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Pioneer Families of Avon, N. Y.

PIERSON, WATEROUS, HOSMER, MARTIN, ETC.,

*Gibson, Clark,*

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

COMMITTEE:

JUDGE JOHN PIERSON, Danville, Ill.

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SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1864.

A meeting was called of the relations, descendants of early settlers of Avon, N. Y., viz: Pierson, Waterous, Hosmer, Martin, Little, &c., and convened at the old Brick Church at East Avon. One hundred and forty-four were present. John Pierson of Danville, Ill., was chosen president; F. B. Pierson of Avon, vice-president; G. C. Pierson and Van R. Pierson, secretaries. Necessary committees were chosen — friendly interchange of thought and feeling expressed, and addresses made. A motion was made that a committee be selected from the different families here represented, to ascertain the genealogies and historical reminiscences, to be revised and printed, and that a subscription be obtained to defray expenses of compiling and printing the same. Refreshments were provided and partaken of with a peculiar zest; then addresses from Messrs. A. Dana and W. H. C. Hosmer; resolutions, thanks and farewells. Adjourned to meet again October, 1865.

The second meeting was held October 3d and 4th, 1865, at the same place. In absence of president and vice-president, Dr. G. W. Hanna of E. Mendon, N. Y., was called to the chair; S. A. Whitbeck, secretary. The committee for publishing the book of Genealogies reported nothing had been done. Some letters had been written and no answers received. A resolution was taken to re-appoint the committee, they to devise the best mode of proceeding, to gather materials, publish the book and collect funds from those wanting copies of the same. Committee: Dr. J. A. Bennett, John T. Hall and Samuel Waterous. Dr. Bennett delivered an address; Mrs. Mary E. Randall read a poem. Then followed a sumptuous repast in the church—then again called to order, the names of those present were recorded, and seven reported died since our last meeting. The doxology was sung; the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Lusk, and our gathering dispersed to meet again on the first Wednesday of September, 1866.

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1866.

Our annual family gathering again is called to order by F. B. Pierson, president, at Dr. Taintor's house. The weather unpropitious, rain falling, &c. Last year's report read, also a letter from Dr. J. A. Bennett, resigning his position as chairman of book committee, which resignation was accepted; also a motion made and carried to add Rev. E. B. Walsworth of Oakland, California, J. H. Boughton, Stephen Hosmer, Dr. Taintor and S. A. Whitbeck to this committee.



SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1866.

Met in the Baptist Church, as the Brick was undergoing repairs. Rev. E. B. Walsworth offered prayer. Short addresses were made by Hon. S. Lord, E. B. Walsworth, Amos Dann, W. H. C. Hosmer and others. Resolutions were made, and it was moved that W. H. C. Hosmer be added to the book committee. Five deaths were reported since last we met. Motions were made and carried that these reports be put on record—that friends send notices of births, marriages and deaths occurring among us, to the president or secretary—also, that we meet again on the first Wednesday of October, 1867. The friends then adjourned to the house of F. B. Pierson and partook of refreshments upon tables spread in the front yard, after which our pleasant meeting was broken up, each carrying delightful memories of the gathering of 1866.

OCTOBER 2D, 1867.

Our adjourned meeting was called to order by John Pierson of Illinois; F. B. Pierson appointed temporary chairman; S. A. Whitbeck, secretary; committees on organization, introduction, fare, publication, &c., &c., were chosen. It was then resolved that W. H. C. Hosmer be invited to address the meeting; that in addition to the finance committee there be a treasurer appointed; Dr. S. Taintor was chosen treasurer. The following were read from the committee on resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting, a portion of the descendants of the first settlers of the town of Avon, N. Y., that it is our duty, as it is our unfeigned pleasure, to cherish a filial reverence for the memory of our fathers and mothers, whose graves are near the spot on which we now meet.

*Resolved*, That we, their children, grand-children, and great grand-children, hold in sacred memory, the sturdy and unshaken virtues of our fathers and mothers, in encountering the trials and hardships of a then howling wilderness, that they might insure a competence to themselves, and an independence to their posterity.

*Resolved*, That in the humble annals of our organization, kept alive by annual family reunions, worth will be rewarded with an appropriate record, and a memorial be presented of our loved and lost, more touching than inscriptions stamped on brass, or carven on stone.

Judge Pierson moved the following addition:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting that the old Pioneers, and their descendants of Avon, without reference to inter-marriage with, or ties of blood, that unite them to the founders of this association; be invited to co-operate with us, at our annual meetings; that we reverence the names of Wiard, Markham, Merry, More, and all others identified with Avon, and honor their sacred memories in common with our own immediate ancestors.

The report of deaths of eleven was given.

The question was then proposed, Shall we meet next year? and answered unanimously that we meet the first Wednesday of Oct., 1868.

OCTOBER 7TH, 1868.

Another year has passed, and finds us assembled.

Remarks are made by Revs. Mr. Brown, Mr. Page and John F. Bliss, the first pastor of the church.

He came to Avon in 1810. There was then no church, no minister. He preached in a school-house near Geo. Hosmer's, Esq. Had twenty-three hearers the first Sabbath, thirty-six the second, and so increased until they numbered two hundred. Was called by Dr. Bingham. Names were now recorded, numbering one hundred and twenty-five. The record of the dead of the year showed that ten had gone.

Judge Pierson wished to bring forward an old subject proposed at our first meeting; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the long spoken of book, embracing the genealogy, be published by a committee, to be appointed at this meeting.



*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed, with power to call in a third person, to aid if necessary.

*Resolved*, That S. Amanda Whitbeck and John Pierson be that committee.

W. H. C. Hosmer was added.

Put in motion and seconded that funds be raised, and put into treasurer's hands.

W. H. C. Hosmer then read a poem.

James Kneeland, Esq., of Milwaukee, suggested that we meet again first Wednesday of October, 1870; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this meeting, when closed, adjourn to October, 1870, and notice be given by circulars previously issued. And now farewell, and the meeting of 1868 is among the things of the past.

AVON, OCT. 5TH AND 6TH, 1870.

Again we are convened. Our president is here, none the older in appearance than in 1864. Our vice-president, too, still the princely farmer of Avon. The blessing of our Heavenly Father was craved, and praise and prayer to Him were given. Records of all our past meetings were read. The dead of the past two years numbered twenty-seven. Letters were read from Rev. C. Waterhouse, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Mrs. M. W. Mix, of Wheeling, Va.; C. S. Bingham, a son of Dr. Bingham, and others. The following resolution was read:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to raise funds from the relatives and friends, in order to defray all the expenses of publishing the genealogical book.

James Hosmer, Dr. S. Taintor and F. B. Pierson were made that committee. S. A. Whitbeck added:

*Resolved*, That we print the book, if they are ordered and paid for in advance, five hundred copies.

Many gave their names, and a number of copies were taken. Some absent were assessed and notified of it. Names of those present were recorded. A communication from John I. Kelsey was read (extracts found at the close of the book.) Dr. H. W. Pierson, a descendant of Abraham Pierson, first president of Yale College, gave some interesting remarks, read the will of A. Pierson, written two hundred years ago. Claimed kindred with us, though the broken link in the chain is not found. Judge Pierson then read the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this family meeting entertain a sincere feeling of friendship and gratitude to our distinguished friend, Col. W. H. C. Hosmer, for his consistent attention at the family gatherings, and aiding by his kindness and talent to make our meetings agreeable and pleasant.

*Resolved*, That we cannot but feel a pride in knowing that he is a descendant of one of the noble men that first settled Avon, then truly the home of the Indian, and indeed a howling wilderness.

*Resolved*, That we, as the descendants and relatives of the Pioneers of Avon, N. Y., render our sincere thanks, and they are hereby most cheerfully awarded to our gifted relative, Mrs. Sarah Amanda Whitbeck (a grand-daughter of Mr. Joseph Pierson, one of the Pioneers of Avon), for her constant and cheerful services as secretary to these family meetings almost from their commencement.

*Resolved*, That we are under lasting obligations to her for the indefatigable labors, which have devolved upon her, in collecting and arranging the family records, with a view to their publication, and the able manner in which she has performed the most difficult undertaking.

*Resolved*, That in consequence of the high estimation we all entertain of the worth and virtues of our esteemed relative and friend, that the resolutions be added to the family book.

*Resolved*, Also, that her name be added to the book, as the main author and assiduous laborer in the publication thereof.

He then bade us all farewell. He was the first to suggest these meetings, and now felt that this must be the last to him, that if others wish at any future time to call another meeting, it can be done.



Rev. Mr. Nutten made some remarks that these are precious meetings, we are one brotherhood, same blood, kindred, &c. Mrs. J. E. Paige made motion that thanks be expressed to the people of Avon, for their kind hospitality and bountiful entertainment. The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and prayer offered by J. R. Page, farewells said, and our meetings ended.

S. A. WHITBECK, Secretary.

JOHN PIERSON, Prest., F. B. PIERSON, Vice-Prest.

### GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF THE PIERSON FAMILY.

1. Rev. Abraham Pierson emigrated from Yorkshire, England, in 1639; died in Newark, N. J., August 9th, 1678, aged —.
2. Rev. Abraham Pierson, first president Yale College, died in Killingworth, Conn., March 5th, 1707, aged 61.
3. Worshipful Abraham Pierson died in Killingworth, Conn., January 8th, 1752; aged 72.
4. Samuel Pierson died in Killingworth, Conn., January 23d, 1800; aged 86.
5. Samuel Pierson died in Killingworth, Conn., March 18th, 1861; aged 51.
6. Rev. Josiah Pierson born in Killingworth, Conn.; emigrated to Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1807; died March 6th, 1846; aged 65.
7. Rev. Hamilton W. Pierson, D. D. born in Bergen, N. Y.

We cannot trace, as one has, our pedigree to, or cannot say that we are grandsons of "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," but if philanthropy, religious tendency, usefulness "in their day and generation," may be inherited qualities, then we may claim kindred with others of the name of Pierson. Our families can only give us names to Ephraim Pearson.

*First Generation*—Ephraim Pearson married Hannah Barrett, a lady of French or Huguenot descent, possessing more than ordinary good looks and gracefulness.

*Second Generation*.—Children of Ephraim and Hannah Pearson: Hannah, born April 1st, 1755; married Richard Hendee, 1773; married second, Mr. June; died January 7th, 1833, in Leroy, New York; is said to have been a brunette. R. Hendee, of Tolland County, Connecticut, born June, 1743, was killed April, 1794, at a raising, by a timber falling on his head.

*Third Generation*.—Children of Hannah and Richard Hendee: Richard, born May 22d, 1775; married Phebe Rich, of Vermont; died August 12th, 1839. Phebe, his wife, born January, 1778; died December, 1867. Ephraim, born April 5th, 1777; married Lovisa Churchill, of Vermont, June, 1802; moved to Avon, N. Y.; died February 10th, 1865. Lovisa H., born March 19th, 1779; died June 29th, 1867. Jesse, born —; married Teresa Rich; lived in New Haven, Vt. Hannah, born —; married Samuel Buell, but died soon after, leaving no issue. Anna, born May 28th, 1784; married Esau Rich, of Essex county, N. Y.; moved to Nunda, N. Y., on Wiscoy creek; died April 14th, 1870. Mr. Rich, born March, 1781; he put up the first saw mill on Wiscoy creek in 1823; died April 15th, 1831. David, born —; married a widow Jones, and moved to Northern Illinois. John, born June 20th, 1790; married Nancy A. Parks, of Wells, Vermont; now living in Pavilion, N. Y. Nancy A., his wife, born September 17th, 1800. Phebe, born July, 1791; married Elisha Cheeney; moved to Genesee county, near her brother John; died January 14th, 1863. E. Cheeney, born November 17th, 1790.

*Fourth Generation*—Children of Richard and Phebe Hendee: Richard H., born 1797; died December 18th, 1823. Richard jr., born —; died —; 63





years old. Esau, born October 15th, 1801; married Electa Slusser, April 4th, 1824; now lives in Leroy, N. Y. Electa, his wife, born April 6th, 1803. Jane, born —; married April 13th, 1829; dead. Phœbe Ann, born —; married Lathrop; dead. Harly, born 1812; died February 5th, 1868.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Ephraim and Lovisa Hendee: Hannah P., born March 12th, 1803; married Jonas Howe, November 7th, 1830; had two children. Amy Lovisa, born February 18th, 1805; married Hiram Pearson, October 23d, 1827. Joseph, born November 14th, 1808; married Mary Clark, February 28th, 1837; died February 10th, 1865; had seven children. Ruby O., born — 29th, 1810; married Addison Ran-om, November 2d, 1840; died May 4th, 1843; had two sons. Ephraim Churchill, born January 15th, 1812; married Hannah Merrill, March 29th, 1837. A. Alonzo, born June 15th, 1815; now resides in Geneva, N. Y.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Anna and E. Rich: Hosea, born June, 1805; died 1823. Lucretia, born October 14th, 1807; married Reuben Cooley; has one child and two grand-children; lives in Hume, Allegany county. Philaney, born September 23d, 1809; married R. Slussar, 1820; has six children and seven grand-children. Ruth, born December 9th, 1811; married John Robertson; has five children, and one grand-child. David, born April, 1814; has nine children and seven grand-children. Sarah Ann, born September 18th, 1816; married Luman Peck, 1840; has one child and two grand-children; now resides in Wiseoy, N. Y. Phebe, born June 21st, 1819; married Wm. R. Mills, 1841; has four children and four grand-children; lives in Hume, N. Y. Hiram, born March 1st, 1821; has two children. Charles O., born July 1st, 1824; now of Belfast, N. Y.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of John and Nancy A. Hendee: Louisa, born December 12th, 1820. Lorenzo, born July 17th, 1822. Albert Parks, born July, 1829; married Kate Holbrook, December 19th, 1854; lives in Pavilion, N. Y. Kate, his wife, born December 18th, 1831.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Phœbe and Elisha Cheney: Elisha P., born —; married Fanny Metcalf, David, —. Edmund, born —; died March 12th, 1823, aged 5 years and 4 months. Daniel R., born —: married Cordelia Whitney. Jane Ann, born —; died September 14th, 1833, aged 10 years.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Esau and Electa Hendee: Homer, born September 17th, 1825; married Cordelia Woodworth; lives in Illinois. Rosina, born November 11th, 1827; married E. Greggs. Ruth, born December 26th, 1829; married Jerome Ely. Hosea, born August 24th, 1832; married R. Taylor. Eliza, born January 15th, 1837; married M. Woodworth; died December 18th, 1869. Esau M., born January 5th, 1840; died August 8th, 1869, in California. Liveria, born January 24th, 1842.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Albert P. and Kate Hendee: Jennie Louisa, born December 23d, 1855. A son born, and died, September 22d, 1857. Aura Adelaide, born December 9th, 1858. Grace Lizzie, born September 10th, 1865. Helen Holbrook, born October 1st, 1867.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Elisha P. and Fanny Cheney: Orson, Jane A., Ann, Alphonzo, Henry, Edmund, Mercy, Uz. Children of David and Nancy Cheney: Alia, born September 4th, 1839. Galen, born April 30th, 1843. Children of Daniel R., and Cordelia Cheney: Florence Amelia, born June 17th, 1850. Martha Louisa, born December 22d, 1851. Charles Fremont, born October 22d, 1856.

