Stevens. His dau., Mrs. Lincoln, a dau. of Colonel Stevens and grdau. of John Swazey.
Mary Alice, b. Mar. 23, 1882.
A dau., b. Apr. 7, 1886, a teacher of note.

TASKER

John Tasker came from England in 1680 and settled in Madbury. The descendants drifted inland, took up land and made homes.

John Tasker of Northwood married Fannie Clark. Their children: William Gilman, James, Rodolfus, John Jefferson, Wyman, Henry, Sarah, Elizabeth, Drusella and Henry[2].

John Jefferson Tasker, 1822–1879, married Lydia A. Collins, 1821–1913. He died in Laconia. Their children:

William Gilman.
Fannie Elizabeth, m. John Stuart Ames.
John Franklin, m. Annie Kenney from Ireland.
James, d. young.
Drusilla, m. George W. Wiggin, son of Washington Wiggin, and grandson of Chase Wiggin. Their children:
Mabelle, m. Frank Mead of Lakeport; second, E. Bean of Lakeport.

Isabella, m. Arthur Woodward; settled in Maine.
Mattie, m. William Wells of Lynn, Mass.

Lydia Jane, m. David Conrad.

Nellie Grace.

George Thomas, b. on the old Joseph Neal homestead in Meredith; m. Sarah Augusta (Carter), b. 1857, widow of George E. Anderson, she a dau. of Charles S. Carter and wife, Sarah J. Gould.

Parson Carter of Holderness was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Mary Elizabeth French. Their son, Daniel Carter, born at Holderness, died at Laconia. He married Mary Carr, a sister of Robert Carr. Their son, Charles Sargent, born at Gardiner, Maine, married Sarah Jane Gould, born in Vermont. Their children:

Charles S., Jr., d. young.

Sarah Augusta, m. George J. Tasker.

TAYLOR

Moses Taylor married Susan, daughter of John Ladd of Belmont. He was one of the early settlers of Meredith Bridge and built one of the first mills there. Their children:

Zilpah.

Stephen L., b. 1822; attended school in Belmont, later worked on his grandfather's farm (John Ladd). In 1868, he built "Bay View House" for a summer hotel. He m. in 1842, Almira B., dau. of Jonathan Brown, a deacon of the Congregational Church. The Brown ancestry traces back to England. Her grandfather, James Brown, was b. in Seabrook; m. Rhoda Perkins of Pittsfield. They had nine children. Stephen Taylor and wife had children:

Jennie, m. John M. Peabody; lived near Boston.

George.

Edward, settled in Boston; bought the Thomas Durrell homestead, enlarged it for "Home for the Aged" and endowed it for old people of the county, with a small admittance; a beautiful location.

TORREY

Samuel Torrey, a Revolutionary soldier, lived down near the lake, opposite the so-called "Roller Coaster Road." He was

buried in his field on a knoll of dry land, where since a road has been built by the side of their graves. His wife was laid beside him. The present road passes Mr. Watson's. Their children:

Samuel, Jr., b. 1751.
Daniel, b. 1752.
Mercy, b. 1756.
Hannah, b. 1759.
William, b. 1761.
Martha, b. 1764.

TUTTLE

Stoten Tuttle of Nottingham enlisted in the "Old French War" when he was 16 years old and served five years. In 1755 he married Lydia Stevens of Lee and they settled in Nottingham; later he lived on the "Old Mast Road." He was a son of Nicholas Tuttle, who was born September 30, 1739, and died in 1812. Stoten and wife had a son, Stoten, born in 1780, who married —— Stokes. Their children were: Lydia, Hannah, Benjamin, Mary and Bradbury Cilley. Stoten Tuttle married, second, Sarah Bean. They had three children.

TETLEY

William Tetley, born in Bradford, England, was a weaver, as his father was, and an overseer of weaving. He came to America in 1851, worked and looked around the country, and returned to England for his wife and child. He settled in Lawrence, Mass., and also was in other cities. Their son, Edmund Tetley, born in 1842, was 12 years old when he reached America. When he was 15 his parents were residing in Gaysville, Vt. He decided he would strike out for himself, and went to Amesbury. After he had reached 19 milestones he enlisted in the U. S. Marines at Portsmouth, N. H. He was in the attack on Fort Jackson and at St. Philip by Admiral Farragut at New Orleans, being on board the "Portsmouth," sloop of war, which was a sailing vessel, and later this boat was for four years stationed at New Orleans. He had no furlough from the time he enlisted until he was discharged, in 1865. He was promoted to sergeant. After his return he drifted to different places, and in Lowell he went into the business of making paper boxes. In 1873 he went to Laconia and was

employed by F. P. Holt Paper Box Co. After five years he succeeded Mr. Holt. Being successful, he had a factory of his own in Laconia, also in Lakeport. In 1878 he had a promotion to Lieutenant and a year later the honor of captain by Company K, Third Regiment, N. H. N. G. In 1892 he organized a new company and was chosen captain, and later promoted to his old rank of major. In 1868 he married Ella F. Merrill of Lowell. Their children: Edward B., Guy M., L. Gertrude, Blanche and Charles.

TILTON

History tells us that three Tilton brothers came from Tilton Hill, England. One, Daniel, settled in Hampton. He was born about 1648, and married Mehitable Sanborn, in 1669. He learned the blacksmith trade, and when he was 21 years of age he was allowed to set down as a smith. They had ten children. Their descendants through David, who married Deborah Batchelder, and down through Eben, who married Miriam, daughter of Jonathan Prescott of Epping.

Their son, Elbridge, born in 1798, married Melinda, daughter of Sewell Deaborn. Among their four children was Mary M. Tilton, born October 1, 1830, at Nottingham, in that part called Deerfield, who married Jonathan G. Dow at Meredith (now Laconia). They had a daughter, Myra Dow. She died in 1893, and a son died aged two years.

Capt. Joseph Tilton, buried in the Jonathan Dow yard, came from Stratham or Hampton.

John Tilton married Caroline Wadleigh, born in 1791, a daughter of John Wadleigh, 1753–1842, and wife, Molly Fox, 1757–1827. They came from Epping to Meredith. Abraham Tilton married Sally Wadleigh, born in 1793, and a sister to Caroline.

Stephen Tilton, born in 1793 at Loudon, died in California in 1867. He lived on Cass Hill in Meredith. He married Julia Batchelder, who was born in Northfield, in 1799 and died in 1881. One of their thirteen children, Joseph Sullivan Tilton, born in 1818 at Northfield, was taken to California when young, but returned to Meredith in 1857 and went into the hosiery business in Laconia. He did much during the Civil War helping raise the 12th Regiment, and was himself in some battles. He married

Betsey Ham, 1820–1907. Their children were: Frank Sullivan, Nancy A., Emma Susan and George Henry, born in Dorchester in 1845. He enlisted in the Civil War and served three years. He married in 1866, Marietta Randlett, born in 1844 at Gilmanton, who died, leaving one son, Elmer Stephen. He married, second, in 1883, Calista Brown, 1862–1901, daughter of David Brown and wife, Hannah Densmore Fox; she born in Meredith. They lived for a time in New Hampton and later moved to Laconia. George Henry Tilton married third, his cousin, Julia Caroline Green of California.

George Henry Tilton, born in 1845, was a descendant of William Tilton, who, with his brother John, came in 1630/40 and settled in Lynn, Mass. William lived in Lynn and died there in 1653. He married Susanna ———. She married, second, Roger Shaw, and moved to Hampton, taking Samuel and Daniel Tilton with her. She died in 1654. From William Tilton the line descended through Daniel, born at Lynn in 1646. He married in 1669, Mehitable Sanborn, and through them descended the New Hampshire Tiltons. Mehitable was born at Hampton in 1677 and died at Kensington in 1777.

Newell J. Tilton married Mary Jane Wadleigh, born in 1828. She was a daughter of Simeon Wadleigh and wife, Abigail Hayes. Their children:

Frances Imogene, b. 1850; m. George N. Clouse.
Emma Jane, b. 1852; m. L. C. Alvord.

Capt. Joseph Tilton, born in 1677 at Hampton, died at Kensington. His second wife was Mrs. Hilliard Shaw. Their second son, born in 1718, married Martha Boynton. Their third son, Nathan Tilton, 1757–1814, died in Loudon.

Joseph S. Tilton was one of the first manufacturers of hosiery in Laconia. He served in the Civil War as first lieutenant in the 12th N. H. Regiment, and was wounded at Chancellorsville. He married Betsey Ham of Strafford, N. H. Their son, George H. Tilton, married a daughter of Osgood Randlett. Their son, Elmer S. Tilton, married in 1892 Lillian G., daughter of E. B. Harrington. Their children: Charles Henry and Elmer H.

Major Abram Tilton, 1763–1851, was buried in the Jonathan Dow yard, with his wife, Deborah, 1768–1827.

Capt. Joseph Tilton came from Stratham or Hampton.

Stephen Tilton, born in 1748 at Hampton, settled on Cass Hill in Meredith, was a son of Nathan Tilton, born in 1709. He had brothers, David and Newell.

John Tilton, 1787–1863 and his wife, Eunice Ladd, 1791–1857, are buried in Meredith Bridge Cemetery.

John Hamilton Tilton was born in 1887.

TOWLE

From David Perkins' Record

Levi Towle, 1768–1845, married Sally, daughter of Richard and wife, Molly (Persons) Perkins, born in New Market in 1774 and died in 1861. They were married in 1796 and removed to Meredith, in that part called the third division. He was a farmer, a man of sound judgment and clear perception, was called strictly honest, and through life maintained a consistent Christian character. From early life they were members of the Baptist Church. Their children born at the homestead in Meredith:

Levi, 1797–1804.
Hiram, 1799–1804.
Sally, 1801–1803.
James, 1803–1815.
Sally, 1806–1854.
Polly, 1809–1813.
Eunice, 1812–1815.
Levi b. 1816.

Sally Towle, daughter of Levi and wife, Sally (Perkins) Towle, was born at Meredith in 1806, and married James M. Payne of Center Harbor in 1834. He was a farmer and an industrious, prudent man. They settled in Center Harbor. Their children:

Arthur L., b. 1835; m. Ellen M. Hill; he d. in St. Louis.
Abbie A., b. 1846; m. Charles Cook.

Levi Towle, youngest son of Levi and wife, Salley (Perkins) Towle, was born at Meredith in 1816 and died in 1842. No children. He married, second, Eliza Corliss, born in Sandwich in 1823 and died in 1893. They were married in 1844. He was a farmer and lived on the homestead many years. After his mother died he sold the farm and removed to Lewiston, Maine, and later to Manchester, N. H. Their children, born in Meredith:

Levi Lewis, b. 1846; m. Jennie Carr in 1871.
John Edwin, b. 1848; m. in 1871 Sophronia S. Garrett, 1838–1891.
Ella May, b. 1852; m. Joseph S. Gilman in 1876.
Sarah Abbie, 1861–1893.
George Willis, b. 1863; m. Ida L. Perkins in 1886.

Levi Lewis Towle married, second, Jennie Carr. Their son, Lewis Henry, born in 1883.

John Edwin Towle, son of Levi Towle and wife, Sally Perkins, born in 1848, married Sophronia Garrett in 1871 He removed to Manchester and was a dealer in meats with his brother, George Willis, under the firm name of John E. Towle & Co. Their children:

Edwin L., b. 1872.
Eliza Isabel, b. 1879.

Ella May Towle, daughter of Levi Towle and wife, Elizabeth Corliss Towle, born at Meredith in 1852, married Joseph L. Gilman in 1876. He was born in Meredith. They resided in Somerville, Mass., where he was in the government employ as a letter carrier.

Abbie S., daughter of Sally Towle and husband, James M. Payne, was born at Center Harbor in 1846, and married Charles Cook in 1873. He was a son of Nelson B. Cook and wife, Adeline S. Cook, born in Moultonboro in 1843. He was a farmer, and they resided on his paternal homestead. Their children:

Lillie May, b. 1875.
James Nelson, b. 1876.

Levi Towle was of the fifth generation of Towles in New England. They came from Canterbury to Meredith.

Levi Towle, 1768–1845, married in 1796 Sally Perkins, 1776–1861. Their children:

Hiram, 1799–1804.
Sally, 1801–1803.
James, 1803–1815.
Sally, 1806–1854; m. James M. Paine in 1834 at Center Harbor.
Polly, 1809–1813.
Eunice, 1812–1813.
Levi[2], 1816–1902; m. Lavina Smith in 1836; she d. in 1842. He m., second, Eliza Corliss in 1844 at Sandwich. Their children:

Lewis Levi, b. 1846; m. 1871 Jemima J. Carr, 1851–1907. Their children:
Lewis Henry, 1873–1926.
Lila May, 1877–1899.
John Edwin, 1848–1926; m. Sophronia S. Garnett in 1871 at Manchester. Their children:
Edwin Levi, b. 1872; lives in California.
Belle.
Ella May, m. 1876 Joseph L. Gilman, 1851–1925.
George Willis, m. 1887, Ida H. Perkins; second, 1898, Florence G. Freese; third, Josie Keniston.

Inscriptions in the Old Towle Yard in Meredith

John W. Towle (brother to Levi, pioneers of Meredith).

John W. Towle, Esq., 1771–1857. His wife, Hannah B., 1780–1854. Second wife, Nancy W., 1820–1841. Daughter, Lavina, 1818–1849, married J. E. Stanyan; second, Isaac H. Burnes, born in Meredith; died in Minnesota.

Charles P. Towle, 1820–1875, son of John W. Towle and wife, Hannah B. Towle. His wife, Ann L. Coe, 1826–1863.

From Lewis Levi Towle of Pittsfield

Charles Towle was a brother of Levi Towle, 1768–1845. They settled near each other in Meredith. Children: Charles, John (lived in Nebraska), Fred and Lavina.

Jeremiah Towle married Sally ———.

Caleb Towle, born in 1801 at Center Harbor.

Jeremiah Towle, born in 1809, married Mary Copp. Their son, John C., died in 1882 at Meredith.

Caleb Towle, 1800–1873, born in Moultonborough, died in Meredith. He married Mary Jane Ambrose in Moultonborough. Their daughter, Ann D., 1831–1891, born in Center Harbor.

Joseph G. Towle of Porter, Maine, was a farmer.

James F. Towle, born in Porter, Maine, was in the lumber business. He married Emma Jane, daughter of John S. Moulton of Sandwich.

Their children:

Irving, 1862–1888.

Frank Leslie, b. in Parsonfield, Maine, 1868. He was in Center Harbor for a time, then moved elsewhere, but returned to Center Harbor, and was one of the firm of Simpson & Towle. In 1893 he m. Eliza Sutton Graves, dau. of Joseph S. Graves and wife, Sarah Webster, of

Center Harbor, who for a time was the caretaker of the Sutton estate there. Their children:

Ruth Graves, m. Nathan Moulton, son of Austin Moulton and wife, Laura A. Burleigh Moulton. They have one son, Edwin W. Moulton, and a dau.

Mina E., m. Wilber Green of Moultonborough. Three children.

Doris, m. Roland Avery. One son, Lawrence Avery.

Joseph Irvin, m. Abbie Perkins of Meredith.

James Towle, 1737–1815, a Revolutionary soldier from Meredith, and his wife, Tryphena, 1747–1815, are buried in the First Congregational Yard in Meredith.

TRUE

The early True family came from Huntsford, Yorkshire County, England, about 1653, and settled in Salem, Mass. The Salem history states that they later went to Salisbury, Mass.

The fifth generation through Henry, born in 1620. His son, Capt. Henry True, born in 1644 at Salisbury; Deacon William, born in 1670; Benjamin, born in 1693; Deacon Abraham, born in 1721 at Salisbury, died in Deerfield, N. H., in 1812. His son, Winthrop True, 1768–1851, born in Deerfield, married Sarah Gale, born in 1774, daughter of John Gale and wife, Susan McCarty. He was the youngest son, and settled in Meredith just over the Sanbornton line, near the Ebenezer Eastman farm. He was a farmer.

Abram True, born in 1800 at Meredith, died in 1884; married Mary Brown Lawrence in 1827, she a daughter of Capt. Noah Lawrence and wife, Priscilla Marston (1783–1847), she a daughter of Hazen Marston. Their son, Noah Lawrence, M.D., 1828–1896, married Mary Elizabeth Tucker in 1850, she a daughter of Warren Tucker and wife, Irene Marsh of Gilford. Dr. N. L. True practiced in Laconia several years. Their children:

Ida May, d. young.

Emma Frances, 1857–1900; m. Horace Durgin. Their son, Frank True Durgin.

Jennie Alma, b. 1862; m. Joseph H. Gingrass.

Walter Harrison, 1865–1927, a physician in Laconia; m. Mabelle Hill in 1899.

George Harrison, b. 1867, of Massachusetts.

TUCKER

History states that James Tucker and wife, Hannah (True) Tucker, lived in Salisbury, Mass. His ancestors came from England. Their son, Henry Tucker, born in 1742, married —— Robinson and settled at Deerfield in 1760. They had eight children, among them being Daniel Tucker, who settled at Meredith Bridge (Laconia). He had three children. He was elected the first president of the Winnipesaukee Bank and held the office during his life.

A son of James was John Tucker, who married Betsey Rowell and settled in Hopkinton. Two of their sons, Warren and Alvah Tucker, came to Meredith Bridge and were among a company with their uncle, Daniel Tucker, and other leading citizens, who started a cotton factory which was the first one in northern New Hampshire.

Daniel Tucker built a house on Beacon Street, called the "Mansion House," and had a factory to make farm implements on Mill Street, near his home. He was a member of the Congregational Church. His nephews, Warren and Alvah, helped form the Universalist Church.

Morris Tucker of Salisbury, Mass., married in 1663 Elizabeth, daughter of John Gill, born in 1646. Their son, Joseph, born in 1671, married Phebe Page in 1695. Their son, James, born in 1697, married Hannah True, daughter of Deacon William True, a soldier, in 1702. Their son, Henry, born in 1742 at Northfield, married May Robinson of Brentwood. His father gave him land in Nottingham in 1767. Their son, John, born in 1767, married Betsey Rowell and settled in Hopkinton. Their son, Warren, born in 1806, married Irene Marsh of Gilford in 1829. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1831, married Dr. Noah Lawrence True in 1850.

A legend of romance runs with the father of Susan McCarty, who came from Ireland. His parents were wealthy, and both died when he was very young. An aunt, who wanted to get the property that belonged to the boy, after the parents' death, took him and gave him to a sea captain, with the promise to take him to parts unknown. He was finally left in Exeter. After he grew to manhood he married and, as history states, could not return to Ireland. Through some way the aunt learned where he was,

and repented when near death and sent for the boy. (He was in Sanbornton before 1768 and, as history, was living in 1778 west of the wooded hill in Franklin (New Boston), which location has since borne his name.) He died in 1802 and his wife died in 1815. They had ten children. The oldest, Susanna, born in 1763, married Capt. Aaron Sanborn of Meredith. They had ten children. The third child, Anna, born in 1770, married Bradbury Morrison of Sanbornton. Phebe, born in 1774, the fifth child, married as her third husband Jesse Plummer of Meredith as his third wife. Sarah, the sixth child, married Winthrop True of Meredith. Patty, the seventh child, married Theophilus Sanborn, Jr., of Meredith. They had ten children. Deborah married Samuel Sanborn of Meredith.

TUTTLE

Bradbury Cilley Tuttle died in Meredith, November 25, 1885. He was born in Nottingham, November 11, 1809. He went to Meredith in 1883 and there married Betsey C. Wallace of Sanbornton. She was born May 15, 1812, at Meredith on the Jesse Plummer farm and moved to Calef Hill in Sanbornton on the Nathaniel Burley farm, where her father, Stephen Wallace, died April 30, 1832, aged 49 years. His wife was Abigail Tilton. Bradbury C. Tuttle married Elizabeth Wallace, February 24, 1834.

VEAZEY

The New Hampshire Genealogy states that the earliest Veazey settler was William of Braintree, Mass., who was a freeman, in 1643. The name was then spelled "Phese." He died in 1681.

Daniel Veazey of Stratham, married Rachel Clark, 1758–1822. He died at Bridgewater, N. H.

Daniel [2], son of Daniel [1] was born in Stratham. His intention of marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Amos Leavitt of Meredith, was filed August 21, and they were married August 24,

1806, by Salmon Hebard. Their children, all born in Bridgewater:

Simeon, b. Aug. 3, 1807.
Amos, b. Jan. 14, 1809.
Judith, b. Dec. 15, 1811.
Sally, b. Feb. 7, 1813.
Liza, b. Feb. 1, 1815; d. young.
Daniel, b. May 23, 1817.
Liza, b. Feb. 4, 1819.
Aaron, b. June 24, 1821.
Murray, b. July 24, 1823; m. Elizabeth Daniels. She m. second, James Cawley.

Amos Veazey, born January 14, 1809, died in 1887 at Bridgewater, the second son of Daniel [2] and Elizabeth (Leavitt) Veazey, was married in Meredith, by Thomas Perkins, October 25, 1834. Their children:

Gustavus of Franklin.
Damon L. of Natick, Mass.
Jennie, m. Charles E. Buzzell of Lakewood.
Rose, d.
William E., lived in Belmont.
Charles Addison, b. in Bristol, 1842; m. 1870, Ruth Jane Eastman, b. in Benton, 1845, dau. of Sylvester and wife, Louisa (Whicher) Eastman. Their children:
  Jennie Frances, b. 1874; m. Willis Brown; lived in Vermont.
  Daniel, d. young.
  William Damon.

Charles A. Veazey and wife, Ruth J. (Eastman) Veazey, she born at Benton, July 7, 1871. He was a prosperous lawyer of the firm of Jewell, Owen & Veazey of Laconia.

Daniel Veazey, son of Simeon, died March 18, 1889, aged 53 years, at New Hampton. He married Josephine Bliss, aged 34 years, of Whitefield in 1881.

Daniel Veazey died January 16, 1824, at Bridgewater. Mahala (Dolloff) Veazey, his wife, died September 29, 1849, aged 26 years.

M. G. Veazey, aged 74 years, of Meredith, who died December 27, 1888, was a daughter of Amos Dolloff Veazey and Nancy Dolloff of New Hampton.

Extracts from Old Deeds

May 28, 1716. Thomas Veazey, Stratham, to Nicholas Smith estate, by Mary (Leavitt) Smith, Exeter, land granted to "Our Father, Samuel Leavitt."

Samuel Veazey, son of Thomas, 1721.

1727. Thomas Veazey, Stratham, from James Leavitt, Exeter, administrator of the estate of Samuel Leavitt, father, a portion of the estate of Thomas Veazey's wife.

1727. Thomas Veazey (wife, Mary Leavitt), Stratham, to Benjamin Veazey of Hampton, 44 acres in Exeter, "which I had of Lieut. James Leavitt, in part of my wife's portion."

1732/3. Thomas Veazey and wife, Mary (Leavitt) Veazey, deeded to George Veazey land and buildings in Stratham after their decease.

1733. Thomas Veazey deeded to John Veazey land in Nottingham.

1734. Thomas and Mary deeded to son, George, land and buildings in Stratham. Mary Veazey, daughter of Samuel Leavitt.

1739. Thomas Veazey, Jr., and wife, Sarah, from George, Jr., and Hannah, land and buildings in Stratham.

1753. Thomas Veazey, Jr., Stratham, received from Nathaniel and Mary Leavitt land in Stratham.

1757. Thomas and Hannah Veazey to Joseph Clark land in Epping.

1760. Thomas Veazey (executor, son-in-law of Joshua Neal, Stratham). Thomas, Jr., married Anna, daughter of Joshua Neal of Stratham.

Jan. 12, 1762. Thomas Veazey, Jr., of Stratham, received from Samuel Cate and wife, Abigail Cate, 15 acres of land "formerly owned by our father, Joshua Neal."

1763. Thomas Veazey's will of Stratham. His wife, Hannah; Eliphalet, Thomas, Henry, sons; Sarah Warson, Abigail, Agnes,

Elizabeth, daughters; Elizabeth, "my late wife" (probably a second wife), and executor, Theophilus Smith.

Daniel Veazey, 1752–1840, was a Revolutionary soldier. He was in Col. Isaac Wyman's Regiment, July, 1776, Capt. William Harper of Brentwood. He married Judith Smith, 1750–1832 (dates as gravestones). They moved from Brentwood to New Hampton in 1790. (In census they had one male child over 16 years, and four under 16 years, and three females.) Judith Smith was a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Smith of Brentwood. Their children:

JUDITH, 1750–1832; m. Daniel Veazey.
MARY, m. —— Mudgett.
ELISHA.
NICHOLAS.
EBENEZER, had children: Gilman, Josiah, Richard, and Hezekiah (as will).

Nicholas, son of Daniel and Judith (Smith) Veazey, born May 24, 1782, and died in 1806. He married Betsey Edgerly, 1781–1871. They had a son, Daniel, Jr., 1804–1887, who was deacon of the Oak Hill Church in New Hampton. On June 3, 1828, he married Betsey Smith, 1809–1855, daughter of Ebenezer Smith, 1782–1846, and wife, Abiah Stevens, 1792–1872, she a daughter of Peter Stevens, a Revolutionary soldier, who was a son of Samuel Stevens and wife, Susanna Griffin. Peter Stevens married Molly Pillsbury. Children of Daniel and Betsey (Smith) Veazey:

RUFUS, b. May 9, 1821.
LIZZIE, b. Apr. 4, 1833; m. Thomas Smith of New Hampton.
LYMAN F., b. Sept. 2, 1837; had a dau. who m. Homer McCartney. She lives in Laconia.
HOSEA Q., b. June 30, 1840.
CHARLES M., b. Aug. 17, 1846, d. 1849.
JOHN L., b. July 17, 1844; m. Emma Chase. Their dau., Iva Pearl, m. Walter Turner; live in Laconia.
ELBRIDGE O., b. June 23, 1852, d. 1855.

Rufus Veazey married —— Smith of Alexander. A son, Willie E., married Edith D. Keller at Meredith in 1893. He married, second, Lulu Tuttle, who lived for a time with Addie Doe.

Lyman F. Veazey, 1837–1913, married in 1860 Laura S. Smith, who died in 1920. She was a daughter of Daniel P. Smith of Meredith Center and a sister to Joseph Smith.

