

## BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SKETCHES.

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THOMAS SMITH. — He came from Chester to this town about 1734, when it was an entire wilderness, and settled where the late Hiram Lull lived, in the east part of the town. He was for some two years the only white man within the present limits of New Boston, before the grant of the town was made. It was near his farm that the Proprietors built sixty dwelling-houses, a grist and saw mill, and a meeting-house, as early as 1740. Mr. Smith is said to have built the first frame house in New Boston, and it yet stands in a state of comparatively good preservation, and constitutes a part of Widow Hiram Lull's house. Mr. Smith was once obliged to flee from his farm before he had moved his family to it, because of the presence of Indians. They had done violence to some neighbors living a few miles from him in Goffstown, and seeing traces of one or more in the vicinity of his cabin, evidently seeking an opportunity to capture him, he precipitately fled with his faithful gun, and returned not until the Indians had departed from his neighborhood. His son Samuel, in 1765, lived where the late Deacon Thomas Smith died; his son James perished with cold on the road leading from his father's to Parker's, in Goffstown. His son Reuben was in the war of the Revolution, and after the close of it he removed into the State of Maine, near the Passamaquoddy Bay.

DEACON JOHN SMITH. — He was son of the above-named Thomas, and moved with him from Chester. He married a Miss McNeil, daughter of William McNeil, by whom he had five children: Martha, Sarah, Janey, Mary, and John. After her death he married Ann Brown, of Francestown, by whom he had fourteen children: Jancy, Thomas (the late deacon), Elizabeth, William, David, Susanna, Ann, Samuel, Martha, Reuben, Elizabeth B., Robert, an infant, and James D. Of the

children of his first wife, Martha died Feb. 19, 1756, and Janey Jan. 10, 1756, of dysentery, and were the first that were buried in the graveyard in the north part of the town.

Sarah married a Mr. McMarston for her first husband, and for her second, John Burns, who owned the farm now owned by Mr. Luther Colburn. He was in the war of the Revolution, also of 1812, and had the title of Major. He moved to Whitefield when a young man, and died there a few years since, having represented his town in the Legislature after he was eighty years old, remarkable for his vigor of body and mind.

Mary, another daughter of Deacon Smith, married Robert Burns, of Bedford; they had a son who became a physician. John Smith entered the army in 1776, and served to the close of the war, then settled in Francestown, and died there, having married for his first wife Elizabeth Campbell, of Litchfield, by whom he had two sons, John and David; one of his daughters is now the wife of Mr. Benjamin Dodge, of New Boston.

This John Smith, son of Deacon John, was a lieutenant in the militia. A musket-ball was lodged in his neck, and was never extracted. He was one of the early deacons in the Congregational Church in Francestown. He was a very worthy man, and reared an interesting family; his son John being distinguished for his piety and devotion to the instruction of the Indians at the West. Deacon Smith, Senior, died Sept. 3, 1800, in his 74th year. The inscription on his tombstone is very appropriate:—

“The sweet remembrance of the just  
Will flourish though they sleep in dust.”

DEACON THOMAS SMITH. — He was son of Deacon John Smith, born May 7, 1765; he married, March 22, 1791, Esther Poland, who was born May 1, 1774. They had thirteen children; Susannah was born Jan. 27, 1792, became the wife of Mr. Thomas George, of Weare; after his death married Mr. James Adams, of this town, and afterwards removed to Johnson, Vt., where she died Dec. 12, 1843, leaving three children, two by the first, and one by the second husband; Ann, born March 17, 1794, became the wife of Thomas Ring, and lives in New York, having five children: John, born May 14, 1796, married Dec. 1, 1819, Nancy, daughter of David Tewksbury, and had

thirteen children, eight of whom survive, viz., Ezra D., who married Mary Jennis, and lives in Concord; John B., who married Rebecca W. Richards, and resides in California; Amos T., who resides in California; Ivers, Sarah T., Almas, Ethan A., who married Maria E. Burt, of Bennington, March 19, 1863, and lives in New Boston, and Clara; Thomas died March 2, 1852; Charles B. died Jan. 17, 1847, at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, in Hartford, Conn; David T. died in California March 8, 1862; Clarinda died August 17, 1837; James K. P. died Sept. 25, 1848.

Esther (daughter of Deacon Thomas Smith), born August 20, 1798, married Asa Dodge, of Francestown, having one daughter, who became the wife of Smith Follansbee, of Francestown; Thomas, born April 8, 1801, married Nancy Gove, of Weare, lives in New Boston, and has one son, Daniel.

William, born May 22, 1803, lives in Croyden with his third wife, having three children by his first, and seven by his second wife; Moses was born June 8, 1805, married Eliza Bailey, of Weare, and lives in Johnson, Vt., having seven children; Rachel was born August 10, 1807, married Ambrose Story, and lives in Antrim; Clarinda, born January 9, 1810, became the wife of John McCurdy, who soon died, leaving her no children; Ivers was born March 31, 1812, married Sarah Hoyt, of Weare, and lives in New Boston, having two daughters, one of whom, Lora, became the wife of Thomas Moore, of Bedford; the other, Clarinda, married Elbridge Colby, of Weare; George W. was born January 19, 1815, and died February 15, 1858; Ethan was born October 17, 1817, married Alvira Morrill, and lives in Weare, having six children; Sarah, born October 23, 1819, died young.

DEACON THOMAS SMITH died May 1, 1854, and his wife died October 8, 1851. He was a man of great decision and energy of character, industrious and thrifty; he became one of our most independent farmers. He reared a large family, and contributed generously to benevolent enterprises, never overlooking the claims which God had upon his possessions. As a christian, he was uniform in his feelings, consistent in his daily walk, a strict observer of the Sabbath, and a constant attendant on the sanctuary. He was emphatically a pillar in the

Presbyterian Church, and his end was peace; and his death was seriously felt by the church and the community.

WILLIAM MCNEIL. — He lived about a mile southwest of the first named Smith, where a Mr. Woodbury now lives. Mr. McNeil was a schoolmaster, teaching for many years in different parts of the town whence he came, and also in this town. His second wife presented him a daughter, who was the first female child born in New Boston. They called her Hannah; and she married John Jordan, a British soldier, who deserted before the Revolution. They lived where William Beard now resides. He enlisted in the war of the Revolution, and was at Bunker Hill. After the war he moved his family into Vermont, and was buried near Burlington, having died in the camp during the war in 1812.

Mr. McNeil had other daughters, one of whom became the wife of a Mr. Ferson, brother of Deacon James Ferson. He had also two sons, both of whom were in the war of the Revolution.

JOHN BLAIR. — He settled where Mr. William Woodbury now lives. He came direct from Ireland, marrying for his wife Miss Jennet McCloud. He had two sons and one daughter. His daughter married James Hunter, and their son John was the first male child born in New Boston, and became a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Blair's sons were Robert and William: Robert enlisted in the British army long before the war of 1776, and William lived with his father, marrying a Miss Rosinna Gregg Dec. 8, 1768, by whom he had a son named Hugh, born Oct. 2, 1769, who lived with his father on the old homestead; also a daughter, named Jeane, born Feb. 17, 1771.

DEA. JAMES FERSON. — He settled where Mr. John Dodge now lives, coming from Chester. He had three sons: the third, James, married the daughter of Mr. James McNeil, and moved to Ohio in his 74th year, where he has since died. Dea. Ferson had three daughters: Sarah, Hannah, and Rosamah. Sarah became the wife of Mr. John Eli, and moved to Londonderry, and Rosamah became the wife of the late Abner Hogg. Dea. Ferson's wife was Jennet Lesley, a very excellent woman; her husband was a worthy, christian man; was one of the earliest deacons in the Presbyterian Church, and died Nov. 1, 1792, aged 76; and his wife died Feb. 26, 1804, aged 86.

James Ferson, son of Dea. James Ferson, was born in Chester May 29, 1744, O. S., and married Mary McNeill, daughter of James McNeill. She was born in New Boston Sept. 30, 1755, N. S. They were married Dec. 28, 1773. Their children were William, Jennet, James, Paul, Sally, Samuel, Daniel, and John. James was Town Clerk for some years, and became a physician. Some of the children went to Ohio, and their father, who was 74 years old, followed them, and died there, being esteemed a highly worthy man.

His son, William, graduated at Dartmouth College in the Class of 1797, studied medicine and practised in Gloucester, Mass., where he died. He is remembered as a school-teacher; he taught school in the house near Mr. Bently's, one winter; he was cross-eyed, and was sure to detect the rogues.

HUGH GREGG. — He settled near where Daniel T. Gregg lately lived, and married Sarah Lesley, sister of the wife of Dea. James Ferson. They had sons: James, Alexander, Lesley, Reuben, and Samuel. James settled where his son, the late Daniel T. Gregg, lived until within a few years of his death, the farm now being owned by John H. Gregg. Reuben served in the war of the Revolution.