*Second Generation.*—Annie, second child of Ephraim and Hannah Pierson, born 1757; died when about eighteen years of age, and her funeral services were held on



the day appointed for her marriage; her intended not knowing of her death until he came to her father's house. She is said to have been a beautiful young lady.

Ephraim, third child of Ephraim and Hannah Pierson, born 1759, M., in Vermont, had four children. He, in company with some others, took a drove of farm stock (said to be hogs) to Boston, and chartered a ship to Havana, and while off the coast of the Southern States they were captured and robbed by Spanish pirates. He remained South ten years, acquired property, came back within ten miles of his former home, and hearing that his wife had again married, returned and lived the remainder of his days in Charleston or Savannah. His son, some years after, went and found his grave.

Jessie, fourth child of Ephraim and Hannah Pierson, born May 6th, 1761, in Connecticut. Married Lydia Stevens of Wells, Vt., April 15th, 1784; died Jan. 10th, 1837. Lydia, his wife, born May 17th, 1762, died Jan. 8th, 1849. Jessie Pierson came with his family to Avon in February, 1805. Bought the farm three-quarters of a mile east of East Avon, then owned by his brother Joseph. Here he remained until his death. The same farm was afterward owned by his son David, and now occupied by Dr. James E. Jenks. Jesse was a man of large proportions, and had a loud, strong voice. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

*Third Generation.*—David, born March 27th, 1785, in Vermont. Married Huldah Churchill, Feb. 14th, 1811; died June 17th, 1853. Huldah, his wife, born Nov. 12th, 1785; died 1862, in Leroy, N. Y.

Lydia, born July 28th, 1786; married Consider Alexander, Oct. 20th, 1806; died April 7th, 1861.

Charlotte, born Feb. 15th, 1788; married Ethan Allen, Nov. 13th, 1805.

Charrisa, born May 28th, 1792; married Noah Merrill, July 8th, 1808.

Hannah, born July 22d, 1794; married James Richardson; died June 1st, 1831.

Orra, born June 15th, 1796; married Rowland Perry, Feb. 15th, 1815.

"Mr. Perry was one of the first settlers of the present town of Pavilion, having come in the fall of 1809. He walked from Massachusetts, carrying upon his back a pack containing all his earthly possessions. He spent his first winter in Middlebury, awaiting the arrival of a land agent of whom he might procure a farm, which he owned at the time of his death, and upon which he had resided continually for sixty years. Mr. Perry was an industrious, honest farmer, a good example of the old time yeomanry. He was always quiet, and unobtrusive in his manners; upright and honorable in his dealings with others, and eminently practical and consistent in his Christianity. He served with patriotic energy in the war of 1812, and was honorably discharged at its close. Died at Pavilion Centre, Thursday, June 8th, 1870; aged 89 years." Amanda, born July 2d, 1798; married Ephraim Judd, Sept. —, 1817; now lives in Ypsilanti, Mich. Ephraim, born Oct. 13th, 1800; was killed by a horse at the age of thirteen. Babe, not named, born Jan. 18th; died Feb. 3d, 1802. Hiram, born Sept. 21st, 1805; married Amy Lovisa Hendee, Oct. 23d, 1827; now resides in Avon, N. Y.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of David and Huldah Pierson, all born in Avon: Rahmah C., born Nov. 30th, 1811; married S. D. Halsey, Feb. 11th, 1835; lives in Grand Blanc, Mich. Margaret B., born April 13th, 1813; died Sept. 4th, 1865. Adelia, born June 30th, 1815; married John Smith, Oct. 2d, 1835; resides in Michigan. Ann J., born Oct. 29th, 1816; married John Bainbridge, Oct. 21st, 1847; now in Michigan. Charles C., born Jan. 18th, 1818; married Martha Dutton Dec. 19th, 1849. Jane L., born Oct. 9th, 1819; married Dilzon Lacy, July 3d, 1843. Mary E., born May 13th, 1821; married first, Dr. F. Drake, Feb. 10th, 1859; married second, J. Johnson, 1868, in Flint, Mich.; Dr. Drake died Nov. 2d, 1865.



Laura, born May 20th, 1823; married Bertrand E. Rust, July 5th, 1851; moved to Michigan 1852. B. E. Rust, born Oct. 26th, 1821. Ephraim J., born Feb. 24th, 1825; married Sarah Merrill, Sept. 27th, 1849. Andormeda, born July 6th, 1827; now in LeRoy, N. Y. Delos D., born March 6th, 1829; married Philena Douglass, Jan. 18th, 1855.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Lydia and C. Alexander: Sylvanus, ——— Pembroke, N. Y. Drusilla, ———; married Heman Holmes; resides in Ypsilanti, Mich. Jesse, ———, in Jackson, Mich. Charles, ———, in Marshall, Mich. Maria, died July 23d, 1856. Ephraim P., born May 22d, 1815; married May 8th, 1836; when seven years of age went to LeRoy; 1867 went to and now resides in Michigan; has one son. Archy S., born June 3d, 1839; married February 7th, 1861; now in West Avon, N. Y. Amos, living in Grass Lake, Mich. Edwin died September 7th, 1869, in Flushing, Mich. Josephus resides in Wayne, Mich.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Orra and Rowland Perry: Cyrus, born January 28th, 1818; married D. Sherman in 1842; has two sons, one daughter, one grand-son, Frank. Charlotte, born April 11th, 1820; married Albert T. Banning; has two sons; lives now in Rochester, N. Y. Barret, born January 18th, 1824; married West, 1860; has two sons and three daughters. Lysander, born May 16th, 1826; married Clarissa Sherman, 1850; has nine children. John, born July 8th, 1828; married Alvira Marsh, 1850; died at City Point, May 23d, 1864. Alvira, his wife, died March 9th, 1861; one child living, one dead. Elliott, born February 7th, 1831; married Adelaide Bishop, 1853; has three children. Angeline, born September 30th, 1835; married George Olmsted, 1859; has one son and one daughter; Seward, born July 5th, 1838; married Eunice Raymond, 1861; has one daughter. Henry, born July 25th, 1841; married Edna Carpenter, 1864; has one son and one daughter.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Hiram and A. Lovisa Pearson: Annetta L., born July 7th, 1828; married Backus E. Stevens, February 27th, 1849; resides in Leroy, N. Y. B. E. Stevens fell from a car load of lumber, causing his death, April 7th, 1869. Hannah Amarillis, born February 27th, 1831.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Ruhamah and S. D. Halsey: Amanda M., born September 3d, 1835, in Avon; died July 17th, 1841, in Grand Blanc, Mich. David P., born April 24th, 1838; married Artemisia Waterous, April 20th, 1859. Sarah Jane, born September, 26th, 1810; married Charles J. Case September 13th, 1864.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Ann J. and ——— Bainbridge: John Pearson, born October 4th, 1850, at Varick, N. Y. Stella A., born March 12th, 1852, at Varick, N. Y. Frederic H., born May 24th, 1854; died November 26th, 1856. Allie May, born January 13, 1857, at Atlas, Mich. Children of Charles C. and Martha Pearson: Jennie, born November 3d, 1850. Enos D., born December 28th, 1854. Charley H., born July 9th, 1860. Anna, born January 21st, 1863. Frederic, born July 2d, 1867.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of D. P. and A. Halsey: Elmer E., born September 30th, 1861. Children of S. J. and C. J. Case: Celia E., born June 6th, 1865. Mary A., born March 14th, 1870.

*Second Generation.*—Benjamin, fifth child of Ephraim and Hannah Pearson, born May 29th, 1763, in Enfield, Conn.; married first, Anna Abbott in Vermont, at the age of 17 or 18 years; had one child; both wife and child died; married second, in 1792, to Elizabeth Smith; died November 27th, 1834. His wife Elizabeth (daughter of Thomas Smith and Temperance Leonard, and grand-daughter of William Smith from Scotland, and Miss Harris from Holland), born October 29th, 1768, at Newburg; married at Geneva; died at Avon, March 11th, 1833.



Benjamin Pearson was the pioneer of his family of five brothers to the Genesee country, preceding them a few years, and in traveling became acquainted with his wife when stopping at her father's house in Geneva, N. Y. He first took up the "Ball Farm," in Honeoye or Mendon, and helped build the first saw-mill in town, or at what is now called Norton's Mills, and is said to have drawn to it the first log. Not being able to obtain satisfactory title to the property in Mendon, after two years' stay, he removed his family, then consisting of a wife and infant daughter, taking them and his effects upon a home-made sled drawn by a yoke of oxen, following an Indian trail through the woods to the farm one mile and a half east of East Avon, where he lived and died. He endured the trials and privations incident to a new country. At that time he was obliged to go to Geneva to mill, being forty miles. He kept a public house for many years and was widely known and respected. In military tactics he took an active part and rose to the rank of colonel of cavalry. His large, noble form and strong voice, gave to him a fine commanding appearance on horse. His death was sudden, although it was supposed to be approaching. But as many of his friends had died, showing no indications of immediate change, so with him. He was sitting in a large chair (being plethoric, he could rest better there), late in the evening, no one in the room but a colored boy, who saw his arm fall at his side. Soon after the boy had laid it up, it fell again, and he called some member of the family who came and found that his spirit had fled. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church for many years.

*Third Generation*—Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Pearson: Clarissa, born November 17th, 1793; married to Tabor Ward, November 19th, 1812; died February 7th, 1848, in Avon, N. Y. Tabor Ward, died September 30th, 1855. Anna, born August 8th, 1795; died a child. John, born July 3d, 1797; died young. Elizabeth, born August 1st, 1799; married Dr. George Graves, July 4th, 1827. Benjamin, born September 19th, 1801; married Artemicia Arthur, October, 1825; dead. William S., born April 21st, 1806, in Hartford, Ont. Co., N. Y. (now Avon); married first, Fanny M. Arthur, October 12th, 1829; married second, Fanny Ladd, December 2d, 1834, in Avon, N. Y.; now re-sides in Flint, Genesee co., Michigan; in occupation a farmer; a member of the Presbyterian Church. Fanny M., his wife, died May 29th, 1834. Temperance, born August 16th, 1803; married A. Gilbert; died January 23d, 1827. James Leonard, born October 17th, 1808; married Elizabeth T. King, September, 1832; died at Le Roy, N. Y., November 22d, 1860; his wife, Elizabeth, was eldest daughter of Rev. Barnabas King of Rockaway, N. J. (pastor of Rockaway Church 54 years). Barrett, born January 24th, 1812; died November 11th, 1829; is buried beside his father, mother and sister, in the field a little south of the house on the old homestead; now owned by Mr. Bristol.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Clarissa and Tabor Ward: Grosvenor T., born November 14th, 1813; married Elizabeth A. Fonda of Claverack, N. Y., October 4th, 1837; died July 20th, 1847. Elizabeth A., born November 7th, 1815; married Dr. J. F. Whitebeck, January 20th, 1836; died March 8th, 1854. Benjamin P., born December 3d, 1818; died September 29th, 1821. Benjamin P., born July 21st, 1821; married Emily M. St. John, October 9th, 1850; now resides in Chicago. Emily M., his wife, died October, 1867.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of William S., Fanny M., and Fanny Pearson: Mary, born July 22d, 1831; in Avon, N. Y. Maria S., born September 21st, 1835. Herman L., born August 16th, 1837; married Adaline Jenks of Mendon, N. Y. Caroline, born November 5th, 1839; married R. J. Garvin of Le Roy, N. Y.; August 28th, 1862; dead. William S. jr., born November 18th, 1841, in Michigan. Barrett, born November 17th, 1843, in Michigan. James L., born July 11th, 1845, in Michigan.





*Fourth Generation.*—Children of James Leonard and E. T. Pearson: James B., born July 4th, 1834; married Maria B. Stanley, of Leroy, N. Y., October 2d, 1855; drowned at Albany, N. Y., December 29th, 1869. Susan E., born July 31st, 1836; married Dr. Horace B. Doolittle, now in Albion, N. Y. Benjamin B., born August 19th, 1846; died November 16th, 1846. Janette E., born March 25th, 1850; died September 11th, 1851.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Grosvenor T. and Elizabeth Ward: Richard L., born November 10th, 1838, in Avon, N. Y.; died November 24th, 1865, in Cleveland, Ohio. Anna Fonda, born January 17th, 1843; now of Rochester, N. Y. Julia Alleine, born Aug. 1846; died Aug. 20th, 1847. Children of Elizabeth and Dr. J. F. Whitbeck: Caroline E., born Oct. 21st, 1839; married Maurice H. Merriman; now living in Richmond, Virginia. Frances M., born Aug. 16th, 1842; married Cornelius R. Parsons, of Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 6th, 1865. John F. Ward, born Nov. 9th, 1844. Westel Willoughby, son of Benjamin P. and Emily Ward.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of James B. and Maria B. Pearson: Gertrude M., born Sept. 19th, 1854; died Dec. 21st, 1855. Stanly King, born Feb. 16th, 1859, in Leroy, N. Y. Children of Susan E. and H. B. Doolittle: George Pearson, born Jan. 3d, 1867, in Albion, N. Y.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Caroline E. and M. H. Merriman: Louisa Elizabeth, born May 8th, 1867. Maurice Henry, born March 24th, 1869. Children of Frances M. and C. R. Parsons: Mabel Ward, born May 6th, 1869.

*Second Generation.*—John (Sixth child of Ephraim and Hannah Pearson), born May 7th, 1765, in the town of Ellington, county of Tolland, Connecticut; married Rebecca Waterous Hull, Jan. 4th, 1789, in Schenectady, N. Y.; died December 23d, 1812, in Avon, N. Y., aged 47 years, 8 months and 17 days. Rebecca, his wife, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Mary H. Waterous, was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, March 18th, 1765; married first, Henry Hull, who died, leaving her with one child; married second, John Pearson; married third, Col. Samuel Blakelee. She died in Vernon Township, Penn., Dec. 10th, 1861, aged 96 years, 8 months, and 27 days.

John Pearson lived in Duanesburg, N. Y., upon patent land until 1796, when, to carry his idea that he would leave his family "upon land with free title, clear of incumbrance," he removed to Hartford, now Avon, and in company with his mother-in-law, Canada (formerly Waterous), purchased 460 acres of land of John Beach, and lived upon the farm until he died. The farm is now occupied by Mr. Anderson.

The Indians were then so numerous that the family were afraid to go out of doors at night. Mr. P. brought a grindstone with him into the country, which the Indians soon found would sharpen their tomahawks, and they, knowing of the fear of the family, would strike their hatchets into the logs, and give an Indian whoop; but afterward, they became very civil and docile.