From Bible Record of Mrs. Elizabeth (Veazey) McCartney

Their children:

ALBION A., b. Mar. 31, 1861; m. Alma L. Sleeper of Bristol in 1897, she a dau. of Roswell Blake and wife, Sarah M. Dickson.

FRANK L., b. May 24, 1866, d. 1895.

MAY BELLE, b. Nov., 1869, d. 1903; m. William H. Fifield in 1825.

L. GRACE, b. Apr. 9, 1874; m. Herbert Plumer in 1894. Their children:

Merton Plumer, b. Nov. 7, 1896; m. 1922, Ethel G. Warner. Their son, Warner M. b. 1925.

Laura A., m. Frank Wilkey, Jr., in 1824. Their son, Richard F., b. Aug. 14, 1925.

ELIZABETH, b. Nov., 1876; m. Homer C. McCartney in 1899. He d. Feb. 3, 1926. Their dau., Pauline Elizabeth, b. 1900; m. Louis K. Felker. Their son, Kenneth L., b. Mar. 18, 1919.

SARAH E., b. Oct. 18, 1879, in Meredith.

Hosea Q. Veazey, born June 30, 1840, married Georgiana Taylor. A son, Byron, born June 13, 1875, lives in Warren; married in 1897 Lulia May Whicher, daughter of Charles A. Whicher and wife, Mary Ellen Batchelder of Bristol. A daughter, Margaret, born at Bristol.

John L. Veazey, born July 17, 1844, married in 1868 Emma Chase of New Hampton, she a daughter of James and Susan Chase. Their daughter, Iva Pearl, born in 1872, married Walter Turner. John L. Veazey married, second, Julia A. Foss of Campton in 1886.

As gravestones in a small yard, buried with Deacon Daniel and wife, Betsey: Charles M. Veazey, born August 17, 1846, died 1849. Elbridge O., 1852–1854.

As state records: Daniel Veazey, aged 65 years, of New Hampton, married in 1869 widow Malisa Yeaton, aged 49 years of Tamworth. She had sons by her first husband, Nathaniel Yeaton and Rufus Yeaton.

Another record: Etta married Clifton Tilton; Carrie married

James Huckins; Sadie married John Battis; Alice married —— Wiser; Byron married —— Whicher; Geneva married —— Brown.

Gravestones in yard on old farm of the pioneer and Revolutionary soldier (stones are down): Daniel Veazey died November 13, 1840, aged 88 years. His wife, Judith (Smith) Veazey, died May 14, 1832, aged 82 years. Sally Veazey died March 28, 1868, aged 87 years. (Probably their daughter, single.)

Another old yard, near by: Nicholas Veazey died June 19, 1806, aged 24 years. His wife, Betsey Edgerly, died June 9, 1871, aged 90 years. After Nicholas died she married, second, Benjamin Copp. She is buried between the husbands.

Woodman yard (stones): Nicholas S. Veazey died January 2, 1877, aged 54 years, in New Hampton. Mary Veazey, wife of G. M. Veazey, died February 5, 1901, aged 75 years, 5 months. Elisha Veazey died December 8, 1846, aged 54 years, 6 months, 14 days. He married Lucinda Randlett of Meredith in 1841. Noah D., son of Elisha Veazey and wife, Alice, died May 27, 1810. He was 20 years old.

Gravestones on old farm (Daniel Veazey place) in New Hampton: Simeon Veazey died May 21, 1870, aged 74 years. Polly, his wife, died September 26, 1871, aged 79 years. They had daughters: Emily, died July 19, 1869, aged 48 years; Lavina; Mary, who married George Hadley.

Disconnected

Amos K. Veazey, who married Laura Smith, had a daughter born December 6, 1868.

Elisha Veazey of New Hampton married Alice Dolloff of Meredith in 1810. They had a son, Thomas D., who died July 3, 1887, aged 73 years.

Wilbur E. Veazey of New Hampton married at Meredith Center, in 1872, Alice Moulton, born in Holland, Vt.

Simeon Veazey married Polly Denfris of New Hampton in 1817.

Simeon Veazey married Polly Durgin, born in Holderness. He had a son, Daniel, who died March 18, 1889, aged 58 years.

Elisha Smith Veazey died in 1890, aged 79 years, at Whitefield. He was a lumberman, a son of Elisha Veazey and wife, Lucinda Randlett.

Gustavus Veazey had a daughter born in 1872 at Meredith.

Thomas Veazey married Marion G. Dolloff in 1835, both of Meredith.

Elisha Veazey of New Hampton, who married Alice (Ellis) Dolloff, had a daughter, Mahala D , who married Jeremiah C. Smith. A son, Arthur, born in 1845, lives in Laconia. Mahala D. Veazey is buried in Miss Baker's lot in Lakeport, and Jeremiah Smith is buried in Sanbornton.

Amos Veazey, 1837–1900, son of Thomas D. Veazey and wife, Irene Dolloff, is buried at Meredith Center.

Will of Daniel Veazey, Recorded at Dover

1st. My beloved wife Judith—
2d. Son Elisha Veazey, $1, in one year.
3d. My son Jeremiah Veazey, $1.
4th. My dau. Sally Veazey.
5th. To my gr-son Daniel, son of my son Nicholas.
6th. " " " Simeon, eldest son of my late son Daniel Veazey.
7th. I give unto the children of my dau. Judith Edgerly, now dec., $1.
8th. Lastly I give to my son Simeon all the rest.
Dated January 17, 1828.

Daniel Veazey bought 150 acres of land, Lot No. 12, in 1783, of —— Johnson. He had a son Nicholas. His son, Daniel Veazey, married Betsey Smith, daughter of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Abiah Stevens of New Hampton.

Amos Leavitt Veazey, second son and child of Daniel [2] and Elizabeth (Leavitt) Veazey, was born January 14, 1809, in Bridgewater. He married Mahala Dolloff of Meredith; married by Thomas Perkins, October 25, 1834. They had children:

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Damon L. of Natick, Mass.
Jennie, wife of Charles E. Buzzell of Lakewood.
Rose, deceased.
William E. of Belmont.
Charles Addison, b. in Bristol, Mar. 23, 1842; m. Mar. 20,

1870, Ruth Jane Eastman, b. in Benton, Sept. 7, 1870, dau. of Sylvester and wife, Louisa (Whitcher) Eastman. Their dau. Jennie, b. Apr. 13, 1874, m. Willis Brown; lives in Vermont. Daniel, d. young. William Damon, eldest child of Charles A. and Ruth J. (Eastman) Veazey, b. in Benton, July 7, 1871, a prosperous lawyer of the firm of Jewell, Owen & Veazey of Laconia.

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Mary, m. a Mudgett: Elisha, Nicholas, Ebenezer, who had children: Gilman, Josiah, Richard, Hezekiah (as will of Nicholas Smith).

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Rufus, b. 1829; m. —— Smith, born Alexander.

Willie E., m. Edith D. Kelley at Meredith in 1873; m. second, Lulu Tuttle, who lived for a time with Addie Doe of Meredith.

Elizabeth, b. 1833; m. Thomas Smith. Their son, Charles. (See Smiths.)

Lyman F., 1837–1913; m. Mar. 31, 1860, Laura S. Smith, who d. 1920, she dau. of Daniel P. Smith and wife of Meredith Center. Their children (from Bible records of Mrs. Elizabeth (Veazey) McCartney):

Albion A., b. Mar. 31, 1861; m., Feb. 3, 1897, Alma L. Sleeper, who d. 1920, of Bristol, she dau. of Roswell Blake and wife, Sarah M. Dickson.

Frank L., 1866–1895.

May Belle, 1869–1903; m. 1825 William H. Fifield.

L. Grace, b. Apr. 9, 1874; m. Herbert Plummer in 1894. Their son, Merton, b. 1896, m. Ethel G. Warner. Their children: Warner M. Plummer, b. 1925; Laura A. Plummer, m. Frank Wilkey, Jr., in 1924. They have a son, Richard F. B. Wilkey, b. Aug. 14, 1925.

Elizabeth, b. Nov. 29, 1876; m. Homer C. McCartney in 1899. Their dau., Pauline Elizabeth, b. 1900, m. Louis K. Felker. Their son, Kenneth L. Felker, b. Mar. 18, 1919.

Sarah E., b. Oct. 18, 1879, in Meredith.

Hosea Q., b. June 30, 1840, lives in Warren; m. Georgiana Taylor, b. in Laconia. A son, Byron, b. June 13, 1875, m. 1897 Leila May Whitcher, dau. of Charles A. Whitcher and wife, Mary Ellen Batcheldor. They have a dau. Margaret, b. in Bristol.

John L., b. July 17, 1844; m. Emma Chase of New Hampton, she dau. of James Chase and wife, Susan Chase. Their dau., Iva Pearl, b. 1872, m. Walter Turner of Laconia. John L., m., second, 1888, Julia A. Foss of Campton.

As gravestones in a small yard with Deacon Daniel Veazey and wife, Betsey (Smith) Veazey: Charles M., 1846–1849; Elbridge O., 1852–1854.

From state vital records: Daniel Veazey, aged 65 years, of New Hampton married in 1869 Widow Melisa Yeaton, aged 49 years, of Tamworth. She had sons, Nathaniel and Rufus Yeaton, by her first husband.

Deacon Daniel Veazey and wife, Betsey Smith, daughter of Ebenezer Smith and wife, Abiah Stevens, had a son, John L. Abiah Stevens was a daughter of Peter Stevens and wife, Molly Pillsbury. Peter Stevens, a Revolutionary soldier, was a son of Samuel Stevens and wife, Susanna Griffin.

Gravestone Inscriptions

On the Old Farm of Daniel Veazey, the Revolutionary soldier

Deacon Daniel Veazey died November 13, 1840, aged 88 years. Judith, wife of Deacon Daniel, died May 14, 1832, aged 82 years.

Other Old Yard Inscriptions on Another Farm

Nicholas Veazey died June 19, 1806, aged 24 years. His wife, Betsey Edgerly (of Gilmantown), Nicholas Veazey's widow, married, second, Benjamin Copp (there buried), died June 9, 1871, aged 90 years.

Sally Veazey died March 28, 1868, aged 87 years. (Probably daughter of Daniel and Judith (Smith) Veazey.)

Elisha Veazey died December 8, 1846, aged 54 years, 6 months, 14 days. He married Lucinda Randlett, September 15, 1841. Both of Meredith.

Noah D., son of Elisha Veazey and his wife, Alice (Ellis), died May 27, 1810, aged 20 years.

Mary Veazey, wife of George Veazey, died February 5, 1901, aged 75 years, 5 months.

Stones in Another Old Yard

Simeon Veazey died May 21, 1870, aged 74 years. Polly, his wife, died September 26, 1871, aged 79 years. Children: Lavina and Mary, who married George Hadley.

Amos K. Veazey, who married Laura Smith, had a daughter born in 1868.

Elisha Veazey of New Hampton married Alice Dolloff of Meredith, December 2, 1810. They had a son, Thomas D., who died July 3, 1887, aged 73 years.

Wilber E. Veazey of New Hampton married Alice Moulton (born at Holland, Vt.) at Meredith Center in 1872.

Simeon Veazey married Polly Denfris, December 25, 1817, both of New Hampton.

Simeon Veazey married Polly Durgan, born in Holderness. He had a son, Daniel, who died March 18, 1889, aged 58 years.

Elisha Smith Veazey died June 18, 1890, aged 79 years, at Whitefield, a lumberman, son of Elisha and Lucinda Randlett.

Gustavous Veazey had a daughter born March 7, 1872, in Meredith.

Thomas Veazey married Marion G. Dolloff, June 14, 1835, both of Meredith.

Amos Veazey, 1837, son of Thomas D. and Irena Dolloff, both of Meredith Center, buried at Meredith Center.

Elisha Veazey of New Hampton, who married Alice (Ellis)

Dolloff, had a daughter Mahala D., who married Jeremiah C. Smith. Jeremiah had a son, Arthur, 1845, who lives in Laconia. Mahala D. (Veazey) Smith is buried on Mrs. Baker's lot in Bayside at Lakeport.

THE VITTUMS OF MEREDITH

Where They Came From and What Became of Them

By David Vittum

A book has been published by western descendants of this family under the title of "The Vittum Folks," which gives a very complete history of the race, consisting of nearly 2,000 persons, and from this list I have compiled such facts as apply to those of my ancestors who migrated to the town of Meredith in early days. I was the last to leave the town and perhaps may be able to give some satisfactory account of their origin and history.

From the first settler of the race in this country to the time of my birth there have been seven generations (I am of the seventh). The first emigrant was from France, of that noble race known as Huguenots, but by marrying in the succeeding generations with those other nationalities, particularly with the English, I find myself one-half English of the lines of Beedes and Foxes, one-fourth Scotch of the Gordon line and one-fourth French Huguenot. These were honorable races, but after recounting the almost unbelievable sufferings from persecution my heart goes out to my French ancestors with fervor.

Many others have been in exactly my position in this particular, and among them I am proud to note the names of Paul Revere, Peter Faneuil, Richard Dana, James Bowdoin, Francis Marion, John Jay, Alexander Hamilton; the poets Thoreau, Longfellow and Whittier; Matthew Vassar, Thomas A. Bayard, President Garfield, Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin, General Fremont, Admiral Schley, Admiral Dewey and Theodore Roosevelt.

On arriving in America, my ancestor settled in Hampton, N. H. He had escaped from France on account of the persecutions emanating from the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and a penalty of death awaited him if caught. He brought with him

his wife, who was French, and bore the name Jeane. There were also two children, Tabitha and William. Whether these children were born in France or in some other country while in hiding is uncertain.

We will call this first ancestor William Vittum 1st. His name in France was, without doubt, Guillaume Vieuxtemps, but it was the custom of the Yankees to spell names as they sounded, and they commenced to write it Vittom. It seems to be a habit of the Huguenots to accept and adopt such transformation, and this was the case with my ancestor. His son spelled it Vittum, as it has been spelled since. His history from the best information obtainable is as follows:

William Vittum 1st was born in France, date unknown; married to Jeane somewhere between 1685 and 1690; settled in Hampton, N. H., somewhere between 1690 and 1695. Tabitha was born before reaching this country. William Vittum 2d was born about 1695. William 1st died between 1717 and 1727. Jeane Vittum, his wife, died in 1737.

William Vittum 2d was married on December 17, 1715, to Abigail Lane, who was born in Boston. They had several children, of whom William Vittum 3d was born July 7, 1728.

William Vittum 3d, when 18 years of age, joined the Colonial Army in their campaign against the French at Cape Breton. He was married December 17, 1747, to Sarah Page. He remained with his father at Vittum's Corner in Hampton until his migration to Sandwich. They had six children born in Hampton and three in Sandwich. The date of this migration was 1768. William 2d, after the death of his wife, moved to Sandwich to spend the remainder of his days with his son, William 3d. He died and was buried in their garden, but after the cemetery was opened on Vittum Hill his body was taken up, and was the first Vittum to be buried in the new cemetery.

William Vittum 4th was born September 15, 1750. He was in the Revolutionary War and married Elizabeth Jewell, by whom he had several children, among whom was David (my grandfather).

David Vittum was born in Sandwich, January 29, 1790. He lived with his parents until maturity, when he married Dolly Beede, who was born January 16, 1787. She was of English descent and was one of the lines of Beedes who had settled in Sand-

wich. One of these lines sent three families to Meredith: Hanson Beede living on Plymouth Street and who for several years was sheriff of Belknap County; James Beede, who was for many years station agent of the B., C. & M. Railroad and Daniel Beede, who was a popular hotel landlord, running the Meredith Tavern on the Main Street Hill. These men called my grandmother Aunt Dolly, and I think were quite nearly related.

To David and Dolly were born eight children, all of whom lived a portion of their lives in Meredith. Their names were: George, Delwin, David Sands, Josiah Shepard (my father), Lindley Murray and Benjamin Franklin; also three girls, Asenath E., Caroline M. D., and Patience B. In 1830 my grandfather moved with his family to Meredith Neck, on the farm which is reached by a lane near the present Community Club House. He had learned the shoemaking trade, and as his children grew up he moved into the village and carried on his trade, which was then known as the cobbler's trade. I am sure he lived for a time in the Thomas Lang house on Water Street, but later built his home on High Street. This was the second house from the Baptist Church on the left. When the Freewill Baptist Church was established he was chosen as one of the first deacons. All eight children were so well known that it will be of interest to many to know what became of them.

George Delwin Vittum was born February 20, 1812. At manhood he went to Ashland, N. H., where he married Caroline C. Perkins, and for a time resided in that place. After this he moved to Dover, and began a mercantile life running a store in that city. After this he moved to Boston and became a member of the firm of Vittum, Wentworth and Faxon; Shapleigh Vittum and Co., and Vittum and Talbot. After a term of years he retired, returning to Ashland where he, with his wife, lived a retired life which culminated in the death of both within a short period.

Asenath E. was born on October 15, 1815, and lived to womanhood in Meredith. She was married to Stephen Bartlett in 1836 and they moved to Bristol, Vt., where Mr. Bartlett began the manufacture of plows under the firm name of Bartlett & Cain. When I was a boy the Bartlett plow was commonly seen on Meredith farms.

David Sands Vittum was born on October 21, 1820, moving to Meredith at the age of ten years. On reaching manhood he at-

tended Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1845, and was the first Vittum in America to receive a degree. He studied law in Laconia and was admitted to the bar in 1847, practicing in Laconia and Meredith for four years, after which in 1851 he moved and settled in Baraboo, Wis. He served in both branches of the Wisconsin Legislature. He enlisted in the Wisconsin Cavalry in the Civil War, was made captain and by promotion became colonel. He was interested in manufacturing; was the head of the Baraboo Woolen Mills and the Baraboo National Bank. He was master of a Masonic lodge and, at the time of his death in 1880, was grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. He was married, first, to Mary Elizabeth George Hall and had one son; after her death he married her sister, Amanda Page Hall, by whom he had two sons.

Patience Vittum was born October 26, 1823. She was married and lived in Meredith, her husband being John B. Towle. I am sure that he was connected with Charles and Levi Towle, and that at his death his body was buried in the family burial lot on the Charles Towle farm. They had two sons, both born in Meredith, and I remember their living in the house recently occupied by Mrs. John S. Roberts. After the death of her husband she, with her children, moved to Bristol, Vt. She died at Brooklyn, Wis., in April, 1891.

Caroline M. D. Vittum was born September 15, 1815.* She moved to Baraboo, Wis., and was married to Truman Wood. They had two children.

Lindley Murray Vittum was born August 21, 1821. He married Caroline Derby and had three children, one of whom died in infancy and was buried in the Vittum lot in the Plymouth Street cemetery. They moved to Huntington, Vt., and later to Bristol, Vt. One daughter married Ernest Hatch, a prominent musician of Salem, Mass. Their son, A. D. Vittum, became an eminent musician.

Benjamin Franklin Vittum was born September 5, 1827. He moved from Meredith to Dover and was married on July 25, 1851, to Elizabeth Pierce. She was a descendant of the famous Gov-

* These dates were taken from "The Vittum Folks," and some of them must be incorrect, for we find that Asenath was born in just a month from Caroline. This discrepancy is, however, not of vital importance in this narrative.

ernor Wentworth of Colonial days, and was a sister of Thomas Pierce of Topsfield, Mass. They had four children.

Josiah Shepard (my father) was born February 2, 1814. He always lived in Meredith and died June 30, 1862. When he became a young man he attended the school at New Hampton, and part of the time was a clerk in a store there. Sophia Gordon of New Hampton, a descendant of the Clan Gordon of Scotland and of the Fox family of England, married a minister by the name of Mattison, who preached in the Baptist Church in Meredith for a time. He later died and was buried in the Swasey burying ground in Meredith Village. Later the widow became the wife of my father and, of course, my mother. The marriage took place on March 27, 1847. My father entered mercantile life and had a store in what is now the post office. He built the brick house on Water Street and we lived there for years, my brother, John C., and my sister, Grace E., being my seniors by several years. There was a daughter by my mother's first husband, Mary Elizabeth, who was a loved member of our family. She died before I was old enough to remember her, but I have heard many people speak of her almost angelic disposition. There are, no doubt, people living who remember her, two of whom come to my mind as among the possibilities: Mrs. Jane Perkins and Mrs. Wadsworth Coe, now living in Center Harbor.

My father later gave up the store and for years was clerk in other stores. He was for many years town clerk in Meredith.

My grandfather died on June 30, 1862, and we moved to his home on High Street to care for my grandmother.

The old farm on Meredith Neck was sold by my grandfather to a man named Babb, who later sold it to the town of Meredith for a farm where the town paupers were cared for. About 1868–69 the town decided to discontinue the town farm and send the poor to the county farm at Laconia. My father bought the farm and, after repairs and a thorough renovation, we moved there. My grandmother died July 31, 1874, and my father on September 29, 1881.

My mother died at the home of my sister, Grace, who had married Charles Smith and moved to Tilton, September 29, 1890.

I was the last Vittum to leave Meredith. I was married September 25, 1880, to Maria A. Cilley. My daughter, Mar-

gareta, was born in Meredith, April 18, 1884, and my daughter, Helen, in Meredith, February 18, 1888. We are living in Manchester, N. H.

William Vittum

May 14, 1834, William Vittum of Sandwich, Strafford County, N. H., 83 years of age, deposed: That he enlisted in February, 1776, at Moultonboro, N. H., under Lieut. John White, marched to Orford, N. H., "where we put on snowshoes and went (thirty of us) to Onion River. Our officers were Captain Green of Lyme, N. H., Lieutenant Colonel Wait and Colonel Bedel. We crossed Lake Champlain for St. Johns and Chambles to Quebec; we left Quebec in May, having been drove out by the British, and arrived at Sorrel River. There we met General Sullivan and went to fortifying. Sometime in November was dismissed at Ticonderoga after having served eight months or more."

Rev. John Pinkham and William Cogan, both of Sandwich, certified that "it is the general belief in the neighborhood in which William Vittum lives that he has been a soldier in the Revolution, in which opinion we concur."

July 10, 1834, Israel Glines of Moultonborough, Revolutionary pensioner, testified to service in 1776 in the same company with William Vittum, as stated, for eight months.

Hon. Benning M. Bean certified that Israel Glines has lived in same town with him many years, and he believes him to be a creditable witness.

Claim allowed.

March 30, 1835, Paul Wentworth of Sandwich returned the pension certificate of William Vittum with the statement that pensioner received pay for September, 1834, and died a few days after the fourth.

(Only Revolutionary pensioner named William Vittum from any state on file.)

WADLEIGH

In 1630 John Wadleigh was of Saco, Maine. In 1684 Robert, Joseph and John were of Exeter, N. H. Joseph had a son, James, who had seven sons. His sons, James and Joseph, settled in Sanbornton; Enoch and Deaborn in Exeter; John, Simeon and Josiah in Meredith.

From Mrs. Barton's Records

John Wadleigh, 1753–1842, married Molly Fox, 1757–1827. They moved from Epping to Meredith. Their children:

Deaborn, 1778–1853; m. Polly Hayes, dau. of William Hayes and wife, Mary Plummer of Epping.
Polly, b. 1780; m. Gordon Lawrence.
Betsey, b. 1782; m. John Neal, brother of "White Oak Joe."
Hannah, b. 1784; m. Daniel Cass.
Nancy, b. 1787; m. Noah Robinson.
Caroline, b. 1791; m. John Tilton.
Sally, b. 1793; m. Abram Tilton.
Cyrene, b. 1799; m. John Sanborn.

Deaborn Wadleigh had a son, John Wadleigh, 1806–1873, who married Mary Ann (Wentworth) Hanaford, 1810–1866, daughter of Bradley Hanaford, 1775–1869 (buried in Wadleigh yard), who married Anne F. Cheswell, 1782–1859. Anne F. Cheswell, daughter of Wentworth Cheswell, lived in Newmarket. Children of John Wadleigh and Mary Ann (Wentworth) Wadleigh:

Le Roi B., 1833–1918; m. Catherine Pollock.
Martha Abby, 1838–1864; m. G. F. Bricket.
John Deaborn, b. 1849.
Mary Ann, b. 1852; m. Frank P. Leffingwell.

Gen. John D. Wadleigh, 1849–1871, died at West Point, Neb. He married in 1856 Emma A. G. Robinson, daughter of Thaddeus Pulaski Robinson and wife, Eliza Ann (Farnham) Robinson, born at Newmarket, 1824–1907. Their daughter, Jennie Deaborn, born in 1872, lives in Meredith.

The first Wadleigh, as tradition, settled on the present "Green Acres." The descendants settled near there on the "Old Province Road." It is said that every house belonged to a Wadleigh, so that the section was called "Wadleighboro."

Simeon Wadleigh, 1762–1843, settled in the valley west of the road, and was possessed of a good farm. He married in 1785 Abigail Hayes, 1763–1849, daughter of William Hayes and wife, Mary Plumer, a relative of Governor Plumer of Epping. William Hayes was in Sanbornton before 1773. He was one of the first soldiers that went to Charlestown in 1775. Afterward he reenlisted to take the place of his son, William Hayes, who was in poor health and died in service at Ticonderoga. William Hayes left two sons and six daughters. He descended from Robert

Hayes of Ipswich, Mass. Huldah Hayes, 1760–1835, a sister of Abigail Hayes, who married Simeon Wadleigh, is buried beside her sister on the old Wadleigh farm. Children of Simeon Wadleigh and wife, Abigail Hayes:

William P., 1786–1855; m. Lydia, dau. of "Red Oak Joseph" Neal and wife, Nancy Perkins. Their children:
Joseph, m. Lydia Moore. Their children:
Julia, m. William Cole; settled in Swampscott, Mass.
Mary Etta, m. William Severance. Their children: Fred and Leroy.
Simeon, m. Emily Cox. Their two children d.
William, m. Rebecca Ladd.
Nancy, m. Charles Wadleigh.
John, m. Betsey Sanborn. Their children:
Martin L., m. Susan Parker of Meredith in 1845. Their son, Fred, m. Hattie ——— of Battle Creek, Mich. He was a lawyer. They went to California, where he d. They had a dau., Louise, who m. Mathew J. Bedell.
Stephen G., 1789–1863; m., first, Polly Neal, 1794–1825. Their children:
Charles, m. Nancy Wadleigh, his cousin.
Abigail, m. Benjamin Wiggin. Their children:
Stephen, m. Rebecca Smith. Their dau., Abigail Edith.
Edward F., m. Carrie Canney. Their children:
Florence M., m. Edwin H. Burleigh.
Hollis, m., first, Elizabeth Hall; second, ——— ———.
Ethel, single.
Stephen G., m. second, Olive Neal, 1802–1885, sister to Polly Neal. Their children:
Polly, m. Charles Henry Weeks. No children.
Jane, b. 1860; m. John Mead Neal, son of John Neal and wife, Lois Mead, she a dau. of Stephen Mead. (See Neals.)
Olive, 1835–1916; lived single.