Hannah, daughter of James, married Nathan Andrews, of Sutton, where she resides, aged 94, having had eight children: Sallie, who married a Mr. Woodsworth, and died in New York; Nathan, who married Dorothy Pilsbury, and has five sons and one daughter; John, who married Susan Adams, and has sons and daughters, graduated at Dartmouth College, and is now a chaplain in the army; Samuel G., who inherits the homestead, married Lavinia H. Pilsbury, and has two children; Jennett, who married John Eaton, of Sutton, and has six sons and three daughters; Hannah died young; James, who was liberally educated, and died a young man; Mary, who has been a school-teacher. Daniel T., his son, was born Dec. 11, 1775, married Esther, born July 14, 1780, daughter of Thomas Millen. This Thomas Millen was born in Londonderry 1756, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, lived in Newbury, Vt., having married Jane McCollom, sister of Alexander McCollom, of New Boston, and died in 1852. Daniel T. Gregg inherited the homestead, and had eight children; Jane E. resides in

New Boston; James died young; John H. lives in New Boston; Maria L. became the wife of Thomas Delano, resides in Somerville, Mass., and has seven children; Ann B. died in 1844; Charlotte Augusta is a teacher in Chicago, Ill.; Esther died May 24, 1853.

Joseph, son of James Gregg, was born in New Boston Dec. 11, 1777, married Jennett Moor, of Goffstown, and lived where Daniel M. Gregg now resides. He rebuilt the mills at that place, and operated them until his death, doing an extensive business in lumbering. He had several children: Jennett married Bartlett Richards, and died leaving eight children; James M. married Sarah Goodwin, of Londonderry, and died in New Boston April, 1862, leaving two children, Letitia, the wife of Alfred E. Hardy and Margaret, having buried three children.

Letitia married William Smith, of Bradford, and died leaving three children.

John married Mary Bachelder, and lives in Goffstown, having three children.

David married Harriet Todd, having had four children.

Margaret married John Richards, of Goffstown.

Daniel M. married Hannah Augusta Young, of Deerfield, and has two children.

Sally, daughter of James Gregg, married John Brown, of Bradford, and had six children: Joel, who is a physician, and resides in Newton, Mass.; Jeremiah, who is a lawyer in Boston, a graduate of Dartmouth College; Hannah, who married Truman Brachaway, and lives in Boston; Jerusha died young; Livonia, who married Mr. Simpson, of Manchester, who died in California; and Nancy, who married a Bracket, and lives in Bradford, having a son, John Q. A., in Cambridge College.

John, the son of Hugh Gregg, married a Waugh, and settled in Deering.

Alexander, who married a Wilson, and Mary, who married a Ferson, settled also in Deering.

Ann married William Patterson, and lived in New Boston, having had eight children.

Rosanna married William Blair, and lived in New Boston, where Mr. William Woodbury now lives. She had three sons and seven daughters.

Leslie married Lydia Beard, and had one son and six daughters; his son married Jane Moor, and lived in the State of Maine; Sallie married James Moor, and died in Cavendish, Vt.; Lydia married Mr. McDougall, of Goffstown, and had nine children; Mary married Foster Wyatt, of Amherst; Rebecca married Levi Ordway, and lives in Cavendish, Vt.; Hannah died in Goffstown; Rachel married Samuel Campbell, of Bedford.

Samuel, subsequently known as Samuel Gregg, Esq., married Jane Wilson, and died in Deering.

ANDREW WALKER. — He came from Londonderry, and contracted with the proprietors to build a grain and saw mill, where Dodge and Bently's mills now stand, for which he was to receive five hundred acres of land, on condition that he should keep them in good running order, and be very accommodating and reasonable in tolls and charges with the settlers. He built his mills in 1753, but was not guilty of being excessively accommodating to the settlers, and many and grievous complaints were made against him to the Proprietors, who, losing patience with him, instructed Dea. Thomas Cochran and John McAllister to deal summarily with him, if he did not speedily reform. He did do a little better for a time, but proved a hard subject; and other mills were soon erected, and the settlers became independent of his.

Walker's sons were Andrew, Alexander, James, and Robert; his daughters were Peggy, Martha, and Jennet. Andrew lived in the north part of the town, marrying Ruth Woodbury, and subsequently moved to Unity, and died there; Alexander died in the year 1776, at Mount Independence, in the camp; James went into the war of the Revolution, and afterwards lived in Antrim, and fell dead in the road; Robert married a Miss Woodbury, and moved to Acworth, and died there; Peggy married Jonathan Major; he was a baker in the army; after the war they separated, he going into the State of Maine; both are dead.

DEA. JESSE CRISTY. — He came from Londonderry, where he married Miss Mary Gregg, daughter of Samuel Gregg. He settled on what is called the Whipple farm on Clark's Hill, now owned by Mr. Edward Dodge. Mr. Cristy sold his farm to Mr.

John Whipple, and built mills where King's Mills now stand. He was chosen Deacon during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Moor. He was a very honest, friendly man, but often indulged his appetite for intoxicating drinks, to an extent wholly inexcusable. His wife was an estimable Christian woman; she was also a very large woman, weighing between three and four hundred pounds, as many who remember her affirm. Their children were: Jeane, Peter, Samuel, John, Mary, Elizabeth, James, Mary Ann, Jesse, Robert, Anna, and William. Jeane became the wife of James Willson, Esq., and lived where Mr. Peter Jones now resides. Several of Dea. Cristy's sons, after the Revolution, moved into New Brunswick, where many of their descendants may now be found. Robert went into Ohio after the death of his mother, and his father accompanied him, and with him died.

DEA. THOMAS COCHRAN. — He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, about 1703. His father's name was James, and his mother's Letitia Patten. They were doubtless prisoners within the walls of that city, and took active part in its defence during the famous "Papal Siege." They immigrated to this country with their four children, two sons, Thomas and Peter, and two daughters, Molly and ———, about 1720, and, landing at Halifax, N. S., settled at Topsham, Maine, where he soon died, and the family moved to Londonderry, N. H.

Peter went to New Jersey, and Molly married James Wilson, of Topsham, Maine, where it is said some of her descendants still reside. Thomas (afterwards Deacon) married Jennett Adams, of Londonderry, and came here about 1748.

He was elected Deacon in the Presbyterian Church as early as 1768. He was a proprietor, and owned large tracts of land. He settled where Thomas R. Cochran, his lineal descendant, now lives. He was early intrusted with important business by the Proprietors, and was for many years the most prominent man in the town. His piety was sincere and consistent, and his character was always above reproach; he was a safe counsellor and faithful friend. He was very useful as a carpenter, aiding gratuitously new settlers in framing and rendering comfortable their dwellings. For many years there was no physician in the town, but Deacon Cochran having some knowledge



of diseases and their proper treatment, was accustomed to care for the sick, and to exercise his surgical skill in setting many a bone. His house was the resting-place of weary travellers, and his table was ever free to the hungry. His children were, James, John, Robert, Peter, and Thomas, and two daughters, Letitia and Elizabeth. Robert went to Charleston, S. C., and became a large and wealthy planter, and died there leaving children. James married Miss Christina Aiken, of Londonderry, and lived where Mr. Ephraim Dodge now lives, on Cochran Hill; he died in 1772, aged about 40 years, receiving a fatal injury by being thrown from a vicious horse; his children were: Thomas (the late Deacon Thomas), Margaret, who married Jesse Christy, and lived in Grafton, Vt.; Jennett, never married; Robert, who lived on a part of his father's farm, marrying for his wife Miss Sally McMillen; Nathaniel; John, known as the late Esquire John; Peter, who graduated at Dartmouth College 1798, and became a Presbyterian minister, and going South, perished on the ocean; John, another son of the first Deacon Thomas, lived on Cochran Hill; Peter, another son, lived where the late Mr. Peter Cochran died, and where his son Alfred E. now lives.

Deacon Cochran had two daughters: Letitia who married Dea. Robert Moor, of Londonderry, father of the present Miss Jane Moor; and Elizabeth, who married Robert Hopkins, of Windham; Thomas settled at home with his father, to aid him in his old age, but died October 6, 1770, aged 28. After a few years Dea. Cochran becoming infirm, abandoned his homestead, and lived alternately with his sons, John and Peter, and died, with his son John, November 20, 1791, aged 89, a good man, whose memory deserves to be cherished by the whole town as well as by a grateful posterity. The late Mr. Abner Hogg said of him: "He was the best man I ever knew. There was no way in which you could view him, and not pronounce him good." Deacon Cochran's wife, his "blessed Jenney," as he was wont to call her, was a queenly woman, equal to her husband in all virtues. She was a crown of glory to him, and a blessing to the whole town. She carried relief to the sick and joy to the needy, and was a ministering angel in every sorrowing household. She died June 7, 1784, aged 76. The late

Mr. Luther Richards said of her: "I can remember her well, and a dear good woman she was too. Everybody loved her." "I can testify to all that," added the late Mr. Hogg. The first meeting of the town was called at Deacon Cochran's house March 10, 1763, and that of the present year (1863) was held March 10, one hundred years after the first, the same day and hour, at the Town House; a coincidence of dates which was appropriately noticed by the town amid its deliberations.