Mr. P. built the first frame building, two stories high, and it was named "John's industry, and Rebecca's economy." He also built a store upon the north side of the road, where he established an extensive trade. He was a man of positive and decided character, and met with success in all that he undertook. His first house, a log one, was not all shingled, and he went nine times on horseback, each time bringing shingles in front of him, to cover the rest of his house. He went seven miles in March, to chop down trees; and to the town of Livonia to get apple trees, which he set out, and from which his daughter picked apples only a year or two ago. He would take in exchange for goods, horses, cattle and farm-stock; take these to New York or Philadelphia, replenish his stock of goods, and



return home—taking four to six weeks to perform the trip—mark his goods, telling his clerks “I paid for this, so and so,” and all without the aid of pen and ink; casting his accounts in his head, and correcting figures made by his men. He carried on various branches of business: had a hat factory, from which he supplied a portion of the Western world with hats; an ashery; improved his own premises by building barns, &c. One incident, characteristic: He bought a pair of oxen of a stranger, paid him, but looked upon him with a little suspicion. The next morning he said to his men: “Are such oxen in the field?” They answer: “No;” nor could they find where they got out. He says, “Bring me such a horse, saddled and bridled,” takes his cane, and starts away. He reached Genesee river bridge, but could not hear of them; returned to the public house, and found that such a man with oxen had been there; he went to Leroy, to Bergen, and discovered his oxen in a field; asked a Mr. White who was the owner; proved and claimed them as his own, and started for home. He had not rode far when he met the man of whom he bought them. He dismounted from his horse, slapped him upon the shoulder, and said: “You are my prisoner!” The man replied: “For God’s sake don’t expose me, it is my first offense!” The stranger paid him for his trouble: Mr. P. came home, and says: “Ask me nothing about it.”

In the fall of 1812, he built the brick store and public house on the south-east corner of the square at East Avon, and said: “We must build a meeting house.” The meeting house was not built until some time after his death. He had scarcely completed the store and building, but had rented it to Maj. Boughton, and was seized with a prevailing epidemic of that year, and died in the midst of his cares, and in the prime of life. Maj. Boughton was killed at the battle of Black Rock, brought to Avon and buried.

Mr. Pearson’s house was the home of the minister, and from his door none ever went hungry or naked. He died, leaving hopeful evidence that he had found peace with God during his brief illness, not willing to be allowed to sleep until he found rest in Christ; bade all about him farewell, and urged them to prepare to meet him in heaven.

*Third Generation.*—Children of John and Rebecca Pearson; Amanda, born in Duaneburgh, November 20th, 1789; married to Wm. T. Hosmer, March 2d, 1814, by Rev. Ezekiel Chapman, of Lima; now lives in Meadville, Pennsylvania. (See Hosmer.) Chandler, born 1791; married Jemima Clark; died January 1st, 1853. (See Clark.) Olivia, born December 29th, 1792; married first, John Brown, of Duaneburgh, N. Y.; married second, George Reynale, of Dansville, N. Y. Horatio, born August 7th, 1794; married Sarah Turner, November 30th, 1815; died October 8th, 1856. Sarah, his wife, born January 26th, 1796; died March 30th, 1850. Orrel, born August 27th, 1796; married Gustavus Clark, August 24th, 1814; now residing in Clarkson, N. Y. (See Clark.) Mary Ann, born July 20th, 1798; married Albert Hosmer, November 10th, 1818, at Avon, N. Y.; died, and was buried at Hartland, N. Y., Sunday A. M., November 29th, 1857. (See Hosmer.) John, born January 23d, 1802; married first, Catharine Tiffany, of Canada, September 25th, 1826; married second, Catharine F. Passage, of Princeton, N. J., July 1st, 1844; is now residing in Danville, Illinois, a lawyer by profession. Was graduated at Princeton College, September, 1824; studied law with Geo. Hosmer and A. A. Bennett, in Avon, N. Y. Licensed to practice, at Ravenna, Ohio, in the Spring of 1832. Went to Chicago, then to Danville. Was elected Judge of his district for four years, and State Senator for two years. Has now retired from practice with an abundance of means, and blessings of a kind Providence extended to his maturer years. Vashti



Maria, born January 6th, 1803; married Charles B. Storrs, of Long Meadow, Massachusetts, July 6th, 1823; died October 8th, 1829. Rev. C. B. Storrs, born May 15th, 1794; resided much of his married life in Ohio; was president of Western Reserve College; died September 15th 1823. Henry, born June 20th, 1806; married Grace Plumb, of New York; died in Texas.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Chandler and Jemima Pearson: Sophia M., born February 28th, 1814; married Thomas B. Hosmer. Erastus, born October 1st, 1815; died April 20th, 1840. Hamden, born May 3d, 1817; died May 27th, 1851. Albert H., born January 3d, 1819. Mary Jane, born May 6th, 1821; married Judge A. Brown, of Ogdensburgh, N. Y., November 1813; died May 17th, 1865. Henry C., born November 9th, 1823. Catharine M., born November 6th, 1827; married Dr. Sherman, of Ogdensburg. Van Rensselaer, born August 9th, 1829; married first, Emma Vedder, September 7th, 1858; married second, S. Jeannie Vedder, November 23d, 1864; now living at Niagara, N. Y. Emma, his wife, died October 8th, 1859. Sarah, born July 5th, 1831; married A. G. Coffin; now living in Brooklyn, N. Y. Harriet E., born May 26th, 1835; died March 11th, 1866. Edward E., born March 22d, 1839.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Horatio and Sarah Pearson: Ashley, born December 5th, 1816; married H. M. Carrington, September 14th, 1864; lives near Sacramento, California. Matilda, born June 7th, 1818; died 1820. Winfield S., born July 10th, 1820; married Elizabeth Richardson, 1858. Elizabeth, his wife, born 1832; died September 3d, 1861. Mary Ann, born August 19th, 1822; married Charles S. Lowell, November 18th, 1852; now in Sacramento, California. C. S. Lowell, born June 12th, 1815. Evelina, born July 5th, 1824; married Dr. J. C. Spencer, September 22d, 1852; died June 3d, 1856. Dr. Spencer, born 1822, lives in Sacramento, California. Thomas C., born September 19th, 1826; married Sarah Isenbise, March 26th, 1848. Sarah P., born December 11th, 1829. John T., born January 14th, 1829; died November, 1856.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Orrel and Gustavus Clark: Edwin, born July 23d, 1815; married first, Sarah Root, of Sweden; married second, Eliza Cook; died June 31st, 1855; had two children. Sarah, his wife, died five years after marriage. Bushrod W., born June 25th, 1817; married Ann Maria Steel; died January 30th, 1855; had one son, who died when six years old. Julia, born October 26th, 1819; married W. L. G. Smith, Esq., of Buffalo; died July 19th, 1869. W. L. G. Smith is a lawyer, was consul to China for four years.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of John and Catharine T. and Catharine F. Pearson: Gustavus C., born July 18th, 1827, at Ravenna, Ohio; married H. P. Brown, September 13th, 1864; now of San Francisco, Cal. George Tiffany, born August 17th, 1829; married; died June 21st, 1861, at Springfield, Ill. Elizabeth M., born September 5th, 1831, at Avon; married Wm. C. McReynolds, August 30th, 1853; has eight children. Adelaide C., born June, 1845; died at six weeks of age. Amanda H., born April 7th, 1846; died February 18th, 1864, in Danville, Ill.; "a shining believer in Christian religion, and exhorting all to meet her in Heaven." Fanny Bell, born at Paris, Ill., October 8th, 1848. Jennie B., born at Danville, Ill., April 10th, 1852; died March 10th, 1853. Harriet M., born July 4th, 1854.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Vashti M. and C. B. Storrs: Eliza Maria, born June 6th, 1824, at Ravenna, Ohio; married Frederic Buell, October 24th, 1844. F. Buell, born April 29th, 1819, at East Bloomfield, N. Y.; now lives in Buffalo, N. Y. Charles Pearson, born October 18th, 1825, in Avon, N. Y. Henry Martin, born January 20th, 1827, in Ravenna, Ohio; married Katharine Hitchcock; now



resides in Brooklyn; a clergyman. Sarah, born October 7th, 1828; married Whitney; now resides in Rochester, Minn. Charles Brigham, born August 31st, 1830, at Hudson, Ohio; died August 3d, 1833. Harriet Moore, born April 10th, 1832; died January 31st, 1854.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Van R. and Emma and S. Jeannie Pearson: Martin Velder, born September 8th, 1859. Son, born March 7th, 1867.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of W. L. G. and Julia C. Smith: Laura, married Albert N. Shearer, July 25th, 1865; dead. Clark,

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of M. Jane and A. Brown: Hattie P., born August 19th, 1844; married G. C. Pearson. Edward E., born January, 1846. Gustavus H., born October, 1848.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Charles A. and H. M. Pierson: Charlie F. J., born February 7th, 1866. Children of Winfield S. and C. Pierson: Ashley, born 1859. George H., born 1861. William, born 1863. Children of M. A. and C. S. Lowell: Frank P., born September 2d, 1853. Charley J., born January 16th, 1857. Children of E. and J. C. Spencer: Lewis, born November 24th, 1854. Children of Thomas C. and S. Pierson: Evelyn M., born October 23d, 1849. Edwin, born July 6th, 1853. Emma, born January 18th, 1856. Clara, born November 14th, 1858; died January 6th, 1859. Emory, born June 23d, 1860. Alice E., born December 26th, 1863; died January 31st, 1864. Eldora, born April 26th, 1866. Elbirta, born January 15th, 1869.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Eliza Maria and Frederic Buell: Jeannie Eliza, born March 25th, 1844, at East Bloomfield, N. Y. Harriette Martin, born November 13th, 1849, at East Bloomfield, N. Y. Charles Sorrs, born February 5th, 1852, at Geneseo, N. Y. Frederic Rice, born March 6th, 1854, at Geneseo, N. Y. Eliza Maria, born September 11th, 1855, at Geneseo, N. Y. Herbert, born June 3d, 1858; died August 6th, 1858, at Geneseo, N. Y.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Henry Martin and Catharine Storrs: Mary, born and died January 29th, 1857. Charles Bigelow, born August 23d, 1859. Catharine, born March 8th, 1862. Richard Salter, born May 4th, 1865.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Gustavus C. and H. P. Pierson: John A., born September 15th, 1865. Gustavus C., born January 25th, 1867; died June 25th, 1868. Fannie Rebecca, born January 25th, 1870.

*Second Generation.*—Joseph, seventh child of Ephraim and Hannah Pearson, was born April 15th, 1767; married first, Sarah Waterous, November 29th, 1789; married second, Clarendo W. Jenks, December 13th, 1810; married third, Peda Wheelock, August 25th, 1836; died December 10th, 1843. Sarah, his wife, daughter of Samuel and Mary Waterous, of Duanesburgh, N. Y., born July 27th, 1772; died September 17th, 1810; funeral sermon preached by Rev. John F. Bliss, first pastor of the Congregational Church, of East Avon. Text: "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."—*Heb. 9*: xxvii. Clarinda, sister of his first wife, and widow of Obadiah Jenks, born May 15th, 1763, in Killingworth, Conn.; died November 29th, 1834, at Avon, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Barnard preached the funeral sermon. Peda W. Pearson, died July 1st, 1858, aged seventy-three years. Joseph Pearson came to Avon in 1797, with a wife and four children (Mrs. P. bringing the youngest in her lap upon horseback). He took up first the farm afterwards owned by his brother Jesse, then the one in East Avon upon which he lived and died. He kept a public house for many years, and was widely known by the traveling community, and highly respected by all who knew him. He was for many years an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, of East Avon. His house was the min-





isters' home, and the place for meetings of social prayer and conference, and his mantle seems to have fallen upon the house, for it is still visited in the same way. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. Barnard, of Lima, from the text "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living."—*Psalms* 27: xiii.

*Third Generation.*—Children of Joseph and Sarah Pearson: Catharine, born February 19th, 1791, at Duaneburgh, N. Y.; married first, Mathew Hanna, July 23d, 1807, in Avon, N. Y.; married second, David Kneeland, 1814, in Leroy, N. Y.; married third, Enos Bachelder, November 14th, 1821; now resides upon her father's farm, in East Avon. Clarendia, born January 27th, 1793; married Wait Martin, March 30th, 1809. (See Martin.) Mary, born December 16th, 1791; married William Jenks; now lives in Mendon, N. Y. Nancy, born February 11th, 1797; married Thomas Hanna; died May 8th, 1817. Maria, born May 30th, 1799; married Augustus A. Bennett, March 10th, 1818; now of Rochester, N. Y. Welthy, born December 26th, 1801; married Gurdon G. Cook, February 15th, 1827, in Avon, N. Y.; resides in Grand Blanc, Mich. Mr. Cook, born June 7th, 1802; died October 6th, 1860. George, born June 1st, 1801; married first, Deborah Barrows, March 3d, 1828; married second, July 3d, 1845; died January 27th, 1857. Deborah, his wife, born October 27th, 1800; died September 14th, 1843. Frederic Bushnell, born November 2d, 1806; married Frances Janette Gibson, May 8th, 1828; now the princely farmer in East Avon, N. Y. Bradley Martin, born March 15th, 1809; married Catalina M. Whitbeck, October.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Catharine and M. Hanna, and D. Kneeland and E. Bachelder: Elizabeth Hanna, born October 5th, 1808, in Avon, N. Y.; married Wm. Wightman, March 6th, 1830, in Leroy, N. Y.; now lives at West Bend, Wis. Wm. Wightman, born June 20th, 1798, in Herkimer, N. Y. Sarah, born September 5th, 1810; married Sylvester Kneeland, September 5th, 1827; died January 16th, 1866. Nancy, born December 24th, 1812; married Hiram Randall, December 31st, 1829, in Leroy, N. Y. James Kneeland, born February 12th, 1816; married Anna Foster, 1846; resides in Milwaukee, Wis. David P., born November 10th, 1818; married Almira A. Lawrence, February 13th, 1842; died November 10th, 1853, in Leroy, N. Y. Almira A., his wife, born March 16th, 1819; resides in Leroy. Caroline C., born June 24th, 1821; died 1836. Maria L. Bachelder, born September 2d, 1823; married Charles A. Tuttle, November 23d, 1844; moved to California; died October 11th, 1868, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Welthy Ann, born April 3d, 1826; married David K. White, February 11th, 1844; died July 26th, 1848, in Avon, N. Y. David R., from Heath, Mass., died September 17th, 1846, in Troy, Wis. Mary E., born June 1st, 1828; married Perry Randall, October 29th, 1846; resides in Stafford, Genesee Co., N. Y. Harriet, born August 22d, 1830; married Dr. Solomon Taintor, November 27th, 1856. Ellen C., born December 20th, 1832; died 1834. Henry M., born July 2d, 1835; died 1842.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Nancy and Thomas Hanna; George W., born August, 1814; married Christina Whitbeck, 1840; now physician in East Mendon, N. Y. Nancy, born August, 1816; married William Waterman.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Maria and A. A. Bennett: Sarah Amanda, born December 8th, 1818; married J. B. Whitbeck, September 19th, 1839. J. B. Whitbeck, born March 5th, 1816, in Herkimer, N. Y. George Hosmer, born June 9th, 1829; married Eliza C., daughter of Ernest A. Dunlap, October 23d, 1848. E. C., his wife, born August 5th, 1825. Mary Welthy, born July 21st, 1822; married Leander Mix, February 11th, 1841; now resides in Wheeling, Va. Leander Mix, son of Ebenezer Mix, of Batavia, N. Y.; born September, 1815. Charles J.,