James M. Wadleigh, 1762–1843, married Nancy Neal in 1813, daughter of "Red Oak Joseph" Neal and wife, Nancy Perkins. Their children:

John Calvin, m., first, Mary Nealley, a sister to John Nealley; second, Sarah Way. No children.
Nathan B., m. Sarah W. Lang. (See Lang family.)

Martha Jane, m. Newell G. Tilton, son of Daniel Tilton and wife, Sally Clough of Laconia.

John W. Wadleigh married Betsey Sanborn. Their children:

Mary and John d. young.
Marton, m. Susan Parker. Their son, Fred M., m. Hattie Foster of Vermont. They had one dau., Louise.

Nathan B. Wadleigh, son of James M. Wadleigh, 1762–1843, and wife, Sarah W. Lang. Their daughter, Martha Jane, married Newell G. Tilton of Laconia. Their children:

Frances Imogene, m. Dr. George Carpenter.
Emma Jane, m. Lawrence C. Alvord of California.

Nathaniel Wadleigh (as history) came from Candia and settled in Meredith, at head of Pickerel Pond. He was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Trojano, who was a Wadleigh, and lives in the old home. He married, first, Betsey ———; second, Polly H. Ray, December 21, 1819, of Meredith, daughter of Lieut. William Ray and wife, Elizabeth Neal, she a daughter of "White Oak Joseph" Neal and wife, Hannah Smith, she a daughter of Jeremiah Smith and wife, Hannah (Lock) Neal. Mr. and Mrs. Wadleigh were married by Elder Moses Cheney. Nathaniel Wadleigh married in 1827, Nancy Pickering. Children: A daughter married —— Richardson and lives in Laconia; a daughter married —— Peabody. He has seven children by Mary Ray.

Elmira Jane Wadleigh married James Filgate, who came from England. They lived for a time in Manchester; later he bought the Nathaniel Wadleigh homestead. They were the parents of Mrs. Trojano.

James [4] Wadleigh, (James [3], Joseph [2], Joseph [1]), who married Mary Blake, of Epping, born in 1775, moved to Sanbornton in 1782, located on the Daniel Piper farm that had been conveyed to his wife's father, Thomas Blake, and then conveyed to James and John in part. They later divided the land from east to west, and (as history) James took the south half. His son, James, Jr., 1781–1835, married Eunice, daughter of Barachias W. Farnham. He settled on the New Hampton Road in Sanbornton. She married, second, John Folsom, son of Elder Nicholas Folsom of Meredith, who died in 1870, aged 88 years. Their son, James C., 1805–1879, married Hannah Piper Pearsons in 1831, she a daughter of Jethro Pearsons, 1767–1837, and his second wife,

Hannah Smart, who lived on the Jacob Smith farm on Meredith Parade. James C. Wadleigh was a mason and farmer. His great-grandson, born in 1843, was a tailor in Meredith Village for many years. (John Stearns Wadleigh.)

John [5] Wadleigh, 1788–1850, son of James [4], who married Mary Blake, born in 1755 at Epping. He married Sally Taylor, born in 1791, daughter of Jonathan Taylor and wife, Theodosia Gale, she a daughter of John Gale and wife, Susan McCarty. A romantic legend is told of Susan's father. It is written that he was sent away from Ireland when a boy by an aunt, who wished to get possession of a large property that this lad should have inherited. The boy's parents both died and the jealous aunt sent him by a sea captain to countries far away to get rid of him. He was said to have drifted around to many ports and finally landed in Exeter, N. H., after many years. This aunt on her death bed repented of her cruel actions and, after learning where he was, she sent for him. He had married at Exeter, and for some reason did not go back to his old home then. He and his wife went to Sanbornton and settled just west of Franklin, before 1778, in the wooded hills of Franklin, at what was named by him "New Boston," and which has since borne his name. He was called "Dutchman Gale," but his name was McCarty, as was later found out. He died there in 1802. Their children:

Susanna, b. 1763 in Exeter; m. Capt. Aaron Sanborn.
Theodosia, b. 1765; m. Jonathan Taylor in Sanbornton.
John, b. 1767; settled in Holderness.
Daniel, b. 1769; settled in Effingham.
Tudor, b. 1771.
Sally, b. 1773; m. Winthrop True, ancestor of Dr. True.
Patty, b. 1776; m. Theophilus Sanborn, Jr., of Meredith.
Betsey, b. 1779.
Deborah, m. Samuel Sanborn, a brother of Theophilus.

Their third child had a son, John Blake Wadleigh, born in 1829. He married Helen M. Parker, daughter of I. T. Parker. She died and he married, second, Ruthena Tilton, born in 1842, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah D. Tilton and wife, Abigail. Their children:

Oscar Stearns, b. 1865.
John Parker, b. 1869.
Fred Tilton, b. 1870.
Helen Abbie, b. 1872.

Benjamin Wadleigh, who married Hannah Diezon of Sutton. Their son, Simeon, born in 1754, was in the Revolution, enlisting from Epping. He married Dorothy Row, in Canterbury. Their children:

Mary, b. 1752.
Simon Deaborn, b. 1754; m. Nancy D. Smith, dau. of Col. Noah Smith of Gilmanton (Meredith). Their son, Capt. John Smith Wadleigh, m. Ellen Sanborn, dau. of Capt. Winborn A. Sanborn (captain of the boat, "Lady of the Lake") and wife, Lavina (Hoyt) Sanborn of Meredith.

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Polly, b. 1780; m. Gordon Lawrence.
Betsey, b. 1782; m. John Neal, brother of "White Oak Joseph" Neal, who walked up from Stratham by spotted trees to Meredith.
Hannah, b. 1784; m. Daniel Cass; lived on Cass Hill.
Nancy, b. 1787; m. Noah Robinson.
Caroline, b. 1791; m. John Tilton.
Sally, b. 1793; m. Abraham Tilton.
Cyrene, b. 1809; m. John Sanborn. All of Meredith.

Deaborn Wadleigh had a son John, 1806–1873, who married Mary Ann (Wentworth) Hanaford, 1810–1866, she a daughter of Bradley Hanaford, 1775–1869. He was a son of Thomas Hanaford, the Revolutionary soldier, and buried on his old farm in the field, with a single stone in the yard, on the Province Road. Bradley Hanaford is buried in the General Wadleigh yard with his wife's family. Deaborn Wadleigh married Anne F. Cheswell, daughter of Wentworth Cheswell, who lived in New Market. Children of John Wadleigh and wife, Mary Ann (Wentworth) Wadleigh:

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Robinson and wife, Eliza Ann (Farnham) Robinson, born in New Market in 1824, died in New Hampton in 1907 and buried in Meredith Village Cemetery. Their daughter, Jennie Deaborn, born in 1872, lives in Meredith.

Deed from Neal to Wadleigh in 1851: Dexter E. Wadleigh of Dorchester County, Norfolk, Mass., deeded his right and interest in land in second division of land in Meredith to Dexter Wadleigh, by Josiah Wadleigh, ten acres. Dated January 12, 1830, recorded in Strafford County records. Bounded northerly by land of William S. Wadleigh, southerly by land of Dexter E. Wadleigh, easterly by land of William S. Wadleigh and westerly by land of Stephen G. Wadleigh. Signed by Joseph Neal and Lucy Neal. Witnessed by Joseph S. Neal and Lydia A. Neal.

Josiah Wadleigh, 1771–1822, one of the pioneers of Meredith, settled on the Province Road, not far from Ladd Hill. He cleared land and built a part of the so-called Ballard house. He hewed the timbers by hand, as at that time there was no sawmill near by, and shaved the shingles by hand. He married Sally (probably daughter of Joseph Chapman and wife, Phebe). There are three stones in the little yard on his farm. The center one has his name and age, hardly discernible. On one side is a stone with Sally (dates worn off), and the stone on the other side of his is not readable, but is probably their son, Dexter Wadleigh. There are other stones. On one is Joseph Chapman, 1800–1842. His wife, Phebe, 1798–1867. Another stone has William R. Chapman, 1833–1858. His wife, Martha Ann, 1841–1859.

A daughter, Betsey Wadleigh, 1805–1867, married Nathaniel Maloon, 1810–1874. Their daughter, Sophia Wadleigh, 1836–1885, married L. Ballard.

Nathaniel Wadleigh came from Epping. He went to Boston and enlisted in 1781, and was discharged March 12, 1791 (as Revolutionary Rolls, Vol. No. 2). He served as private in Capt. Robert Pike's Company, Col. Joseph Senter's Regiment. He was called "Major" later in life. After his discharge he went to Meredith. Vital records state that he married Polly H. Ray in Meredith, December 21, 1819, daughter of Lieut. William Ray. They were married by Elder Moses Cheney. Their children:

A dau., m. Chase Robinson.
A dau., m. William Farrar.

A dau., m. Allen Peabody.
A dau., m. Green Pickering.
BETSEY, m. Daniel Pickering, June 2, 1820; m., second, —— Richardson.
NATHANIEL, the youngest child.

Nathaniel Wadleigh married, second, Nancy Pickering, December 9, 1827. He died April 4, 1834, at his old home and was buried in the first burying ground, opposite the stone pound in Meredith. His home was at the head of Pickerel Pond and his land ran to Great Bay on the west and south to Reuben Morgan's land. After his death the farm was sold. Children:

ANDREW.
MARY ANN, m. Charles Prescott.
JOHN, d. young.

Nathaniel Wadleigh was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Trojano. The farm was sold and for some years was in other hands, but later was bought by James Filgate. Mrs. Trojano was born near the Province Road, but had lived on her great-grandfather's old farm over thirty years in 1926.

Nathaniel Wadleigh [2] married —— ———. Their children:

MARY ROBINSON, m. William Barrett. He was a captain in the Civil War.
ELIZA, m. Plumer Cheswell in 1845. They lived at Barrington; m., second, William Thompson.
ISAAC N., m. Abbie ———. He d. at Ludlow, Vt.
ALMIRA JANE, b. 1829; m. James Filgate in 1850 at Manchester. They moved to Meredith. James Filgate came from England. After a time he bought the old home of Nathaniel Wadleigh, his wife's grandfather. James Filgate and wife's children:
  Charles James, b. 1851.
  Mary Elizabeth, b. 1854; m. Enoch Colby, son of Perry Colby of Sanbornton. They had a son, Leroy Goss Colby, b. 1878, who m. Mildred Allen. They had five children. Mary Elizabeth (Filgate) Colby m., second, Dominick Trojano. Their children:
    Isaac Wadleigh, b. Mar. 3, 1884.
    Henry Albert, b. Sept. 16, 1886.
    James Roscoe, b. June 7, 1888.
    Blanch Elizabeth, b. Feb. 21, 1895; m. Albert Magee. One child.
    William Joe, b. Jan. 26, 1889. He was in the World War in France. At one place he slept

with others in the tomb of Bluebeard, where is a sealed room that has never been opened.
Chase Wadleigh.
William, who was named for an uncle, William Farrar, who m. a sister to Nathaniel Wadleigh.
Katherine Wadleigh, m. Amos Tebbetts.
Horace Leroy, m. Hattie ———; died at Ludlow, Vt. Three children.

Edmund Leroy Filgate married Ella Robinson, daughter of Washington Robinson and wife, Abby (Blaisdell) Robinson. Their children:

Levander Nathaniel, m. Eva Jones.
Annie Laurie, m. William Smith, son of Miland Smith.
Henrietta Laura, m. Elmer Moody; second, Robert Nitschke.
William Isaac, went into the Spanish American War, came home and died in a few weeks with malaria.

Mrs. Trojano's great-grandfather, Nathaniel Wadleigh, was in the Revolutionary War. Her grandfather, Nathaniel Wadleigh, had a son, Isaac, who was first lieutenant in the Rebellion. Her father, James Filgate, was in the Mexican War. Her brother, William J. Filgate, was in the Spanish-American War. Her son, William Joseph Trojano, was in the World War in France.

Nathaniel Wadleigh, who was buried in Meredith Bridge Cemetery, lived on Water Street in Laconia. His wife was a sister to Orrin Tebbetts.

Minnie Woodhouse, Mr. Tebbetts' niece, married J. F. Weeks of the *News and Critic* paper. They lived on Gale Avenue.

Nathaniel Wadleigh had a daughter, Ann, who married —— Charles.

Simeon Wadleigh, 1762–1843, a Revolutionary soldier who died in Meredith, married in 1785, Abigail Hayes, 1762–1849. Their children:

William P., m. Lydia Neal, dau. of Richard Neal and wife, Elizabeth Smith Neal, she a dau. of Joseph ("White Oak" Joseph) and wife, Hannah Smith, she a dau. of Jeremiah Smith, 1733–1794 (a Revolutionary soldier) and wife, Hannah Lock, 1737–1815, she a dau. of Deacon William Lock and wife, Hannah Knowles of Rye. They had a dau., Lydia, 1784–1871, who m. William P. Wadleigh, son of Simeon and wife, Abigail Hayes of Sanbornton.
Stephen G., m. Polly Neal; m. second, Olive Neal, sister.

James, m. Nancy Neal; d. 1872. (These were grandparents of Mrs. Hall. Her mother was Martha Wadleigh.)
John F., m. Betsey Sanborn.

WARD

Rev. Jeremiah Ward went into the wilderness, later set off as New Hampton, and cleared a farm. The places were found by spotted trees. He built a log house for a shelter from wild animals and for safety. History tells us that he preached some and was the first settled minister in the town. When he delivered his last sermon he was so feeble that his son assisted him into the pulpit. He was called a good man. His son, Noah Ward, was born in the pioneer homestead and there spent his life. He married Nancy Sanborn. Their children were: Samuel, Aaron, Noah, Sally and Polly.

Benjamin Ward, born in 1806, staid on the homestead. He married Sally, born in 1806, daughter of Simeon Pease of Meredith. Their children were:

Simeon P., who served in the 12th N. H. Regiment of the Civil War.
John F.
George.
Mary A.
Noah Simpson, b. 1837, owns the old Ward homestead. He m. Frances, dau. of Noah Woodman of New Hampton. They had children:
  Charles.
  Clarence E., b. 1874; m. 1897, Ida R. Webster. They reside in Laconia. Their children:
    Everett G., 1901–1918.
    Ralph L., b. 1904; m. Barbara La Mere in 1930.
    Helen W., b. 1906; m. Emerson B. Trask in 1928.

Benjamin Ward, 1806–1857, of New Hampton, married in 1834 Sally, daughter of Simeon Pease and wife, Mehitable (Wedgewood) Pease, 1807–1871, of Meredith. Their children:

Simeon P., 1835–1879.
Noah S., 1837–1899.
John F., 1839–1907.
George, 1841–1902.
Mary Ann. 1845–1870.

Noah Ward, 1837–1899, married Sarah Frances Woodman, 1846–1924, daughter of Noah and wife, Relief Rogers (Woodman) Smith, in 1865. Their children:

Charles S., b. 1865; m. Mary E. Greenfield of Rochester. Their children:
Jasper Greenfield, b. 1897.
Richmond Earle, b. 1900.
Vernon Charles, b. 1903.
Clarence E., b. 1874; m. 1897 Ida Rosetta Webster of Meredith. Their children:
Everett Gilman, 1901–1918.
Ralph Lester, b. 1904.
Helen Frances, b. 1906; m. 1928 Emerson B. Trask of Laconia.

WATSON

David Watson went to Gilford from Meredith. He cleared some land in 1798 on Gunstock River near what is now called Gilford. He had sons:

Jonathan, b. in Gilford; moved to Meredith.
Job, b. 1781 in Meredith; m. Elizabeth Fish, she b. 1792. Their children:
Eliza.
Sarah, m. John Smith.
Nancy, m. Thomas Smith; she d. 1896.
Mercy.
David.
John P., 1826–1887, b. in Gilford; studied and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister; was a great student.
Elizabeth, m. Frank Malone.
Laura, m. Moses Merrill.
William, m. Mary E. Emerson. They had six children: Nellie E., Charles, Winifred, Abbie, Willie and Alice.
Charles.
{ Samuel / Orren } twins.

Willis Guy Watson, born November 19, 1874, was an adopted son of John Watson and wife, Hannah Elizabeth (Clifford) Watson, she a daughter of William Clifford, born in Sanbornton.

John Watson was a son of William Watson, who had children: Jacob, Andrew, Daniel, John, Margaret, who married —— Freeze of Tuftonboro; Mehitable married Oliver Leach of Moultonboro;

Sarah married Stephen Wentworth of Center Harbor; Hannah married Tobias Trafton of York, Maine; Daniel married Mehitable Watson, a cousin of Pittsfield, and lived there.

William Clifford came from Sanbornton, a relative of Thomas Mason, who was blind.

W. G. Watson married Nettie Webster, born in Laconia on the Crocket farm, now owned by the State School. She was born in 1876, a daughter of Jacob Gilman Webster and wife, Eliza Jones Smith, of Sandwich. Their son, Raymond Leroy Watson, born in 1898, married Mary Clark, daughter of David Henry Clark and wife, Ada (Grant) Munsey, she of Gilford, but lived in Meredith after marriage.

John Watson and William Clifford are buried in Meredith Village yard.

Inscriptions on stones: James C. Clifford, 1816–1903; his wife, Nancy C., 1816–1911; Alfred G., 1859–1900; Sophia Leavitt, 1855–1917; William G., 1840–1909.

Mary Ann (Clifford) Smith, daughter of William and wife, Rhoda Clifford, born in Gilford (now Weirs), February 7, 1830, lived for some years at Meredith Bridge. She married in 1830 George W. Smith of Sandwich, where they lived until 1893, then they bought the Rowe farm on Cotton Hill and lived there until he died in 1902. She later made her home with her son, Freeman G., some two miles from Meredith, until she passed on in 1907. When they lived near Laconia they were active members in the Methodist Church. They have four children buried in Union Cemetery, Laconia.

John Watson lived on the road opposite the "Roller Coaster Road" that runs to the Lake above the Weirs. He was 80 years old when he died. He had lived in Old Meredith, now Laconia, about forty years, was a successful farmer, of strict integrity, upright in his dealings and respected by all who knew him. He is buried in Meredith Village yard.

WEBSTER

John Webster of Ipswich, Suffolk County, England, born about 1614, died in 1646, settled in Ipswich, Mass. He was made a freeman in 1635, and married Mary Shatswell. They were

grandparents of Hannah Dustin of Indian fame through their daughter, Hannah Webster, who married Michael Emerson and settled in Haverhill, Mass. Their children:

JOHN, b. 1633 at Ipswich, Mass.; m. Anna Batt.
MARY, m. John Emery in 1648.
HANNAH, m. Michael Emerson.
STEPHEN, b. 1638; m. Hannah Ayer in 1663.
ELIZA.
ABIGAIL.
ISRAEL, b. 1644; m. Elizabeth Brown; m., second, Elizabeth Lunt.
NATHAN, b. 1646; m. Mary Hazeltine.

Hannah Webster, daughter of John Webster and wife, Mary (Shatswell) Webster, married in 1656 Michael Emerson, son of Thomas Emerson and wife, Margaret Frol, in the parish of Codney, Lincolnshire, England. They settled in Haverhill, Mass. They had fifteen children. Among them was Hannah Webster, who married Thomas Dustin, and who saw one of her infants killed by Indians when they captured her and took her up the Merrimac River. Later she killed the Indians, scalped them, carried the scalps back with her and got free.

Nathan Webster, born in 1646, son of John Webster and wife, Mary Shatswell, had a son, Nathan, who married Mary ———. Their son, Nathan, married Martha Blaisdell. Their son, Nathan, married Elizabeth Clifford. Their son, Rev. Josiah, married Elizabeth Knight. Their son, Eliphalet Knight, married Emily Webster, daughter of Col. Ebenezer Webster, and Daniel Webster's youngest sister.

Ebenezer Webster (John [1], Stephen [2], Stephen [3], Ebenezer [4], Ebenezer [5]), born in 1744 at Haverhill, Mass., died at Pelham, N. H., in 1823. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He married in 1770 Rebecca Baldwin; married, second, Martha Baker; married, third, in 1778, Elizabeth Bradford of Beverly, Mass., born in 1754, died in 1845. Their children by Rebecca Baldwin: Sarah, Ebenezer and Rebecca. Children by third wife, Elizabeth Bradford, married in 1778: Roxanna, Betsey, Asa, John, Nancy, Sally and Isaac, 1787–1859, who married Sybil Kelley, 1788–1868. The eighth child was Rebecca. Others were Mary, Catherine, William G., Harriet and Benjamin, making thirteen children by Elizabeth Bradford.

Isaac Webster, born in 1787, married Sybil Kelley. He was the first Webster who settled in Meredith in the Edgerly district. He was buried in 1859 in the old Plumer yard, later called the Pickering place. Their children:

Moses, b. 1814 in Meredith; m. Mary Dolloff, dau. of Samuel Dolloff and wife, Mary Dolloff. Moses Webster d. at Center Harbor in 1898.
John, m., first, —— ——; second, Sarah Harper.
Samuel.
Isaac.
Mary, m. Samuel Dolloff; buried in Plumer yard.
Maria A., d. 1852, aged 40 years.
Belinda P., d. 1857, aged 32 years.

Moses Webster, son of Isaac Webster and Sybil Kelley, born in 1814, married Mary Dolloff, born in 1813. Their children:

Amos D., 1833–1909; m. Julia Merrill in Meredith.
Moses Gilman, 1835–1920; m. 1860 Hannah Smith, dau. of John Smith and wife, Mary Mudgett. Their children:
Marietta, 1861–1883; m. 1881 Alonzo Corliss; d. 1884.
Daniel F., 1864–1897; m. Alice M. Lincoln.
Edith E., b. 1868; m. Francis J. Robinson in 1889.
Nellie E., b. 1871; m. Herbert W. Cox.
Ida Roberta, b. 1874; m. Clarence Ward.
Emma Jane, b. 1876; m. Edwin Bickford of California.

Isaac Webster, born December 17, 1787, died in 1859, married Sybil Kelley, 1788–1868. Their children:

Polly H., b. Sept. 12, 1812.
Moses, b. Dec. 28, 1814; d. 1878.
Isaac, b. Apr. 16, 1817; m. Wealthy Chase, father of George M. Webster.
Phebe, b. Mar. 14, 1819; d. 1820.
Sybel F., b. June 1, 1821; d. 1862.
Samuel K., b. Mar. 1, 1823; d. 1902.
Belinda P., b. Mar. 23, 1825.
Rebecca and Betsey, b. Mar. 23, 1827.
John A., b. May 13, 1830; d. 1903.

Isaac Webster, son of Isaac and Sybil Kelley, born in 1817. His wife, Wealthy A. Chase. Their children:

George M., b. Jan. 29, 1848; m. Etta Sanborn; lives in Laconia.
Aaron C., b. June 9, 1851.

Isaac Webster married, second, Widow Hannah (Perkins) ———. They had two children who died young.

From the old Chase Bible, Published in 1855

John Chase lived in the Edgerly settlement in Meredith. He was born September 23, 1786. His wife, Sally Leavitt Chase, was born March 26, 1790. Their children:

Luther, b. Apr. 26, 1811.
Aaron, b. May 16, 1814.
William, b. May 15, 1816.
John, b. Oct. 14, 1818.
Stephen, b. Mar. 17, 1821.
Wealthy, b. Dec. 9, 1823; m. Isaac W. Webster of Meredith.
Maria, b. Dec. 8, 1826.
Hosea, b. Jan. 9, 1832.

SMITH

John Smith, born in 1792, married Mary Mudgett, born in 1798. Their children:

Priscilla M., b. 1818; m. —— Cotton; second, —— Downing; third, —— Eastman.
Timothy, b. 1821; d. 1822.
Mary, b. 1823.
Esther, b. 1825; d. 1844.
Abigail, b. 1828.
Huldah P., b. 1829; m. Hiram Bixby; buried in Swazey yard, Meredith.
John, b. 1831.
Benjamin M., b. 1833; gave the Meredith Library.
Lavina, b. 1835.
George S., b. 1837.
Hannah, b. 1842; m. Moses Gilman Webster, mother of Mrs. Ward.

WEBSTER

Hannah Webster married Michael Emerson. Their daughter, Hannah Emerson, married Thomas Dustin of Indian fame.

John Webster was one of the first settlers in Ipswich, Suffolk County, England. He was a freeman in 1635, and married Mary Chatswell. Their son, Stephen, 1638–1694, a freeman in 1668, married Hannah Ayer, born in 1676. Their son, Stephen, 1672–1748, married Mary Cook. Their son, Ebenezer, born in

1711, married Mehitable Kimball of Bradford, Mass. Their son, Ebenezer, 1744–1823, married Rebecca Baldwin. He was the father of Isaac Webster, 1787–1859, who married Sybil Kelley, 1788–1868. Their son, Moses, 1814–1898, married Mary Dolloff, daughter of Samuel Dolloff and wife, Mary ———. Their son, Moses Gilman, 1835–1920. His daughter, Edith Eldora, born August 4, 1868.

Moses Gilman Webster, born in 1835, son of Moses Webster and Mary Dolloff, married April 7, 1860, Hannah Smith, daughter of John Smith and wife, Mary Mudgett Smith. Children of Moses Gilman Webster and wife:

Marrietta, b. 1861; m. Alonzo Corliss, 1881–1883.
Daniel Frank, 1864–1896; m. Alice Lincoln of Haverhill in 1889.
Charles Gilman, 1866–1867.
Edith E., b. 1868; m. Francis S. Robinson.
Ida Roberta, b. 1874; m. Clarence Ward in 1897.
Nellie E., b. 1871; m. Herbert Cox in 1893.
Emma Jane, b. 1876; m. Edwin Bickford in 1899.

Moses Webster and wife, Mary Dolloff, born in 1813. Their children:

Amos D., b. 1833; m. Mary Smith, sister of Benjamin Smith, who donated the library.
Moses G., b. 1835.
John F., b. 1841.
George H., b. 1847.
Martha A., b. 1849.
Almira, b. 1855.
Ella Annette, b. 1858.