JOHN COCHRAN. — He was son of the foregoing Dea. Thomas Cochran. He settled on the Cochran Hill, where his daughter Peggy, at the venerable age of 87, now lives, occupying the same house which her father built nearly a hundred years ago, being the first framed house erected in that part of the town. Mr. Cochran married Miss Elizabeth Boyce, daughter of Joseph Boyce, a descendant of a celebrated divine of Dublin, Ireland. Their children were: Mary Ann, born October 16, 1764, who died August 9, 1838, in her seventy-third year; she married Jesse Cristy, son of Captain George Cristy, who died April 26, 1841, aged 83; Letitia, born May 1, 1766, died unmarried February 15, 1857, aged 91; Joseph, who was born October 11, 1767, and died October 30, 1841, aged 84; he was a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church; James, born May 5, 1769, who lived where Mr. Cudworth now lives, and died April 8, 1845, aged 76; Thomas, who was born April 14, 1771; Jennett, born March 20, 1773, who became the wife of Peter Cochran, and died May 15, 1863, aged 90; John and Elizabeth, twins, died young; Margaret (Peggy), born July 25, 1776, and is yet living; Betsey, born August 16, 1778, who died insane, March 31, 1838, in her 59th year; John Davidson, born October 26, 1780, and died June 14, 1850, aged 69; Mary and Robert, twins, born January 30, 1783; Mary married, in 1812, William Brown, Esq., and Robert became a Presbyterian minister, and died August 1, 1818, aged 35, leaving one son and one daughter; the daughter becoming the wife of the late Abraham Cochran, and the son, General William S. Cochran, lives in Rockland, Me. Mr. Cochran was an excellent man; having ample means, he maintained a most hospitable table. New settlers made his house their home as long as it was necessary, and travellers were never turned away unfed, his "latch-string being never

pulled in" by day nor by night. He was skilled in hunting game, in which he took great pleasure. Mr. Daniel Dodge carries a cane, the head of which is the antler of a deer shot by Mr. Cochran in his own field near his house. He was a man of giant frame, and great personal courage and prowess. Tradition says that having followed a bear to her den, from which she could not be driven, he, with a torch in one hand, and his never-erring musket in the other, entered the den and shot her in her dark recess, and putting a rope around her neck, with the assistance of his neighbors drew her forth as a trophy. Mr. Cochran was very useful as a house carpenter, in which trade he was much employed. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and lived a consistent christian life, and died March 29, 1825, aged 88; his wife died October 23, 1821, aged 83. At his funeral Rev. E. P. Bradford preached from the text Gen. 1. 1: "And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him." At her funeral Rev. Mr. Bradford preached from the text Gen. xxiii. 2: "And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her."

We give the following additional facts respecting his children:—

Mary Ann, his daughter, became the second wife of Jesse Cristy, son of Capt. George Cristy, the first male child born in New Boston; being a blacksmith by trade, he lived many years on Cochran Hill, but at length moved to Grafton, Vt. His first wife was the daughter of James Cochran. His children by his last wife were: Margaret C., born Aug. 27, 1801, and died June 4, 1859, being the wife of Jonathan Sherwin, of Grafton, Vt., and Achsah, born Feb. 18, 1804, and died Sept. 25, 1858; Letitia lived and died in the house in which she was born, unmarried; Joseph married Margaret Hogg; James married Jane Crombie; Thomas married Mary Barstow, of Hanover, Mass.; graduating at Brown University, he studied theology, and was settled as a Congregational minister in Camden, Me., his children being Elizabeth B., John Boyce, Nathaniel Barstow, Deborah Barstow, and Sydney C. T. This John B. married Elizabeth Fletcher, of Lowell, Mass., and is an enterprising farmer in Linden, Genesee Co., Mich.; and

Nathaniel B. married Jane Lees, of New Ipswich, N. H., May 4, 1841, and was for many years a popular steamboat captain on the Hudson River, but has lately retired to a farm near his brother in Michigan, a gentleman of fine literary taste and an antiquarian of rare attainments; Jennet married Peter Cochran; John Davidson married Letitia, daughter of Ninian Clark, Esq., and built the large house at the corner of the four roads on Cochran Hill. He possessed an ardent, genial, temperament, and was greatly given to hospitality. He, in common with the Beards and Fersons, was a popular school-teacher during the first quarter of the present century. His children were: Thomas Hamilton, born June 15, 1812; Robert Clark, born Nov. 4, 1813; Jonathan Ramsey, born Nov. 12, 1815, and deceased Nov. 28, 1855; John Boyce, born May 27, 1817; and Mary Letitia, born July 3, 1820. Robert C. studied law and settled in Gallatin, Miss., marrying, Oct. 17, 1844, Mary, daughter of Rev. E. P. Bradford, their children being Henry Bradford and Letitia Clark. Jonathan R. was an enterprising, public-spirited man, and died in California Nov. 30, 1855, where he had resided for some years; John B. married Elizabeth Adams, of New York, and now resides in Lansing, Michigan; Mary L. became the wife of Benjamin Russell, of Milford, in 1848, who, in 1850, with his wife's brother, Jonathan Cochran, went to California, and was accidentally drowned in the bay of San Francisco. Being an upright and energetic man, he was highly esteemed, and his death greatly deplored. His widow, in 1853, became the wife of James Pat-ten, Esq., of Berne, New York. They have one daughter, Mary Letitia. Robert, the youngest son of John Cochran, married Abigail Stacy, of Wiscassett, Me., and died August 1, 1818, aged 35. Mary, the youngest daughter of John Cochran, married William Brown, of Union, Me., and has two children, a son and a daughter; the son resides in Nashua, and the daughter resides in New Boston, the wife of Charles Goodrich.

PETER COCHRAN. — He was the son of Deacon Thomas Cochran, married Mary M'Curdy, and lived on the South Hill, where Mr. Alfred E. Cochran now lives. He died March 4, 1828, aged 89, and his wife died April 2, 1841, aged 92.

Their children were : Robert, who married and lived in Vermont ; Jennet, who married Capt. Wm. Stinson, of Dunbarton, father of the present Col. Charles Stinson, who married Susan, daughter of Robert Cochran, brother to Jennet ; Nancy, who married Ninian Clark, of Hancock, brother of Dea. Robert C., and son of William ; Letitia, who married Abraham Story, Esq., and lived in Washington ; Peter, who married Louis Story, of Dunbarton, and lived on the homestead, having one son, Alfred E., who married Clarinda Parker, and their children are Wallace, Warren S., Sarah, and George E. Mr. Peter Cochran died Feb. 15, 1862, his second wife being Mary Fairfield, of Saco, Me. James, another son of Peter Clark the elder, died unmarried, and Mary, another daughter, married Peter Jones. Jesse died young.

CAPT. GEORGE CRISTY. — He came from Londonderry about 1750, having married Margaret Kelso, daughter of Alexander Kelso, of Londonderry. Her brother John subsequently settled where his grandson, Mr. Robert Kelso, now resides. Capt. Cristy settled where Dea. Sumner L. Cristy lives. His children are Anna, Jesse, Thomas, John, George, Mary, Nancy, Margaret, and some others. Margaret became insane, and Anna married William Campbell, who lived where Mr. Lemuel Marden now resides. Capt. Cristy became quite affluent for his times, and had a very respectable family. His wife was a highly esteemed lady. He died April 22, 1790, aged 58, and his wife died March 13, 1799.

Before Mr. Cristy had cleared land enough to afford forage for his cow, he was accustomed to drive her to the meadow, near what were the Dea. Jesse Cristy's Mills. One evening, when he was unable to go for his cow himself, Mrs. Cristy, with her dog and pail, went for the milk, with the intent of leaving the cow at the meadow. Obtaining the milk, she started for home ; but when darkness came she found herself just where she had started. With a heavy heart she saw the necessity of passing the night by the side of the cow with her dog, though an infant child at home demanded her presence. She passed a sleepless night, rendered hideous by the howling of wolves and a consciousness of danger. With the dawn of light she started for home, guided by spotted trees, and soon

met her husband in search of her, who had in like manner, with his little ones, passed a night of terrible suspense.

JOHN McMILLEN. — He came to New Boston in 1755, and settled the tract of land owned by the late Dea. Elzaphan Dodge and by Jonathan Marden. After a few years he sold to his cousin Daniel McMillen, and settled the tract of land now owned by Ezra Morgan, and subsequently moved to Littleton, and died in the town of Lyman, at the age of 95 ; and his wife died at the age of 90.

Mr. McMillen was in the Revolutionary war, serving in Rhode Island in the militia, being called out to defend certain places, while the veterans advanced against the British. His sons were Alexander, Samuel, Daniel, Joseph, Henry ; and his daughters were Mary, Sally, Nancy, Hannah, Rachel, Catherine. Most of his sons settled in Western New York. Mary became the wife of James McMillen, who settled in New Boston. Sally became the wife of Robert Cochran, and lived in New Boston. Rachel married a Mr. Haskins. Catherine became the wife of a Mr. Pike, and lived in Western New York.

Mr. McMillen was a worthy citizen, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and was often entrusted with important business by the town.