born May 24th, 1824; now in Australia. Jane E., born July 15th, 1827; married James L. Paige, June 27th, 1847; now in Rochester, N. Y. James A., born January 8th, 1831; married Rowena Warfield, of Rushville, N. Y.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Welthy and G. G. Cook: Joseph P., born October 9th, 1828; married. Sarah M., born May 4th, 1832. Henry H., born February 12th, 1836; married ———. Ellen Amanda, born January 3d, 1840; married ———.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of George and Deborah Pearson: Harriet P., born March 19th, 1831. George B., born August 5th, 1835; married M. J. Wade, January 4th, 1860. Maria Janette, born February 12th, 1843; died February 28th, 1848.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Frederic B. and Janette F. Pearson: Sarah Amorette, born August 19th, 1829; married Rev. E. B. Walsworth, July 11th, 1818; now residing in Oakland, California. E. B. Walsworth, born September 29th, 1819, now President of Female College, Oakland, California. Joseph Karson, born January 8th, 1831; died January 5th, 1835. Frances Janette, born September 26th, 1835; married Jacob H. Brummajim, November 27th, 1856, by Rev. F. DeW. Ward; now in Mariposa, Cal. An infant son, born and died November 2d, 1810. Sabrina Eliza, born May 11th, 1817; died June 8th, 1855.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Bradley M. and Catalina M. Pierson: Sarah J., born July 15th, 1837; married Erastus Cash, November 2d, 1859; died May 15th, 1869, at Paw Paw, Mich. Joseph P., born October 11th, 1841; married Melinda Pelton, October 11th, 1864; died February 25th, 1869, at Decatur, Mich.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Elizabeth and Wm. Wightman: Catharine Sophia, born July 11th, 1831; married Henry Juste Weil, November 21st, 1859; now resides at West Bend, Wisconsin. H. J. Weil, born May 28th, 1826, in Besancon, Franche Comte, France. Martha Elizabeth, born August 13th, 1833, in Lima, Michigan; married Charles Henry Miller, July 5th, 1852. Charles H. Miller, born September 26th, 1826, in Döbeln, Kingdom of Saxony, Germany. James Augustine Churchill, born February 20th, 1836; died April 6th, 1844. Francis Abel, born September 21th, 1838; died July 25th, 1839. Frances Maria, born June 20th, 1840; married Frederic Charles Winkler, March 2d, 1864; now resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. F. C. Winkler, born March 15th, 1838, in Bremen, Germany. Harriet Augusta, born January 9th, 1843; married Robert R. Price, January 31st, 1866. Robert R. Price, born January 3th, 1830, in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Sarah and Sylvester W. Kneeland: Almira, born July 1st, 1828; married Arnold Gregory, May, 1848. David, born July 28th, 1830; died February 13th, 1849. Norman L., born February 6th, 1832; married Carrie Baker, March, 1856. Moses J., born August 30th, 1833; died October 23d, 1851. Sarah J., born January 16th, 1836; married Henry S. Danolds, December, 1851. James P., born February 27th, 1838; married Alice Peaslee, November, 1861. Sylvester K., born April 20th, 1810. Ellen A., born March 27th, 1846.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Nancy and Hiram Randall: Sarah Ann, born June 2d, 1831; married John Prentice, March 1st, 1849. Elizabeth W., born February 11th, 1833; married Lester Colby, July 10th, 1858. Stephen M., born April 15th, 1835; died March 10th, 1870, in San Francisco, Cal. Mary, born December 31st, 1837; died April 3d, 1838. Enos B., born January 3d, 1839; married Caroline Ross, April 18th, 1865. Mary L., born January 28th, 1844; married Spencer C. Holbrook, December 17th, 1868. George M., born April 15th, 1847. Charles B., born April 30th, 1850. Catharine R., born March 22d, 1851. Martha A., born May 5th, 1857. Hattie Maria, born June 27th, 1862.



*Fifth Generation.*—Children of David P. and Almira Kneeland: Catharine Virginia, born May 2d, 1813; married William M. Gabb, July 14th, 1869; now resides in St. Domingo, W. I. William M. Gabb is "Government Geologist" at St. Domingo. Catharine Virginia, died August 21st, 1870, at St. Domingo, after the above was written. Julia Augusta, born April 23d, 1815. James Pearson, born September 8th, 1817. Grace Maria, born April 9th, 1850. Mary D., born February 23d, 1853. Children of M. L. and C. A. Tuttle: Henry M., born December 23d, 1815; died June 6th, 1847. Charles, born May 11th, 1854. Frederic P., born September 28th, 1857. Frank, born June 1st, 1862. Children of Welthy A. and David R. White: David Kendrick, born November 10th, 1846; died March 3d, 1862. Children of Mary E. and Perry Randall: Isabel, born October 15th, 1847; married Henry W. Seymour, of Brockport, October 27th, 1869. Orange Fifield, born June 3d, 1850. William Perry, born July 16th, 1853. Eliza Mary, born October 23d, 1858. Emma Augusta, born December 8th, 1869. Frederic Stephen, born April 5th, 1864. Fanny Wightman, born October 8th, 1867. Children of H. B. and Dr. S. Taintor: Ruth C., born November 9th, 1858; died April, 1859. Anna M., born May 12th, 1860. Mary Virginia, born July 19th, 1862; died November 2th, 1864. Henry Newhall, born August 4th, 1864; died January 21st, 1865. Harriet Sophia, born April 1st, 1867. Grace Pearson, born January 5th, 1869.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Dr. G. W. and Christina W. Hanna: George V., born June 8th, 1813; married Victoria Harmon, October 22d, 1867. Victoria Hanna, born April 4th, 1818; resides in Lima, N. Y. Mary A., born September 9th, 1816; married Howell Mosher, January 5th, 1864; resides in Lima, N. Y.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Sarah Amanda and Jeremiah B. Whitbeck: Augusta Amanda, born August 23d, 1811; married P. B. Whitbeck, May 10th, 1862; resides in Rochester, N. Y. Julia Catalina, born April 10th, 1843; married Albert Anderson, August 23d, 1864; resides in Leroy, N. Y. Mary Alida, born March 23d, 1845; died July 14th, 1815. Children of Dr. G. H. and E. C. Bennett: Charles Augustus, born September 23d, 1849. Sarah Maria, born February 12th, 1851; died October 18th, 1851. Emma Maria, born October 18th, 1853. George Dunlap, born April 12th, 1855. John Whitbeck, born March 10th, 1857. Eliza Pearson, born February 21st, 1859. Helen Elizabeth, born May 28th, 1861. Jason Johnson, born January 12th, 1864. Ernest Walsworth, born February 22d, 1867. Amanda Janette, born May 3d, 1868. Children of Mary W. and Leander Mix: Mary Augusta, born March 31st, 1812; married Maro F. Stone, May 13th, 1861, at Cleveland, Ohio; now resides in Wheeling, Virginia. Sarah Adaline, born December 17th, 1813. Leander Williamson, born April 19th, 1849. Augustus E., born April 29th, 1851; dead. James Bennett, born August 29th, 1859. Children of Jane E. and James L. Paige: Augusta M., born July 17th, 1848. Jennie Bennett, born July 15th, 1859; died November 19th, 1866. Charlie Bennett, born August 12th, 1852. Frank Louie, born November 5th, 1859. A. A. Bennett, born December 3d, 1862. Herbert Hill, born January 1st, 1866.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Catharine S. and H. J. Weil: Celestine Elizabeth, born October 5th, 1851; died January 30th, 1868. Anna Hortense, born July 8th, 1853. Moses, born October 22d, 1855. William Henry, born March 24th, 1858; died October 3d, 1861; Frances Maria, born January 5th, 1861. Alfred Henry, born April 12th, 1863. Charles Adolph, born March 20th, 1866. Children of Martha E. and C. H. Miller: Charles Edward, born April 5th, 1853, in Port Washington, Wis. Frances Augusta, born January 19th, 1855, in West Bend, Wis. Lizzie Watson, born December 16th, 1856, in Milwaukee, Wis. William Wightman, born June 11th, 1859, in West Bend, Wis. Harriet Emilie, born



January 9th, 1867, in West Bend, Wis. Martha Maude, born June 22d, 1869, in West Bend, Wis. Children of Frances M. and Fred. C. Winkler: Martha Elizabeth, born January 18th, 1866, in Milwaukee, Wis. Catharine, born May 12th, 1868, in Milwaukee, Wis. Carl August, born April 25th, 1870; died August 9th, 1870. Children of Harriet A. and Robert R. Price: Robert Martin, born January 22d, 1867, in Barton, Wis.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Almira and Arnold Gregory: Charles K., born July 15th, 1850. Moses Willis, born February 10th, 1852. Sarah Sophia, born August 19th, 1855. Grace, Catharine Isabella. Children of Sarah and Henry S. Danolds: Mattie S., born May 26th, 1858. Children of Norman and Carrie Kneeland: Ella A., born January 7th, 1857. Otis S., born August 4th, 1859. David M., born February 29th, 1861. Sarah. Children of James and Alice Kneeland: Frances O., born July 21st, 1864.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Sarah Ann and John Prentice: Jennie Louise, born September 3d, 1850. John Jay, born October 10th, 1852. David Kneeland, born August 1st, 1854. William Elisha, born February 22d, 1857. Katherine Elizabeth, born January 11th, 1859. Sarah Frances, born January 4th, 1861. Stephen Randall, born November 12th, 1866. Mary Josephine, born January 6th, 1868. Anna Maria, born February 28th, 1870. Children of Elizabeth and Lester Colby: Franklin, born July 19th, 1859. Gertrude, born September 11th, 1861. Grace, born June 12th, 1861. Adda Josephine, born June 16th, 1868. Children of Enos B. and Caroline Randall: Georgiana, born July 6th, 1867.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of M. and H. Mosher: John Hanna, born June 16th, 1866, in Lima, N. Y. George Howell, born April 14th, 1868, in Lima, N. Y.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of A. A. and P. B. Whitbeck: Julia Augusta, born June 1st, 1863; died January 26th, 1866. Walter Bennett, born January 18th, 1869. Children of J. W. and A. Anderson: Albert Whitbeck, born June 12th, 1865.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of M. A. and M. F. Stone: Mary A., born June 25th, 1862. Hattie Lura, born December 20th, 1863. Frank Maro, born February 11th, 1865.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of George B. and M. J. Pierson: Celia Augusta, born February 24th, 1862. Frank Edward, born and died August, 1867. Charlie E., born September 24th, 1868.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of S. A. and E. B. Walsworth: Cornelia Charlotte, born July 21st, 1864, in Oakland, Cal. Children of P. J. and J. H. Brumajim: Frederic Pearson, born May 15th, 1858, Marysville, Cal. Elizabeth Janette, born February 8th, 1860, in Avon, N. Y. Mark, born August 11th, 1862, in Avon, N. Y.

*Second Generation.*—David, seventh child of Ephraim and Hannah Pearson, born October 6th, 1769, in Litchfield County, Conn.; married first, Hannah Irish, of Dutchess County, N. Y., January 22d, 1793; married second, Mrs. Dewey, —; died in 1814. Hannah, his wife died March 15th, 1828. David first moved to Cherry Valley, Otsego County, N. Y., and after two years to Avon, and settled upon the farm afterward owned by Norman Chappell. He put up a dwelling which still stands, and here twelve of his children were born. After twenty-six years residence here he emigrated to Canada West, then new and unsettled, and kept a house of entertainment for travelers, near where the city of Brantford now stands. The traveling community then were those who had left their homes in the East, to find new ones in the West. Here for many years he combined the business of hotel keeping and farming. Quite early in life he became a Christian and lived according





to the faith and practice of religion. Having a fine voice for singing he took a prominent part in the devotional exercises. His remains lie in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where lies his first wife and mother of all his children. Olive married J. Rathbun; had fourteen children. Went to Ohio at an early day; have no records. Mary, born September 29th, 1773, in county of Litchfield, Conn.; married Josiah Waterous, May 11th, 1789; died ———. (See Waterous.)

*Third Generation.*—Children of David and Hannah Pearson: Ira, born December 7th, 1793; died February 13th, 1850. Benjamin, born March 2d, 1796. Olive, born June 5th, 1798; died March 13, 1799. Susannah, born April 26th, 1800; married Darling; she died March 15th, 1823. Sarah, born April 11th, 1802. Jesse, born September 2d, 1804, in Avon, N. Y.; married Hannah Slusser, April 18th, 1830; died September 9th, 1865. Hannah, his wife, born May 27th, 1810; now resides in Allegan, Mich. David, born August 28th, 1806, in Avon, N. Y.; married Alvira A. Anderson, April 2d, 1848; she died September 24th, 1857. Ann, born June 14th, 1808; she lives in Canada West, married to N. Fowler. John K., born September 26th, 1810. Roby, his wife, born May 3d, 1816. Laura, born January 28th, 1813; dead. Ephraim, born June 2d, 1815. Joseph, born June 10th, 1817; married Lucy Gear. Lucy, his wife, born August 13th, 1819. Elizabeth, born October 24th, 1819. Hannah, born April, 5th, 1822. Children of David and Alvira Pearson: John Henry was born February 17th, 1850. Hannah Cedenia, born May 31st, 1852; was married April 20th, 1867, to Charles Bradfield; lives in Rochester, N. Y. James Frederick, born February 20th, 1856. All born in Illinois.

*Fifth Generation.*—Child of Hannah and Charles Bradfield: Frank Lester, born July 14th, 1870, in Batavia, N. Y.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Jesse and Hannah Pearson: Susannah, born April 15th, 1831, in Avon, N. Y.; married John Brason, November 14th, 1860. Egbert B., born January 1st, 1833; married Minerva Cain, June 15th, 1859; taken off the battle-field at Petersburg, August 19th, taken to City Point, Va., and died August, 1864; was in the service two years. Mary L., born January 3d, 1836, in Hume, N. Y.; married Roswell E. James, August 26th, 1861. Emeretta L. born December 11th, 1852; married Frank M. James, May 3d, 1867, in Kalamazoo, Mich. Sarah A., born December 11th, 1852; died January 3d, 1853, in Hume, N. Y. Children of John K. and Roby Pearson: Joseph W., born March 13th, 1835. Lydia A., born December 31st, 1836. Seth W., born June 8th, 1839. Lysander H., born November 25th, 1841. John A., born January 12th, 1844. Lucy J., born May 14th, 1846. Sarah E., born February 14th, 1849. Jesse K., born March 21st, 1854. Fayette, born August 20th, 1855.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Joseph and Lucy Pierson: Roby A., born October 15th, 1811; married first, George Musketo, December 24th, 1859; married second, Henry Becket, October 30th, 1867. G. Musketo died September 5th, 1864, in Andersonville prison. David L., born December 16th, 1813; married Ellen Merrill, March 20th, 1866. Elizabeth D., born February 15th, 1845, in Atlas, Genesee county, Mich. Emily E., born April 4th, 1847; married Robert Stewart, October 30th, 1867. Francis P., born April 1st, 1849; married Royal Greene, October 14th, 1869. Witterforce, born January 9th, 1852. Charles D., born August 5th, 1855. Lizzie T., born September 10th, 1860. George M., born April 18th, 1863.