Isaac Webster, 1785–1858. Children:

Polly W., b. 1812.
Moses, 1814–1898; m. Mary ———, who d. 1896.
Isaac, b. 1817.
Phebe, 1819–1820.
Sibel F., 1821–1868.
Samuel K., 1823–1902.
Balinda T., 1825–1859.
Rebecca and Betsey, b. 1827.
John A., 1830–1903; m. Lucietta Piper in 1859; m., second, Sarah Harper in 1865.
Maria A., 1822–1862.
Lucietta A., d. 1854.

John Webster married Lucietta Piper in 1859. Their daughter, Carrie E., married John F. Pickering in 1883. Their children:

Ervin F., b. 1883; m. Amy Hawley in 1907.
Clarence E., b. 1888; m. Lois Hawley; second, Elfleda Taylor.
Stella L., b. 1891; m. Frank M. Mudgett in 1910. Two children.
Lewis E., b. 1892.
Raymond V., b. 1896.

Olen J. Pickering married Lelia L. Rand in 1910.

Mrs. Julia A. Webster, who was the wife of Amos D. Webster, was a daughter of Jacob L. Merrill and wife, Mary Smith Merrill of Center Harbor. She was born in Holderness, but lived later in Center Harbor.

WITHAM

The Withams came to Meredith from Nottingham.

Asa Witham, 1819–1899, married Mary B. Fox from Nottingham. She died in 1897. They are buried in Meredith Bridge yard. They lived in Meredith Village. A daughter born in Meredith, Sarah E. Witham, married Frank Ford, born in 1851; lived in Laconia.

Asa Witham moved to Laconia, on Baldwin Street, where his daughter lives. His brothers, who served in the Civil War: Jacob, John, Joseph, Hazen, Bradbury and Peletiah.

A. Witham married Clara J. Hawkins, born at Meredith in 1844 and died at Candia in 1865.

Elizabeth, daughter of Peletiah Witham, married Hillyard Shaw of Chichester. He served in the War of 1812 from Meredith, and is buried near Meredith Center. Their children were: Greenleaf, Elijah, Daniel, and Eliza Shaw, who married Dudley Sanborn Piper, born in 1811. They had seven children.

A daughter, Eliza Jane, married in 1811 Warren Kelley Kimball of Meredith, born in 1844, a son of Thomas J. and wife, Betsey B. (Dolloff) Kimball, who was a son of Joseph Kimball, she a daughter of Samuel Dolloff. Joseph Kimball and wife, Betsey Dolloff, had children:

Elvina, m. John M. Dow of Meredith Center.
Sarah Ann, m. James M. Thompson of Laconia.
Betsey Frances, m. Curtis L. Moore of Center Harbor.

Warren Kelley Kimball and wife, Eliza Jane Piper, had children:

Nettie Eldora, m. Lester Flanders. They reside in Manchester.
Herman Leroy.
Frank Blake.
Irville Warren.

WEDGEWOOD

John [1] Wedgewood was one of fourteen among the twenty-four men from Ipswich, Mass., in 1637 to join the Salem men under Captain Trask to help protect against the Indians. From an old diary kept by Robert Perkins: "John Wedgewood helped chase a set of Indians into a swamp. The men returned with scars, but saved many lives of white people." His will probated April, 1655, mentions five children, the oldest, John [2], born before 1654, was one of the first settlers of Hampton. He went there with Rev. Stephen Bachilor, from Massachusetts.

John [3] Wedgewood, born before 1700, lived at North Hill and declared the peaceable intention of the North Hill parish in 1739. In 1759 he was one of the petitioners for the bridge at Newmarket. He was one of the original proprietors of Gilmanton in 1727 (a part of what is now Meredith).

His son, John Wedgewood, born in 1733, married Molly Pike, daughter of Robert Pike and wife, Elinor Perkins. They lived a while in Newmarket. His will, dated 1736, named legatees: Abigail, wife of Abram Bennick; Mary, wife of Benjamin Glidden; Catherine, Ann and Salome, single; Sarah, wife of Samuel Richards.

John Wedgewood, Jr., was in Newmarket in 1738. His wife in 1764 was Elizabeth (Mathais) Wedgewood. He signed the Association Test in 1776 at Leavitts Town (Effingham).

In 1853, as Belknap County records at Laconia, John Wedgewood wills his land and property to his son, John True Wedgewood, under 14 years old, "he to have the property if he lives to be 21 years old; if he dies it goes to his brothers, Samuel and Jeremiah, and their heirs." Witnesses: Russell S. Doe, Moses C. Pease and Elbridge G. Knowles. Thomas C. Hart of Meredith was appointed executor.

John Wedgewood died at Lowell, Mass., July 24, 1718.

Simeon Pease married his daughter, Mehitable Wedgewood, in Meredith. She died September 13, 1840.

John Wedgewood married Moley Drake. She died August 21, 1823. He died July 24, 1798.

Jeremiah Wedgewood died November 21, 1826.

Anna Wedgewood died January 5, 1838.

Nathaniel Gilman Wedgewood died in 1862.

WEEKS

"The old Brick House," said to be one of the oldest in New Hampshire, stands on the Weeks farm, a little west of the Parade in Greenland. It is said to be 36 feet long and 22 feet wide. The walls of the lower story are 18 inches thick and it was formerly used as a protection from the Indians. The bricks were burned in different shades and colors, which makes the building spotted. History states that an earthquake in 1755 caused a crack in the wall, but later it was filled with cement. The lower story is 8½ feet high, and the second story is 8 feet high. The timbers were all hewed by hand and are 12 by 14 inches. The sleepers used are of red oak, 10 inches in diameter, and some of them still have a little bark on them. There has been some discussion about the age of the house, but one point seems prominent. Col. Jeremiah Folsom was born in the house in July, 1719, before it was finished. The Weeks Genealogy states that it was built by Capt. Samuel Weeks in 1710/12. We called at the old homestead in 1926 and the occupant stated that he was of the tenth generation that had lived there by the name of Weeks, and no papers or deeds had been made or passed down since the original grant of land was given.

From inscriptions on Weeks stones in Gilford, ancestors of Dr. Wiley: Capt. Benjamin Weeks, 1749–1829, one of the pioneers of Gilford, who was buried on the old homestead in Gilford. Daniel Weeks, 1775–1853. His wife, Hannah Weeks, 1779–1852. A daughter, Hannah G. Weeks, 1822–1842.

History states that the descendants of Leonard Weeks came from Wells, Somersetshire, England. A. M. Haines, Esq., wrote that in 1886 he found this entry: "Baptized, 1639, August 7th, Leonard, son of John and Anne Wyke of Moreton." This was taken from the Compton, Martin, register in Somerset County,

situated on the "Chew" River that empties into the Avon River, England.

History states that there were many people spelling their name Weeks in different ways. One instance in 1619 records the burial of Thomas Weeks, alias Collins, who took the name of his mother in preference to that of his father. (The same was true of the father of John Folsom, born in Hingham, England, who signed his name, "Adam Foulsam, alias Smith.")

As history, Leonard Weeks came to Portsmouth, N. H., and settled in the sub-division called Greenland, about 1660, lived on Captain Champernoon's farm one year, and received grants of land later and settled on them. In 1667 he married Mary, daughter of Deacon Samuel Haines, a neighbor. He soon became prominent in business, and in 1669 he helped to lay out a road in Greenland and "Bloody Poynt." They raised eight children. From these children many branches have scattered and gone in many directions. Some of the branches went to Meredith and near-by towns.

Phineas [4] Weeks (Leon [3], James [2], Leon [1]), born in 1745, was a cooper in Greenland and removed to Loudon. Among his children was Abram [5], who married and settled in Meredith. His children:

John [6] Henry, 1832–1878, born at New Haven; m. 1854 Araminta D. Robinson of Meredith. Their children:
Fred R., 1855–1856.
John Henry was an engineer.
David.
Frederick.
Sarah.
Mary Elizabeth.
Mary Emeline.

The above all passed in 1886. The remaining five children of Phineas went elsewhere.

Joanna [4] Weeks, baptized 1751, daughter of Mathais Weeks. He was born in 1708 at Greenland, married Sarah (Sanborn) (Ford) Weeks, and late in life followed his children to Gilmanton. Joanna married Levi Folsom, 1753–1844; lived in Tamworth. They had nine children.

Their third child, John Folsom, born in 1814, married in 1839

Mary P. Swasey of Meredith. He was a lawyer in Missouri, and died there in 1845.

Joanna's brother, Mathais Weeks, Jr., born in 1740, married at Exeter in 1760 Judith, daughter of Dudley Leavitt of Exeter, born in 1741. He was a tanner. In 1778 he removed to Gilmanton, where she died in 1810. He died in 1821, aged 81 years. They had fourteen children.

Another brother of Joanna was Benjamin (called Esquire), born in 1749, moved to the lower parish of Gilmanton and in 1787 moved to Gilford. In 1774 he married Sarah Weed of Sandwich, born in 1755, died at Gilford in 1829. They had seven children. He was a man held in high esteem and owned much land.

Deacon Noah Weeks, another brother of Joanna, born in 1754, was married by his brother, Rev. Samuel Weeks, at Gilmanton in 1782 to Betsey Elizabeth Meed, 1759–1825. They were called a good family.

Benjamin [4] Weeks, son of Mathais, 1751–1829, married Sarah Weed of Sandwich. They lived in Gilford. Their children:

Isabella [5], b. 1804 at Portsmouth; m. Morrill Thing in 1828 at Gilford.

Julia M., m. 1829 Benjamin Frank, son of Capt. Frank. Five sons.

George William [5], m. 1838 Mehitable, dau. of Capt. B. Weeks. Their children:

Winfield Scott, m. 1866 Clara M. Philbrick; b. 1847.

George W., m. Mary Sinclair of the Lakeside House at Weirs.

Levi R., m. Narcissa Fellows. Three children.

Thomas Benton, m. 1873 Jennie S. Morrill; settled in Laconia. Their children:

Albert Morrill.

George Isaac; settled in Laconia.

John G., m. Sally H., dau. of Capt. Benjamin Weeks in Gilford. Their children.

Carrie E., m. 1847 Charles Swain. Four sons.

John S., b. 1838; m. Lizzie A. Kelley.

Sarah J., m. Sylvester Swain. They went to Illinois.

Lydia A., m. William T. Batchelder.

Mary E., b. 1841; studied medicine; m. 1864 Dr. Barton Munsey. Both physicians.

Hannah G., b. 1843; m. 1863 J. W. Follet. He b. 1838.

Elvira Josephine, b. 1846; m. 1865 Jewell Gove, b. 1838.

Rebecca W., b. 1848; m. 1868 Rev. Fred L. Wiley, b. 1836. Graduated at North Hampton University

School of Medicine in 1882 and settled in Laconia. They had one son, Maurice G., prominent physician.
SUSAN.
EMILY C., m. —— Cummings.
DANIEL.
ALBERT GALLATIN, b. 1819; m. Mary, dau. of Meshek Sanborn.

Noah [5] Weeks (John [4], Mathais [3], Sam [2], Leon), born in 1771 at Greenland, married at Gilmanton in 1793, Sarah Morrill. Their children:

SUSANNA, b. 1794.
HENRY, b. 1796.
SUSANNA, b. 1798.
JOHN S., b. 1799.
NATHANIEL, b. 1802.
NOAH, b. 1804.

From Mrs. Weeks Bible

Noah Weeks, born in Gilford, married Mary Jane Dudley of Meredith Bridge. Their children:

CHARLES HENRY, m. Betsey, dau. of Stephen Wadleigh and sister to John Neal's wife, Jane Wadleigh of Meredith.
BETSEY MARIAH, m. —— Ellis.
ALVA P.
MARY JANE.
ELLEN.
LYMAN N.
ADELINE.
ANNA, m. William Lamprey of Laconia.
SARAH, m. —— Emerson.
HAZEN PRESCOTT.

Hazen Prescott Weeks, born on Liberty Hill in Gilford in 1840, was a son of Noah Weeks and wife, Mary Dudley. He was one of eleven children. He served in the Civil War and after his discharge was a successful farmer. In 1870 he married Mary F. Roberts of Belmont. She was a sister to Mrs. Dana Elliott and also to John L. Roberts of Laconia. Their children:

WALTER SCOTT, d. 1917, a Spanish War Veteran. He m. 1899 Eliza Ann Weeks, b. 1874.
BESSIE EVELYN, b. 1884; m. Benjamin Frank Drake, Jr., of Lakeport.

Another record of Phineas Weeks states that he married Mercy Page and was among the earliest settlers of Meredith.

John S. Weeks, born at Meredith in 1808, died in 1893. When 15 years old, he walked to Boston to get work. He found a job in a brickyard, then learned the carpenters' trade, at which he worked for some years, and then he bought a fish and lobster business at East Boston. In this he prospered and added to his wharfage until he owned seven acres. He married Lydia A. Flanders of New Hampton; married, second, Phebe, daughter of Nathaniel Sanborn and wife, Sally Roberts, who was a daughter of Joseph Roberts of Meredith; buried at the Smith Yard. Their children:

Mary R., m. John Jewell; second, Alvah T. Swain.
Phebe A.
Olive E., m. Langdon Morgan, son of John S. Morgan, who bought the homestead of Reuben Morgan, an old settler. Langdon Morgan and Olive had children: Ida and Everett C., who m. Annie May Cawley.

John S. Morgan married Lottie S. Gilman. Their children were: Convert, Hannah and Benjamin.

John G. Weeks, born in Portsmouth, was a graduate from Gilmanton Academy. He was in business as a hatter in Gilford. He married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Weeks, born in Gilford. They had twelve children.

One daughter, Rebecca Webster Weeks, born in 1848, named for her father's mother, was a relative of Daniel Webster. She married Rev. Frederick L. Wiley in 1868, a minister who adhered to the Free Will Baptist Church. He graduated in 1868 at the New Hampton Theological School. He served in pastorate at several places. His health gave out and he was obliged to give up preaching.

In 1879 Mrs. Wiley went to Boston University and took a three years' course in medicine, graduated in 1882 and had the honor of being the first graduated physician in New Hampshire north of Concord. She was a careful homeopathic physician, and had a large practice. They settled in Laconia, where both practiced.

Their son, Maurice G. Wiley, was born at Sutton, Vt., in 1870, where Rev. Frederick L. Wiley was preaching at the time. After his education he graduated at the Baltimore Medical College. He later settled in Laconia and assisted his mother in her increas-

ing practice. He married in 1904 Mary Josephine, daughter of Ezra A. Page and wife, Emma (McLoughlin) Page of Tilton. (Mrs. Maurice Wiley was born in California.)

Mr. Page was a painter by trade, and his wife, Miss McLoughlin, was born in England. She came with her parents to America when two years of age. There was a family of thirteen children; seven lived to grow up to maturity. One of her brothers ran the McLoughlin Foundry on Fair Street. He died in 1925. Mrs. Wiley's grandfather was Samuel McLoughlin, who married Hannah Davenport in England.

Noah Weeks, 1754–1825, born in Greenland; settled in Gilford in early days. He married Betsey Meade, 1759–1820. They had nine children:

WILLIAM, 1782–1839, settled in Portsmouth; m. Abigail Hubbard.
MARY, 1784–1806.
SALLY, b. 1786; m. Daniel Kelley; settled on Guinea Ridge.
MATHAIS, b. 1788; m. Betsey Thing. They had three children.
ASA, b. 1790; m. Jemina Marston.
BETSEY, 1792–1818; m. Ephraim C. Mason.
HANNAH, 1794–1813.
NOAH, b. 1797; m. Mary Dudley.
ELEANOR, b. 1804; m. John G. Sanborn of Laconia.

Noah Weeks, born in 1797, married in 1820 Mary Dudley. Their children:

BETSEY, m. —— Ellis.
CHARLES H., m. Polly Wadleigh of Center Harbor.
ALVAH T., m. Salina Blanding; settled in Rumney.
MARY J., m. Frank Naton.
LYMAN M., m. Mary A. Thing; settled in Gilford.
HANNAH A., d. young.
NOAH D., m. Emma Jewell; settled in Laconia.
SEREPTA A., m. —— Lamprey.
HAZEN P.
SARAH F., m. Hiram Emerson.

Leonard Weeks, born in England in 1635, came to New England in 1656 and settled in 1660 at Winnicut River, a division of Portsmouth, now called Greenland. He married in 1659 Mary, daughter of Deacon Samuel Haines. Their son, Samuel, born at Greenland in 1670.

Their son, Mathais Weeks, 1708–1777, born at Greenland.

His son, Benjamin, 1749–1829, born at Greenland. In early life he moved to Gilmanton (later set off as Gilford) and there he bought 200 acres of land. He was called "Squire Ben." He lived for a time in a log house, until he could build a frame house, which he made of split planks, four inches thick and locked together; later he built a modern two-story house. He was a genial and popular man in his deportment and kept an open house, where no one was turned away for want of help. He had a tannery which, with his farming and other business, required several helpers. He married Sally Weed, who was a bright, cheerful helper. They raised seven children, who were all well educated.

ELISHA, m. Miss Potter of Gilford. They had three children.
DANIEL, m. Hannah Gale of Salisbury, Mass.
BENJAMIN, JR., 1788–1863, b. in Gilford. He was owner of the mine of iron ore, near Mount Belknap. He married Betsey Hoitt. Their children were: Hazen, Franklin, Sarah, Mehitable, Thomas, Harriet, Nathan and Betsey.

Hazen Weeks married Prudence Sleeper.

Franklin Weeks married Julia Weeks. They had children: Charles, Francis, Julia A., Ellen, George F., Henry and Parker.

Sarah Weeks married John G. Weeks. Their children were: Caroline, John H., Sarah, Lydia Ann, Josephine, Rebecca, Rufus and Clara.

Mehitable Weeks married George W. Weeks. Their children were: Scott, George W., Jr., a hotel keeper, and Levi R.

William Weeks, 1812–1878, had over 300 acres of land. He filled many offices of trust. He married Eliza, 1811–1880, daughter of Elijah Hutchinson of Gilmanton. Their children were:

ELIZABETH, m. James R. Morrill.
LEWIS, d. in Nevada.
WILLIAM HARRISON, m. 1866 Mary G., dau. of William Potter.
OREN H., m. Arvilla Page; lived in the old home.
ANNETTE, m. Edwin Munsey.
FRED, m. Laura Gilman of Providence, R. I.
ARTHUR, m. Carrie Robinson.
RUFUS, m. Luella Hoitt.

The children of Oren H. Weeks and Arvilla (Page) Weeks were: Natt H. of Providence, R. I.; Julia A., who married Ansill Gove; Millie F. and William Stark.

Benjamin Weeks settled at Gilford in 1792. He bought land and was a prosperous farmer. Children:

MATHIAS, who read law, but later went into business.
WILLIAM, fitted for college, he was the first from Guilford to graduate from a college. He d. 1810.
SALLY, m. Henry Wadleigh; d. young.
BENJAMIN [2] was given the title of captain. He had nine children; among them was Hazen, who had a son, Benjamin, and William, who had a son, William Harrison.
HAZEN [3], m. Prudence, dau. of Nathaniel Sleeper. She d. aged 52 years. Their children:
John M., left one son, Willis E.
Betsey S.
Harriet, m. Benjamin Gale.
Benjamin, b. 1836, was a prosperous farmer. He m. Hannah (Rollins) White, widow of Llewellyn White.

Phineas and Ebeneezer Weeks bought land in Meredith of Jonathan Bickford in the year 1803, but there is reason to believe that they were there long before that date.

Ebenezer is mentioned as a citizen in 1797, and the first census gives John Weeks and wife, with two sons under 16 years of age. These might have been Phineas and Ebeneezer Weeks.

Phineas was born in 1777. He bought land on the road leading from the Weirs to Meredith and lived in a home just over the Meredith and Laconia line. He married Mercy Page, daughter of Benjamin, and lived there until 1815, when he moved with his family to Weeks Corner, in the town of Laconia. He died August 26, 1843. Children:

EBEENZER, b. June 2, 1802.
PHINEAS, b. June 7, 1803.
ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 28, 1806.
JOHN S., b. Jan. 21, 1808.
SARAH, b. Aug. 29, 1810.
THOMAS, b. May 3, 1812.
GEORGE, b. 1815.

John S., son of Phineas and Mercy (Page) Weeks, was born January 21, 1808, at the old home, near the Laconia-Meredith line, but came to the Weeks farm in town of Laconia when 3

years of age. He lived here until 14 years old and then, with his sole possessions tied in a handkerchief, walked to Boston to work for his uncle, Eben. He then worked in a brick yard and as a carpenter. After some years he bought out a fish and lobster company with wharf at East Boston. He remained in this business all his active life, coming every summer to the old home in Laconia. He was twice married, first to Lydia A. Flanders of New Hampton and, second, to Phebe A. Sanborn, daughter of Nathaniel Sanborn of Meredith. He died at East Boston, April 21, 1893. Children of first wife:

JOHN FRANK, b. Mar. 1, 1834.
ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 26, 1837; d. same year.

John Frank Weeks, born in Boston, March 1, 1834, spent most of his boyhood at the old farm in Laconia, being brought up by his aunt, Sarah, his mother having died when he was 7 years old. He attended school both in Boston and Laconia, graduating at New Hampton. He engaged with his father in the fish business in East Boston, living at 26 Saratoga Street. He also spent much of his time at the old home in Laconia. He married in 1854 S. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Charles Smith and wife, Annis ——. (They are buried in the Washington Smith burying ground (Opeechee)). John Frank Weeks and wife, S. Elizabeth (Smith) Weeks, had two children:

MARY ISABEL, b. Feb. 24, 1857; m. Charles C. Hook. She d. Aug. 5, 1923. Besides her husband, she left a son, Russell W., and a dau. (Mrs.) Hazel E. (Hook) Pratt.
JOHN HERBERT, b. June 1, 1859; m. June 30, 1862, Mary R. Strate, dau. of Asa Strate of Enfield. She d. Nov. 30, 1893. They had one dau., Grace E., b. Aug. 13, 1863, who m. Frank N. Blaisdell and lives at her grandfather's farm. Had one son, Carl Blaisdell.

John Frank Weeks married August, 1901, Mary S. Blaisdell. He died August 8, 1908, at 762 North Main Street, Laconia. She died September 30, 1920.

John Herbert Weeks, born in East Boston, June 1, 1859, received his education in the public schools of that place and at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. He was employed by his father as bookkeeper. Later in life he became a broker. He married Addie Chandler of Plymouth, Mass., by whom he had

three children. She died September 26, 190–. He died in Brookline, Mass., in 1915. Their son, Junior, born October 3, 1883, married and has two children living in Roslindale, Mass.

Noah Weeks, 1754–1825, born in Greenland, was the first Weeks to settle in Gilford. In 1780 he married Betsey Meade, 1759–1820. Their children:

William, 1782–1839; m. Abigail Hubbard; settled in Portsmouth.
Mary, 1784–1806.
Sally, b. 1786; m. Daniel Kelley of Gilmanton.
Matthias, b. 1788; m. Betsey Thing of Gilford.
Asa, b. 1790; m. Jemina Marston.
Betsey, 1792–1918; m. Ephraim C. Mason.
Hannah, 1794–1813.
Noah, Jr., 1797–1872; m. Mary Dudley.
Eleanor, b. 1804; m. John G. Sanborn of Laconia.

Noah Weeks, Jr., was a prosperous farmer and deacon of the Free Baptist Church. He married in 1820 Mary Dudley. Their children:

Betsey M., m. —— Ellis of New York.
Charles H., m. Polly Wadleigh; lived in Center Harbor.
Alvah T., m. Selina Blanding; lived in Rumney.
Mary J., m. Frank Naton; lived in Gilford.
Lyman M., m. Mary A. Thing; lived in Gilford.
Eleanor P., m. Albert Rogers.
Hannah A., d. young.
Noah D., m. Emma Jewell of Laconia.
Serepta A., m. —— Lamprey.
Sarah H., m. Hiram Emerson.
Hazen P., m. Mary F. Roberts of Gilford.
Etta E., m. Dana Elliott of Laconia.

Charles and James were in the machine business for a time.

WELD

Luther Weld, born at Gilford, Vt., in 1803, died at Cohocton, N. Y., in 1861. He was a schoolmaster. He married in 1829, Frances Sargent, 1797–1880, born at Boothbay, Maine. He died in Meredith. Frances Sargent was a daughter of Edward Brown Sargent, 1764–1846, born at Amesbury, Mass. He married in 1795 Sally Parsons, 1775–1847; she was born at Rockport,

Mass. Luther Weld had a daughter, Frances Eliza, born at Boothbay, Maine, March 23, 1831, and died in 1906 at Beres, Ky.

Albert Weld, son of Elmer F. Perkins and wife, Annie M. Perkins, born August 19, 1900, died August 19, 1900.

WENTWORTH

Among the old "Rambles," one tells of Governor Wentworth losing his wife and three sons while he was in office in 1759. He, being very lonely, saw a young lady, Molly Pitman, to whom he took a fancy and proposed marriage to her, but she was more interested in a mechanic by the name of Shortridge and married him in preference to being a governor's wife. The governor did not forget her refusal and, by adopting "David's unwise example" (of Bible lore) to conquer, made trouble. An English frigate was anchored near by and a press gang was sent to the house of Shortridge, which took him by force on board the boat, and from his wife and home. For seven years did his faithful wife mourn his absence. He was removed from ship to ship, until one day he told the chief officer the way he was taken. The officer said, "Run off, and we won't pursue you," and he soon took the chance and went home to his faithful wife, who would not be tempted by wealth.

Their descendants are still among us.

WHITTEN

Reuben Whitten of Holderness (now Ashland), as history states, raised forty bushels of wheat on Indian Hill (now called Christian Hill), which lies on the upper part of Highland Street in Ashland Village. He was a pioneer of Holderness and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. Holderness lies in the foothills of the beautiful White Mountains of our Switzerland of New Hampshire. The legend runs that in the cold, sunless year of 1816, Reuben Whitten succeeded in raising his wheat when the crops of his neighbors, who lived on lower ground, were all drowned out, and many families starved in the section of country, but Mr. Whitten gathered his wheat so as not to lose a kernel and dried it around his fireplace. Each week he gave some of neighbors a little, as no vegetables were raised. With the fish and wild game these neigh-

bors managed to live through the cold, rainy summer, and in early fall a hard blizzard came and froze many cattle in the pastures. The people were so hard up that they gathered the frozen meat for food.