DANIEL McMILLEN. — He bought, as above stated, the farm of John McMillen, where he lived and died. When about eighteen, he enlisted in the Revolutionary war, in the militia, and was at West Point when Benedict Arnold went over to the British ; and was guarding Arnold's house when he rode away, observing strange movements and personages about the premises before daybreak, not mistrusting what was transpiring. Just before this event he and others, under an appropriate officer, were sent out to bring in wood ; and while engaged in this, a fine looking officer approached, and they were ordered to open right and left and salute him, which salutation was gracefully returned by the unknown rider. Soon after Major André, the spy, was taken, and was identified as the same officer whom they had saluted, then on his way to Arnold to consummate the arrangements for his defection.

After the war, Mr. McMillen married Mary, the daughter of

the above John McMillen. Their children were six sons and four daughters, — John, James, Annanias, William, Daniel, David, Sally, Alice, Polly, and Betsey. John lived in Washington, was deacon in the Congregational Church there, and highly respected as a citizen and christian. James lived on that part of his father's farm now owned by Jonathan Marden, and erected the buildings thereon. He died in 1849, aged 86. Annanias settled in Littleton. William lived on that part of his father's farm owned by the late Dea. E. Dodge, but subsequently moved to Newport, and died there. Daniel lived in Bradford. David lived and died in Littleton. Sally became the wife of James Steele, and lived in Washington, but died in New York. Alice became the wife of John Lynch, and lived and died in New Boston. Polly married Zebi Wright, and lived in Littleton, but died in Manchester.

James had twelve children: John, who lived in Lyman, and died in Lyndeborough; Sally, who married Andrew Walker, Jr., who built the house where Issachar Andrews lives; they subsequently moved to Unity, where she still lives; Abigail married Henry George, of Goffstown, and lived in Haverhill; after his death, she became the wife of David Tewksbury, of this town; Daniel, who married Eliza Lewis, of Francestown, and lives in New Boston, having seven children; James, first and second, who died young; and Rachel, who married William Hunter, and lived in Boston for many years, and now lives in Malden; Syrean, who married John Emerson and lives in Boston; Adeline and Caroline, twins; the first married Ezra B. Peabody, and lives in Brookline; the second married William Haywood, and lives in Connecticut; Absalom, who lives in Unity; Henry, who lived in South Carolina, and died there.

NATHANIEL COCHRAN.— His father's name was John, and was born in Ireland. He married Lilly Killgore, and came to America in the year 1717. They landed at Brunswick, in the State of Maine, where Bowdoin College now stands. He was, by way of distinction, called John "The Man." Their children were as follows: James, Joseph, Thomas, Nathaniel, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Susannah. James, when sixteen years of age, was a soldier in the King's service, and was taken prisoner

by two Indians, on the Sheepscot River in Maine; and on the second night after his capture he killed them both while they were sleeping; he brought their scalps and guns to Boston April 3, 1725. For this act of bravery he received as a reward twenty pounds, lawful money, and a discharge from the service one year before the term of his enlistment expired, and was ever after called "Indian Jemmy." He subsequently removed to Pennsylvania. Nathaniel was born in Ireland in the year 1714, was three years old when his father brought him to America. He married Miss Jael Martin, and came from Londonderry to New Boston, it is thought, about 1755. Their children were as follows: John, born 1745, on Noddle's Island, now called East Boston, Mass., and died at New Boston June 8, 1805, aged 60; James, born in Salem, Mass., Feb. 14, 1748, and died at New Boston May 11, 1837, aged 89; Elijah, born in Salem, Mass., August 23, 1751, and died at New Boston Jan. 15, 1850, aged 99; Jennette was born in Salem, Mass., and died in Londonderry. Mr. Cochran's wife died in Londonderry, 1753; and he married for his second wife Elizabeth Henderson, by whom he had a daughter, named Jael, born at New Boston 1768, and died at Belvidere, Vt. Mr. Cochran's second wife died July 16, 1796, and he died July 16, 1802, aged 88, where Mrs. Sargent resides.

JOHN COCHRAN, ESQ. — He was son of the above-named Nathaniel; born 1745, married Martha Dickey Sept. 2, 1773, and settled near his father's, where the widow of Col. Ira Cochran lately died. Their children were as follows: Nathaniel, born Aug. 14, 1774, supposed to have been killed in a skirmish with a party of Spanish Royalists, near the Gulf of Mexico, about Dec. 25, 1816; Samuel, born March 7, 1776, and died at Opelousas, St. Martins, Louisiana, July 12, 1832; Martha D., born Oct. 26, 1777, died Sept. 23, 1778; Martin, born Nov. 29, 1779, and died Aug., 1782; William, born May 9, 1781, and died at Boston July 17, 1821, of yellow fever, which prevailed in Boston that year; Ira, born Jan. 2, 1786, it being the second day of the year, the second day of the month, the second day of the week, and the second day of the new moon, and he died Oct. 27, 1818; Mary Boyd, born March 28, 1739, died June 14, 1850, being married to Levi Cochran Oct. 31,



1820; John Bruce, born Aug. 3, 1794, and died at Boston Aug. 14, 1821, of yellow fever; Mr. Cochran's wife died March 16, 1843, aged 92, and he died June 8, 1805, aged 60. Mr. Cochran was an intelligent, upright man; he was for many years a Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, and Selectman, doing business with great facility and accuracy. He was a warm Whig, and espoused the cause of the Patriots with great zeal, and this brought him often into collision with the Tories, whom he resisted with great ability. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was exemplary as a christian.

JAMES COCHRAN. — He was son of Nathaniel, and brother of the above-named John. He married Anna Waugh Sept. 28, 1780. She was born Nov. 5, 1761, and died April 28, 1785. Their children were: Jane, born March 24, 1782, who became the wife of Col. Ira Cochran, and died July 14, 1861, aged 79; Elizabeth, born Sept. 26, 1783, and married Moses Peabody August 8, 1805, and is still living at the venerable age of 80; and an infant son born April 1, 1785, and died the same day. Mr. Cochran married Elizabeth Stone for his second wife, who was born in Salem, Mass., July 8, 1763, and died Nov., 14, 1808, and their children were: Joseph, Anna, Susannah, John, who died July 26, 1795; Martha D., died July 25, 1795; Lydia, Ruhamah, died Aug. 25, 1801; Nathaniel M. and Hiram. Mr. Cochran settled where John Lamson lives. Mr. Cochran died May 11, 1837, aged 89, greatly respected as a citizen and beloved as a friend and christian. His life was characterized by uprightness and pious zeal; he successfully raised a large family of children. Additional facts may be found respecting some of his children, and those of his brother John, after what is recorded of Elijah Cochran.

ELIJAH COCHRAN. — He was son of Nathaniel and brother of the above-named James; and lived on Buxton Hill. He was a tailor by trade. He married Jemima Gregg June 24, 1779, and she died Aug. 27, 1834, aged 80. Their children were Nathaniel, Mary Martin, James Gregg, Samuel, Isaac, and Hitty. Mr. Cochran was in the war of the Revolution, being at the battle of Bennington, and died in 1850, aged 99.

Jael, daughter of Nathaniel, married Enoch Dodge, and had eleven children.

Nathaniel, son of John and Martha, married Celeste Prudhomer, and their children are : Mary, who became the wife of Michael Hargrider, and Martha, who married Andrew Myers.

William, son of John, married Mary Fletcher May, 1807, and their children are Martha, Agnes Gorden, Mary Ann, and Elizabeth.

Ira, son of John, married Jane, daughter of James, Feb. 19, 1815 ; and their children were : John Harris, born March 3, 1816, and died in the Army Hospital near Washington in 1863, and James Dinsmore, who died young. Mrs. Cochran died July 14, 1861, aged 79 ; and Col. Ira, her husband, died Oct. 22, 1818, aged 32. Mary Boyd, daughter of John, married Levi Cochran Oct. 31, 1820, and died June 14, 1850, aged 61. Their children are : Mary Bradford, now the wife of Reuben Dodge, and Sarah Martha, who became the wife of David M. McCollom.

Elizabeth, daughter of James, married Moses Peabody Aug. 8, 1805.

Susannah, daughter of James, married Jonathan Cochran Nov. 26, 1812, and resides in Bangor, Me., their children being Mary Emily, Sarah B., Martha A., and Helen A.

Lydia, daughter of James, married Phineas Dodge Dec. 31, 1822, her children being Elizabeth, who married Oliver Walcott, and Arvilla, who married Ammi Follett. She died at Johnson, Vt., Feb. 14, 1828.

Nathaniel Martin, son of James, married Elizabeth Knights Jan. 30, 1827 ; their children being Nathaniel D., Elizabeth M., Arvilla, and James M. He died at Franklin, Dutch Settlement Parish, St. Mary's, Louisiana, Nov. 16, 1838.

Anna, daughter of James, married Joseph Batchelder.

Hiram, son of James, married, and had several children, and died at Orono, Me., Sept. 1, 1844.