*Waterous Family.*—"In the heraldry of England, the Waterhouse record stands thus: 'WATERHOUSE, descended from Sir Edward Waterhouse or A. born *aquae D.ano*, of Kirton. in Lindsay county, Lincoln *temp.* Henry III, etc. Waterhouse



has been contracted on the records in this country to *Waterouse, Waterous, Watrous, Watrus*, and has finally settled, by common consent, among those who abridge, to the form *Watrous*.”

A diagram, and records found, trace “our common pedigree to Jacob Waterhouse, senior, who came over from England among the Pilgrim Fathers, about the year 1630.”

*First Generation.* Jacob Waterhouse, born about 1610, in England; came to Wethersfield, Connecticut.

*Second Generation*—Isaac, born 1641; resided in Wethersfield, New London, and Lyme, Connecticut. Abraham, born about 1644, in Wethersfield. Jacob jr., born about 1660.

*Third Generation.*—Abraham jr., born 1674; resided in Saybrook, Connecticut, Isaac, born 1680, in Lyme, Connecticut. Joseph, born 1690 in Saybrook, Connecticut married Mary Buell, February 3d, 1714. Benjamin, born 1693, in Saybrook, Conn.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Joseph and Mary Waterous: Lydia, born 1715, in Saybrook, Connecticut. Joseph jr., born 1718; resided in Saybrook, and then Killingworth; married Abigail Baldwin, July 6th, 1841. Mary, born 1719, in Saybrook, Connecticut. Josiah, born about 1722; married Damaris Seward, December 3d, 1747; resided in Saybrook and Killingworth; died December 24th, 1803. Damaris, his wife, died July 29th, 1786. Sarah married John Carter, November 25th, 1760. Grace, born about 1725; married Daniel Chittenden, December 1st, 1751. Samuel, born about 1730; married Mary Howd, August 1st, 1757; residence Saybrook, Connecticut.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Joseph jr. and Abigail Waterous: Elizabeth, born April 24th, 1742; married Andrew Haxton. Her husband was drowned at Salisbury, Connecticut. James, born March 13th, 1744; resided at Killingworth, Connecticut. Lauryett Submit, born March 3d, 1746; married Eleazer Claghorn. John, born January 19th, 1748. Called Captain. Hepsibah, born August 22d, 1752; married Asa Whitney. Josiah and Eleazer (twins), born April 8th, 1755, at Killingworth, Connecticut. Abe, born November 13th, 1757. Dyer, born 1762.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Captain John Watrous: Abigail, born 1772. James S., born 1773. Martha, born 1778. Captain John, jr., born 1783. Eleazer, born 1786. Lucy, born 1789.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Captain John Watrous, jr.: Charles W., born 1811; now resides in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Richard, born 1814; now resides in New York city. Mary, born 1821; now resides in Wilton, Conn.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Grace and Daniel Chittenden: Josiah, born May 5th, 1752. Rebekah, born February 5th, 1755. David and Jonathan (twins), born October 21st, 1757. Children of Sarah and John Carter: Mollie, born November 17th, 1761. Anna, born April 27th, 1771. Jonah, born December 10th, 1763. Gideon, born May 8th, 1766. Elisha, born January 11th, 1775. Marey, born April 19th, 1777. Rabaki, born November 2d, 1768. Children of Samuel and Mary Waterous: Samuel, born June 25th, 1758, in Branford, Conn. Mary, born 1760, in Branford, Conn.; married Samuel Danolds, October 14th, 1779, in Salisbury, Conn. Clarendia, born May 15th, 1763; married first, Obadiah Jenks; married second, Joseph Pearson; died November 29th, 1834. Rebekah, born —; married first, Henry Hull; second, John Pearson. H. Hull died, leaving one child Harriet B. (See Martin,) also (see Pearson.) Josiah, born May 15th, 1768, in Killingworth, Conn.; married Mary Pearson. Sarah. (See Pearson.) Hannah, born —; married James Gibson. Edward, born March 22d, 1775; married



Nancy Gibson. Welthy, born October 12th, 1782; married Dr. Charles Little; died at Saginaw City, Mich., March 31st, 1849. Dr. Little, born September 12th, 1776; formerly of Columbia, Conn.; died in Avon, 1841.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Mary W. and Samuel Donalds: Rebecca. Pamela, born March 10th, 1785, at Salisbury, Conn.; married George Crouse, March 2d, 1806, at East Avon, N. Y.; died March 18th, 1838. George Crouse, born February 8th, 1780, at Fort Plain, N. Y.; died while on a visit at the house of Wm. S. Pearson, in Michigan, 20th day of January, 1853; buried at Hartland, Mich. David, born ———5th, 1787; married Matty Lish Hosmer, May 3d, 1810; died May 18th, 1846. Matty L., his wife, born November 14th, 1790, in Middle Haddam, Conn.; died April 23d, 1869. Ira, born ———; married Martha Ladd, of Avon, N. Y.; now residing with his daughter Mrs. Sill, in Chillicothe, Ohio. Martha Ladd "was the eldest daughter of Herman Ladd, who removed from Rutland, Vt., and settled in Avon in the year 1803, where he resided till his death, a period of near fifty years, and by a life of temperance, industry, strict integrity, and Christian example, deserves an honored place in the catalogue of the Avon Pioneers."

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of P. and G. Crouse: George G. Crouse. Chauncey Lee, born May 8th, 1807, 10 o'clock in the evening; baptised by Rev. Joseph Merrill, September 27th, 1808; married Mary Ann Ferguson, July 8th, 1830; occupation, milling and farming; now resides in Hartland, Liv. Co., Mich. M. A. Crouse, born December 19th, 1806. Royal P. died January 18th, 1838; aged 29 years. Mary. Mrs. Merrill. Robert, born October 2d, 1812; married Mary Sample; died February 18th, 1869. Catharine, Ira D., Harriet. Pamela, died August 25th, 1847; aged 33 years. Eliza, died September 6th, 1846. Children of David and Mattie Donalds: Samuel, born August 28th; married Abby L. Burnham, February 3d, 1835. Mary Ann, born August 25th, 1813; married Jacob M. Jackson November 16th, 1836. J. M. Jackson, died March 8th, 1862. Ezra, born February 27th, 1816. Charles Aldrich, born August 17th, 1818; married Mary J. Patterson, February 16th, 1848. David Hosmer, born July 13th, 1829; married Sabrina Anderson, December 18th, 1850. Truman Walbridge, born May 3d, 1824; married Hannah Andrews, January 14th, 1850. Henry Sylvester, born October 2d, 1826; married Sarah J. Kneeland, December 30th, 1851. George Ira, born June 26th, 1831; died January 22d, 1858. Matty Elizabeth, born June 13th, 1833; married Heetqr W. Pratt, December 21st, 1853.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of Chauncey L. and M. A. Crouse: Henry P. born May 17th, 1832, in Elba, Genesee county, N. Y.; married Judith Hildebrandt, April 25th, 1861; lives in Hartland, Mich. Children of Robert and Mary Crouse: George H., John B., Effie S., Emma and Ella (twins), Ann. Henry G., married Kitty Chambers, October 27th, 1869. Helen Augusta, born 1841; died April 1st, 1857. Mary Elizabeth, married Willis Collins, June 8th, 1864. David Danolds, Nellie Louise. Children of C. A. and M. J. Danolds: Samuel W., Carrie. Children of David H. and S. Danolds: Helen Augusta, Julia Belle. Children of Truman and H. Danolds: Avery Andrews. Children of Henry S. and S. J. Danolds: Mattie S. Children of E. and H. W. Pratt: George Ira; Muey, died —, 1868.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Ira and Martha Danolds: Harriett M., born November 30th, 1818, in Stafford, N. Y.; married Joseph Sill, June 11th, 1839, of Chillicothe, O. Mary E., born December 17th, 1822; married Alexander W. McCoy, November 24th, 1845. Fannie Elizabeth, born August 20th, 1826; married Gustavus Scott, January 21st, 1847.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of H. M. and J. Sill: Harriet, born August 24th, 1840; died January, 1849. Helen Augusta, born December 12th, 1841; married Thomas Woodrow, September 30th, 1860. Joseph, born May 24th, 1849. Edward



Lee, born March 2d, 1851; died October, 1853. Children of M. E. and A. W. McCoy: William Lee, born April 11th, 1848. Charles, born January 12th, 1852. John, born December 19th, 1849. Lewis, born March 24th, 1864. Martha, born May 28th, 1856. Children of F. E. and G. Scott: Wm. born December 17th, 1847; died April, 1852. Annie, born December 20th, 1849. John, born August 3d, 1851. Charles, born August 15th, 1853. Henry, born April 9th, 1856. Mary, born May 3d, 1858. George, born September 30th, 1861. William, born April 4th, 1861.

*Ninth Generation.*—Children of Henry P. and Judith Crouse: DeFolia, born March 8th, 1862. Royal Phelps, born September 19th, 1864.

*Ninth Generation.*—Children of H. A. and T. Woodrow: Harriet E., born August 30th, 1861. James, born June 30th, 1865.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Clarendia and O. Jenks: William and twin brother, born September, 1790. William married Mary Pierson, April, 1811; died 1860, in Victor, N. Y. Henry, born 1792; died 1813, in Avon, N. Y. Mary, died ———; Fannie, died ———. Nathan married Jane Bushnell. Cyrus, born ———; married Abigail H. More, Avon, N. Y. Horace died young.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of William and Mary Jenks: Frances, born May 12th, 1813; married Levi B. Lobdell, July 21st, 1841. L. B. Lobdell, born September 11th, 1810; resides in Victor, N. Y. Joseph, Henry, Carlos, Cyrus. Mary died young. Mary, Mrs. Sines, James. Bradley Martin, born January 29th, 1835; married Aurelia Ann Hull, January 29th, 1860. A. A., his wife, born April 19th, 1836. Adeline.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of F. M. and L. B. Lobdell: Mary C., born June 21st, 1852. William J., born April 3d, 1854; died April 17th, 1854. Children of B. M. and A. A. Jenks: Grace, born September 16th, 1861.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Nathan and J. B. Jenks: Harriet Martin; married Andrew Dutcher; died ———. Henry Bushnell, Edward Waterous, Samuel Bushnell. Children of Cyrus and A. H. Jenks: Charles C., James, Jane, Harriet, Martin, Helen Moore, George A. Jenks.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Josiah and Mary Waterous: Laura, died ———; James, Edward; Elizabeth married Z. Long. John, Alvira, infant daughter, Samuel, Truman. Olivia married John Ward, January, 1830; John Ward died August 22d, 1867. Henry, Laura Ann, and Mary Ann.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Olivia and J. Ward: Mary Ann married Dr. J. W. Dake, January 16th, 1850. Augusta. Olivia married Albion P. Floyd, January 3d, 1855; A. P. Floyd died August, 1865. John. Henry Dana died October 7th, 1858.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Edward and Nancy Waterous: John H., born December 8th, 1796; married Polly Worden; died December 31st 1865; a pioneer settler of Grand Blanc, Mich. Sally, born August 9th, 1799; married Aaron Seaver, January 1st, 1820; died January 30th, 1864. Gurdon married Sally Landon; died ———. Polly died at the age of twenty-six, unmarried.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of John and Polly Waterous: Betsey, born November 6th, 1827, in Avon, N. Y.; married ——— Case, September 12th, 1846. Mary E., born September 16th, 1829. Lucy, born April 7th, 1831; married ——— Kelly. Welthy Little, born November 9th, 1834; married ——— Craig, September 16th, 1861. Emeline S., born December 23d, 1836. Harriet A., born August 3d, 1839. Artimecia G., born September 16th, 1841; married D. P. Halsey (see Pearson). Eliza Ann, born February 17th, 1844. Edward C., born May 18th, 1846. Jerry S., born June 24th, 1849. Children of Sally and Aaron Seaver: Elizabeth W., born December 7th, 1821; married Norman Peck, December 27th,





1843; died December 30th, 1869. Norman Peck, born July 4th, 1821. Mary L., born April 16th, 1823; married Nelson Main, March 5th, 1845. Charles E., Luther A., Mortimer L. Children of Gurdon and Sally Waterous: Elizabeth Caroline, Sarah Laura, George.

*Eighth Generation*.—Children of Betsey and —— Case: Cyrus D., born October 17th, 1848. Frank L., born April 11th, 1851. Sarah, born August 12th, 1853. Adda M., born April 12th, 1855. John Waterous, born May 4th, 1858. Russell G., born March 12th, 1861. Children of Lucy and —— Kelly: Maggie E., born December 29th, 1855. John Waterous, born June 6th, 1863. Charles Edward, born August 4th, 1864. Children of Welthy L. and —— Craig: Sumter John, born March 6th, 1863.

*Eighth Generation*.—Children of E. W. and M. Peck: George Waterous, born March 16th, 1846. Mary Helen, born August 9th, 1852; died November 4th, 1864.

*Eighth Generation*.—Children of N. A. and M. L. Main: Albert C., born January 5th, 1816; died May 12th, 1866. Jeannette, born October 8th, 1849; married January 18th, 1867. Helen E., born May 26th, 1853. Charles A., born August 12th, 1856. Sarah L., born July 12th, 1861; died October 17th, 1861.

*Sixth Generation*.—Children of Welthy and Dr. C. Little: Almira, born September 25th, 1804; married Jeremiah R. Smith. Norman, born March 21st, 1806; died November 7th, 1859; married Jane Lyon, of Canandaigua, N. Y. Caroline, born December 3d, 1808; married Henry Hawkins, of Alexander, N. Y.; died May 10th, 1836. Adeline, born November 30th, 1810; married H. Miller, June 6th, 1829. Eliza, born November 10th, 1812. William Leigh P., born November 26th, 1814; married ——; died ——. Mary, born June 30th, 1817; married Nelson Smith, May 24th, 1838; died August 20th, 1848. Sarah, born February 29th, 1820; married, first, Addison Merrill; married, second, Nelson Smith; married, third, O. Bugbee, of Buffalo. Charles, born March 6th, 1823; married Cynthia P.——.

*Seventh Generation*.—Children of A. L. and J. R. Smith: Charles L., born February 28th, 1828; married Helen M. Dayton; died September 15th, 1867. George W., born May 19th, 1830; died April 19th, 1848. Caroline F., born March 11th, 1833; married Chester B. Jones; lives in Saginaw, Mich.

*Seventh Generation*.—Children of Mary L. and N. Smith: Julia, born November 25th, 1843; died April 14th, 1856. Children of Charles D. and Cynthia Little: Charles D., born October 11th, 1855. Julia W., born October 17th, 1857. Helen S., born September 15th, 1859. Pamela W., born September 19th, 1861; died October 17th, 1863. William K., born November 1st, 1865.

*Eighth Generation*.—Children of C. L. and H. M. Smith: George D., born December 22d, 1864. Oliver C., born December 12th, 1866. Children of C. F. and C. B. Jones: Sarah A., born February 8th, 1860. Julia, born October 20th, 1864.