In 1847 the descendants of the families which Reuben Whitten, 1771–1849, had helped save through sacrifice to his own family, erected a monument on "Christian Hill" in his memory, where he and his wife were laid to rest, also his son Calvin and his wife, overlooking beautiful Squam Lake. This was in gratitude for saving them from starvation.

Reuben Whitten had a daughter, Sarah Whitten, who married John Sawyer Roberts of Meredith Neck. He was a son of John Roberts, one of the early settlers and a highly respected citizen of Meredith.

WIGGIN

By Eleazer D. Cawley

Bradstreet Wiggin of Stratham married in 1746, Martha Coker. Their children:

Coker.
Winthrop, b. Mar. 17, 1749.
Chase, b. Sept. 1, 1751; m. Nov. 10, 1774, Molly Perkins.
Martha Coker.
Comfort, d. young.
Ann.

In 1757 Andrew Wiggin of Newmarket deeded to Chase Wiggin land bordering on Great Bay in New Salem (Meredith). This land later was sold to Moody Smith, son of Capt. Elisha Smith of New Hampton.

In 1757 Bradstreet Wiggin's will mentions Martha (Coker) Wiggin, his wife, and children Coker, Winthrop, Chase, Martha, Comfort and Ann.

Chase Wiggin, born in 1751, died November 3, 1850, aged 99 yrs. He was a Revolutionary soldier, who settled in Meredith on the "Roller Coaster Road." Later in life he made his home with his son, Joshua, and is buried on Joshua's farm, just beyond and opposite the "Wakitatina." He was a carpenter. His son, Joshua, 1775–1862, married in 1819, Lucinda Pease, 1799–1827. He was a carpenter.

Benjamin Franklin Wiggin, 1819–1900, son of Joshua, married in 1844, Abigail, daughter of Stephen Wadleigh and Polly Neal, daughter of "Red Oak Joseph" Neal. Their children:

STEPHEN.
EDWARD FRANKLIN, m. Carrie E. Canney, 1815–1923, dau. of Frank Canney and wife, Laura J. Russell. They had children:
Abbie Edith, b. 1876; d. young.
Florence M., b. 1878; m. Ned Burleigh; they live on the home farm.
Hollis G., b. 1882; m. Elizabeth Hall; second, Mabel Bennett.
Edith F., b. 1886.
A son.

Charles Pease Wiggin, 1820–1886 (a half brother to George Wiggin), married Louvisa Black, 1819–1911. She was an aunt to Alzada Black, who married Hollis Fernald, son of Stephen Fernald and wife, Elizabeth Hudson of Melvin Village.

Walter Fernald, son of Stephen, married Emily Campbell of Chester. (Polly, 1789–1879, who married Daniel Chase, 1785–1895, was a daughter of Sarah Wiggin Chase of Center Harbor.)

Ethel, daughter of Walter Fernald, married Albert Bennett, proprietor of the "Garnet Inn" in Center Harbor. Their children:

HAZEL, b. 1902.
ALZADA, b. 1917.

Children of Stephen Fernald:

DEABORN, d. aged 18 years.
SARAH, m. Daniel Caverly.
ALMEDA, m. John Stackpole.
LYDIA, m. James Caverly, an ancestor of Deaborn Caverly of Meredith.

Joshua Wiggin married second, in 1828, Almira, daughter of Jonathan Chase. They had a son, George Washington, who in 1874 married Drusilla, daughter of John Tasker. She died in 1892 and left one daughter, who lived with Judge Beckford. She married Mr. Whitehouse, a nephew of Orin Tebbetts, a former banker in Laconia.

Chase Wiggin, 1779–1857. Children:

Bradestreet, b. May 3, 1776.
Chase, b. Sept. 21, 1778; m. 1802; d. May 25, 1852.
Winthrop, b. Apr. 19, 1781; m. Hannah Cate, dau. of Simeon Cate, 1788–1854; d. 1859. They lived on eleven acres near the brook, near his father's. Winthrop's children:

Betsey, m. Thomas Hart.
George, m. Annetta Knowles. Their children:
Carrie, m. Otis Davis.
John, 1865–1912; m. Eva S. Lovejoy, b. 1871, dau. of Cyrus and Nancy Lovejoy of Meredith Neck.
Nancy, m. Thomas Roberts. They had children: Orrin, m. Julia Smith; Eben, m. Lillian Peabody; George, m. Hattie Sanborn. They had children: Eben Ezra, Lucy May and William.
Smith, m. Rebecca Bryer.
Martha Rust, b. July 14, 1783.
Richard Rust, b. Jan. 23, 1786; m. Eunice Mead, 1789–1870. Their son, Deacon John Mead Wiggin, 1810–1884; m. —— Gilman. Their children:
Dr. Chase Wiggin, lived in Providence, R. I.
Eunice Jane, 1854–1882; m. Sullivan Mead.
Richard R., 1864–1882. (He was a half brother to Daniel Alexander.)
Molly, b. Apr. 12, 1788.
Josiah P., b. June 2, 1790.
Comfort, b. May 15, 1792.
Joshua, b. June 19, 1795.

Abigail Wiggin, 1804–1871, married John C. Mudgett, 1800–1882.

Charles S. Wiggin, 1831–1916, married Emma A. Perkins, 1839–1887.

Chase Wiggin, born September 21, 1778, died May 25, 1857; removed from Stratham to Meredith with his parents, Chase and wife, Polly (Perkins) Wiggin, about 1785. He married in Meredith Mary, daughter of Jacob Eaton and wife, Mary (Dudley) Eaton; she was born September 21, 1782, died in 1851. Their children:

Daniel [8], b. Oct. 6, 1803, d. 1872, in Meredith.
Nancy, b. Aug. 11, 1805, d. 1882, in Meredith.
Joshua [8], b. Aug. 5, 1811, d. 1860, in Meredith.
Bradstreet, b. June, 1814, d. 1860, in Laconia.
Mary, b. Apr., 1816, d. 1824, in Meredith.
Adeline, b. 1818, d. 1889, in Ashland.

Chase, b. June, 1821, d. 1890.
Richard R., b. Sept., 1824, d. 1899, in Janesville, Wis.

Daniel [8] Wiggin, married January 10, 1830, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Robinson and wife, Judith (York) Robinson of Meredith; she was born in 1803, died in 1851. Their son, Daniel [9] Wiggin. Married, second, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Josiah Smith and wife, Sally (Watson) Smith of Moultonboro, born in 1822, died in 1855. No children. He married, third, October 16, 1855, Mrs. Susan (Seaver) Alexander, daughter of Robert Seaver and wife, Hepzibah Seaver of Brookline, N. H., 1821–1886.

Daniel [8] Wiggin and wife, Sarah (Robinson) Wiggin. Their children:

Catherine [9], b. Sept. 5, 1830, in Meredith.
Mary Ann, b. Aug. 7, 1833; d. 1918.
Sarah, b. June 17, 1838; d. 1856.
Susan Maria, b. July 17, 1841.

Children of Daniel Wiggin by his third wife, Mrs. Susan (Seaver) Alexander:

Sarah Elizabeth, b. July 19, 1856.
Richard, b. Feb. 13, 1862.

Catherine [9] Wiggin, married October 1, 1854, John Colby Thompson, son of Levi B. Thompson and wife, Mehitable (Brown) of Topsham, Maine. He was in Gilford in 1829; died at Meredith in 1906; buried in New Hampton. Their children, born in Brunswick, Maine:

Ella, 1856–1916
Emma, 1856–1923
} Twins.

Mary [9] Ann Wiggin of Meredith, married in 1855, George Sylvester, son of Bracket Bickford and wife, Mary Bryant Bickford. Their children:

Daniel Parker, b. May 17, 1858; d. 1860.
Mary Ellen, b. 1861; d. 1864.
Ella Mabel, b. 1868; d. 1874.
Susan Maria, m. Aug. 9, 1860, Francis Moses Cawley, son of William Cawley of Gilford and wife, Nancy (Sandborn), 1832–1889, in Gilford. He d. in Allegheny City, Pa., where his family reside. Their children:
Eleazer Davis, b. Nov. 28, 1862, in Meredith.

Sarah Maria, b. July 22, 1864, in Laconia.
Nancy Lucinda, b. 1866; d. 1874.
Katie Elizabeth, b. 1869; d. 1874; buried on Meredith Neck.

Sarah Elizabeth Cawley, born in 1856, married November 19, 1873, Solomon, son of Jesse Lovejoy and wife, Eleanor (Bickford) Lovejoy of Meredith. He was born in 1844; died on Meredith Neck. Their son, Ralph Miner, born May 25, 1884.

Richard [9] Wiggin, born in 1862, of Mexico, married in 1883 Ada Mae, daughter of Abner P. Hubbard, and wife, Lucy (Bradford) Hubbard of Barre, Vt., born in 1864. He married, second, Elizabeth ———. Children:

George, b. at Winslow, Ariz., in 1901.
Eva M., b. at Winslow, Ariz., in 1905.

Joshua [8] Wiggin, born in 1811, son of Chase and wife, Polly Perkins, married in 1839 Nancy Neal, daughter of "White Oak Joseph" Neal and wife, Hannah Smith, 1810–1855, she a daughter of Jeremiah Smith. She died and he married, second, in 1859, Mrs. Charlotte B. (Leavitt) Smith, daughter of Stephen Leavitt and wife, Charlotte (Sargent) Leavitt of Gilford, born in 1825. Their daughter, Ada Eldora, born July 31, 1858, in Meredith.

Bradstreet [8] Wiggin, married in 1839, at Laconia, Susan Worcester, daughter of Worcester Boynton and wife, Mary (Gilman) Boynton of Laconia, she born in 1855. Their children:

Mary [9] Frances, b. Oct. 24, 1846, in Boston, Mass.
Fred B., b. Sept. 7, 1887, in Laconia.

Bradstreet Wiggin married, second, May 8, 1859, Mrs. Lucia A. (Moore) Osgood, daughter of Stephen Moore and wife, Mary B. ("Boice") Moore, 1825–1892, of Canterbury.

Mary [9] Frances Wiggin, born in 1846, married in 1872 Alfred Lewis, son of Daniel and wife, Mary W. (Carr) Carter. He was born at Sandwich in 1842. Their son, Guy Carter, born May 26, 1875, in Laconia.

Adeline [8] Wiggin, born in 1818, of Holderness, married in 1845 Henry, son of Robert Huckins and wife, Deborah (Gordon) Huckins of New Hampton, born in 1817. Their children:

Henry A., 1852–1852.
Leroy, 1854–1854.

Addie Eldora, b. 1855; m. 1876 Daniel Spaulding, son of Rev. Daniel Batchelder and wife, Mary Plummer of Ashland. Their child, Erville, b. 1884.

Chase [8] Wiggin, born in 1821, of Moultonboro, married in 1851 Mary Jane, daughter of Robert Seaver and wife, Hepzibah (Gilson) Seaver, 1828–1874, of Brookline, N. H. Chase married, second, in 1876, Julia, daughter of Jonathan and wife, Abigail (Batchelder) Copp, 1827–1891, of Moultonboro.

Children by Mary Jane (Seaver) Wiggin:

Arthur Chase.
Albe Richard, d. 1882.
Charles Henry, d. 1867.
George Seaver, d. 1873.

Charles [9] Henry Wiggin, son of Chase of Moultonboro, married in 1888 Ruth Curtis, daughter of Dudley Blake Gerald and wife, Martha Ann (Jesseman) Gerald. Their daughter, Lena Gertrude, born in Concord, June 21, 1890.

Nancy Wiggin, 1805–1882, of Moultonboro, married in 1826 Ebenezer Dow of Meredith. He was born in Meredith and died in Moultonboro in 1881. Their children:

Ebenezer Lawrence, b. 1827.
Smith, b. 1830.
Lucian, b. 1836.
Mary Adeline, b. 1843. (See Dow family.)

Smith Dow, born in 1830, married in 1853 Louisa Ann, daughter of Stephen Boardman and wife, Sarah (Clark) Boardman of Meredith, she born in 1834. Their daughter, Sarah Ann, born in 1856, married in 1875 Elon, 1846–1926, son of John Clark, and wife, Martha (Roberts) Clark.

Lucian [9] Dow married in 1856 Harriet Ann, daughter of David and wife, Belinda (Chase) Lovejoy of Meredith, born in 1834. Their children:

Henry Albert, 1857–1859.
Emma E., b. 1860, m. 1881 James L. Chase, son of Madison Chase and wife, Nancy (Roberts) Chase of Meredith, b. 1855. Their children:
  Harold J., b. Oct. 26, 1882, in Moultonboro.
  Annie Beatrice, b. 1890, in Meredith
  Helen Maud, b. 1895 in Meredith.

Mary [9] Adeline Dow, born in 1843, daughter of Ebenezer Dow and wife, Nancy [8] Wiggin, married in 1861 James E. Bickford, son of James and Lucinda (Bryant) Bickford of Meredith. He was born on Bear Island, Lake Winnipesaukee, in 1841. Their children:

Henry [10] W., b. 1862; d. 1879.
Clara E., b. 1865; d. 1890.
Lizzie E., b. 1881.

Clara E. Bickford, born in 1865, of Holderness, married in 1882 Hiram E., son of Alonzo and wife, Hannah (Evans) Cook of Moultonboro. He was born in 1860. No children.

Her sister, Lizzie E. Bickford, born in 1881, married A. Thompson. They have children:

James V. Howard, lived on Meredith Neck in 1927.
Richard Wiggin Bickford, b. in Meredith, removed to Wisconsin.

WILCOMB

The early spelling of Wilcomb was "Wicom." The family emigrated from England and settled on Star Island, among the Isles of Shoals, the first part of the seventeenth century; the settlement was later called Gosport. As New Hampshire records, early members of the family were there in 1666.

Captain John Smith established a colony in 1614 on Star Island, where the old stone church and graveyard are, and named the islands "Smith's Islands." Professor Charles P. Wilcomb found there in the ancient graveyard, on a piece of stone, part of the name "Wilkom." This yard is thought to be the oldest in America. The Star Island contains about 150 acres, and near by is the home of Celia Thaxter, on the Appledore Island, one of the group.

During the Revolution the British invaded the islands and plundered the property, and the Provincial Congress in 1776 ordered them and their property to the mainland. Later a large territory south of the "Smile of the Great Spirit" was granted to the Laconia Colony, and another tract lying north of the lake was granted to General Moulton, which included Moultonborough Gore.

The State Library has records which show that the will of Ellinor Wellcom was dated September 16, 1699, and that she was the wife of William Yurine, and that later she married Richard Wilcone. Her will states that she had five children, but the name of only one is given, Zaccheus. She had a fishery business and lived at Gosport. Her early ancestry is not known. At her decease the grandchildren, William, Richard and Deborah, children of Zaccheus, were put in the care of Henry Spiller of Ipswich, Mass., who was appointed their guardian.

Richard Wilcome, at the age of 20 years, married Elizabeth Hodgkins. They had seven children, most of whom died young.

Deborah Wicom, at the age of 21 years, married Daniel Smith of Ipswich, son of Richard Smith.

Ebenezer Smith, who married Sarah Spiller, a son, and another son, Jeremiah Smith, were early pioneer settlers of Meredith.

Moses Wilcom [5] (Joseph [4], William [3], Zaccheus [2], Richard [1]), son of Joseph and wife, Anne (Titcomb-Warner) Wilcomb, born at Ipswich, Mass., August 16, 1753. He was the oldest of six children. When he attained manhood he married, in 1776, Sarah Johnson of Haverhill, Mass. He was a cooper by trade and was a Revolutionary soldier. They settled in Gilford in 1800, where they bought a few acres of land, near the foot of Mount Gunstock, and lived in a log cabin. After a time they decided to return to Haverhill, Mass., in 1788, but later the lure of "The Smile of the Great Spirit" region tempted them back, and they bought a few acres near what is now Gilford Village. Here he ran a cooper shop. They were members of the old "Gunstock Church," and reared their eleven children.

Their second son, Nathaniel, born June 5, 1779, married Johanna Bickford of Meredith in 1814 and went west.

Sarah, born March 24, 1781, married Samuel Crockett, eldest son of Capt. Joshua Crockett. He and Ebenezer Smith, who married Sarah Spiller, were some of the first settlers of what is now called Meredith and later Laconia.

James P. Wilcomb, born August 2, 1795, the ninth child, married Nancy Presby Hunt, daughter of Abel Hunt of Gilford. They lived at the "Wares," and are buried in the Wilkinson yard, near what was called Davis Island. He was one of the seven sons of Moses Wilcomb and wife, Sarah (Johnson) Wilcomb. When first married they went to Boston and lived a while, he

working as a cooper, but the lure of the Winnipesaukee region was so strong they started north on the old stage, a one-hundred-mile trip. When they reached "Bow" a position was open there to take care of the toll bridge, and James, thinking he could combine this with his cooperage business and make a good job, accepted. When he was busy in the shop Nancy would go out and collect the toll. He being busy one day, she gathered her two small children, William and Cynthia, in her arms and they, like many other cross babies, set up a howl, which embarrassed her, and amused the travelers, and one of them recited this couplet to her:

"Crying children to maintain;
Oh! that I were a maid again."

A little later the lure of the lake overcame them and they went to Gilford. Later they moved to the Weirs and lived in a house north of the railroad bridge, before the railroad came. The story goes that the Squire Gordon house, where they moved in, was haunted, and they soon moved out to another home.

When Moses Gordon married, his father, Squire Gordon, gave him the house with land for farming. While living in the old house, James built the James Wilcomb homestead, about 1839, on an acre of land he had bought, and with his trade and running freight between Weirs and Lake Village with the old "gundalows" and the first steamboat, "Belknap," he also ran freight to Alton Bay. James Wilcomb and wife, Nancy, had four children:

William Johnson.
Cynthia Wilkins, b. 1822.
Francis Fisk, b. 1829; m. Eliza Jane Saltmarsh, dau. of Thomas[2] Saltmarsh and wife, Sally Gilman of Gilford. He was station agent at the Weirs nearly 40 years and died at Lake Village. They had five children:
Edgar Harlan, b. Jan. 16, 1856.
Annie Sarah, b. Feb. 6, 1858.
John Frank, b. Mar. 3, 1860.
Charles Presby, b. Aug. 13, 1865.
Owen Victor, b. June 4, 1870.

William Wilcomb, twin brother of James, kept the "Old Red Store" at the Weirs. He died in 1880, single. The rest of the children scattered to other places.

WILKINSON

By Mrs. Fifield

We have found in records at Exeter that Benning and Mary Wilkinson were executors of the will of their father, Samuel Wilkinson, and that there were two other children at least.

Benning Wilkinson of Epping and Deborah Langley of Nottingham were married December 4, 1786, by Edmand Pilsbury of Northwood. Children:

Bradbury, m., first, Mary Perkins, who lived only a short time; m., second, Hannah Huckins of New Hampton, and made the first home on Stonedam Island in Lake Winnipesoqee.

Benning, Jr., who m. Clarissa Johnson and lived in Campton.

Johnathan, who moved to Connecticut.

Jacob R., who for a time lived with Bradbury on a farm on Stonedam, m. Leah Rundlett or Randlett, and they lived on the mainland near Governors Island bridge, and are buried near the home. They had at least five children:

Leonard, whose son, Frank, has a summer boarding house near the old house.

Mark, who twice m.: first, Mary Saltmarsh, sister of the late Dr. G. W. Saltmarsh; second, Clara Hersey.

Mary Armanda, m. George H. Wilkinson, son of Bradbury Wilkinson.

Jane, m. —— Cummings and lived and died in Ashland.

Deborah never m., and cared for her parents, but d. before her mother.

Another girl, Ella, m. —— Beckford of Meredith.

The family are all buried across the road from the old home.

John, m. and lived in Gilford.

Samuel Bradford, m. Eliza Smith of Holderness, and they lived in Laconia, having two sons, Oliver and Henry, who also lived and d. in Laconia.

Rhoda, m. —— Libby, and for sometime was in Gilford.

Charlotte, m. —— Fogg and lived in New Hampton.

Leah, of whom I have no record.

Hannah, of whom I have no record.

Susan, m. —— Huckins and lived in New Hampton and had several children, one of whom was Lyman Huckins, who for years drove about the country selling extracts. Probably you can trace it in the Huckins history.

Rachel, m. —— Hadley, and it was at her home that her father and perhaps mother died, and both are buried on

the Hadley burying ground, so-called, on the farm now owned by Herman P. Smith, near West Center Harbor. Grave has D. A. R. Marker.

Returning to Bradbury and Hannah Huckins Wilkinson, whose children were:

WARREN WARD, m. Mary Moses of Campton.

JOHN HUCKINS, m. Mary Charlotte Smith, dau. of Daniel Marston and Hannah Abbott Smith of New Hampton. (John and Mary are my parents.)

MARY PERKINS, m. Albert Chandler and lived in Vermont. One son; family all dead.

LAVINA, m. Alfred Page of Wentworth, but soon d. No children.

CHARLES HENRY, who was three times m., but only one son lived, and his mother was Martha Colby, dau. of Anthony Colby of Sanbornton and his wife, Esther Smith, dau. of Benjamin, b. 1757, and Judith, of New Hampton.

GEORGE H., m., first, Mary Armanda Wilkinson, dau. of Jacob and Leah Wilkinson of Gilford; m., second, Elizabeth Tyler. They had four children:

Lewis Howe, b. at Laconia, July 18, 1880.
George Damen, b. at Laconia, July 4, 1882.
Caroline Mary, b. at Laconia, Dec. 6, 1883.
David J., b. at Laconia, June 1, 1885.

Lewis H. is an undertaker. Caroline married Carleton and lives in East Bridgewater, Mass. The other two boys are in Kansas.

I think that only Warren and John were born in Gilford and possibly Mary was also, but am sure the three youngest were born in Campton.

WILLOUGHBY

In his history of Salem, Mass., Perley mentions Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Willoughby. She married George Colcough, and, second, in 1663, Isaac Bartholomew of Newbury, England. They came to New England on the "Mayflower."

Isaac Bartholomew was born in 1630, in Plymouth, Mass. His mother's name was Fear, she a daughter of Elder William Brewster, who married in 1626 Capt. Allerton Bartholomew. Isaac was a graduate of Harvard in 1650.

Governor Francis Willoughby of Ipswich, Mass., married Bethiah, born in 1672, daughter of John Gedney and wife, who married in 1662 Hannah Clarke. Governor Willoughby had a son, Nehemiah, born in 1644.

John Willoughby was in Billerica and Salem, Mass., and according to history a second John was there in 1735–45. He later removed to Hollis, N. H., where he died February 2, 1793. He married at Billerica, in 1735, Anna Chamberline, born in 1712, a daughter of John and wife, Margaret (Gould) Chamberline. He married second, at Hollis, in 1774, Elizabeth Sprake (Sprague), born in 1727, a daughter of Nicholas and wife, Elizabeth (Burge) Sprake. He had twelve children. He was one of the grantees of Plymouth, N. H., and one of the exploring party who went to that territory in 1762. There were three Johns in the family ancestors. The Willoughby farm at Squam Lake is now owned by Mr. Webster.

John Willoughby when 16 years of age was in the battle of Bennington. He married Abigail Davis in Billerica. They had ten children:

John, m. Abigail Huckins at Plymouth in 1847.
John and Joseph, both named their children the same names. They called John "the honest miller" in Ashland, where he lived.
Isaac, m. Abigail (Ruby) Page of Sandwich in 1816.
Luther, m. Affa Glines; second, Abba Woodstone.
Capt. Calvin, m. Jemina Page.
Polly, m. Michael Moulton; went to Iowa.
Phebe, m. Richard Whiteman of Warren.
Betsey, m. Josiah Gale of Lowell, Mass.
Azuba, m. Stephen Carter of Warren; moved to Michigan.

Sarah Willoughby, youngest daughter of Capt. Calvin and wife, Jemina Page, married William Harrison Brown of Holderness in 1865.

Tradition, through Mrs. Sarah Brown, states that her grandmother, Mrs. Abigail Davis of Dover, used to feed the Indians. At one time there was to be a massacre and the Indians saved her by leading her away.

Capt. Calvin Willoughby was a captain of the militia. He married Jemina Page, daughter of David Page of Dexter, Maine. Capt. Calvin helped build Minot's Ledge lighthouse. He was a stonecutter. Children:

Abigail and Caroline, twins, b. 1826.
Hastings, b. 1836.
Several children d. young.
Sarah, m. William H. Brown. Their children:
Harry Leslie, b. 1866; m. Mary Webster of Center Harbor. She d. and he m., second, Mrs. Emily Wilson.
Bertha Brown, b. 1871; m. Ira Powers. Their son, Bernard, b. 1905.

WILSON

David Wilson and wife, Rebecca ———, had these children:

Naomi, b. Sept. 12, 1794.
David, b. June 30, 1797.
Lydia Butterfield, b. June 3, 1799.
Rebecca Butterfield, b. May 16, 1802.
John Butterfield, b. Oct. 16, 1804.
Lavina Butterfield, b. Jan. 1, 1808.
Miranda Cleaves, b. probably 1809 or 1810.
Mary Jane Cleaves, b. Feb. 10, 1811; m. Dana Woodman of New Hampton.

WITHAM

Asa Witham, 1819–1899, died in Laconia and is buried in Union Cemetery. He was a son of Asa Witham and wife, Avis Brown. He was born in Nottingham and was a mechanic by trade. Their daughter was Mrs. Frank Ford. Asa's wife is buried in Meredith Village.

Clara J. Hawkins, 1844–1896, born in Meredith, married —— Witham. She died in Candia, N. H.

Jacob Witham, 1810–1898, born in Nottingham, died in Deerfield. He was a son of Asa Witham and wife, Avis (Brown) Witham.

Asa Witham, 1810–1899, married Mary B. Fox of Vermont. She died in 1897 and is buried with her husband, Asa Witham.

Laura Witham married Frank Dusha of Vermont.

Sarah E. Witham married Frank Ford, born in 1851 at Quincy, Mass. He is a grandson of the Ford buried in the "Ford-Doe" yard, on Bay Road in Sanbornton.

Joseph and Thomas married Sabra Cumings and her sister.

Brad and Joseph Witham were born in Nottingham.