JOSEPH COCHRAN, ESQ. — He was son of James, and married Anna Wilson Nov. 1, 1810. Their children are : William P., born March 2, 1811, and resides at Bellows Falls, Vt. ; Ruhamah, born Feb. 25, 1812, now the wife of Hon. Horace Chace, of Hopkinton ; Eliza J., born May 16, 1813 ; Elvira, born Feb. 27, 1815, and died Aug. 19, 1840, in Michigan, the wife of Charles Merrill ; James M., born Feb. 28, 1817, and



*Yours respectfully  
Joseph Cochran Jr.*

resides in Stonington, Ill., the pastor of the Baptist Church in that place; his wife was Jane M. Philbrook; Mary Ann, born June 26, 1819, now the wife of Henry Holt; Walter W., born May 18, 1821, who lives at Bellows Falls, Vt., connected with railroads centring there; Joseph L., born Feb. 16, 1823, and resides in Holyoke, Mass., engaged in manufacturing; he married Miss Sarah Weeks; Hannah W., born June 14, 1825; Cynthia C., born Aug. 16, 1827, and died June 26, 1852; and Augusta K., born Aug. 13, 1830.

Walter Wardrobe married Eliza Ann Corning Sept. 23, 1847. She was born Nov. 23, 1822, and their children are: Frank Byron, born March 15, 1851; Stella Ann, born July 7, 1853; Emma Jane, born March 10, 1855; and Lizzie Etta, born Feb. 29, 1860.

Joseph Cochran, better known as Joseph Cochran, Jr., was a good scholar for his day, and greatly excelled in penmanship; and this was early called into requisition in various ways as Town Clerk and secretary of religious societies. He was very accurate in the transaction of business, and much of his time was devoted to town affairs and the settling of estates. He was commissioned ensign in the 9th Co. 9th Regt. N. H. Militia, June 11, 1810, by Gov. John Langdon, and as Lieut. June 17, 1812, by Gov. Wm. Plummer, and as Capt. June 15, 1815, by Gov. J. T. Gilman. He held commissions as Justice of the Peace, beginning with June 19, 1816, from Govs. Plummer, Bell, Morrill, Dinsmore, Hill, Paige, Colby, and Dinsmore, the last bearing date July 2, 1851, extending through a period of forty years.

Sept. 28, 1846, he was commissioned by Gov. Anthony Colby Special Justice of the Police Court of the City of Manchester, to which city he had removed. He early identified himself with the temperance cause, and devoted to it his most vigorous energies. He was very efficient in the erection of the Presbyterian and Baptist meeting-houses, and aided much the cause of Sabbath schools. In politics he was formerly identified with the Democratic party, but early espoused the cause of the progressive patriots, who sought to remove slavery as the controlling power in the government, and with that party he continued to act until his death.

Mr. Cochran was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church, but in the most friendly manner left that to unite with the Baptist, having changed his views of the doctrine of baptism. As infirmities increased he removed to Bellows Falls, Vt., where several of his children had already gone; and there with them he spent his last years, and died January 17, 1863, aged nearly 78, greatly beloved by his family and respected by all who knew him.

ABRAHAM COCHRAN. — After his marriage with Jennette Cochran, of Londonderry, of which he himself was a native, Mr. Cochran came to New Boston, and settled on the rich swell of land, now in the possession of Benjamin Baker, who married his granddaughter. He also purchased the large and well-timbered lot of land owned by the late Deacon Abraham Cochran, his grandson. He had five children: Andrew, Jane, Peter, Ann, and Mary, the first two dying young; Peter married Jennette, daughter of John Cochran on Cochran Hill, — inherited the homestead, and died January 20, 1843, aged 75. His children were Jane, Abraham, John Davidson, Margaret Ann, Mary Elizabeth, and Andrew, who died when a child. Jane married Robert, son of the late Dea. Robert Crombie, and lives in New Boston; Abraham, born September 1, 1802, married Almira Trull, of Townsend, Mass., September 9, 1830, and lives where William Andrews now resides. Mrs. Cochran died, leaving him five children, — Lydia Jane, Andrew D., Alonzo B., Almus P., and A. Josephine. Mr. Cochran married for his second wife Abigail, daughter of Rev. Robert Cochran, of Wiscasset, Maine, January 20, 1847, by whom he had two daughters, Almira T. and Abbie Maria. Mr. Cochran was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for many years was an elder in it. He died July 22, 1856, in Rutland, Vt., on his return home from a journey taken for his health, aged 54 years. Dea. Cochran was a sincere christian and an upright man, and his end was peace. His son Alonzo died April 22, 1858, aged 22, a young man of great promise; and his daughter, Lydia, died August 14, 1860, aged 29, a thorough scholar; and his son Andrew, a member of Dartmouth College, died October 23, 1860, aged 27, near San Antonia, Texas, where he had gone in search of health, hoping to stay the progress of consumption,

of which his father, brother, and sister had died. He was a young man of exemplary piety, and possessed a superior intellect. Almus, another son of Dea. A. Cochran, is in the army of the Cumberland, and A. Josephine, his youngest daughter by his first wife, is a graduate of New Ipswich Academy.

John Davidson (son of Peter) married Margaret Todd, of Belfast, Maine, and lives in Milford, his surviving children being Albert A., now in the service of his country, and Jennie M.

Margaret Ann, daughter of Peter, married Benjamin Baker, of Newbury, Vt., and they live on the homestead in New Boston, having two children, Benjamin F., and Annie M.; Mary Elizabeth married Peter E. Hadley, Esq., of Goffstown, and they have two sons, George P. and Charles C.

Peter Cochran, father of the late Dea. Abraham Cochran, was distinguished from all other Peter Cochrans by the worthy title "Honest Peter," a title justly due to him.

JOHN McLAUGLEN. — He settled on Bradford Hill, and built the house in which Rev. Mr. Bradford lived. He had a son, John, who kept store and tavern, and was a man of great business activity, for many years he kept the town astir with his enterprises, which were greatly beneficial to the community if not remunerative to himself. A worthy descendant of his may be found in Colonel Thomas McLaughlen, son of David, born in New Boston March 11, 1800, moved into Vermont with his father when a lad, and has been for the last twenty-five years the owner of Clarendon Springs, and the well known and popular proprietor of the Clarendon House, a romantic and quiet retreat among the green hills of Vermont, where thousands from all parts of New England and the great Metropolis resort annually to receive healing from its waters, and enjoy a respite from the heated atmosphere and din of city life. Colonel McLaughlen is a philanthropic, public-spirited man, and a liberal contributor to the religious and charitable institutions of the day.

WILLIAM CLARK, Esq. — He was son of Robert Clark, of Londonderry, who came to this country about the year 1725, settling on the height of land northwest of Beaver Pond, and died in 1775; his wife, who was Letitia, daughter of John Cochran, of Londonderry in Ireland, died in 1783. Their children were

William, John, Samuel, Ninian, Jane, Letitia, Agnes, and Elizabeth.

William married Anne Wallace, of Londonderry, February 2, 1764, and settled in 1766, in New Boston, where Mr. George W. Clark, his grandson, lives. Their children were Letitia, Robert, Ann, John, Ninian, Rebecca, Samuel, Ann, and Letitia. Mr. Clark was the only Justice of the Peace in town who received his commission from the British Government; he did not sympathize at first with the patriots of the Revolution, and made enemies thereby. But he was a man with whom the town could not afford to be long angry. As a surveyor of land he had no equal in the town; as an intelligent justice his services were of great value. He was a just man, and sought to promote peace and save the town and private parties from litigation; he was employed in the service of the town for a long succession of years in almost every capacity, and had the unbounded confidence of the people. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and lived and died as a christian, and left a name that will not soon be forgotten. His death transpired March 9, 1808, aged 73. His wife died June 12, 1792, aged 55.

DEA. ROBERT CLARK. — He was son of the foregoing William, and was born in Londonderry October 6, 1765, before his father moved here. Robert inherited the homestead, and married Annis Wallace March 4, 1790. Their children were Rebecca Wallace, Ann, Frances Moor, William, Sally Wallace, Jane Moor, Louisa Letitia, Cordelia, and George Washington. Mr. Clark was chosen elder in the Presbyterian Church about the time of Mr. Bradford's ordination, and greatly magnified his office by his exemplary and holy life. His christian zeal and uniform devotion to Christ and his cause gave him great power in the church, and secured to him the confidence of the town. For many years he filled important offices, and was always deemed a safe counsellor, and a friend of peace and good order. He died September 18, 1826, aged 61, greatly lamented by a bereaved church and an afflicted community. His wife died January 5, 1850, aged 82, being an excellent woman, a great help to her husband, and the succorer of many.

Their daughter Ann married, December 28, 1813, Mr. Robert



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Mack, of Londonderry; Frances Moor married, October 13, 1829, the Rev. Samuel Wallace Clark, who died in Greenland August 17, 1847, aged 52; Jane Moor married Alexander Gregg October 3, 1820, and they live in Medford, Mass., he being the son of the late Samuel Gregg, Esq.; their son, William Robert, married Hannah Caldwell, of Manchester, Mass., in 1848, and they live in Boston; George W. married, April 2, 1837, Letitia M., daughter of William Crombie, of Fulton, New York, and lives on the home farm.