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## HOSMER FAMILY.

*First Generation*.—Thomas Hosmer, born 1604, at Hawkhurst, county of Kent, England; married, first, Frances; married, second, Mrs. Katharine Wilton (now Wil-on), May 6th, 1679, of Northampton, Mass.; died April 12th, 1687; was buried at Northampton, Mass. This is one of the oldest grave-stones in the old burying-



ground of that place, yet it has decayed very little, and the letters are as plain as those engraved the previous year, to the writing of this. The inscription is as follows :

" THOMAS  
HOSMER. AGED  
83 YEARS. HE  
DYED APRIL 12TH,  
1687."

The foot-stone is nearly as large as the head-stone, and has on it the initials " T. H." Thomas, with his brother James, left England bound for New England, April 9th, 1635, on board of the ship Elizabeth de London, captain William Stagg, and landed at New Town, now Cambridge, Mass. Thomas was of the goodly number who went with Hooker in June, 1636, to settle Hartford, Conn. His will, dated February 7th, 1685, is recorded in the Hartford Probate Court, at Hartford, Conn. He went to Northampton, a few years prior to his death, to live with a daughter by name of Hunt. James was one of the first settlers of Concord, Middlesex county, Mass., as early as the fall of 1635, at which period (September 3d) that town was organized. He died in 1685. His descendants have, in general, been industrious, peace-loving, home-abiding and honest. Those who were living at the time of our Revolutionary War, served in the Continental Army, both as officers and privates. Abner Hosmer, one of his descendants, was one of the first and early *martyrs* to the cause of our National Independence in 1776. He was a private in Capt. Davis' company, and fell at the first fire of the British on the memorable 19th of April, 1776, at Concord. He was shot through the head, and killed instantly. A monument of granite was erected a few years ago, to the memory of that little band of *patriots* who fell on that day, a few rods westward of the public road, near the house of the Rev. Dr. Ripley, who gave the land for the purpose, at the place where the old " North bridge," of Concord, crossed the river. This monument bears the following inscription :

" Here, on the 19th day of April, 1776, was made the first forcible resistance to British aggression; on the opposite bank stood the American military; here stood the invading army, and on this spot, the first of the enemy fell in the war of the Revolution, which gave Independence to these United States. In gratitude to God, and in the love of freedom, this monument was erected, A. D., 1836."

*Second Generation.*—Children of Thomas and Francis Hosmer: Stephen, born 1675; married Miss Hannah Bushnell, of Saybrook, made a deacon, 1686; died November 4th, 1693. Clemence, married John Hunt, of Northampton, Mass. Hannah, born 1649; married a Mr. Maltby. Hester, born 1652; married Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Saybrook, September 20th, 1666.

*Third Generation.*—Children of Stephen and Hannah Hosmer: Thomas, born 1675; married Ann Prentiss, December 24th, 1700; died March 9th, 1732; Ann, his wife, died August 1st, 1753. Stephen and Hester, born 1679; Stephen, died June 16th, 1749; was a minister at East Haddam, Conn. Hannah, born 1671; married a Mr. Post (Maj.-Gen. Samuel R. Curtiss' grandmother). Dorothy, born 1674; married John Skinner, 1696. Mary, born 1684; married, first, Nicholas Olmstead, 1706, second, Deacon John Goodwin; died 1760. Deborah, born 1687; married Richard Olmsted, 1712; died 1716. Clemence, born 1691; married Nemiah Olmsted; died 1755.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Capt. Thomas and Ann Hosmer: Thomas, born October 28th, 1701, at Hartford, Ct.; died February, 1777. Stephen, born January 6th, 1704; married Deliverance Graves, June 18th, 1730; died 1758; his will is dated August 15th, 1758; Deliverance, his wife, died 1761. Joseph, born November 28th, 1705; died June, 1777. John, born 1707; died 1761; was in the



expedition to Crown Point. Sarah, born February 7th, 1709; died 1754. Ann, born September 14th, 1711; married Charles Hamlin, of Middletown, Conn.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Stephen and Deliverance Hosmer: Sarah, born at Hartford, Conn., March 25th, 1731; married John Whiting. Stephen, born January 10th, 1734; killed by the falling of a tree, June, 1758. Marianne, born February 2d, 1735; married Theophilus Steele, 1760. Anna, born 1740: married Aaron Yale; died 1780. Titus, born 1737; married Lydia Lord 1761, and settled at Middletown; died August 4th, 1780. "Titus Hosmer was father of Chief Justice Stephen Titus Hosmer, was one of the most distinguished scholars, lawyers and statesmen Connecticut ever produced. He was a member of the Council and of Congress, and Judge of the Maritime Court of Appeal for the United States. He died in middle life." George, born 1739. Timothy, born September, 1745; married Elizabeth Smith, June 30th, 1771; died at Avon, N. Y., November 29th, 1815. Elizabeth, his wife, born June 26th, 1749; died January 6th, 1825. Timothy was a pioneer of Avon. His son, William T., says: "I shall not refer back farther than the part he took in the revolution. He entered the service as surgeon to Meigs' regiment, in the Connecticut line, and continued in the service, I believe, until the close of the Revolution. After peace he continued the practice of physic, in Farmington, Conn., until he took up his residence in Avon, March, 1793. My father, William Judd, Thomas Lewis, and William Wadsworth, of Farmington, and Isaiah Thompson, of Southington, purchased of Phelps & Gorham, the township of Avon, for two shillings and eight pence per acre. They gave, I believe, eight pence per acre extra, for the choice of townships. William Judd, William Wadsworth, and Thomas Lewis, sold their interest in the purchase to Jeremiah Wadsworth, of Hartford, except one thousand acres, which William Wadsworth gave to his brother Gad. My father removed from Farmington in February, 1793, and arrived at Avon in the fore part of March following, and Genesee river was then the western boundary of civilization in America, in the latitude, if we except the settlements made by the French, among the Indians. At the organization of the county of Ontario, my father was appointed one of the Judges, and as the office of First Judge became vacant he was appointed chief, or First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and continued in office until he was constitutionally disqualified (being limited to the age of sixty, if I recollect right)." Esther, born 1747; married — Callender; Mary, born —; married — Bound; John, born 1749. Graves, born February, 25th, 1756; married Amy Congdon; died at Avon, 1828. Prentiss, born September 11th, 1752; married Elizabeth Steel, May 10th, 1783; died April, 1787. Elizabeth, his wife, born October 9th, 1754; died May 21st, 1832.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Timothy and Elizabeth Hosmer. Frederick, born at Farmington, Conn., October 31st, 1772; married, first, Anna Sreet, May 6th, 1793, at Hartford, Conn.; married second, Sophia Fish, January, 1799, at Rochester, N. Y.; died at Porter, Niagara county, N. Y.; is buried three miles east of Fort Porter, on the farm of his brother Timothy. Anna, his wife, died February, 1797. Sophia, his wife, was daughter of Col. Fish; died 1808. Algernon Sidney, born February 23d, 1775; died, 1777. Algernon Sidney, born March 21st, 1777; lived many years at Avon and Leroy, N. Y.; died June 2d, 1844, at Milwaukee, Wis. William T., born August 18th, 1779, in Farmington, Conn.; lived many years in Avon, was a prominent man in business, in politics and other interests of society; married Amanda Pearson, March 2d, 1814; died in Vernon Township, Pa., April, 1869. George, born August 31st, 1781; married Elizabeth Berry, of Avon; died in Chicago, Ill., March 20th, 1861; E., his wife, born August 2d, 1786; died January 9th, 1854. "Hon. George Hosmer pursued classical studies when a boy, under



the supervision of Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Lima (then Charleston). He entered as a law student, the office of Judge Howell, of Canandaigua, and on being licensed to practice, argued his first case before his father, first Judge of old Ontario. The late John Greig, of Canandaigua, was a fellow-student. In the war 1812 he was aid to Maj.-Gen. Amos Hull, William Howe Cuyler, being his brother aid. He was in the battle of Black Rock, and when ordered to bring up Blakeslee's regiment was marked by Indian sharpshooters, who twice wounded his horse, cutting off the spur from his right heel without injuring his person. In breaking through the Indian line, he rode side by side with the luckless Colonel Seymour Boughton, who was brained by a tomahawk. For more than twenty years he was District Attorney, and his memory is cherished by surviving friends. Timothy, born November 29th, 1783; resided at Avon many years; kept hotel; died at Porter, Niagara county, N. Y., April, 1861. Sylvester, born February 26th, 1786; resided in Avon many years; died in Caledonia, N. Y., March, 1854. Ann Eliza, born April 19th, 1789; married Rev. J. F. Bliss, April 19th, 1811; now resides in Churchville, N. Y. John F. Bliss is a native of Hebron, Conn.; born in 1789; graduated at Williams' College, Mass., September, 1808. In 1810, arrived at Avon, N. Y., as a preacher of the gospel; preached there six years, at Clarkson five years, at East Gainville and Castle eight years, and other places two or three years; was a Congregational preacher about twenty-eight years, when he became a Baptist; was an agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society about six years; health then failing, he, with his wife, retired in their old age. Mrs. Bliss was always esteemed by all her acquaintance, as housewife, as minister's wife, as a christian; as a neighbor and friend, she has very few equals. Albert, born at Farmington, Conn., May 12th, 1791; married Mary Ann Pearson, at Avon, N. Y., November 10th, 1818 (see Pearson); resided at Avon many years; removed to Batavia, N. Y., where he was engaged in staging business some time, now a farmer in Hartland, on the Ridge road, seven miles east of Lockport, N. Y.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Frederick and Anna, and Sophia F. Hosmer: Henry S., born 1793; died 1794. Henry S., born 1795; drowned at Chippewa, Canada West, August, 1811. Anna S., born 1797, died 1860, at Niagara Falls. Henry F., born April 13th, 1800. Sophia F., born December 14th, 1802; died October, 1805. Orrin F., born November 5th, 1804; married Prudence Churchill, June 10th, 1846.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of Orrin F. and Prudence Hosmer: Sophia F., born April 24th, 1847. Eugenia, born 1849; died 1852. Anna, born August 17th, 1851.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of William T. and Amanda Hosmer: John P., born December 1st, 1814, in Avon, county of Ontario, N. Y.; married Julia Griswold of New York city, November 14th, 1840; became pastor of Christ Church, Meadville, Pa., and died March 1st, 1842. William S., born December 12th, 1816; married Jane Bemus of Meadville, Pa., and now resides there.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of John P. and Julia G. Hosmer: Burr Griswold, born September 2d, 1841, in Vernon, Pa. Children of William S. and Jane Hosmer; Eliza Bliss, born February 23d, 1843, in Vernon, Pa. John P., born May 17th, 1845, in Vernon, Pa. Amanda, born December 1st, 1846, in Vernon, Pa. Martha Bemus, born April 29th, 1852, in Vernon, Pa. Sarah Anna, born December 25th, 1856, in Vernon, Pa.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of George and Elizabeth Hosmer: Thomas B., born June, 1812; married Sophia Pierson. William H. C., born May 25th, 1814; married Miss Avery, of Owego; still resides in Avon, N. Y.; graduated at Geneva

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(now Hobart) College in 1838. particulars of his career can be found in Griswold's Poetry of America, Appleton's Cyclopedia, &c., &c. No man recruited more men for the war in Western New York; went himself, and was in Bank's disastrous expedition; at one time doing duty as chaplain of the 26th Battery, N. Y. Vols., at another on the staff of Gen. Richard Arnold, Chief of Artillery in the Department of the Gulf. Long, lingering weeks lay in St. James Hospital, New Orleans, sick with chronic diarrhoea, and is still an invalid, though an unconquerable will enables him to yet prosecute onerous taskwork. His wife died August 31st, 1864. Mary E., born February, 1816; married I. Wells. Charles Augustus, born June, 1818. Katharine F., born March 8th, 1822; married first, John G. Stoddard, March 28th, 1849; married second, Capt. Willis B. Edson, September 11th, 1867; resides in Villa Ridge, Ill. J. G. Stoddard, born October 18th, 1810; died June 3d, 1862. W. B. Edson, born November 16th, 1820. Lucy Evans, now Mrs. John Sears, George, Edward Tiffany, Susan Gordon.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of W. H. C. and S. Hosmer: Dr. George H., of Joliet, Ill. Stella, wife of S. V. Arnold, of Lockport, Ill. Florence, at Owego, N. Y. Bessie died September 18th, 1846, aged 18th months. William Maxwell drowned on the eve of entering Rutgers' College. Charles Avery, fell in the battle of Chancellorsville, an intrepid warrior, though young in years. Children of K. H. and J. G. Stoddard: Edward Broadhead, born January 5th, 1850. Sarah Elizabeth, born May 8th, 1851. Elias, born January 31st, 1853; died March 16th, 1856.

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*Seventh Generation.*—Children of Albert and Mary Ann Hosmer: Gustavus P., born at Avon, N. Y., August 2d, 1819; married first, Mary E. Johnson, of Albany, November 18th, 1841; married second, Mary E. Boileau, of Meadville, Pa., October, 1861; resides at Lockport, N. Y.; stove and lumber merchant. Mary E., his wife, died August, 1858, at Buffalo, N. Y. Rebecca P., born in Avon, N. Y., April 17th, 1821; married William F. Parsons, of Lockport, N. Y., September, 1842; resides in Lockport. William F. Parsons was drowned in the bay of San Louis Obispo, on the Pacific coast, February 10th, 1852; Eliza B., born at Avon, N. Y., July 30, 1823; married Edwin Hunter, son of Dr. James Hunter, of Whitby, Canada West, February 7th, 1859. Harriet M., born at Avon, September 21st, 1826; married Alanson Saxton, of Hartland, N. Y., where they now reside. Albert, Jr., born at Batavia, N. Y., August 1st, 1828; married Almada Munger, February 16th, 1858; now residing at Brownstown, Mich; speculator by occupation (author of the "Hosmer Genealogical Register). Almada Munger, born January 4th, 1837. Bradley M., born at Batavia, May 30th, 1830; married Mary Ann Schauntz, of Evansburg, Pa., May, 1855; lumberman. Olivia, born October 4th, 1832; died at Batavia, 1834. Timothy, born June 28th, 1834; married Almira Lusk, of Hartland, N. Y. Walter C., born at Hartland, N. Y., December 20th, 1836; married Mariett Welcher; now lives at Saginaw, Mich.; farmer. Marion, born July 7th, 1840; died young.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of Gustavus P. and M. E. Hosmer: Henry C., born 1843. Arthur L., born 1846. Jennie M., born 1850. Robert T., born 1855. Gustavus P., Jr., born 1856. One born November, 1862. Children of Rebecca P. and W. F. Parsons: Mary Louisa, born 1843. Children of Eliza B. and E. Hunter: Albert J., born July 24th, 1843. Edwin G., born January 21st, 1845. Mary E., born August 30th, 1846. Robert W., born August 26th, 1853. Children of H. M. and A. Saxton: Frederic, Burt and Albert. Children of Albert, Jr. and Almada Hosmer: Eliza B., born December 5th, 1859. Mary E., born November 3d, 1861. Sybil M., born September 23d, 1865.