WOODMAN

Archelas and Edward Woodman came from Malford, England, to Newbury, Mass., in 1635, on the boat "James." Edward was a prominent man and held many commissions, among them a state commission to see people marry. In 1681 he spoke of it as unprofitable, as it had cost him many a bottle of sacke and liquor, where friends had been concerned. He married Joanna ———; she was born in 1613. Their children:

EDWARD [2], b. 1628 (and John, who is the ancestor of the branch of the family in Sanbornton). Their children: Ruth, Jonathan, Sarah, Mary, Joshua and John.

JONATHAN, b. 1643; m. 1668, Hannah M. ———. They had children: William, Mary, Ichabod, Jonathan, Ruth, Sarah and Hannah.

Jonathan [2] married Abigail; second, Martha Tappan in 1726. Their children: Hilton, Joanna, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Jonathan [3], Abigail and Hannah.

Hilton Woodman, born in 1712, married Hannah W. in 1741 and lived in South Hampton. Their children: Jeremiah, Martha, Nancy, Mary, Abigail, Thomas, Hannah, Samuel and Jonathan [4].

Thomas, 1750–1843, a Revolutionary soldier, married Lydia Drake in 1780. He married, second, Ann Carr in 1803. Their children: Levi, Ann, Lydia, Nathaniel, Thomas and Hannah.

Thomas, 1785–1855, married Polly Pease in 1808. Their children: Hiram, Henry J., Nathaniel, Maria L., Thomas P., Sarah, Benjamin, Nancy, Polly, Rebecca and Noah.

Jonathan [4] had children: Oliver, Martin, Rodney, Samuel H. (who married Ruth Harper), John, Sarah A., Julia A., Israel D. (who had children, Addie and Park).

Hiram S. Woodman, 1834–1862, served in the Civil War.

Henry L., born in 1831, married Vessie Jenkins. They had children: Frank (died young), Mary, Florence and Ray, who married Ruth Hawkins. Their children: Frank, Eleanor and Phillip.

Nathaniel died in 1829, aged 2 years.

Maria, 1826–1859, married G. W. Stevens.

Thomas P., born in 1822, married Elizabeth Robinson of New Hampton. Their children:

Jessie, m. Marcena Blake of Ashland; they had two children, who d. young.

Sarah, 1820–1850, m. Joseph Boynton; a dau., Sarah E., d. young.

Benjamin, 1819–1891, m. Elizabeth Hill. Their children:

Kate, m. Frank Cram. Their dau., Lena, m. Orville Smith of Center Harbor.

Emma, m. Edmund Quimby. Their children: Harold, John and others.

Nancy S., b. 1815; m. George Haynes. Their children: Nathaniel had Chester and Elmer; Olive; George had Daisy and Bessie.

Mary, born in 1813, married William D. Boynton. They had children: Ira Boynton, who had Bessie, and Laura Jane Boynton. William D. married, second, Amanda Hawkins. They had children: Marietta, McCrillis, Jewell and Emma Reynolds of Meredith.

Rebecca, 1811–1840.

Noah Woodman, 1809–1888, married Relief Rogers Smith, 1813–1878. Their children:

John S., d. 1841, aged 4 years.

Mary Abiah, 1844–1920; m. George Chapman Lawrence. Their children: Sarah Frances, m. Noah Ward. They had a son, Clarence Ward.

Clara A. Woodman married Albert Hawkins. He died in 1926. They had one daughter, Florence, who married J. W. Smith.

YORK

Benjamin C. York, at Winona, had a daughter, Amanda. A son, Oscar, married Mary Brown, an aunt to Mary (Brown) Smith, wife of Henry L. Smith and a sister to William Brown, Mary's father. Also they had a son, Walter York. Oscar York died and Mary (Brown) York married her husband's brother, Walter York. A son of Oscar York and wife was Perley York, who married Vina Hawkins. She was a daughter of Freeman Hawkins, who was an uncle to Albert Hawkins.

ADDENDA

From Joseph Pease Bible, Published in 1816, of Meredith

Benjamin Pease married Anna Sanborn.

Benjamin Pease married Rebecca Pike, daughter of Capt. William Pike and wife, Phoeba Smith, she a daughter of Robert Smith and wife, Abigail Cass, of Winona, N. H., married April 26, 1778. Their children:

Benjamin, b. Aug. 2, 1743; d. Feb. 26, 1802.
Rebecca, b. Feb. 29, 1752; d. Dec. 9, 1839.
James, b. Oct. 15, 1764; d. Mar., 1804.
Sarah, b. May 2, 1766; d. Jan., 1844.
Joseph, b. Mar. 10, 1774; d. May 4, 1862.
Benjamin, b. Dec. 17, 1776; d. Apr. 3, 1831.
Simeon, b. Jan. 15, 1778; d. July 20, 1843.
Nancy, b. Oct. 30, 1779.
Robert, b. Dec. 24, 1782.
Rebekah, b. Nov. 28, 1786; d. Nov. 4, 1842.
Nathaniel, b. Apr. 9, 1789; d. July 26, 1836.
Polly, b. June 6, 1791; d. Feb. 18, 1863.

Joseph Pease, born March 10, 1774; died May 4, 1869. His wife, Hannah Folsom, born January 29, 1772; died April 12, 1850. Their children:

Benjamin, b. Sept. 26, 1797.
Lucinda, b. June 15, 1799; d. Nov. 5, 1827.
John A., b. Mar. 6, 1801; d. July, 1875.
Betsey, b. Oct. 29, 1802; d. Feb. 20, 1878.
Rebekah, b. May 11, 1805; d. Apr. 11, 1864.
William P., b. Sept. 18, 1806; d. Sept. 8, 1871.
Joseph H., b. Oct. 6, 1808; d. aged 81 years.
Nathaniel, b. Nov. 5, 1810; d. July 17, 1825.
Simeon D., b. July 1, 1812; d. Jan. 21, 1883.
Robert, b. June 18, 1814.
Hannah, b. June 19, 1811.

Old Bible Records Published in 1855 at Meredith

Simeon D. Pease, born July 1, 1815; died January 26, 1885. His wife, Betsey Batchelder, born April 25, 1817; died July 8, 1898. Their children:

Arzelia J., b. Apr. 1, 1845.
Laura E., b. Feb. 10, 1847; d. Mar. 29, 1930.

Mary R., b. Nov. 10, 1849; d. Nov. 14, 1882.
Hannah A., b. Feb. 22, 1854; d. July 14, 1914.
Frank B., b. Dec. 25, 1855; d. June 27, 1907.
Simeon S., b. Aug. 26, 1859.

From the Old Batchelder Bible, Printed in 1816

(Batchelder, of Northwood, lived in Meredith)

Nathaniel Batchelder, born May 16, 1786; married March 2, 1811, Patience Page, born January 5, 1788. Their children:

Abigail B., b. Mar. 20, 1813; m. M. Taylor of Manchester.
Mary, b. Apr. 17, 1814; m. Simeon Pease of Meredith.
Betsey, b. Apr. 22, 1817; lived in Manchester.
Lyman, b. Sept. 4, 1819.

Nathaniel Batchelder and wife are buried in the Pease yard, in field.

Asa Page was a brother to Patience Page.

Abraham Batchelder, born August 13, 1750. His wife, Naby, born in 1752, died July 11, 1802. Their children:

Naby, b. Jan. 22, 1774.
Moly, b. July 22, 1775.
John, b. July 27, 1777.
Betsey, b. Feb. 1, 1779.
Abraham, b. Mar. 21, 1780.
Solomon, b. Feb. 7, 1782.
Samuel, b. June 2, 1784; d. June 24, 1784.
Nathaniel, b. May 16, 1786.
Mehitable, b. Nov. 19, 1788.
Sally, b. June 16, 1792.

Nathaniel Batchelder, born May 16, 1786, married, second, Mary (Neal) Robinson, widow of Joseph Robinson of Portsmouth, she a daughter of Joseph Neal and wife, Hannah (Smith) Neal of Meredith.

THE OLD OAK TREE

By E. H. Clough

There is no landmark in Meredith, that has been admired by three generations past, more prominent than this "Old Oak Tree."

The legend runs that an old resident, Sydney S. Baker, and Minnie Fernald were married under this old tree.

This tree stands on E. H. Clough's Park, surrounded by historical, unique stones, gathered from all over the world.

In this park is a bronze eagle that came from the flagship "Raleigh," which entered Manila Bay in 1898 under Admiral Dewey.

Nearby is the statue of Hiawatha and his sweetheart, Minnehaha, who have been reunited and who stand on the "Happy Hunting Grounds" of former days, where the deer and moose came to graze and partake of the "Smile of the Great Spirit."

Pocahontas also is nearby, with Chocorua, standing as sentinel, on a little island guarding other members of the tribe.

Also several meteors, some donated by Mrs. Coe of Center Harbor, which are of historical value, and others from other donors surround the bronze deer, contributed by Mrs. Frederick Smyth, widow of a New Hampshire governor of the Civil War.

Descendants of John Hawkins of Barnstead, 1775–1792, Center Harbor; born April 7, 1744(?); died Center Harbor, December 30, 1820; married Lydia Bunker, born May 1, 1745; died November, 1817.

Stephen Hawkins, born in 1768; died in 1825; married February 23, 1797, Polly Huntress(?), Mary ——— (?); lived at Center Harbor. Children:

Jacob, m. Sally Smith of Moultonborough, Dec. 30, 1818.
Stephen, m. Jane B. Plaisted of Center Harbor, b. 1810 (?), d. 1884.
Levi (?), b. 1796, d. 1816, buried Canny Hill Cemetery, Center Harbor.
Abigail (?) of Center Harbor, June 16, 1822, published to m. Moses Hall of Center Harbor.
Amisa (?), taxed Center Harbor, 1820.
Moses (?), taxed Center Harbor, 1821.

Clement Hawkins, born in 1770; lived at Center Harbor, 1798–1815, 1821–22. Children:

Lydia, d. before 1831; m. 1827 Charles G. Dow, who later m. sister. One child, Lebern Dow.
Comfort, b. Feb. 14, 1810; d. May 26, 1888; age 78; m. Dec. 21, 1831, Charles G. Dow of Moultonboro.
Benjamin T., b. Aug. 12, 1812; d. Dec. 18, 1889; m. Nancy J. Sinclair, b. 1813; d. 1875.
Sarah, b. Aug. 12, 1812; m. Calvin Dresser, near Montreal.
John Smith, b. May 4, 1815; d. Feb. 4, 1875; m. Abigail Chase; lived Postville, Ia.
Jane, m. —— Lincoln.
Rosetta (?) m. Jonathan Ellis, near Montreal.
John (perhaps) d. young.

Elijah Hawkins, born in 1770; died in 1851; married August 23, 1793, Sarah Dudley; born 1777; died 1862; lived at Center Harbor, 1793 to 1811; perhaps later. Children:

Timothy Dudley, b. 1795; d. 1871; m. Susan Piper, 1817; she b. 1793; d. 1873.
Nellie, b. 1797.
Jacob R., b. 1800.
Stephen, b. 1806; m. Sarah Dudley, a cousin.
Elijah, Jr., b. 1808.
Sarah, b. 1811.
James M., b. 1814.
Jonathan C., b. 1818.
Angelina, b. 1826.

Lovey Hawkins, born in 1773; died in 1853; married Leavitt Roberts, born 1772; died January 17, 1850. Children:

Benjamin, b. 1809; m. Polly Leavitt; lived near Pine Hill, Sanbornton; parents d. here.
George Washington, b. 1816; m. Lydia C. Howland.
Nine more children?

Hannah Hawkins, born in 1775; died in 1860; married Stephen Kenney of Meredith and Center Harbor. Children:

Mehitable, b. 1800; d. 1869; m. Capt. David Robinson of Meredith.
Trueworthy, b. 1804; d. 1846; m. 1825, Lettice Alls Bean of Meredith.
Patience, b. 1808; d. 1888; m. first, Josiah Leavitt; second, James M. Prescott.

Ebeneser Hawkins, born in 1777 (?); died December 14, 1779; drowned.

John Hawkins, Jr., born in 1779 (?); taxed at Center Harbor in 1802.

Sally Hawkins, born March 10, 1781; probably died young.

Comfort Hawkins, born in 1783; died 1850; married Benjamin Sturtevant.

William Hawkins, born in 1785; died in 1870; married Abigail Thompson; born in 1791; died in 1854; lived at Center Harbor. Children:

Aseneth, b. 1809; d. 1888; m. Mark Davis.
Rhoda, b. 1813; d. 1862; m. Nathan Cotton.
Sarah Ann, b. 1815; d. 1890; m. H. C. Smith.
Adeline, m. John Randall.
Benjamin S., b. 1824; d. 1863; m. Mary Boynton.
Otis Freeman, b. 1827; d. 1909; m. Emaline Fogg.

Francis Hawkins, born in 1786; died in 1879; married Polly Sturtevant, April 16, 1809; she born in 1789; died 1872. Children:

Mahala, b. 1809; d. 1848; m. Salmon Farrar.
Sarah Ann, b. 1812; d. 1812; d. young.
Laura R., b. 1814; d. 1851; probably unmarried.
John S., b. 1816; d. 1890; m. 1839 Elizabeth Lane of Oregon.
Sarah S., b. 1819; d. 1897; m., first, Joshua Merrill, second, J. C. Mudgett; no child.
Millard, b. 1823; d. 1825; d. young.
Tryphena, b. 1828; d. 1828; d. young.
Hosea Francis, b. 1833; d. 1908; m., first, Sarah A. B. Mudgett; second, Mary E. Homan; third, Elvira J. Bemis.

NEAL FAMILY

From John W. Haleys's Records

Walter [2] Neal married Mary Ayers in 1660. Their children:

Samuel, b. 1661; d. 1702.
Mary, b. 1668.
John, b. 1680; m. Margaret Lovett.

John Neal and wife, Margaret Lovett. Their children:

Abigail, b. 1719.
John, b. 1720.
Walter, b. 1722; m. Hannah ———. Their children:
William, b. 1750.
Mary.
Joshua, b. 1756; m. Mary Tarlton.
John, b. 1725.
James, b. 1727.
Sarah, b. 1729.

Samuel Neal married Elizabeth Locke, February 28, 1710/11. Their children:

Thomas.
Walter, b. ——; d. 1755; m. Ann Mattoon ———.
Samuel, m. Elizabeth Haley, Feb. 7, 1754, she dau. of Andrew Haley and wife, Mary Briar. Andrew Haley was an extensive fisherman and called "King of the Shoals."
Jeremiah, m. —— Martin.
John, m. —— Whitten.
Joshua, m. Abigail Haines.

UNITY NEALS

By Mrs. Emme Neal Brigham, Massachusetts State Representative

Samuel Neal in 1792/3 bought land at Unity, N. H. He married Polly, daughter of Deacon Abraham Sanborn and wife of Unity. Their children:

James, 1793–1850; m. Peggy Glidden.
Alfred, 1795–1868; m. Cynthia Lawrence; m. second, Clara Fish. When Alfred Neal was 21 years old he went to Vermont and bought a farm in Hartford, where the fourth generation now live; he also built the first store in White River Junction. In later years he filled many offices of public trust.
Deborah, b. 1796; d. 1886; m. Joshua Huntoon.
Laura, b. 1798; m. —— Eastman.
John, b. 1900; m. Lucy ———; second, Sarah Dewey.
Mary, b. 1802; m. —— Perkins.
Samuel, b. 1804; d. 1892; m. Abigail Twitchell.
Solon, b. 1805; d. 1865; m. Huldah Copeland.
Lewis, b. 1807; m. Orpha Currier.
Jacob, Abigail } Died young.

Walter Neal [4], married Ann Mattoon in 1715. Their children:

Hubartus, b. 1717; d. 1805; m. Mary Perkins.
Samuel[5], b. 1720; d. 1760; m. Catherine Bradley in 1739.
John, b. 1722; d. 1806; m. Lydia Wiggin.
Ann, b. 1724; d. 1736.
Ebenezer, b. 1726; m. Lydia Clark; second, Eliza Perkins.
Walter, b. 1731; m. Lydia Parsons.
Deborah, b. 1733; m. Walter Wiggins.
Ann, b. 1736; m. Joshua Robinson.

Samuel Neal [5], married Catherine Bradley. Their children:

William, a Revolutionary soldier.
John.
Joseph.
Samuel.
Mary.
Margaret.

William Neal of Newmarket, N. H., purchased land at Unity in 1798, also in 1801. The deed dated 1801 was witnessed by Walter Neal.

In 1790 William Neal was the only Neal listed in the census as head of a family. He had three males over sixteen years old and three under sixteen years and four females.

In 1791 William and Samuel Neal signed a petition to the General Court from Unity.

In 1794 William Neal, Jr., signed a petition. Children of William Neal:

Samuel, b. 1770; m. Polly Sanborn.
William, Jr.
James, b. 1786; m. Elizabeth Ayers.

The invoice of Unity, N. H., for 1818–1834, shows William, Samuel and James as paying taxes.

William Neal's Revolutionary Record

He was a private in Capt. Robert Ford's Co. at Kittery Point, November 5, 1775, and on pay roll of Capt. Nathan Brown's Co. in Col. Long's Regiment, December 7, 1776, also January 7, 1777. He also signed a petition at Portsmouth, Ft. Washington, June 14, 1779, also April 8, 1780. Also was in Capt. Dearing's roll of returned men April 10, 1781, and on pay roll for company stationed at New Castle, October 13, 1785–1787.

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Samuel Neal, a Revolutionary soldier, married Elizabeth Haley, February 7, 1754. She died in 1785. Their children:

SAMUEL, b. Mar. 22, 1755.
ANDREW, b. 1758; settled in Maine.
JEREMIAH, b. 1759; d. young.
JOSEPH, b. Mar. 23, 1762; m. Hannah Smith in Meredith, N. H.
JOHN, b. Mar. 10, 1764; m. —— Ray.
ELIZABETH, b. May 29, 1768.
MARY, b. June 1, 1770; m. —— Watson; lived in Topsham, Vermont.
SARAH, b. June 23, 1773; m. Joshua Stackpole in 1800.
ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 29, 1775; m. —— Cheney; lived in Limington, Maine.
DEBORAH, b. Jan. 22, 1778; m. —— Small; lived in Cornish, Maine.

Joseph Neal, born March 23, 1762–1851, married Hannah Smith, daughter of Jeremiah Smith, 1771–1851. Their children:

WILLIAM, b. Mar. 27, 1789, a ship builder.
JOHN, b. 1790; d. 1861.
ELIZABETH, b. 1793.
JOSEPH, b. Sept. 15, 1797; d. 1854.
HANNAH, b. 1799; d. 1855; m. Rev. Mark True.
SMITH, b. Feb. 6, 1806; d. 1887; m. Sarah Elizabeth Smith.
NANCY, b. Sept. 15, 1810; d. 1854; m. Joshua Wiggin.
IRENE, b. Sept. 26, 1813; d. 1902; m. Charles Smith, Esq.

RECORDS

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MARRIAGES IN MEREDITH

June 5, 1781, James Wadleigh to Mary Blake of Epping.
Jan. 1, 1849, John C. Wadleigh to Mary A. Nealey in Meredith.
Oct. 13, 1833, Joseph N. Wadleigh of Meredith to Almira A. Moore at Loudon.
Nov. 26, 1805, Theophilus Wadleigh of Meredith to Sarah Clark of Candia.
In 1816, Deaborn Wadleigh to Phebe Chase of Sanbornton.
Sept. 24, 1845, Martin L. Wadleigh of Meredith to Susan D. Parker.
Dec. 9, 1827, Nathaniel Wadleigh of Meredith to Nancy Pickering.
Dec. 21, 1819, Nathaniel Wadleigh of Meredith to Polly H. Ray.
Sept. 3, 1853, Andrew P. Wadleigh of Meredith to Calista Lavoy.
Dec. 21, 1857, Nathan B. Wadleigh of Meredith to Sarah Whitten Lang.
1813, James Wadleigh of Meredith to Nanny P. Neal.
Oct. 27, 1785, Simeon W. Wadleigh of Meredith to Abigail Hays.
Josiah Wadleigh to Sally Chapman.
Olive Jane Chapman to —— Boynton. Their Son, Mark Boynton.

William, Simeon and Joseph Wadleigh were brothers. Joseph married Francis Esther Prescott. They had a daughter, Julia Wadleigh, who married —— Cole of Meredith. She is buried at Swampscott, Mass.; died at the home of Mrs. Burleigh in Sanbornton, who was caring for her.

James Wadleigh married Mary Blake, June 5, 1781, in Epping. Their children: Nathan married —— Hall; Calvin; Martha married —— Tilton.

William Wadleigh. Children: Simeon married Emily Cox; William married Rebecca Wood; Nancy married Chas. Wadleigh.

Stephen Wadleigh, married Olive Neal, daughter of "Red Oak" Joseph Neal. Children: Abigail married Ben Wiggin; Charles married Nancy Wadleigh; Polly married Henry Weeks; Jane married John Neal; Olive lived single.

John Wadleigh married Betsey Batchelder; John Wadleigh married Miss Tom.

Joseph Wadleigh. Children: Julia M. married —— Cole; Mary Etta married —— Severance.

John Mooney Cate married Hannah ——. He son of Thomas; he son of John Cate. Their daughter, Mary Cate, married Norman Corliss. Their son, John Lyman Cate.

William Cate was father of Simeon Cate and a brother to Winthrop Cate.

Simeon Cate married a daughter of Jeremiah Smith.

David Cate was father of Joseph Chase's wife of Laconia, a tinsmith.

Marriages in the Town of Meredith

March 10, 1805, Enoch Danford of Meredith to Hannah Flanders of Gilmanton. Elder Nicholas Folsom. Daniel Smith, Town Clerk, Strafford County, N. H.

March 20, 1805, Capt. Simeon Taylor of Gilmanton to Deborah Flanders of New Hampton. John A. Harper, Justice Peace.

Sept. 27, 1810, Jonathan Cram to Anna Gale, both of Gilmanton. John A. Harper, J. P.

May 23, 1811, Hazen Lawrence to Sally Smith, both of Meredith. Elder Nicholas Folsom.

Feb. 26, 1812, Samuel Potter, Jr., to Abigail Crosby, both of Meredith. Daniel Smith, J. P.

Jan. 7, 1813, Paul Harford Stanton of Bartlett to Mary Dow Sibley of Meredith. John Mooney, J. P.

Oct. 4, 1818, Nathaniel Drake, 3d, of New Hampton to Nancy Cate of Meredith. Elder Nicholas Folsom.

Feb. 31, 1819, William Prescott to Hannah Fogg, both of Meredith. Elder Nicholas C. Folsom.

March 3, 1819, Benjamin Foss to Mehitable Gale, both of Meredith. Elder Nicholas C. Folsom.

Nov. 19, 1809, Nathan S. Farrar to Polly Marston, both of Meredith. Elder Nicholas Folsom.

April 5, 1818, Henry Whitcher of Gilford to Mary Whidden of Meredith. Elder Moses Cheney.

May 10, 1818, John Boynton of New Hampton to Widow Polly Pease. Elder Moses Cheney.

May 25, 1818, Josiah Prescott of Bridgewater to Dolly Leavitt of New Hampton.

June 10, 1819, Thomas Cass of Holderness to Hannah Cate of Meredith. Elder Moses Cheney.

THE FOLLOWING MARRIED BY ELDER MOSES CHENEY

June 10, 1818, Samuel Shores to Susanna Woodman, both of Sanbornton.

June 11, 1818, Samuel Swain of Meredith to Margaret Huntres of Center Harbor.

Aug. 4, 1818, John Page of Holderness to Betsey Clement.

Aug. 9, 1818, John S. Morgan of Meredith to Charlotte Gilman of Gilmanton.

Aug. 12, 1818, Josiah Bean of Meredith to Nancy Tibets of Center Harbor.

Oct. 4, 1818, Josiah Sanborn of New Hampton to Eliza Drew of Holderness.

Nov. 1, 1818, Noah Dolloff to Nancy McCrillis, both of Meredith.

Nov. 17, 1818, George Meeder of Rumney to Polly Morrill of New Hampton.

Dec. 8, 1818, Noah Nichols to Susan Bryant, both of Meredith.

Dec. 30, 1818, Jacob Hawkins of Center Harbor to Sally Smith of Moultonborough.

Dec. 31, 1818, Levi Leavitt to Widow Hannah Beede, both of Gilmanton.

March 2, 1819, Isaac Currier to Hannah D. Smith, both of Meredith.

March 4, 1819, John Peas to Betsey Whitcher, both of Meredith.

April 19, 1819, Benjamin Sanborn of Gilford to Sally Smith of Meredith.

April 27, 1819, Ebenezer Cate to Hannah Tilton, both of Meredith.

June 3, 1819, Nathaniel Hart of Meredith to Susan Woodman of New Hampton.

July 18, 1819, Joshua Wiggin to Lucinda Peas.

July 28, 1819, Abel Chase to Susan Ressel, both of Meredith.

Nov. 25, 1819, William Wiggin to the Widow Sally Wiggin, both of Meredith.

Dec. 2, 1819, Jacob W. Fifield to Sally Chase of Sanbornton.

Dec. 21, 1819, Nathaniel R. Wadleigh to Polly H. Ray.

Dec. 26, 1819, James Perkins to Rossannah Lawrence, both of Meredith.

Nov. 28, 1819, Jacob Perkins to the Widow Nancy Crocket, both of Meredith.

Feb. 20, 1820, Benjamin Boynton of Thornton to Sally Robie of Meredith.

Feb. 24, 1820, Edward Hall Nurse of Meredith to Betsey Steel of Sanbornton.

Jan. 29, 1820, Abraham Ward to Lydia Sanborn, both of New Hampton.

Attest of Elder Moses Cheney.
Daniel Smith, *Town Clerk.*

A Record of Marriages by Elder Thomas Perkins of New Hampton

Sept. 26, 1818, Gilman L. Ranlet to Mary Smith, both of Meredith.

Feb. 9, 1819, David M. C. Hanes of Sanbornton to Susan Randlet of Meredith.

Dec. 6, 1818, John Leavitt to Sarah Edgerly, both of Meredith.

A Record of Marriages by Elder Nicholas Folsom

Nov. 9, 1809, Ebenezer Seavey to Vestia W. Eager, both of Meredith.

A Record of Marriages by Elder Moses Cheney

March 26, 1820, Jeremiah Cotton of Gilford to Lovina Peas.