JOHN CLARK. — He was a son of William, and brother of Robert. He married Rebecca Wallace, sister of Deacon Robert's wife, and their children were: Ann, who died in Amherst; Samuel Wallace, who married Frances Moor, daughter of Dea. Robert Clark, and died in Greenland; William, a clergyman, now residing in Amherst, Secretary of the N. H. Home Missionary Society; and Gilman, now living in Foxcraft, Me.; Abbie, who became the wife of Mr. Kent, and lives in Vermont; John, married and lived in Georgia for many years, but now at the North; Lydia and Letitia, who live in Amherst.

REBECCA CLARK. — She was daughter of William, and married Moses Cristy March 20, 1788, and they settled where Dea. Sumner L. Cristy now lives. Their children were: John, who married Polly Dodge for his first wife, and Roxanna Baker for his second, and died in Johnson, Vt.; Anna became the wife of Stephen Durant, and, for her second husband, married John Carroll, and died in Lowell, Mass.; William Clark married Hannah Taylor, and lives in Charlestown, Mass.; David, who died Sept. 8, 1802; Robert died in childhood; James married Jane Dodge, and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elizabeth S. married Ezra Harthan, and died at Great Falls; Mary, who became the second wife of Ezra Harthan, and died at Great Falls; Letitia died unmarried; Nancy, who died young; and Sumner L., who was born May 26, 1807, and married Sarah Hooper, daughter of the late Jacob Hooper, and their children are: Sarah, who became the wife of E. F. Baker, and resides in Salem, Mass.; Elizabeth H., who graduated at Mount Holyoke, Mass., in 1860; Mary L.; Harland P., living in Flint, Mich.; Martyn K.; Charles S. Mrs. Cristy died May 4, 1854. Dea. S. L. Cristy married, for his second wife, Emily Whiting, daughter of the late Capt. Gerry Whiting.

NINIAN CLARK. — He was son of William, and married Nancy Cochran, daughter of Peter Cochran, the elder, and sister of the late Peter. He settled in Hancock, and died there. His children were: Nancy, who married Peter Whitcomb, of Londonderry; Peter Cochran, who died in New Jersey while teaching school. Mr. Clark married, for his second wife, Sally Warner, by whom he had children: Warner, who died in Hancock; Reid Paige, who lives in Londonderry, marrying for his wife a Miss Perkins; Ivory, who married a Miss Goodhue, and lives in Hancock; Almira; Augustus Ninian, who lives in Beverly, Mass.; Robert, who died in California; and Mary Ann, who lives in Hancock.

NINIAN CLARK, Esq. — He was son of Robert Clark, of Londonderry, and came with his brother William, and settled near him, where Mr. William Orne now lives. He married Mary Ramsey, sister of the wife of the late Dea. Thomas Cochran, Nov. 11, 1773. Their children were William, Lydia, Robert, Hugh Hamilton, Letitia, David, Jonathan, and Samuel. William, born Sept. 29, 1774, inherited the homestead, and married Abigail H. Farwell, of Merrimack, having for children: Abigail D., who died young; Robert H., who went west; Mary R., who was made deaf by spotted fever, and has since died; Rebecca G., who married Joel Fairbanks, and lives in New Boston, her husband dying Sept. 10, 1862; Ann, who married William C. Cochran June 2, 1840, and lives in New Boston; John C., who was made mute by spotted fever, living in Nashua, where he died, and marrying for his wife Caroline Dunnison, of Francestown; Abigail, who in like manner was made mute, and married Albert Gove, a mute, of Henniker; Margaret, who became the wife of Dr. James Danforth, of New Boston, and died Sept. 18, 1851; William Dalton, who married Nancy, daughter of John Moor, and lives in Davenport, Iowa; Lydia (daughter of Ninian), born May 3, 1776, and became the wife of John Crombie; Robert, born June 23, 1778; became a merchant, and died in Boston, unmarried; Hugh Hamilton, born Nov. 2, 1780, became a merchant in Boston, of the firm Humphry and Clark, and died April 11, 1818, aged 37; his wife being Nancy Barnard, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, of Amherst, who died Dec. 1, 1803, aged 27, by whom he had

three children; Anne B., who married the Hon. Charles G. Atherton, and now lives in Boston; and Frances, who became the wife of the Rev. Alonzo Hill, of Worcester, Mass.; and Hamilton; Letitia (another daughter of Ninian) was born April 11, 1783, and became the wife of John Davidson Cochran, son of John Cochran, on Cochran Hill; David Ramsey (another son of Ninian) was born June 23, 1785, and died June 18, 1823, aged 37, living where the late John Lynch died, having by his first wife one daughter, who married John Nichols, of Boston, and by his second a son, Ninian Ramsey, who lives in Somerville, Mass., marrying Cordelia Benner, of Waldoborough, Me., and has one daughter; also three daughters: one, Rebecca, marrying a Mr. Reid, of New Orleans; and the second, Sophia, who married a Mr. Reid, and lives in Bridgewater, Mass.; and the third, Frances, who married a Mr. Howard of Bridgewater, Mass. Jonathan, another son of Ninian, was born April 27, 1789, and died May 13, 1814; and Samuel, the last son of Ninian, was born April 21, 1791, being prepared for Dartmouth College by the Rev. Mr. Beede, of Wilton, graduating 1812. He studied theology with Rev. Dr. Channing, and was ordained pastor of the Unitarian Church in Princeton, Mass., June 18, 1817, and was installed at Uxbridge Jan. 9, 1833, and remained pastor of that church until his death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1855. He married Miss Sarah Wigglesworth, an estimable christian woman, who died some years before him, himself being "a man of rare modesty, great self-denial, imperturbable good-nature, excellent gifts, large culture, and unflinching fidelity to duty;" and when the Master called he was ready.

Mr. Ninian Clark, father of the foregoing, was an extraordinary man, of large sympathies, and a noble spirit. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, filling many offices with fidelity; always characterized for his unflinching integrity. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his life and character were models for imitation. No two men in town exerted a more widely-extended influence, nor more enduring and happy, than Ninian Clark and his brother William. Mr. Ninian Clark died May 25, 1828, aged 87, and his wife died Jan. 11, 1791.

**JAMES CROMBIE.** — He was son of John Crombie, who emigrated from the north of Ireland, and settled in Londonderry about the year 1720, marrying Joan Rankin Nov. 17, 1721, by whom he had nine children: Hugh, William, James, John, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Nancy, and Ann.

James came to New Boston in 1783, and settled where C. F. Farley lives, having married Jane Clark, daughter of Robert Clark, of Londonderry, by whom he had six sons and two daughters, all of whom were born prior to his coming to New Boston, except Clark. His children were as follows: — William, born Dec. 16, 1766, who married Betsey Fairfield, and settled in Fulton, in the State of New York, where he died Dec. 20, 1851, and where his wife died Aug. 9, 1855, aged 85 years; Robert, born Dec. 12, 1768, who married Mary Patterson, daughter of Dea. Robert Patterson, and settled in the northern part of the town: he was, for many years, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and died April 21, 1830, aged 61; John, who lived on the homestead; Jane, born July 27, 1772, married James Cochran, son of John Cochran, and settled near his father, on Cochran Hill, where Mr. Cudworth now lives, and died there; James, born Sept. 28, 1774, who married Joanna Jones, daughter of Dr. Jones, of Lyndeborough, with whom he studied, commencing the practice of medicine in 1798, at Temple, removing to Francestown in 1820, where he continued until 1850, when he removed to Derry, where he died with his son James H. Crombie, M. D., 1853; Samuel, born Aug. 2, 1778, who married Mary Cooledge, and removed to Waterford, Me., where he practiced medicine until his death; Letitia, born Jan. 15, 1781; Clark, born in New Boston Sept. 14, 1784, who married Lucy, daughter of Daniel Dane, and settled near King's Mills, subsequently living where Mr. Prince now lives, and at present resides in South Reading, Mass., — his children are: Jane, James C., Daniel D., Sarah E., and Albert D.; Jane became the wife of Butler Trull, of Goffstown, and died leaving five children; James C. married and resided in Lowell, Mass., where he died, leaving one child; Daniel Dane married in Lowell, Mass., and has one child; he is agent for the Everett Mills, Lawrence, Mass., a gentleman widely known for his integrity of character and business capacity, as well as for his



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loyalty to his country and spirit of enterprise; Sarah E. became the wife of John Ammidon, a merchant in Baltimore, Md., and has two children; Albert D. married Miss Greenwood, of Nashua, and has one child; he is a successful merchant in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. James Crombie was a shoemaker, currier, and tanner, and was one of the most useful mechanics of his day; generous in hospitality, high-minded and honorable in his dealings, social in his habits, diffusing happiness by his cheerful spirit and helping hand. His ready wit created mirth for the gloomy, and his christian fervor prompted to acts of piety. He was just the man for the time and the place into which Providence brought him. He died Jan. 7, 1814; and his wife, as good as himself, died May 25, 1815.