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*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Graves and Amy Hosmer: Prentiss, Titus and Sylvester. Clarissa, died April 5th, 1837; aged 89 years. James, born September 13th 1799; married Mary Bowen, August 10th, 1820; still resides in Avon. Delia, Maria and Stephen.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of James and Mary Hosmer: Amy, born May 31st, 1823. Stephen, born May 13th, 1833; married E. T. Thorp, May 17th, 1866. Lewis, born August 8th, 1834; died July 29th, 1855. Clarissa, born February 2d, 1836. Lucy, born June 28th, 1837; died August 28th, 1855. Mary, born January 23d, 1839; married Andrew Jackson, October 25th, 1860. James, born March 31st, 1841; died July 17th, 1854. Truman, born October 7th, 1843; died January 31st, 1845.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of Stephen and E. Hosmer: Grace, born May 28th, 1867. Children of M. H. and A. Jackson: Clara Isabella, born March 11th, 1862. James Hosmer, born June 10th, 1867.

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## MARTIN FAMILY.

"Martin, Plymouth county, Devon, originally from Kent. Capt. John Martin, of this family, went round the world with Drake, in 1577. Gruls on a chevron, or, three talbots passant sable. Crest on a globe, or a falcon rising argent gorged with a ducal coronet. The tradition in the family is, that the father of William Seaborn Martin emigrated from Plymouth, England, and that his son was born on the passage to this country. William Martin, or William Seaborn Martin, as he is familiarly known by his descendants, and his wife Abigail, were admitted to the first church in Woodbury, Conn., on his removal there, August 30th, 1685. She was the daughter of Jonathan Curtis, of Stratford, Conn.; born October 17th, 1671. They were married June 25th, 1685, when she was about fourteen years of age. He died July 4th, 1715. His widow survived him some twenty years, and died January 4th, 1735. He was buried near the center of the old burying ground in Woodbury, and a coarse native stone on which was chiseled "W. M.," July 4th, 1715, was set up at the head and foot of his grave. These stones have been removed in digging other graves, and now lie on the ground near the place of their original location. Children of William S. and Abigail Martin:

1. Joseph, baptised November, 1691.
2. Samuel, baptised March, 1695.
3. Caleb, born March 26th, 1698.
4. Phæbe, baptised January, 1704; married Daniel Curtis, June 30th, 1730.

Samuel Martin, second son of William, married Annis Hinman, January 15th, 1716. He had seventeen children by one wife, three of them at a single birth. These were daughters, all of whom lived to marry and have children.

*Third Generation.*—Children of Samuel and Annis Martin:

1. Mary, born April 11th, 1717.
2. Eunice, born April 15th, 1718.
3. William, born April 27th, 1719.
4. Samuel, born February 10th, 1722.
5. Daniel, baptised June 9th, 1723; died young.
6. Prudence, born October 9th, 1724.
7. Mercy, baptised November 13th, 1726.
8. David, baptised May 26th, 1728.
9. Jonas, baptised October 25th, 1729.
10. Elisha, born September 28th, 1732.
11. Nathan, born July 30th, 1734.
12. Annis,
13. Patience, } at a birth, born March 18th, and baptised March 21st, 1736.
14. Concurrence, }
12. Timothy, baptised March 4th, 1739.
13. Daniel, born April 23d, 1741.
17. Deliverance, born 1744.

Nathan Martin, the eleventh child of Samuel, married Ellen Bradley; died 1791, in Woodbury, Conn.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Nathan and Ellen Martin: Samuel, Truman. Nathan, born August 7th, 1768; married Abiah Minor, of Woodbury, September,



1794; died at Avon, March 17th, 1860. Ellen, married Bildad Sherman, of Woodbury; died 1830, at Angelica, N. Y. Sybil, married Daniel Hurlbut, October 13th, 1795; died July 30th, 1844, in Avon, N. Y., in the 69th year of her age. Jason, married Mercy Smith, of Whitestown; died 1850; aged 75 years. Phineas, no record. Thuddeus, married Mchetable Throop; died in Avon, N. Y., April 23d, 1826. Bradley, born May 6th, 1782; married Harriet Byron Hull; died at Avon, N. Y., April 23d, 1825. Bradley Martin left Woodbury, Conn., shortly after his father's death, in company with Augustus and Peter B. Porter, late of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and settled for a while at Canandaigua, where he pursued his education, and fitted himself for mercantile business. He went from there to Lima, where he remained for a few months as a clerk in the store of the late James K. Guernsey. He then went to Avon and entered into partnership with John Pearson, in the mercantile business at the red store, about one mile east of the brick church in East Avon. He continued this partnership only one year, when he purchased a farm just west of the village, upon which he erected a small dwelling, and soon thereafter, appropriating the front part of his house for a store, commenced business on his own account, and continued it successfully until near the time of his death. Bradley Martin was one of the early settlers of the town of Avon, and took an active part in all the enterprises of the day. He was a successful merchant, and ever sustained a high character for honesty, intelligence and public spirit, and died much lamented by all who knew him. His wife, Harriet Byron Hull (step-daughter of John Pearson), was born at Salisbury, Conn., November 20th, 1785; died at the residence of her daughter at Salem, N. Y., October 26th, 1862. Her remains were taken to Avon and buried by the side of her husband. Wait, born April 17th, 1785; married Clarendia Pearson, March 30th, 1809; died at Milwaukee, March 3d, 1857.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Nathan and Abiah Martin: Nathaniel, born June 16th, 1775; died April 8th, 1796. Curtis, born October 25th, 1796; died May 16th, 1825. Infant son, born May 3d, 1798; died May 12th, 1798. Betsey M., born September 25th, 1800; lives in Avon, N. Y. Henry, born November 14th, 1802; married Tryphina Hawkins, of Alexander, N. Y., February 8th, 1831; came from Vermont in 1824 to Clarkson, N. Y.; in spring of 1846 moved to Alexander, and in June, 1848, removed to the city of Buffalo, N. Y., where he now resides. Henrietta, born May 6th, 1806; married Truman Waterous, of Avon, July 22d, 1835; died July 20th, 1836. Aaron Jason, born April 14th, 1809; died February 14th, 1814.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Henry and Tryphina Martin: Henry H., married Caroline L. Pratt, of Buffalo, now living in New York city, of the firm of Smith, Gould, Martin and Co. Frank, married Mary Proud, of Binghamton, N. Y.; resides in Buffalo, of the firm of Martin & Co; has two daughters. Van R., married Annie Bennett, of Bay Ridge, L. I., living in Buffalo, of the firm of Martin & Co., manufacturers of leather; has one daughter.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of E. M. and B. Sherman: John, died at the west. Lucy, died February 5th, 1869, at Angelica, N. Y. Bradley, married Adelia Brown, of Bath, N. Y.; has two children, Ellen and Sarah. Nancy, died 1850. Judson. Emily, died August 14th, 1860.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of S. M. and D. Hurlbut: Infant, born August 10th; died August 10th, 1800. Hannah Eliza, born December 6th, 1802; died May 3d, 1850, in Angelica, N. Y. Eleanor Caroline, born February 2d, 1804; died September 23d, 1807. Sarah Maria, born March 12th, 1806; married Daniel McHenry; died September 16th, 1863, at West Bend, Wis. Caroline Eleanor, born July 15th, 1808; married A. Charles, of Angelica, N. Y., July 3d, 1831; died November 13th, 1860. A. Charles, born November 18th, 1806, in Ireland; died February 14th, 1869. Cornelia Phæbe, born February 22d, 1810; married Joel Kneeland, September, 1848, at Avon, N. Y.; now resides in Milwaukee. Daniel Bradley, born December 30th, 1811; married twice; has two sons. Sybil Emeline, born January 8th, 1815; married Dr. Amos P. Jones, September, 1840; died December 2d, 1845, at Mumford, N. Y. John Rogers, born August 4th, 1816; married, and has issue. George Martin, born May 20th, 1818; died October 31st, 1851, in Rochester, N. Y.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of C. E. and A. Charles: Mary, Richard. Cornelia, married C. L. Parker, of Angelica, N. Y., September 4th, 1856. Andrew Hurlbut, died December, 1847, in the fourth year of his age. Andrew and George.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Jason and Mercy Martin: Jason, died ———; Caroline D., married in 1833, F. M. Cutler; now resides in Avon. F. M. Cutler, of New York, son of Benjamin Clarke Cutler, and Sarah, his wife, niece of Gen.



Marion. Thaddeus Aralga, married Miss Night; had three children. Aurelia, died ——. Catharine married D. B. Whaley; died ——, leaving two sons. Maria married Jerry Clark; died ——; had one daughter, Edith. Edie S., married Wells Clark.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of C. D. and F. M. Cutler: Benjamin Clark, born 1834; died October, 18th, 1868.

### DEATH OF GEN. BENJ. C. CUTLER.

Proceedings of a Public Meeting held in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the evening of October 19th, 1868.

On motion of Judge Merrill Ashurst, Governor R. B. Mitchell was called to the chair, and on further motion, Col. James L. Collins and Hon. Joab Houghton, were elected vice-presidents.

On motion of Joseph Purcell, Esq., Maj. Cyrus H. De Forrest and David J. Miller, were appointed secretaries.

On motion of Judge Ashurst a committee of seven was appointed by the president to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meetings; upon which committee were appointed: Judge Merrill Ashurst, Gen. H. H. Heath, Hon. R. M. Stephens, T. F. Conway, Esq., Col. N. H. Davis, Capt. John Pratt, and Capt. E. D. Thompson.

The committee then retired and soon after returned and reported the following preamble and resolutions, which, after several addresses, eulogistic of the merits and excellences of the deceased, by gentlemen present, were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, Divine Providence has, in his inscrutable dispensations, stricken from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved fellow-citizen Benjamin C. Cutler (at the time of his death Surveyor General of New Mexico), who, in all the walks of life, either as a soldier or a citizen, won for himself the esteem of all and the character of an honest man; and who by the urbanity of his manner, disinterestedness of his acts, his social and genial qualities, amiability of disposition and by his noble and generous heart, drew around him a host of admiring friends wherever he was known, and who in the pride and vigor of his manhood and usefulness, has been suddenly cut off, and whose untimely loss we now mourn. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we, the citizens of Santa Fe, will ever cherish the remembrance of the spotless integrity, genial and social qualities, and the high toned disinterested life of our worthy fellow citizen, Gen. Benjamin C. Cutler, who departed this life on the 18th inst.

*Resolved*, That in his loss New Mexico has lost one of her most useful and honest public officers, and this community one of its most valued fellow citizens.

*Resolved*, That we sincerely sympathize and condole with the family and relatives of the deceased in the hour of their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased; and that the papers of this Territory, the San Francisco and Sacramento papers, the Army and Navy Journal and the newspapers of his eastern residence be requested to publish these resolutions.

The meeting, on the motion of Mr. Conway, adjourned *sine die*.

ROBERT B. MITCHELL, Pres't.

JAMES L. COLLINS, } Vice-Pes'ts.  
JOAB HOUGHTON, }

CYRUS H. DE FORREST, } Sec's.  
DAV. J. MILLER, }

Sarah, born 1836; married James A. Green, of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1857. Susan Eliza, born 1840; married Eustace Trenor, M. D., of New York City, 1862. Caro line, born 1844; married Dr. H. J. Phillips, U. S. Army, September 13th, 1865. Harriet Amelia, born April 9th, 1849; married T. J. Cridland, British Consul October 29th, 1866.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Thaddeus and Mehitable T. Martin: Mortimer Bradley, born October 1806, now residing in Kalamazoo, Mich. Enos Thompson Throop, born November 25th, 1808; married Cornelia Williams, of Utica, N. Y., June 1st, 1837, now resides at Willow Brook, on the Owaseo Lake, near Auburn, N. Y. George Bliss, born September 12th, 1811; married Hannah Townsend, of Orange county, N. Y., September 3d, 1835; now in Lockport, Ill. Harriet Byron, born April 24th, 1814; married John Williams, of Salem, N. Y. Thaddeus O., born April 15th, 1816. Henry, born July 5th, 1818; died October 10th, 1818. Henry and Henrietta (twins), born June 30th, 1819. Henry, died December 5th, 1819. Henrietta, died April 15th, 1822. Evelina Throop, born February 11th, 1822; married James H. Rochester, May 14th, 1846.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Bradley and H. B. Martin: Bliza H., born July th, 1807; married Alfred B. Fields, of Camandaigua, deceased ——; died





February 23d, 1829; about four months after her marriage. Henry II., born November 27th, 1809; married Anna Townsend, of the city of Albany, October 8th, 1835, some four years after he had established himself in that city as a resident; he still resides there, and is now cashier of the Albany City Bank; his wife, Annie T. Martin, died March 4th, 1866. Harriet E. born April 6th, 1817; married James S. Polhemus, of Astoria, L. I., where she now resides. Jane Ann, born November 9th, 1819; married Anthony Blanchard, of Albany, August 11th, 1841; Mr. B. subsequently removed from Albany to Salem, Washington county, N. Y., and died there May 1st, 1860.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of Henry II. and A. T. Martin: Henry Townsend, born January 2d, 1837. Anna Lawrence, born September 9th, 1838; married William Beatty Rochester, June 19th, 1862; Major William B. Rochester, paymaster in U. S. army; now at Washington, D. C. Harriet Byron, born January 1st, 1840; died January 29th, 1844. Bradley, born at Albany, December 18th, 1841; married Cornelia Sherman (only child of Isaac Sherman, of New York city), January 26th, 1869; now resides in New York city. Alice, born January 12th, 1848; married Julian T. Davies (son of Judge Henry E. Davies, New York), April 22d, 1869. Frederic T., born December 6th, 1849. Howard Townsend, born February 28th, 1853.

*Seventh Generation.*—Children of A. L. and W. B. Rochester: Annie Townsend, born February 11th, 1864. William B., jr., born March 23d, 1866. Henry Martin. Children of Bradley and Cornelia Martin: Sherman, born December 12th, 1869. Children of A. and J. T. Davies: Henry Townsend, born February 20th, 1870.

*Eighth Generation.*—Children of H. M. and J. S. Polhemus: James S., born March 26th, ——. Henry M., born September 11th, ——. Adrian S., born January 3d, 1857. Children of J. M. and A. Blanchard: Harriet Martin, Grace, Henry Martin, Annie Townsend, Jennie, Francis.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Wait and Clarendia Martin: James Marvin, born January 4th, 1810; married Susan B. Hull. Ellen Clarendia, born November 24th, 1811; married Moses Kneeland; died June 12th, 1856, in Milwaukee, Wis. Moses Kneeland, died January, 1864. Sarah Maria, born August 11th, 1813; married Jared Boughton; now resides in Bloomfield, N. Y. Mury B., born March 20th, 1827; married Isaac N. Mason, August 18, 1851; now of Milwaukee, Wis. I. N. Mason, died April 25th, 1868. William Wait, born October 19th, 1829; died January 17th, 1842. Judson W., born October 24th, 1834.