March 27, 1820, Ebenezer Chapman to Adline Neal, both of Meredith.

Aug. 20, 1820, James Quimby to Sally Stevens, both of Meredith.

Aug. 20, 1820, Leonard Smith of Dover to Sarah Brown of Portsmouth.

Aug. 30, 1820, Charles Hodgdon to Hannah Rogers, both of Meredith.

Nov. 9, 1820, James McCrillis to Sally Fogg, both of Center Harbor.

Nov. 26, 1820, James Prescott of Loudon to Jennie Boynton of Meredith.

Dec. 4, 1820, Charles Smith of Gilmanton to Annis Smith of Meredith.

Jan. 21, 1821, William Cummings to Susan Swain, both of Meredith.

A Record of Marriages by Elder Nicholas Carr Folsom

Feb. 11, 1822, Jonathan Sandborn to Gevene Wadleigh, both of Meredith.

Nov. 28, 1821, James Gordon to Susan Blaisdel, both of Meredith.

Attest: John Boynton, *Town Clerk.*

A Record of Marriages by Elder Parker Fogg

May 8, 1821, Amos Cram to Jane S. Prescott, both of Meredith.

Aug. 27, 1821, Elias Philbrick to Nancy Kenney, both of Meredith.

Oct. 24, 1821, Chase Fogg to Sally Leavitt, both of Meredith.

John Boynton, *Town Clerk.*

May 15, 1821, Daniel Page of Holderness to Sobrina Clement of Center Harbor.

Nov. 21, 1821, William Norris of Winchendon, Mass., to Mary Graves of Moultonborough.

April 7, 1822, Ira Adams of Meredith to Mary Senter.

June 21, 1822, Abel Fogg of Meredith to Mary Richardson.

Sept. 1, 1822, Andrew Willey of Ellsworth to Susan Dockham of Meredith.

July 4, 1822, Josiah Perkins to Lydia Johnson, both of Meredith.

Nov. 17, 1822, Jesse Dolloff to Nancy Huckins, both of Meredith.

Oct. 21, 1822, Gilman Fose of Meredith to Susan Boardman of Center Harbor.

Oct. 24, 1822, Robert Sargent of Bridgewater to Diborah Gilman of Meredith.

Nov. 20, 1822, Stephen Leavitt to Charlotte Seargent, both of Gilford.

Dec. 18, 1822, Charles Robinson to Clarisa Ramsey, both of Holderness.

Jan. 28, 1823, Benjamin Batcheldor to Ruth Mudgett, both of Meredith.

Feb. 27, 1823, Joseph W. Follet of Gilford to Mary B. Towle of Center Harbor.

A Record of Marriages by David Smith

April 18, 1819, John Wiggin to Hannah Doton, both of Moultonborough.

June 6, 1819, Moulton Hackett of New Hampton to Rhoda Lain of Center Harbor.

July 4, 1819, John Avery of Gilford to Hannah Prescott of Meredith.

Sept. 14, 1819, William S. Prescott to Elizabeth G. Doten, both of Moultonborough.

Feb. 1, 1820, Samuel Bean of Meredith to Sally Norris of Center Harbor.

April 20, 1820, John Morrison to Lucy Black, both of Moultonborough.

July 23, 1820, Stephen Hodgdon to Polly Batcheldor, both of Moultonborough.

Aug. 6, 1820, William Pain of Center Harbor to Sally Webster of Sandwich.

Aug. 13, 1820, Nathaniel Piper to Polly Hill, both of Meredith.

Nov. 9, 1820, Nathaniel Sawyard to Betsey Leavitt, both of Meredith.

Dec. 11, 1820, Samuel Richardson to Rebecher Clark, both of Moultonborough.

April 12, 1821, Oliver Lee to Nancy Hawkins, both of Center Harbor.

Sept. 26, 1821, Benjamin Batcheldor to Edner Morse, both of Center Harbor.

Dec. 6, 1821, Jonathan Brown to Rhosilla Fox, both of Center Harbor.

Feb. 11, 1822, Daniel Hilton to Eliza Moulton of Center Harbor.

March 18, 1822, Stephen Clough of Holderness to Henrietta Sturtevent of Center Harbor.

April 11, 1822, Leonard Fox to Lucy Merrill, both of Center Harbor.

July 21, 1822, Moses W. Hall to Abigail Hawkins, both of Center Harbor.

No date. Simeon True of Holderness to Lucy Sturtevant of Center Harbor.

March 25, 1823, Ebenezer S. Hunt to Hannah Sergent, both of Gilford.

April 22, 1823, Capt. Josiah Norris of Center Harbor to Mary Bean of Moultonborough.

July 9, 1823, Nathan L. Richardson of Sandwich to Mary Smith of Meredith.

Sept. 28, 1823, John Coe of Center Harbor to Lavina S. Senter of Meredith.

Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER PARKER FOGG

March 17, 1823, William D. Robards to Phebey Robey, both of Meredith.

March 25, 1823, Calvin Morrison of Alton to Mary Nason of New Durham.

May 1, 1823, Edward P. Swain to Sally Cram, both of Center Harbor.

June 3, 1823, Joshua Crockett to Judith Swain, both of Meredith.

Aug. 3, 1823, Benning Wilkinson, Jr., to Clarissa Johnson, both of Meredith.

Dec. 18, 1823, John W. Clark to Panson Davis, both of Center Harbor.

Nov. 20, 1823, Daniel D. Prescott of New Hampton to Esther B. Clough, both of Meredith.

Dec. 3, 1823, Benjamin Mudgett to Hannah Pitman, both of Meredith.

Jan. 6, 1824, Daniel Goss of Gilford to Rachel Towle of Center Harbor.

March 7, 1824, Sewall Leavitt to Hannah Fogg, both of Meredith.

June 20, 1824, Stephen Boynton to Betsey S. Blaisdell, both of Meredith.

July 12, 1824, Joseph Bond to Dorothy Nichols, both of Gilford.

Sept. 3, 1824, John P. Bickford to Nancy Bryant, both of Meredith.

Oct. 28, 1824, Ira Sanborn to Abigail P. Conner, both of Meredith.

Oct. 28, 1824, Elijah Brown to Miriam Merrill, both of Center Harbor.

Nov. 11, 1824, Ithamer E. Blake to Sidney L. Whidden, both of Meredith.

Nov. 24, 1824, Nahum Doton of Moultonborough to Lucinda Paine of Meredith.

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY STEPHEN PERLEY, *Justice Peace*

May 1, 1825, Gater Chapman of Peterborough to Mary Burnham of Meredith.

A Record of Marriages by Elder Parker Fogg

Jan. 12, 1825, Sanders Roberts to Sophronia Hawkins, both of Moultonborough.

Feb. 12, 1825, Elijah B. Dolloff of New Hampton to Sally Bryant of Meredith.

Feb. 24, 1825, James Foss to Dorothy Johnson, both of Meredith.

March 3, 1825, Samuel T. Cram to Sally D. Jenness, both of Meredith.

June 2, 1824, Noah Robinson to Widow Taylor of Sanbornton.

Oct. 11, 1825, Daniel Allard to Mariah H. Brown, both of Moultonborough.

Oct. 11, 1825, Josiah Goodwin to Betsey Allard, both of Moultonborough.

Dec. 25, 1825, Nathaniel Sanborn to Sally Roberts, both of Meredith.

Dec. 29, 1825, Joseph H. Clark to Lavina Boardman, both of Meredith.

Attest: John Boynton, *Town Clerk.*

A Record of Marriages by Samuel M. Senter, Esq.

Aug. 28, 1823, Job J. Kelley of Meredith to Eliza Blackey of Moultonborough.

May 15, 1825, Samuel W. Merrill of Conway to Martha Green of Moultonborough.

Sept. 28, 1826, John Blackey of Moultonborough to Priscilla Gordon of Tamworth.

Samuel M. Senter, *Justice Peace.*

A Record of Marriages by Elder David Moody

May 29, 1826, John Cotton to Belinda Sinclair, both of Meredith.

Aug. 18, 1826, John Moody, Jr., to Eliza Mudgett, both of Gilmanton.

Attest: John Boynton, *Town Clerk.*

A Record of Marriages by Elder Parker Fogg

April 5, 1826, Edward Chase to Hannah Blake, both of Meredith.

May 24, 1826, John Paine to Betsey Lovejoy, both of Meredith.

June 8, 1826, Stephen G. Wadleigh to Olive Neal, both of Meredith.

June 15, 1826, Thomas Chase, Jr., to Mehitable Lovejoy, both of Meredith.

Aug. 10, 1826, Jeremiah Sanborn of Campton to Clarissa Smith of New Hampton.

Sept. 18, 1826, Daniel Chase to Polly Wiggin, both of Meredith.

Nov. 2, 1826, Ephraim Doton to Mary Dudley, both of Moultonborough.

Nov. 23, 1826, Jacob Gurdy of Bristol to Susanna Doton of Moultonborough.

Dec. 5, 1826, Benjamin B. Moulton of Holderness to Mary Mooney of Sandwich.

Dec. 12, 1826, Ebenezer Dow to Nancy Wiggin, both of Meredith.

Dec. 25, 1826, John Garlande, Jr., of Meredith to Hannah Blacyey of Center Harbor.

Dec. 25, 1826, Isaac Leavitt of Meredith to Sarah Smith of New Hampton.

Jan. 23, 1827, Joshua Dockham of Wentworth to Mary Brown of Center Harbor.

Jan. 28, 1827, John Bartlett of Morgan, Vt., to Charlotte Hill of Meredith.

Jan. 29, 1827, James Mathes of Dorchester to Betsey Nealy Bachelder of Meredith.

Feb. 24, 1827, Waldo Maloon of Bethleham to Abigail Dockham of Meredith.

Feb. 27, 1827, Charles G. Dow to Lydia Hawkins, both of Moultonborough.

Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

April 10, 1827, Merrill Cox of Holderness to Ruth Mooney of Sandwich.

April 23, 1827, William Page to Abigail C. Morrill, both of Meredith.

July 5, 1827, Joseph H. Watson to Priscilla H. Senter, both of Moultonborough.

Aug. 7, 1827, William Randall of Sandwich to Oliss Moulton of Moultonborough.

Oct. 23, 1827, David S. Emery of Moultonborough to Ruth S. Norris of Meredith.

Oct. 25, 1827, Charles Rogers to Mary L. Gordon, both of Holderness.

Nov. 7, 1827, David Plumer of Meredith to Deborah Cooley of New Hampton.

Feb. 10, 1828, Church Sturtevant to Hannah Brown, both of Center Harbor.

Feb. 25, 1828, James Roberts to Nancy Chase, both of Meredith.

March 6, 1828, John Avery to Lucinda Osgood, both of Meredith.

March 16, 1828, David Whitcher of Warren to Phebe P. Smith of New Hampton.

June 3, 1828, Daniel Veasey, Jr., to Betsey Smith, both of New Hampton.

June 12, 1828, John G. Davis to Lydia T. Fox, both of Center Harbor.

June 12, 1828, Leonard Fox to Clarisa Chase, both of Center Harbor.

June 18, 1828, Joshua W. Wiggin to Almira Chase, both of Meredith.

June 18, 1828, Ebenezer Bickford, Jr., to Jerutia Lovejoy, both of Meredith.

Nov. 5, 1828, Samuel Osgood to Profinda R. Follett, both of Gilford.

Nov. 9, 1828, Isaac Brown to Hannah Follett of Gilford.

Dec. 23, 1828, Joseph Neal, 3d, to Lucy Dow, both of Meredith.

A true copy. Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY WARREN LOVELL, ESQ.

Oct. 29, 1829, Jacob Barnard, Jr., of Bridgewater to Mary H. Paine of Meredith.

Nov. 18, 1829, Reuben M. Prescott to Hannah B. Batchelder.

Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER PARKER FOGG

March 15, 1829, Moses Lund of Groton, Vt., to Betsey Batchelder of New Hampton.

April 2, 1829, Moses Chase to Sarah Susanna Blood, both of Meredith.

April 7, 1829, Simon Pottle to Nancy Quimby, both of Meredith.

July 9, 1829, Jonathan Fox to Lydia Crawford, both of Center Harbor.

Sept. 7, 1829, Robert C. Straw to Mahala Moulton, both of Meredith.

Oct. 4, 1829, David Griffin to Mary Ann Bones, both of Somersworth.

Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

Jan. 10, 1830, Daniel Wiggin to Sarah Robinson, both of Meredith. Married by Lewis C. Caswell.

Attest: JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES BY ELDER LEWIS C. CASWELL

Nov. 17, 1829, Abraham Perkins, Jr., to Susan French, both of Sandwich.

April 3, 1830, James W. Lane to Nancy Cram, both of Center Harbor.

April 5, 1830, Curtis C. Willey of Holderness to Sally Batchelder of Meredith.

Dec. 18, 1831, Capt. John Wadleigh to Mary Ann Wentworth Hanaford both of Meredith.

March 8, 1832, Stephen W. Mead to Mrs. Betsey Ladd, both of Meredith.

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER BENJ. S. MUNSON

Oct. 3, 1830, Daniel P. Smith to Abigail Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Feb. 19, 1831, Joseph Edgerly to Miss Abigail Robinson, both of Meredith.

March 10, 1831, Jonathan Coffin to Sally F. Blaisdell, both of Meredith.

April 24, 1831, David Philbrick to Eliza Dockham, both of Meredith.

Oct. 3, 1831, John L. Robinson to Rachel C. Smith, both of Meredith.

Nov. 6, 1831, Stephen Leavitt to Zilpah Pain, both of Meredith.

Nov. 15, 1831, Stephen G. Dolloff of Meredith to Abigail Smith of New Hampton.

Jan. 18, 1832, James M. Marston to Abigail Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Feb. 19, 1832, Samuel Dolloff to Mary H. Webster, both of Meredith.

Feb. 28, 1832, Smith Swain of Meredith to Polly Smith of Gilford.

The above were married by me, Pastor of the F. W. Baptist Church of Meredith, N. H. (A True Copy.)

JOHN BOYNTON, *Town Clerk.*

A Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen J. Pitman

Nov. 27, 1831, Jacob Smith to Louisa Robinson, both of Meredith.

Dec. 14, 1831, John G. Robinson to Lucinda Roberds, both of Meredith.

Dec. 14, 1831, Stephen G. Swain to Eliza Jane Roberds, both of Meredith.

April 15, 1832, Abram Bryant to Mabel Bickford, both of Meredith.

Oct. 29, 1832, Joseph A. Pickering to Eliza Rowe, both of Meredith.

Nov. 15, 1832, John G. Quimby to Priscilla B. Swain, both of Meredith.

Nov. 15, 1832, Nathan Collins of Gilford to Nancy Smith of Meredith.

Jan. 4, 1832, Stephen Colcord of Candia to Sarah Ann Smith of Meredith.

Dec. 4, 1832, Elbridge G. Leavitt to Sally T. Bickford, both of Meredith.

Jan. 15, 1833, Increase Batchelder to Susan Hart, both of Meredith.

Feb. 19, 1833, Samuel Philbrick of Sanbornton to Mary S. Roberds of Meredith.

March 7, 1833, Josiah B. Batchelder of Sanbornton to Lois Sanborn of Meredith.

March 17, 1833, Robert Currier to Eliza Jane Hans, both of Meredith.

March 21, 1833, Francis Russell to Elizabeth Glidden, both of Meredith.

Aug. 11, 1833, Jonathan Bickford to Priscilla Bickford.

Sept. 8, 1833, Joseph Johnson to Eliza Edwards.

Nov. 34, 1833, Jonathan Dow to Eliza Glidden.

Dec. 1, 1833, Moses Sanborn to Dorothy Swain.

Jan. 12, 1834, Stephen Pickering, Jr., to Olive Sargent.

Feb. 10, 1834, Richard Brown to Eliza Ann Sturtevent, both of Center Harbor.

Feb. 20, 1834, John. Buntin to Comfort Batchelder.

A true copy Attest: Ebenr Bickford, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIED BY ELDER BENJ. MUNSON

Nov. 24, 1833, Stephen J. Pitman to Olive B. French, both of Meredith.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER A. WHEELER

Jan. 14, 1834, Daniel N. Lovejoy of Meredith to Belinda Chase, of Center Harbor.

Jan. 14, 1834, Joseph Ela to Salley M. Moulton, both of Meredith.

ATTEST BY EBEN^{R} BICKFORD, *Town Clerk.*

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER L. E. CASWELL

May 9, 1833, Solomon Rowe of Campton to Mrs. Dorothy Eaton of Meredith.

June 2, 1833, Reuben Wyman of Concord to Lovina Young of Meredith.

Sept. 29, 1834, Joseph M. Doe of Lowell to Laura Page of Meredith.

April 14, 1834, Thomas Chattle to Nancy Woodman; were married by Hiram Stevens, Minister.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER G. C. WHEELER

Oct. 17, 1834, Jeremiah C. Smith of Moultonborough to Elsea Jenness of Meredith.

Feb. 17, 1835, Nathaniel H. Wheeler to Mary Jane Durgin, both of Sanbornton.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ABRAHAM WHEELER

Nov. 15, 1834, Guril Curtis to Mary Smith, both of Meredith.

Nov. 27, 1834, Blaisdell Bartlett to Catherine L. Greenleaf, both of Plymouth.

Dec. 24, 1834, Joseph C. Smith to Mary Edgerly.

March 4, 1835, Nehemiah L. Rogers of Moultonborough to Abiah A. Jenness.

March 14, 1835, Calvin Fogg of New Hampton to Elmira B. Cram of Meredith.

ATTEST BY EBEN^{R} BICKFORD, *Town Clerk.*

Oct. 22, 1835, Rev. Joseph P. Atkinson of Dover to Martha Maria Perley.

Record of Marriages by Rev. A. Wheeler

May 4, 1834, James M. Paine of Center Harbor to Sally Towle of Meredith.

April 7, 1835, Life Haselton to Caroline Senter, both of Concord.

Sept. 20, 1835, Jonathan Gove of Nottingham to Lydia Norris of Center Harbor.

Oct. 14, 1835, James Jackson, 2d, of Eaton to Olive M. Sturtivant of Center Harbor.

Jan. 15, 1835, Moses Shaw of Holderness to Mrs. Mary Richardson of Meredith.

Attest: Ebenr Bickford, *Town Clerk.*

Record of Marriages by Elder John Hill

June 4, 1835, Thomas A. Veazey to Mariam G. Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Sept. 3, 1835, Theophilus R. Dockham to Mary Wiggin, both of Meredith.

Nov. 26, 1835, David P. Cotton to Charlotte Boynton, both of Meredith.

Jan. 3, 1836, Joshua W. Paine to Miss Maria Hart, both of Meredith.

Feb. 7, 1836, Luther M. Chase of Meredith to Roxanna Gordon of New Hampton.

Attest: Ebenr Bickford, *Town Clerk.*

Feb. 9, 1826, Austin Blake of Franklin, Mass., to Sophia C. Littlefield; married by Robert Bartlett, Minister, at Hopkinton.

Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen Pitman

Nov. 5, 1836, Israel Perkins of Warren to Mary Folsom of Meredith.

Feb. 28, 1836, Asa Swain to Nancy Row, both of Meredith.

March 9, 1836, James H. Mead to Abigail Merrill; married by Elder John Pettingell.

Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen J. Pitman

June 5, 1836, John R. Huckins to Dorcas Smith of New Hampton.

June 13, 1836, Richard Clements to Mary Jane Horn, both of Meredith.

Record of Marriages by Elder John Hill

June 18, 1836, Lucian H. Davis to Jane S. Whitcher of Sanbornton.

June 5, 1836, John Buzzell to Maria Batchelder of Meredith.

July 17, 1836, Jeremiah W. Leavitt to Elizabeth Hanaford, both of Meredith.

June 26, 1836, David How to Mary J. Sinclair, both of Meredith.

Record of Marriage by Elder John Smith

Dec. 29, 1836, Charles Hacket to Lucinda Quimby, both of Meredith.

Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen Pitman

Jan. 26, 1837, Otis K. Drake to Athaliah Hanaford, both of Meredith.

June 26, 1836, David How to Mary J. Sinclair of Meredith.

Jan. 20, 1837, Jesse Plumer of Loudon to Lydia Goss of Meredith.

Jan. 26, 1837, George W. Potter of Loudon to Abigail Pitman of Meredith.

Feb. 26, 1837, Thomas Batchelder to Sarah Wiggin of Whitefield.

March 7, 1837, John C. Huse of Sanbornton to Sally Robinson of Meredith.

May 28, 1837, William Boynton of Meredith to Mary Woodman of New Hampton.

June 19, 1837, John Dow to Betsey Farrar, both of Meredith.

June 25, 1837, Loami Libbey to Mary Ann Farrar, both of Meredith.

Aug. 1, 1837, William Edgerly to Lydia Fogg, both of Meredith.

Aug. 10, 1837, Samuel Prescott to Mary Hunt, both of Meredith.

Oct. 24, 1837, George W. Roberts of Meredith to Lydia E. Howland of Lisbon.

Oct. 26, 1837, Smith Glidden to Nancy Dow, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman, *Town Clerk.*

Record of Marriages by Elder John Pettingell

Oct. 7, 1837, Jesse Plumer to Phebe Sanborn of Holderness.

Jan. 3, 1838, John W. Potter of Gilford to Hannah Edgerly of Meredith.

Record of Marriage by Rev. Hiram Stevens

Jan. 6, 1838, Jonathan Jonson to Nancy Mudgett, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman, *Town Clerk.*

Record of Marriage by Elder John Sinclair

May 7, 1837, Noah Sinclair to Hannah Cotton, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman.

Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen J. Pitman

Nov. 19, 1837, Thomas Clark to Nancy Poukford.

Dec. 10, 1839, Salmon H. Sanborn to Eliza Jane Mead, both of Meredith.

Dec. 7, 1837, Lewis W. Bean to Sarah Stanton, both of Meredith.

Dec. 31, 1837, Aaron Rand to Hannah Randlett of Meredith.

Jan. 1, 1838, Alva Graves to Sally W. Sanborn, both of Meredith.

Jan. 28, 1838, John L. Swain, to Sally Batchelder, both of Meredith.

Aug. 3, 1838, William Lewis to Hannah Pickering, both of Meredith.

Sept. 15, 1838, Sanborn Roberts to Mary Cate, both of Meredith.

Sept. 18, 1838, Ebenezer H. Smith to Sarah Cram.

Oct. 18, 1838, Daniel Robinson to Deborah Samborn, both of Meredith.

Nov. 12, 1838, Thomas J. Robinson to Eliza Glidden, both of Meredith.

Dec. 23, 1838, Jacob Watson to Rachel Whitcher, both of Meredith.

Oct. 21, 1838, Oliver Hill to Nancy Robinson, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman, *Town Clerk.*

Married by Jacob P. Huntington

Aug. 10, 1837, Joseph Straw to Mary Hill, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman, *Town Clerk.*

Married and Recorded by Stephen J. Pitman

David Philbrick of Center Harbor to Abigail Roberts of Meredith.

March 26, 1839, Jonathan Atwood to Mary E. Thurston, both of Meredith.

July 3, 1839, Loami Bean to Mary R. Pickering, both of Meredith.
Aug. 15, 1839, Charles Worthen of Charleston to Rossanna T. Cram of Meredith.
Oct. 21, 1839, John L. Swain to Olive C. Batchelder, both of Meredith.
Dec. 5, 1839, John Brooks to Harriet Sterns, both of Meredith.

Married by Elder Hosea Quimby

June 26, 1839, John S. Hawkins to Betsey Lane, both of Meredith.
Dec. 3, 1839, William U. Gibson of West Rumney to Harriet P. Smith, both of Meredith.
Feb. 5, 1840, Stephen Andrews of Manchester to Eliza Ann Smith of Meredith.

A true copy. Stephen J. Pitman, *Town Clerk.*

Record of Marriages by Elder Daniel Jackson

Nov. 4, 1840, Isaac M. Towle to Faubank, both of Center Harbor.
Dec. 27, 1840, George R. Hilliard of Holderness to Harriet G. Brown, of Meredith.
March 26, 1841, Senecca Ladd to Susan Yilton, both of Meredith.
April 7, 1841, Josiah Robinson of Deerfield to Betsey P. Cram of Meredith.
Sept. 12, 1841, Joseph Boynton of Brighton to Sarah Woodman of New Hampton.
Sept. 21, 1841, Deacon Simeon Pease to Polly Hill, both of Meredith.
Sept. 26, 1841, Lorenzo D. Davis of Somersworth to Sarah P. Smith, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman.

Record of Marriage by Elder Eli W. Taylor

Aug. 31, 1842, John Chapman to Mary Swasey of Meredith.

Record of Marriage by Elder William Blaisdell

Nov. 8, 1842, Samuel S. Blaisdell to Susan Smith, both of Meredith.

Attest: Stephen J. Pitman.

Record of Marriages by Elder Stephen J. Pitman

May 3, 1840, John Piper to Sarah H. Moses of Sanbornton.
June 2, 1840, Daniel Leavitt of Meredith to Olive Bartlett of Center Harbor.
June 8, 1840, Jacob Tenney to Sarah Farrar of Meredith.
June 9, 1840, Josiah Burley to Fanny F. Graves, both of Meredith.
March 28, 1840, George W. Swain to Elizabeth Ann Pitman, both of Meredith.
Jan. 3, 1841, Joseph Moses of Alexandria to Mary Piper of Meredith.
Jan. 26, 1841, David Corliss to Betsey Boynton of New Hampton.
Feb. 16, 1841, Stephen S. Andrews of Boscawen to Sarah L. Swain of Meredith.
April 9, 1841, Warren Roberts to Abigail Drake, both of Meredith.
April 14, 1841, Harrison Swain to Hannah C. Macinton, both of Meredith.
Sept. 15, 1841, Elisha S. Veasey to Lucinda Randlett, both of Meredith.
Nov. 23, 1841, Asa Mallard to Mary Ann Crockett, both of Meredith.
March 5, 1842, Rufus Smith to Nancy P. Lovejoy of Meredith.
Sept. 25, 1842, John Randlett to Adalin Hawkins, both of Center Harbor.
Oct. 4, 1842, William Bachelder to Ann W. Sanborn, both of Meredith.
Oct. 18, 1842, Edwin Fuller of Vermont to Nancy S. Grant of Meredith.
Nov. 15, 1842, Moses C. Hadley of Meredith to Jane Hadley of Gilmanton.
Dec. 24, 1842, John S. Glidden to Sarah D. French, both of Meredith.
Dec. 27, 1842, John P. Johnson of Concord to Sarah Crockett of Meredith.
Jan. 21, 1843, William Parsley of Meredith to Lois E. Fellows of New Hampton.
Feb. 9, 1843, Simeon D. Pease to Betsey E. Batchelder, both of Meredith.
Feb. 11, 1843, John C. Gove to Nancy B. Harper, both of New Hampton.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY REV. SILAS GASKETT

Jan. 8, 1844, Albert H. Noble to Sophia M. Quimby at Meredith.
Jan. 11, 1844, Ashley D. Pomeroy to Eliza Jane Pickering at Gilford.