JOHN CROMBIE. — He was son of the foregoing James Crombie, born July 30, 1770, marrying Lydia Clark April 28, 1800, daughter of Ninian Clark, Esq. He lived with his father, and had for children: Ninian Clark, who was born Jan. 20, 1801, and married Rebecca Patten, of Derry, Oct. 29, 1829, and lives in New Boston, having for children: Nancy Moor, John Clark, Moses Colvard, Harriet Rebecca, and James Patten; Mary Ramsey, who was born July 27, 1802, and married James Wilder, living and dying near the mills now owned by Mr. Hopkins, her children being: John Crombie, James Watterman, and Charles Styles; Jane, born Nov. 17, 1803, and died young; Harriet, born April 26, 1806, who married William C. Cochran April 26, 1831, and died Aug. 16, 1839, leaving two sons, Thomas Ramsey and John Crombie, and two daughters, Lydia Clark and Margaret Anna; Letitia, born Jan. 27, 1808, and died young; Samuel Cooledge, born May 22, 1810, and was accidentally killed June 11, 1814; John, born Feb. 9, 1812, who married Eliza Patten, of Derry, April 26, 1828, lived in Nashua, and died Jan. 19, 1855, leaving five children: Harriet, Mary, Eliza, John, Lydia, and Frances Rebecca; Samuel Cooledge, born April 20, 1814, who married Susan Choat, of Derry, Jan. 28, 1841, and now lives in Burlington, Vt., his wife dying March 19, 1857, their children being Mary Pinkerton, William Choat, Lydia, and Rufus; Nancy Moor, born March 26, 1816, and died May 5, 1830; William Hamil-

ton, born Sept. 3, 1818, who married Adeline Cheney, of Derry, June 22, 1842, and lives in Davenport, Iowa, his children being Etta Velora, Sophia Clark, Emma Frances, and Frank Hamilton.

Mr. John Crombie was a house carpenter, learning the trade from Dr. Hugh McMillen. After his death, which occurred April 24, 1839, in the 69th year of his age, his affectionate pastor, the Rev. E. P. Bradford, wrote thus of him:—  
“Mr. John Crombie will long be remembered by a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances as a virtuous, intelligent, and useful member of society. Possessing a great share of that most valuable of intellectual properties, common sense, his inquiries were directed, from an early period of his life, chiefly to those subjects which are of practical importance to mankind. Though he had enjoyed the advantages of a common education only, which were comparatively small in his childhood and youth, the inquisitive and discriminating character of his mind led him to search diligently for general knowledge, of which he obtained a very valuable treasure. His sound judgment, combined with a generous and benevolent disposition, rendered this knowledge highly useful in its application to the important purposes of life. He was often called to assist in compromising difficulties between conflicting parties, who placed great confidence in his wisdom and impartiality. He always manifested an enlightened regard for the institutions of revealed religion. He often expressed his conviction of the need of the gospel in the prevalence of its spirit, in order to the happiness of human society. He believed it also to be the grand instrument of preparing men for a better world. In consistency with these views, he ever took an active and liberal part in supporting it in the religious society of which he was a member, and in extending it to the destitute. Every enterprise which in his view was judiciously projected for advancing the public good, received his cheerful approbation and support. From the worldly substance which Divine Providence bestowed upon him, he was in the habit of distributing generous portions among the poor. His guests, whether relatives, acquaintances, or strangers, he treated with great hospitality and kindness. His house was the abode of





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domestic order, peace, and happiness. He was permitted to live with the wife of his youth nearly forty years, in bonds of the most affectionate mutual regards. As a mechanic, Mr. Crombie was skilful and enterprising, and characterized for his habitual and persevering industry to the last moment of his active life; and many are the inhabitants of this region who, as they lie down to rest at night, may feel indebted to it for 'a shelter to their heads.' Many the sanctuaries of the Lord, whose spires point to heaven, are the 'workmanship of his hands;' and while they remind us of the 'wise master-builder' who laid his foundation there, should admonish us of the only 'pathway' to a heaven of peace and rest. Mr. C. bore his last sickness, which was sometimes very distressing, with great patience and resignation to the will of God. He apparently enjoyed the unclouded exercise of his reason till within a few minutes of his death. He often expressed a hope of a blessed immortality only through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ. He died, as he had lived many years, a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow and children, who survive him, have experienced a heavy bereavement in his death. But their sorrows are alleviated by the belief that he has entered into everlasting rest."

Mrs. Crombie, highly esteemed for her many excellences of character, which made her household the abode of domestic happiness, died May 9, 1849, aged 73.

LEMUEL MARDEN. — He was born Aug. 30, 1745, and came from Bradford, Mass., about 1786, where he married, in 1769, Hannah Greenough, born May 21, 1750, the youngest of six daughters; she died Oct. 20, 1843, aged 73. He settled where the late Jonathan Marden lived, purchasing of Daniel Hardy, of Bradford. His children were Hannah, Greenough, Solomon, Nathan, Francis, Samuel, Mehitable, Jonathan, and Sarah. He died Jan. 9, 1819, aged 74.

Greenough, his son, was born Oct. 17, 1772, and married Sybil, daughter of Benjamin Hardy, of Hancock, Oct. 10, 1802, having learned the trade of a mason in Bradford, Mass. He bought the farm on which he now lives of Porter Sawyer, who bought of Nathaniel Fairfield, who bought of the heirs of Ralph Inman, one of the original proprietors of the town, liv-

ing in Cambridge, Mass. Fairfield felled the first trees and erected the first cabin. Mr. Marden's children are: Lemuel, who married Clarissa M'Collom, and lives where William Campbell died; Levi, John Langdon, Lyman, Cynthia, Sybil, Abigail, David, and William Greenough. Mr. Marden, though ninety-one years old Oct. 17, 1863, retains to a remarkable degree his mental faculties and physical energies, superintending a large farm, and transacting his business with great exactness.

Jonathan Marden, a son of Lemuel, was born July 5, 1788, and married Sally Foster December 31, 1815. She was born at Ashby, Mass., February 8, 1763. Their children are: Elizabeth Foster, born February 6, 1817; John Foster, born July 6, 1818; Jonathan, born September 26, 1820; Harriet Newell, born August 29, 1822; Alfred, born November 22, 1828; Charles, born July 21, 1830; and George Waterman, born October 17, 1832. Elizabeth F. became the wife of Caleb Reid June 1, 1842, and removed to Beaver Dam, Wis., in 1855, where she died May 4, 1861, aged 44. John F. married Jerusha H. Adams, of Milton, Mass., and has four children; Harriet Newell married Frederic H. Ober, of Hopkinton, May 29, 1845, and lived in Nashua. After his death she became the wife of George Hall, of Brookline; Jonathan married Eliza Jane Norton, of Vermont, March 9, 1847, by whom he had one child. His second wife died in 1863.

Alfred married Augusta H. Emerson, of Frankestown, Dec. 30, 1852, and lives in Beaver Dam, Wis., though now in the army of the Cumberland. He has one child. Charles married Harriet Butterfield, of Nashua, March 14, 1855, and lives at Beaver Dam, Wis., having two children. George Waterman married Abby M. Sawyer April 1, 1858, who soon died, and he married Asenath B. Hovey, of Peterborough, where he now resides.

SAMUEL MARDEN. — He was the son of Solomon, born March 24, 1775, who was the son of Lemuel Marden. He was born November 18, 1804. Phebe Noyes was born November 3, 1802. They were married July 1, 1828. Their children were: Mary, born April 20, 1829, died April 24, 1829; Lydia Maria, born July 31, 1830; Harriet Campbell, born April 6, 1832,

married George Hall, Jr., March 11, 1857, and now resides in Nashua; Mehitable Jane, born April 10, 1834, died March 11, 1854; James, born February 23, 1836, married H. Jennie Park May 19, 1863, now resides in Springfield, Mass.; Henry, born December 9, 1837, graduated at Dartmouth College 1862; George, born August 26, 1839, married Sarah Lizzie Mansfield November 11, 1862, served in the Union Army, 16th Regiment N. H. V., from November 1862 to August 1863; Mary Ellen, born September 30, 1841; Lora Ann, born August 11, 1843; Samuel Lewis, born June 23, 1845.

BENJAMIN DODGE. — He came from Beverly, Mass., marrying for his wife a Dodge. He “followed the seas” from his childhood, and commanded a ship for many a year prior to his coming to New Boston, and for a long time after his family came here; visiting almost every country on the globe. He settled where Mr. Irving now lives, some improvement having been made by a prior settler; and was accustomed to entertain his family and neighbors with the narrative of his adventures whenever he visited his home. His children were Benjamin, Gideon, and Antipas. Antipas lived where his father died, in New Boston; Gideon lived and died near his father’s; Benjamin was born April 13, 1758, in Beverly, Mass., and married, November 24, 1780, Eunice Boutwell, who was born November 14, 1761, in Reading, Mass., and died November 21, 1811. His second wife was Widow Mudgett, of Weare, born August 17, 1774, in Andover, Mass., to whom he was married March 15, 1812; she died December 5, 1838. Mr. Dodge died January 13, 1831.