*Sixth Generation.*—Children of James M. and S. B. Martin: James. Children of Ellen C. and M. Kneeland: Sarah O., married W. S. Chandler; now of Milwaukee, Wis. Ellen C., married James L. Sexton. Frances, married J. G. Flint. Moses B. Children of S. M. and J. H. Boughton: Martin. Willie, died June, 1851. Children of M. B. and I. N. Mason: Clara, born February 16th, 1853. Ellen, born and died August 12th, 1855. Lilian, born March 5th, 1858. Frank N., born May 25th, 1864. Isaac N., born October 1st, 1868.

## GIBSON FAMILY.

*First Generation.*—William Gibson, grandfather of Mrs. F. B. Pearson, settled in Canterbury, Conn.; married Esther Kasson, who was an intimate friend of Mary Howd, who became the wife of Samuel Waterous, and the mother of Mrs. Joseph Pearson. William Gibson had a brother James who settled in the State of Rhode Island, in ——.

*Second Generation.*—Children of William and Esther Gibson: Jacob, Archibald, John, William, James, Chauncey, Thomas. Kasson, born April 13th, 1783; married September 3d, 1809, Sabrina Redington; died August 6th, 1850. Sabrina, his wife, born May 14th, 1788; died August, 24th, 1861; was the eldest daughter of Daniel Redington, of Pittsford, Mass. Her mother's maiden name was Hannah Goodrich. Mrs. Gibson had three brothers and three sisters, viz: Truman, Rufus, William. Elceta, married Enoch Treadway. Laura, married Robert Boyce. Chrissa, married Joel Hayes, of Oswego county. Molly, married ——— Pellett, of Norwich, N. Y. Nancy, married Edward Waterous, of Avon (see Waterous). Betsey, married John Hascall Ransford, of Norwich, N. Y.

*Third Generation.*—Children of Kasson and Sabrina Gibson, residence, Cobleskill, Schoharie county, N. Y. Frances Janette, born July 9th, 1810; married Frederic B. Pearson, May 8th, 1828, at Avon, N. Y., by Rev. J. B. Whittlesy (see Pearson). Cornelia Amorette, born August 2d, 1812; married Dr. Robert Nicholson, of Orleans county, December 29th, 1834. Rodney Redington, born



January 27th, 1815; married Eliza Aldrich, January 10th, 1845, at Niles, Mich. died November 20th, 1863, at Lansing, Mich.

*Fourth Generation*—Children of C. A. and Dr. R. Nicholson: Robert Mortimer, born October 18th, 1836; died January 10th, 1860. Albert Gibson, born September 12th, 1838; married Harriet Buckler, August 8th, 1867. Frederic Pierson, born Aug 26, 1843; married Mary J. Hinds, May 22d, 1869. Now resides in California. Edward Walsworth, born April 30th, 1851. Children of R. R. and E. Gibson: Frances Cornelia, born October 31st, 1848, at Lansing, Mich.; died December 15th, 1849. Caroline Nicholson, born May 18th, 1851, at Lansing, Mich. Frederic Rodney, born September 8th, 1853, at Lansing, Mich.; died January 14th, 1854. Mary Jane, born January 9th, 1855; died September 6th, 1855. Robert Redington, born November 20th, 1856; died May 12th, 1863. Jennie Eliza, born March 14th, 1859; died September 1st, 1865. Charles Rodney, born December 28th, 1861.

*Fifth Generation.*—Children of Albert and Harriet Nicholson: Frances Brumagin, born February 12th, 1868, at Rochester, N. Y. Children of F. B. and M. J. Nicholson: Franklin Hinds, born July 19th, 1870.

*Third Generation.*—Children of James and Hannah W. Gibson: Irene, Mrs. Newbre, Selenda, Mrs. Woods. Lovina, married A. Pellett. Guy. Howd Martin, born May 31st, 1808; married Julia Ann Steele, September 5th, 1832; died October 12th, 1869. Samuel Waterous.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of H. M. and J. A. Gibson: Martin Luther, born July 19th, 1833; died October 26th, 1869. Lovina Maria, born December 22d, 1840; married C. W. Gibson, February 12th, 1864; now resides in Lima, N. Y. Frances Eleonor, born May 31st, 1843; died October 14th, 1869.

*Fifth Generation*—Children of C. W. and L. M. Gibson: Charles Henry, born February 5th, 1865; died February 7th, 1865. Howd DeWitt, born May 17th, 1868.

*Third Generation*—Children of John and Katy Warren Gibson; Charles De Witt, born January 4th, 1800; married Artemicia Frost, August 11th, 1831. A. F., his wife, born September 7th, 1810. Wasson, Betsey, Mary Ann.

*Fourth Generation.*—Children of Charles De Witt and A. Gibson: Thornton Wasson, born November 29th, 1832; married October 25th, 1860. Jane Wasson, born January 12th, 1835; died July 13th, 1836. Charles Frost, born July 22d, 1836; married April 10th, 1859. Chauncey Walstein, born September 6th, 1838; married L. M. Gibson (see Howd Gibson), February 8th, 1865. Corydon De Witt, born November 17th, 1840; married January 1st, 1862. Caroline Artemicia, born November 17th, 1840; married October 27th, 1859. John Elisha, born February 4th, 1843. Mary Amanda, born May 22d, 1845. Sarah Janette, born August 14th, 1847. Frances Amoretta, born March 18th, 1850. Stanford Solon, born September 28th, 1852.

## CLARK FAMILY.

Asa Clark married Jemima Case; no records of births or marriage to be found. Asa, died December 27th, 1833; aged about seventy-five. Jemima, died September 11th, 1834; aged about seventy-five. Their children: Sophia, born December 30th, 1780; died January 30th, 1813. Fanny, born October 6th, 1782; died August 5th, 1845. Asa, born June 22d, 1784; died September 19th, 1787. Gustavus, born July 15th, 1786; now living in Buffalo; married Orrel Pearson (see Pearson). Esther, born August 25th, 1788; died August 10th, 1813. Asa, born June 29th, 1790; died June 9th, 1861. Erastus, born February 10th, 1792; died July 28th, 1852. Jemima, born January 27th, 1794; married Chandler Pearson; died April 27th, 1860 (see Pearson). Phoebe, born November 11th, 1795; died August 2d, 1826.

At a meeting of some descendants of these families—pioneers of Avon—October, 1857, the following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting that the old pioneers and their descendants of Avon, without reference to inter-marriage with, or ties of blood, that unite them to the founders of this association, be invited to co-operate with us at our annual meetings that we reverence the names of Wiard, Markham, Merry, More, and all others identified with Avon, and honor their sacred memories in common with our immediate ancestors.

Col. William Markham first settled at Bloomfield, and moved to Hartford (Avon) in 1790. Capt. Ganson claimed title to lands now called the Markham Farm, under an Indian grant; that failing, the Colonel became vested in fee to the soil. This splendid estate is now occupied and possessed by his son Guy. His son Vine died a few years ago in Michigan. Ira, another son, resides in Rush. Wayne Markham having lost sons and daughters, also his wife, now resides with a married



grand-daughter, at Kalamazoo, Mich. The Colonel's daughters are living. Caroline, married to a second husband, resides near Webster's Mills, N. Y. Matilda is the widow of the late venerable Dr. Socrates Smith, one of the pioneer physicians of Rush, N. Y. Mrs. Whitney resides in Michigan. Col. Markham was a man of energy and public spirit. In his latter years he labored under aberration of mind. Think he was the first representative in Assembly from old Ontario. Guy's only son, a young man of great worth, bears his grand-father's name.

Dr. Charles Bingham was born in Bozra, Conn., in 1784; studied medicine with Dr. Scott, of Bozra, and in 1807 was admitted to practice; moved to West Avon, N. Y., in 1810, where he practiced his profession until 1820, then removed to Mt. Morris, where he died in 1842.

John L. Kelsey, son of Jehiel Kelsey, one of the pioneers of Avon, writes to Col. Hosmer:

"That on the Fourth of July, 1804, I was ushered into existence. Your grand-father Hosmer, as I have been credibly informed, was the attending physician, and he asked of my parents the privilege of giving me the name of John Independence Kelsey, which name I still continue to reply to. My father at that time was an officer, and belonged to a company of troops, then at Avon, and commanded by Col. Benjamin Pierson. The company by order of the commandant were notified previously to appear at what is now West Avon village, on that particular day (the 4th), for company parade and military instructions at 9 o'clock A. M. But the circumstances of the case at his home would not allow of his appearing in due time. Consequently, he was weighed and found wanting; but, at eleven o'clock, he was enabled to meet his fellow officers and soldiers upon parade, and announced to them that a son had been born to him, who had been weighed, and found not wanting.

"Time quietly passed on, and the sun continued to rise and set as usual. I intend here to state to you the privileges and privations that the young in those days were subjected to, and compare them with the situation of the youth of the present age. My parents resided on the farm belonging to Judge Hosmer, M. D., being the same now occupied by Justus Williams, until I was four years of age. My father then purchased of James Wadsworth, Esq., the farm now occupied by David Brooks, Esq. From this place my parents began to send me to school, located, I think, near the residence of Mr. Hillman. I suppose my parents sent me to this place to give my young ideas a shoot; but I have since thought how sadly they failed. The distance being so far they hired me a boarding-place near, but one night was as long as I could remain from home, and I was better prepared to run than to read my book, as I had frequent occasions to try my speed with the young Indians, that almost daily visited us during the first thirty years of my life, from Canewaugus. The first school teacher's name was Miss Dolly Pierce, a sister of Job Pierce, who was engaged in the mercantile business, in a brick building, which now forms a small part of the northeast corner of the U. S. Hotel, at West Avon.

"As soon as I was old enough to ride the horse, to plow the corn, stir and rake the hay, and milk the cows, I was kept at home during the spring, summer and autumnal months. My father always called me out before sunrise in the morning, and sent me into the field with my feet bare, the ground covered with severe frost and snow, to bring up the cows and horses. You may ask, 'Why did you not have shoes to wear?' They were not to be had—no maminoth shoe and clothing stores. I never had a pair of boots until I was eighteen years old. I never had a suit of clothes, nor half a suit from a store of any kind, until I was twenty-one years old. The day that I was twenty-one my father presented me with what he termed my freedom suit. It consisted of a beautiful piece of blue broad cloth, coat, vest and pants, cut and made by A. C. Way, Esq., at that time a resident of Avon, now of Rochester city. The style of garment at that time was a tight, snug fit, and the first time that I enjoyed the extreme pleasure of wearing a new broad cloth suit was upon the fourth of July, at a dancing party, and after being engaged a number of hours, becoming animated, my whole body expanded to such a degree that my new coat burst open upon the back, and was entirely ruined, and it was many a day before the breach was repaired. My mother always, in my younger days, made my clothing from tow and linen that I had assisted my father in raising. She cut and made the garments from cloth directly from the loom, which produced the same effect as a flesh brush. In those days children were not clad with cotton flannel and other flannels whose nap was soft and fine. The most of my school days were spent in attending the school taught in a brick building, now torn down, then stood near the residence of Lewis W. Beecher, a few rods east of George Hosmer's residence. I here give the names of all the gentlemen teachers that I can recall to mind: Champlin, Elisha Crocker, John F. Bliss, Newhall, Green, Gibbs,



Barlow, Augustus A. Bennett, Amos Dann. The school numbered generally through the winter months from fifty to eighty scholars, of both sexes, from the age of four to eighteen years. On the opposite side of the highway were a number of acres of land, thickly covered with beautiful hickory and hazel-nut sprouts, from which the teachers supplied themselves with what they thought were the necessary means of governing the youth in their care. My parents presented me with Webster's old spelling-book, which was the principal book I used during my school days. The youth of the present age do not appreciate the advantages they enjoy in obtaining an education, nor the various modes of enjoyment afforded them.

"Frequently have I walked with my mother from our home, on Sabbath days, to the brick Pres-byterian church at East Avon. My parents have always required and advised me to attend some place for religious worship on every Sabbath; also to respect the political and religious sentiments of my friends. How often I think in my leisure moments of the many schoolmates and associates of my youthful days, whose names I well recollect, and whose countenances are as familiar to-day as the sun that rises each morn. A great portion of the different individuals constituting the following named families have passed into a future existence: The Piersons, Hosm-ers, Wiards, Littles, Ladds, Lawrence, Bond, Rogers, Gilberts, Simons, Merry, More, Waterous, Eggleston, Whitney, Clarkons, Hutelins, Barrow, Austin, Ensworth, Bingham, Pierce, Clark, Newberry, Wadsworth, Finley, Markham, Gillett, Nowlen, Hawley, Riggs, Demings, Chapels, Chappels, Wards, Forsyth, Bliss, Bancroft, Wright, Adams, Pelton, Ganson, and a host of others.

"I have kept a diary for the past twenty-five years of my life, in which I have recorded my daily transactions in business, the name of every person with whom I have dealt, the name of all visitors and visits made, deaths and marriages in my vicinity, the weather of each day, the highest price of wages, the price paid for all kinds of merchandise from a shoe-string to a cultivated farm. For fifty years past I have not been confined with sickness five days at any time, never paying for medicine purposes ten dollars in my life. I never used tobacco in any form, except to destroy insects and vermin upon my animals. No lady can charge me with the filthy crime of staining her pleasant abode or furniture with the nauseating juice, smoke or snuff. I have not used to exceed one gallon of all kinds spirits. A trifle of tea and coffee, has, so far, proved sufficient for me. Until within the last three years the sun has not risen or set when I was in bed. My life has been actively spent in agriculture. I have seemed to pass along life's rugged way with ease and unexpected success.

"In October 12th, 1837, I married Eliza, daughter of John Cutler, of Lima, with whom I lived nine years. On the first day of June, 1848, I married Mrs. S. T. Palmer, who still remains with me. In June, 1848, I removed to the town of Riga. Time has passed rapidly away. I have buried seven brothers and sisters, a father and mother, a beloved wife, and an only daughter; none left of my family but myself and son.

"Now, friend H., I have noted down a very few of the events of my life, and how gratifying and interesting it would be if every one of our youth associates would write a similar chapter, and cause it to be added to your valuable work of pioneer reminiscences. I say to our friends, present and absent, so sound the bugle that we may know where you are stationed, and at the next annual meeting of this happy company, present sketches of events of your lives.

I can well recollect going to mill on horse-back. I have frequently met with the Indians at their dances; but they have all passed away. I well recollect the first covered buggy I ever saw—it belonged to Rev. John F. Bliss. We frequently rode to church in company with others, in a crazy, rattling lumber wagon, with naught for seats but rude boards, put cross-wise upon the box. Occasionally a humble chair was used for the advanced members of the family. The elliptic spring was on the edge of the wagon-box, and now your children and mine cannot ride to mill, meeting, or market without the steel spring, plunk and rail-road going Jehu-like at two-forty time. Happy am I to witness the rapid progress being made in the arts and sciences of the present age.

"I have this season threshed my grain upon the farm (September, 1870), by steam power. Forty-five years ago I did it with the flail.

"I have lived to see what was once almost a wilderness, from Rochester to Olean, cleared up and converted into beautiful villages, and splendid farms, and hoping that we, as a family of pioneers, may endure and meet again and again, and when we are called from earth, meet in Heaven, will ever be the prayer of your friend,

JOHN I. KELSEY."