STEPHEN J. PITMAN, *Town Clerk.*

RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY ELDER J. D. STEWART

Sept. 16, 1843, Francis E. Cleaves of Sanbornton to Sarah A. Fogg of Meredith.
Feb. 21, 1844, Moses C. Pease of Meredith to Betsey M. Ramsey.

STEPHEN J. PITMAN, *Town Clerk,*

Married and recorded the following:

Jan. 21, 1843, William Parsley to Lois E. Fellows of New Hampton.
Oct. 5, 1843, John Richardson to Mary Jane Glidden of Meredith.
Oct. 10, 1843, Charles W. Crockett to Nancy Swain, both of Meredith.
Dec. 3, 1843, Alvah T. Swain to Sarah K. Weeks, both of Meredith.
Nov. 23, 1843, Joseph E. Mudgett to Olive Jane Pickering, both of Meredith.
Nov. 7, 1843, David P. Hatch to Adeline N. Swain, both of Meredith.
Dec. 1843, David Randlett to Betsey Weeks, both of Meredith.
Feb. 29, 1844, Alpheus Dolloff to Eliza Jane Chase, both of Meredith.
March 5, 1844, George W. Shores to Susan Dow of Meredith.
Dec. 21, 1835, Benjamin E. Thurstin of Gilford to Susan S. Brown of Gilford.
Dec. 31, 1835, Lyman P. Lawrence to Sarah S. Guile, both of Meredith.
Jan. 19, 1836, William R. Gale to Lucia Badger, both of Gilmanton.
March 21, 1836, Asa T. Parker to Eliza H. Baker of Meredith.
Oct. 11, 1836, Joseph Hill to Maria B. Parker, both of Meredith.
Jan. 4, 1837, Simeon Hoyt to Louisa Thurston, both of Meredith.
June 10, 1837, Stephen C. Lyford of Meredith to Emily Heywood of Orona, Maine.

June 14, 1837, Charles W. Winen of Boston, Mass., to Hannah B. Haven of Meredith.

Aug. 21, 1837, John S. Sanborn of Baltimore, Md., to Laura Swasey of Meredith.

Sept. 5, 1837, Jonathan Horn of Meredith to Mary Jane Bean.

Oct. 3, 1837, Isaac Buzzell to Abigail Sanborn, both of Gilford.

Dec. 4, 1837, John W. Towle to Nancy C. Everett, both of Meredith.

Dec. 7, 1837, Nathaniel Edwards to Rachel Randlett, both of Gilford.

Jan. 7, 1838, Ezekiel Rowe to Fanny Bowman, both of Gilford.

Jan. 27, 1838, James V. D. Wardwell to Huldah Cate, both of Meredith.

Feb., 1838, Meshach Sanborn to Susan Potter, both of Gilford.

Jan. 30, 1838, Eleazor Davis of Gilford to Mary A. Gilman of Moultonborough.

July 12, 1838, Josiah Randlett to Sally F. Goss, both of Meredith.

Sept. 18, 1838, George W. Evans of Gilmanton to Eliza Folsom of Meredith.

Feb. 20, 1837, John L. Perley of Meredith to Dorothy P. Randlett of Gilmanton.

June 20, 1837, Coffin Cook of Salisbury to Hannah Swasey of Meredith.

July 17, 1837, William E. Wording of New Hampton to Catherine Lawrence of Meredith.

Sept. 17, 1837, Albert Taylor to Mary A. Batchelder, both of Meredith.

Nov. 3, 1837, Asa S. Johnson to Zilpha Taylor, both of Gilmanton.

April, 1840, Joseph W. Sargent to Elvira C. Wilson, both of Meredith.

July 1, 1840, Enoch W. Noyes to Mary L. Bean, both of Meredith.

No date, J. Furnald to —— Hunt, both of Gilford.

Nov. 9, 1840, Joshua Lane of Gilmanton to Elizabeth Rowe of Gilford.

March 22, 1841, Simeon Moulton of Campton to Sarah Sanborn of Meredith.

April 18, 1841, George Webster to Caroline Danforth, both of Gilford.

May 9, 1841, Joseph P. Pitman to Charlotte A. Parker, both of Meredith.

Dec. 23, 1841, John W. Busiel to Julia M. Tilton, both of Meredith.

Jan. 19, 1842, William W. Littlefield of Lowell, Mass., to Almira Ranlet of Gilmanton.

April, 1842, Charles W. Russell to Sarah Dimond, both of Meredith.

Aug., 1842, Joseph Knowles to Olive Jane Ladd, both of Meredith.

Nov. 3, 1842, Lyman B. Pulsifer of Meredith to Sarah Sawyer of Gilmanton.

Nov. 22, 1842, Joshua B. Robinson of Meredith to Sarah Hall of Gilmanton.

Dec. 31, 1842, Joseph Parshley to Betsey J. Hodgdon, both of Meredith.

July 12, 1843, William E. Merrill of Holderness to Hannah P. Smith of New Hampton.

July 31, 1843, Lucian A. Ladd to Mary Jane Smith, both of Meredith.

Sept. 27, 1843, Edward F. Buxton of Boscawen to Lois Jewett of Gilford.

Oct. 11, 1843, Luther Bean to Mary Ann Nichols, both of Gilford.

Nov. 26, 1843, Benj. P. Symons of Danvers, Mass., to Mary A. Robinson of Meredith.

Dec. 28, 1843, Abram M. Morrison of Meredith to Susan H. Whipple of Gilford.

Dec. 31, 1843, John Hanaford of New Hampton to Abigail Hunt of Meredith.

June 13, 1844, Jeremiah Glidden to Mrs. Susan Haynes, both of Meredith.

June 16, 1844, Samuel Ward of New Hampton to Nancy Pease of Meredith.

Nov. 14, 1844, William T. Crockett to Miss Susan N. Leavitt, both of Meredith.

Married by Rev. John K. Young

Jan. 11, 1844, Moses Whittier of Boscawen to Olive Jane Eager of Gilford.

Feb. 22, 1844, William Moses of New York City to Susan Randlett of Gilford.

March 14, 1844, Royal Winter of Concord to Martha Ann Swasey of Gilford.

March 11, 1844, Gustavius Dow to Sarah F. Evans, both of Meredith.

July 9, 1844, Josiah F. Toby to Olive J. Rowell of Gilford.

July 31, 1844, John Boynton of New Hampton to Eliza Tilton of Meredith.

Aug., 1844, Ira Taylor of Meredith to Mary Smith of Holderness.

Sept. 25, 1844, Green Osborn to Nancy Hatch, both of Pittsfield.

Nov. 16, 1844, David Slaniels of Salem, Mass., to Martha S. Moulton.

Dec. 17, 1844, Independence Gile of Hooksett to Adeline Crockett of Meredith.

Dec. 25, 1844, Benjamin F. Whipple of Gilford to Sarah J. C. Melvin of Plymouth.

Jan. 1, 1845, David B. Allison to Paulina M. Lane, both of Gilford.

Feb. 12, 1845, Jonathan Ladd to Hannah Ladd.

March 4, 1845, Samuel L. Lawrence to Annie V. Hunt, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY REV. GILES LEACH

Dec. 31, 1844, John F. Whitten of Holderness to Betsey A. Marsh of Gilford.

Feb. 26, 1845, John Deaborn to Elizabeth E. Robinson, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY W. H. WALDREN

Oct. 1, 1844, James M. Robinson to Sarah M. Smith, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY REV. JOHN K. YOUNG

Aug. 14, 1844, Ira Taylor of Meredith to Mary Smith of New Hampton.

MARRIED BY STEPHEN J. PITMAN

June 27, 1845, Josiah Goodwin to Julia Mariah Elliot, both of Meredith.

Sept. 24, 1845, Isaac Webster to Worthy Ann Chase, both of Meredith.

Jan. 28, 1846, John B. Swain to Mary Elizabeth Swain, both of Meredith.

Feb. 10, 1846, John S. Dolloff to Harriet S. Kimball, both of Meredith.

Feb. 19, 1846, Jacob Farrar of Meredith to Mrs. Sarah S. Philbrook of Sanbornton.

MARRIED BY REV. GILES LEACH

April 30, 1845, Levi Leach of Bridgewater, Mass., to Susan C. Sanborn of Meredith.

Feb. 6, 1846, Abert H. Jewett of Meredith to Mary P. Morse of Sandwich.

Nov. 26, 1845, Ephraim A. Harwood of Westford, Mass., to Loiza Cook of Meredith.

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MARRIED BY REV. JOHN K. YOUNG

May 23, 1845, James Tatlor of Salem to Abby Tilton of Gilford.

June 19, 1845, Silas Chase of Concord to Lydia Woodman of Gilford.

Aug. 19, 1845, Daniel E. L. Somes to Laura Chase, both of Meredith.

Sept. 14, 1845, James Dame to Mary Pickering, both of Gilmanton.

Sept. 24, 1845, Martin L. Wadleigh to Susan D. Parker, both of Meredith.

Sept. 28, 1845, Lyman Piper to Elizabeth Dame, both of Meredith.

Feb. 8, 1846, John J. Bennett to Eliza J. Jewett, both of Gilford.

March 15, 1846, Benjamin Calef of Ohio to Emily C. Weeks of Gilford.

MARRIED BY W. H. WALDRON

Nov. 12, 1845, Edmund Moulton of Ellsworth to Sarah M. Folsom of Meredith.

Jan. 25, 1846, John H. Fifield to Elvira Jane Kimball, both of Gilmanton.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY REV. SAMUEL COOK

May 8, 1845, Joseph H. Clark to Jane Quimby, both of Meredith.

Nov. 10, 1845, George M. Quimby of Campton to Sarah Jane Piper of Gilford.

Nov. 15, 1845, Darius Robinson to Susan Philbrick, both of Meredith.

Jan. 12, 1846, Stephen H. Crockett of Center Harbor to Lucy M. Fogg of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY GILES LEACH

Jan. 14, 1847, James Moulton to Matilda A. Annabel, both of Meredith.

Dec. 14, 1846, Charles B. Hall to Nancy Taylor, both of Center Harbor.

Nov. 25, 1846, William J. Wilson to Reuhamah A. Leavitt, both of Meredith.

Nov. 4, 1843, John Little to Lettice A. Robinson, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY ELDER SMITH FAIRFIELD

B. M. B. Silingham of Thornton to Ruth T. Carr of Gilford.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY ELDER JOHN SINCLAIR

March 13, 1847, Joseph Hart to Mrs. Hannah Sinclair, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

BENJAMIN S. TUTTLE, J. P., FOR BELKNAP COUNTY

Oct. 27, 1846, John S. Leavitt of Sanbornton to Lucy Ann Cheney of Campton.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY STEPHEN J. PITMAN

May 26, 1846, Washington Mooney Baker to Martha Ann Baker.

Married by Samueel Cook

July 20, 1846, Timothy S. Edgerly of Sanbornton to Margaret Page of Meredith.

Nov. 26, 1846, John Nelson True of Center Harbor to Mary E. Neal of Meredith.

Dec. 4, 1846, John B. M. Rogers of Holderness to Sally G. Smith of New Hampton.

March 27, 1847, Josiah Shephard Vittam to Mrs. Sophia G. Matison, both of Meredith.

July 17, 1847, B. C. Osgood to Nancy Davis; married by Dyre H. Sanborn, J. P.

Married by Stephen J. Pitman

March 8, 1848, Francis Shaw to Rachel Jane Leavitt, both of Lowell, Mass.

Nov. 26, 1847, William E. Gordon to Lovina P. Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Married by Rev. Smith Fairfield

Aug. 1, 1847, Augustus Merrill to Melvina Pickering of Lake Village.

Married by Stephen J. Pitman

Oct., 1847, William M. Webster to Nancy Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Oct., 1847, Stephen K. Philbrook to Abigail Fogg, both of Meredith.

Oct. 28, 1847, Hezekiah Munroe Swain to Hannah Pitman, both of Meredith.

Nov. 11, 1847, William L. Benitt of Bristol to Lauretta Jane Dolloff of Meredith.

Nov. 24, 1847, Stephen S. Kimball to Turza Ann Dolloff, both of Meredith.

Nov. 25, 1847, Noah Lawrence to Polly Marston, both of Meredith.

Feb., 1848, Lorenzo D. Dolloff to Sudan P. Smith, both of Meredith.

Oct. 10, 1847, William Heddle of Meredith to Louisa Hadley of Dover; married by Benjamin S. Tuttle, J. P.; also

Oct. 10, 1847, William Henry Harrison Leavitt of Sanbornton to Rachael M. Prescott of Washington, Vt.

MARRIED BY JAMES GORDON, *Justice of the Peace*

Dec. 4, 1838, John S. Caswell of Moultonborough to Sally Dockham of Meredith.

July 27, 1839, John S. Webster of New Hampton to Lovina Dockham of Meredith.

Oct. 11, 1840, Lyman W. True to Mary J. Hilliard, both of Meredith.

Oct. 20, 1845, John Dockham to Priscilla Kelley, both of Meredith.

Nov. 25, 1847, Henry Moulton to Catherine Hilliard, both of Meredith.

MARRIED BY JOHN L. SINCLAIR

Sept. 17, 1847, Nemiah Leavitt of Meredith to Judith G. Huntress of Center Harbor.

Oct. 18, 1847, Lorenzo D. Davis to Abby R. Smith, both of Meredith.

Nov. 17, 1847, Freeman J. Weed of Brattleborough to Caroline M. D. Vittum of Meredith.

Attest: STEPEHN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY S. C. LYFORD, *Justice of the Peace*

Aug. 25, 1847, John S. Mudgett of Meredith to Mary Jane Nichols of Sanbornton.

Oct. 15, 1847, Michael Mathanus to Elizabeth Kimball, both of Meredith.

March 25, 1848, Ira Simes to Mary Jane Hadley, both of Meredith.

MARRIED BY K. R. DAVIS

Oct. 24, 1847, Sulivan Crosman to Margaret Colby, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY ELDER STRONG

March 20, 1842, Jacob Severance of Sandwich to Susan R. Roberts of Meredith.

MARRIED BY STEPHEN J. PITMAN

March 15, 1848, Obadiah Kimball of New Hampton to Elizabeth Flint.

March 17, 1848, Timothy Chase of Campton to Sally Huse of Meredith.

No date, Noah S. Rollins of New Hampton to Elvirah Bickford of Meredith.

April 1, 1848, Andrew J. Tucker to Hannah Chase, both of Meredith.

Oct. 15, 1848, Levi Stevens, Jr., of Charlestown, Mass., to Abby P. Nichols of Meredith.

Oct. 19, 1848, David F. Fellows of Bristol to Mary J. Copp of New Hampton.

Dec. 18, 1848, Charles R. Boynton to Lucy H. Thompson, both of Center Harbor.

Jan. 8, 1848, Abram S. Dow of Meredith to Mary J. Moses of Alexandria.

MARRIED BY JOHN L. SINCLAIR

Jan. 1, 1849, John C. Wadleigh to Mary A. Nealey, both of Meredith.

MARRIED BY HUGH BEDE

Nov. 21, 1848, Luther G. Flanders of New Hampton to Mary E. Smith of Meredith.

MARRIED BY SAMUEL COOK

June 22, 1848, James Munroe Beedee to Isabelle Lane, both of Meredith.

July 4, 1848, George W. Quimby of Campton to Leena N. Eaton of Bethleham.

MARRIED BY SMITH FAIRFIELD, *Minister*

March 20, 1849, Job H. Burleigh of Acton, Maine, to Miranda M. Marston of Meredith. Married at Lake Village.

MARRIED BY JAMES GORDON, *Justice of the Peace*

Jan. 6, 1850, Thomas V. Hilliard of Meredith to Abigail Dockham of Gilford.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIED BY JOHN PRINCE, *Minister of the Universalist Church*

Nov. 7, 1850, Lorenzo D. Perry of Boston, Mass., to Sarah M. Messer of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY FRANCIS REED

Nov. 26, 1850, Joseph B. Smith, age 30 years, to Melvina Hawkins, age 28 years, both of New Hampton.

MARRIED BY PHINEAS RICHARDSON

Nov. 17, 1850, Charles H. Adams, born in Meredith, May 12, 1827, son of H. Adams, to Miss Mary F. Parker, born Newcastle, Maine, August 23, 1827, daughter of J. Parker.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN.

MARRIED BY STEPHEN J. PITMAN, *Town Clerk*

July 4, 1850, George W. Payne of Center Harbor to Mary A. Smith of Meredith.

July 4, 1850, Elmer A. Haskins of Nashville to Hannah J. Ring of Northfield.

Oct. 9, 1850, George W. Hawkins to Susan R. Fogg, both of Center Harbor.

Oct. 19, 1850, Lorenzo W. Lovett of Gilford to Abba Amanda Page of Center Harbor.

Oct. 23, 1850, Samuel Leavitt to Betsey Edgerly, both of Meredith.

Oct. 27, 1850, James Pike to Lucy Ann Wiggin, both of Meredith.

Oct. 16, 1850, Ebenezer Pitman to Mrs. Eliza Jane Swain, both of Meredith.

Nov. 13, 1850, Phineas Danforth of Warner to Clara Copp of New Hampton.

Nov. 28, 1850, John O. Prescott of Meredith to Lydia B. Randall of Center Harbor.

Nov. 29, 1850, John M. L. Swain to Hannah L. Folsom, both of Meredith.

Dec. 22, 1850, Josiah Moulton to Elizabeth A. Hilliard, both of Meredith.

Dec. 22, 1850, Nathaniel Whittier to Mahala Straw, both of Meredith.

Jan. 11, 1851, Ebenezer P. Mudgett of Boston to Louisa Ann Leavitt of Meredith.

Jan. 27, 1851, James B. Tuttle to Caroline McGrillis, both of Center Harbor.

Feb. 5, 1851, Samuel H. Weston to Betsey Edgerly, both of Meredith.

Attest: STEPHEN J. PITMAN, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES IN THE TOWN OF MEREDITH

May 22, 1835, David Blaisdell to Elvira Gilman, both of Meredith.

Aug. 13, 1837, Joseph Swain to Mary Hill, both of Meredith. Attest: Jacob B. Huntington.

April 8, 1852, at Plymouth, Josiah B. Rogers of Plymouth to Almira Yeaton of Meredith. Married by Elisha Scott, Minister.

Nov. 7, 1850, John Prince to Sarah M. Messer. Married by Lorenzo D. Berry.

Sept. 1, 1849, Charles Hanson of Sandwich to Sarah E. Fowler of Meredith.

March 1, 1850, George B. Gordon to Hannah Flanders of New Hampton.

Nov. 26, 1850, Joseph B. Smith, age 30 years, to Melvina Hawkins, age 28 years. Married by Francis Reed.

Aug. 23, 1847, John L. Mudgett of Meredith to Mary Jane Nichols. Married by S. C. Lyford.

March 25, 1848, Ira Smith to Mary Jane Hadley, both of Meredith.

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

John Henry Robinson, born in Barnstead July 29, 1820, son of Noah Robinson of Meredith and wife Susan Horn of Dover.

John P. Robinson, born Oct. 3, 1805, son of John Robinson of Meredith.

Simeon Cate, son of Ebeneezer and wife Mary Cate, born Feb. 20, 1763, in Greenland.

Sept. 11, 1859, William H. Cate of Meredith to Mary M. Smith.

Jan. 17, 1813, Simeon Cate to Lydia Durgin. Married in Sanbornton.

April 29, 1819, Ebenezer F. Cate of Meredith to Hannah Tilton.
Aug. 17, 1823, John Cate of Meredith to Sally Sanborn of Sanbornton.
Jan. 3, 1819, Simeon Cate to Polly P. Hill, both of Meredith.
Feb. 23, 1852, Charles Chase of Groton to Sarah Boynton.

NOTES.—There are old stones in the Swazey yard in Meredith from which the letters are worn off. I asked Mrs. Swazey Lincoln who they were. Acsah Patten; on back of stone is Currier. Two Bryant children. John Ford, who run a stage line out of Meredith, is buried there.

"Ladd Hill" or "Mile Hill," south of Meredith, was named for Park Ladd.

MARRIAGES IN "OLD MEREDITH"

1810, Nathaniel Batchelder of Northwood to Patience Page.
March 7, 1862, Nathaniel Batchelder, age 75 years, of Meredith to Mary (Neal) Robinson, daughter of "White Oak" Joseph Neal, she age 66 years, both second marriages.
Jan. 30, 1844, Joseph E. Robinson of Newcastle to Mary Neal of Meredith.
Oct. 30, 1831, John L. Robinson to Rachel C. Smith.
Dec. 14, 1831, John G. Robinson to Lucinda Roberts.
Sept. 16, 1852, John G. Robinson to Eunice E. Little of Warren.
March 26, 1856, John Robinson of Meredith to Lucinda Severance.
Aug. 2, 1841, Joseph W. Robinson of Gilford to Matilda G. Crockett of Meredith.
Nov. 22, 1842, Joshua Robinson of Meredith to Sarah Hall.
Oct. 1, 1844, James M. Robinson of Meredith to Sarah M. Smith.
March 17, 1829, Jonathan Robinson of Meredith to Charlotte Smith.
May 15, 1869, John H. Robinson of Laconia to Hannah G. Blaisdell.
July 2, 1895, J. S. Robinson, age 63 years, of Meredith to Priscilla Bickford, 49 years.
Jan. 18, 1882, Joshua B. Robinson, age 61 years of Laconia to Harriet A. Pitman, age 38 years, born in Danville, Vt.
Aug. 31, 1899, John S. Robinson, age 21 years of Laconia to Mabel G. Moses, age 16 years. He son of Joseph L. Robinson and wife Clara A. Edwards, age 51 years. She daughter of

Mathew Moses of Chester, England, and wife Elizabeth Hutton, age 46 years of Conway, England.

Marriages from the Farmer's Visitor of 1842

Feb., 1852, in Meredith Bridge by Rev. Young, Caleb G. Brier to Eliza M. Gale of Gilmanton.

Feb., 1852, in New Hampton by Rev. Dr. Smith, Thomas P. Woodman to Nancy E. Robinson. Also by the same, George P. Smith to Elizabeth A. Taylor.

Feb., 1852, at Lake Village, Ralph Adams to Maria C. Gilman, both of Gilford.

Marriages

June 5, 1859, John Webster to Lucetta A. Piper.

Nov. 17, 1865, John Webster to Sarah Harper.

Feb. 28, 1883, John F. Pickering to Carrie E. Webster.

Feb. 9, 1907, Frank Ervin Pickering to Amy Hawley.

Feb., 1910, Stella L. Pickering to Frank M. Mudgett of Meredith Center.

Oct. 19, 1910, Olin J. Pickering to Lela L. Rand.

No date, Clarence E. Pickering to Lois Hawley. Divorced 1922.

May 6, 1922, Clarence E. Pickering to Elfleda Taylor.

Dec., 1843, David Randlett to Betsey Weeks of Meredith

May 11, 1856, Gilman S. Randlett of Meredith to Placentia Mudgett of Center Harbor.

July 12, 1838, Josiah Randlett of Meredith to Sally T. Goss.

Deaths from the Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 1852

At Center Harbor, Jan. 5, 1852, Lettice A., wife of Samuel M. Senter, Esq., aged 78 years.

In Meredith, Jan. 3, 1852, Moses Langley, aged 64 years; also Joanna, wife of Aaron Robinson, aged 60 years.

In Meredith, Dec. 31, 1851, of consumption, Mrs. Lettice B. Lang, aged 44 years, wife of Hon. George W. Lang of Philadelphia and daughter of John Towle, Esq., of Meredith.

In Meredith, Dec. 29, 1851, Mrs. Peter Robinson, aged 77 years, of Meredith.

In Meredith, March, 1852, Charles F., son of Nathaniel and Mary Batchelder, aged 22 years; also Deacon Joshua Perkins, aged 84 years.

In Gilmanton, March, 1852, Abraham Parsons, aged 96 years, 2 months. He was the oldest person in town, if not in the State, and was born before any child in Gilmanton.

Mrs. Deborah French, March, 1852, widow of Israel French, aged 86 years.

In New Hampton, March, 1852, Stephen Morse, Esq., late of Holderness, aged 84 years.

Meredith Data

From old Meredith books

John Cate died March, 1853, aged 95 years.

Jonathan Quimby, aged 85, died June 18, 1869.

Polly Quimby died Sept. 23, 1870, aged 79 years.

Stephen Farrar, wife Sarah, died 1791–1813.

John Perkins from Stratham, N. H., died Nov. 15, 1818.

Old Bible Records

Eleanor Hill Bickford, born in Greenland, June 25, 1770, married John Bryant, born Nov. 29, 1767, at Meredith.

Priscilla Bryant, born June 12, 1793, in Meredith.

Sarah Ray Bryant, born June 22, 1796, in Meredith.

Joseph Bickford Bryant, born Dec. 25, 1797, in Meredith.

John Stevens Bryant, born April 11, 1800, in Meredith.

Samuel Bickford Bryant, born Dec. 13, 1803, in Meredith.

John Bryant, died March 23, 1849. His wife was Eleanor Bickford.

Priscilla W. Bryant, died Aug. 20, 1809.

Almira, wife of Samuel B. Bickford, died at Lowell, Jan. 12, 1828.

John Bryant married Eleanor H. Bickford, at Epsom, Nov. 27, 1791.

Sarah R. Bryant married Caleb Swain, April 9, 1822, at Sutton, Vt.

Joseph B. Bryant married Cynthia Norris at Gilmanton, Sept. 22, 1822.

John S. Bryant married Hannah P. Elevard.

Samuel B. Bryant married Almira Moseley, Sept. 27, 1826, at Hill.

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