He first settled near the Rev. S. Moor, then in Sullivan, subsequently in Amherst, and finally in the northern part of New Boston, where he died. His children were: Elizabeth born January 13, 1783, who married Lieutenant Solomon Dodge May 25, 1805, and lived where Israel Dodge, her son, now lives, she died December 6, 1840; Lydia, born June 18, 1787, who married Samuel Gregg November 11, 1811, and lived in Deering, she died November 8, 1826; Charlotte, born February 23, 1790, who married James Boutwell December 20, 1810, and died January 17, 1844; two daughters dying young; Monice, born June 23, 1799, who married Mr. Samuel Dodge

February 6, 1817, and lives in New Boston; Achsah born July 6, 1802, who married Captain Rodney George, of Windham, March 16, 1832, and now lives in Tewksbury, Mass; Rebecca, born February 20, 1806, who married Jacob Bailey February 6, 1825, and lived where John Lamson resides, but now lives a widow in Nashua, having a daughter who married William, son of Greenough Marden; Sarah, born November 27, 1813, who married Captain Jonathan Gove Kelso, of New Boston, April 11, 1837, and now lives in Charlestown, Mass.; Mary W., born Sept. 4, 1816, who married David A. Kendall, of Mont Vernon, April 25, 1837, and died June 28, 1856, these last two being the children of his second wife. Benjamin, born January 22, 1777, remained on the homestead, marrying, November 22, 1821, Mary, daughter of Dea. John Smith, of Francestown, whose children are: John Newton, who married Emma Jane Colburn July 1, 1858, and lives with his father; Persis Boardman, who married Robert Peaslee, of Weare, in 1846; Mary Jane, who married William Taylor in 1853, and resides in Medford, Mass.; James Smith, who married Sarah Evelyn, daughter of Jesse Beard, and is a merchant in Andover, Mass.; David Campbell died young; Sarah Elizabeth, who died young; and Sarah Nancy.

ANDREW BEARD. — He came from the north of Ireland in 1766, and stopped at Litchfield a few years, and then located himself where James Buxton lives, where he erected a house, at the raising of which a man was accidentally killed. He soon left this place, and permanently settled where Alfred N. Hardy now lives, that beautiful eminence long being known as "Beard's Hill." He died June 19, 1798, aged 88. His son Joseph, who was four years old when his father left Ireland, married Margaret McMillen, of Franceston, in 1784, and settled where his son Jesse now lives — a Mr. Mackintosh having commenced a settlement there. The children of Joseph Beard were: Anna, yet living unmarried, retaining great vigor of mind; Sarah, Jesse, James, now living in Vermont; Lydia, who married John Langdell; Mary, who married John Stone, and lives in Vermont; Joseph Goardly, who died young. His son Jesse succeeded his father on the homestead, marrying, November 23, 1826, Elizabeth Sweetser, daughter of Benjamin Fairfield, Esq.,

and their children were Cordelia Clark, Edwin, Joseph, Horace Philbrick, now a merchant in Andover, Mass., marrying in 1862, Frances R. Shattuck, of Andover, Mass. ; Evelyn Sarah, who was married June 1, 1858, to James Smith Dodge, a merchant in Andover, Mass. ; Selwin Felt and Mary Josephine. Mr. Beard has buried all his children but the two living in Andover. He has been a remarkably successful educator, commencing teaching in 1814, and ending in 1860, having taught 67 terms, and having been a superintending school committee 21 years ; taking great interest in vocal music, he has taught 87 singing schools. Mr. Beard was born February 17, 1789, and though 74 years old, has kept pace with the world's progress, and yet seems young, in sympathy with the young, and alive to every effort for their improvement.

William, the oldest son of Andrew Beard, was born October 20, 1751. His father it seems was a blacksmith, and was born in the county of Antrim in the year 1710. In 1749 he married Lydia Goardly, and when they came to New England they had four children ; two sons and two daughters. She excelled in the manufacture of linen cloth.

In June, 1775, he was at work building a house for his father on their new farm, when the news came that the British were landing in Boston. With the leave of his father and mother he immediately repaired to Charlestown in defence of his country, was at the battle of Bunker's Hill, and was one of the forty volunteers who brought some cattle across the neck, under a raking fire of the enemy, in order to prevent their capture. In 1777 he received an ensign's commission, and was one of the scouts that commenced the attack on the enemy at Bennington. He was in several engagements, but was never wounded.

When he was done serving his country, he returned home and lived with his father on the farm. March 20, 1790, he married Jane Burns, of Bedford, by whom he had seven children, three sons and four daughters. They lived on the same farm till their death.

Although entitled to a pension, he nobly refused to draw it. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1832 ; his wife died Feb. 9, 1830.

Sally Beard, daughter of Andrew Beard, married George Robinson, of Tyngsborough ; both died young.

Lydia, daughter of Andrew Beard, married Leslie Gregg, of New Boston, had seven children, one son and six daughters, afterwards moved to Goffstown, where they both died.

Rachel, the youngest daughter, married Thomas Christie, of New Boston, and moved to Hartland, Vt. ; had nine children, three sons and six daughters.

Andrew Beard, the son of William Beard, was born Jan. 30, 1791. In 1816 he married Elizabeth Cochran, daughter of Dea. Joseph Cochran, by whom he had three children. She died Jan. 11, 1826 ; he afterwards married Rachael Marshall, of Weare, and moved to Newport, N. H., and died March 30, 1860, aged 69 years.

John, son of the above-named Andrew Beard, was born Dec. 16, 1817. Married Emily Marshall, of Unity, and now lives at Rock Island, Ill. Margaret, the daughter of Andrew, married Hiram Angel, of Newport, and died, July 23, 1857 ; their son died in infancy.

John, son of William Beard, was born May 5, 1793, died Sept. 25, 1807, aged 14 years.

Sarah, daughter of William Beard, was born August 10, 1795 ; Sept. 24, 1822, married Moody Marshall, of Weare, and had eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

Jane, daughter, of Wm. Beard, was born March 8, 1802, and settled in New Boston, had five children.

William, the son of William Beard, was born May 6, 1798. Nov. 8, 1825, married Eleanor McMillen, daughter of Dr. Hugh McMillen, of New Boston ; settled on a part of his father's farm called the Jordan Lot. He has six children, four sons and two daughters.

Asa M., the son of William Beard, 2d, was born Nov. 8, 1827. In 1850 he married Lucy J. Trull, of Goffstown ; has four children, and lives in New Boston.

Ann Augusta, daughter of William Beard, 2d, was born May 18, 1829, and in 1858 married John Gilmore, of Newport ; has one child, and lives in New Boston.

Sarah M., daughter of William Beard, was born Feb. 5, 1836. In 1858 she went to Marshfield, Indiana, as a school-teacher ; January, 1862, married Levi M. Cronkhite, of that place, where she now lives.



Cornelius W., son of William Beard, was born Sept. 29, 1840. Sept., 1861, he enlisted in a company of sharpshooters, was in several battles, received a severe wound at the battle of Antietam, and was killed in a skirmish with the rebels at Gettysburgh July 4, 1863, aged 22 years, 7 months, and 5 days, — a brave soldier and a pure patriot.

James M. G. was born May 27, 1844; in 1862 he published an Almanac called the "New England Calendar, and Miscellaneous Year Book." In March, 1863, he went to Indiana as a school teacher, in which business he is still engaged.

Eliza and Louisa, twin daughters of William Beard, Sen., were born Feb. 15, 1806. Eliza married Jacob Bartell, of Lynn, had one child, and died in 1852, aged 47. Louisa married Hiram Campbell, of Bedford, settled in New Boston, had four children; afterwards removed to Nashua, N. H., where she died, in 1840, aged 43 years.

WILLIAM KELSO. — He was born in Londonderry, being the son of Alexander Kelso, whose wife was a Kelso, daughter of William Kelso. Alexander, with three brothers, came from the North of Ireland and settled in Londonderry, and died when William was fifteen years old; and William came to New Boston about 1763, though his sister Margaret came some years earlier, being the wife of Capt. George Cristy, who settled where Dea. Sumner L. Cristy now lives. William married Agnes Kelso, and settled first where Leonard Merrill lives, and after clearing a few acres, sold to his brother Daniel, and then settled where Mr. Robert Kelso now lives, near Joe English, buying of Eleazer Boyd, who cleared a few acres and reared a small house. Mr. Kelso had six children: Nancy Richards, who died Jan. 30, 1831, aged 50; Elizabeth, who died March 2, 1839, aged 60; Ann, who died Nov. 8, 1851, aged 81; John, who died March 2, 1850, aged 74; and William, born April 9, 1785. John (the son of William) succeeded his father on the homestead, and married Gizzy, the daughter of Dea. Robert Patterson, and his son Robert lives on the homestead, the boundaries of which have not been altered since Eleazer Boyd sold it to his grandfather William, though in all other respects it has been changed for the better. Mr. Robert Kelso, in 1841, married Juliana Perkins, of Windsor, their chil-

dren being Henry, Mary L., and Helen A. William, the youngest son of the elder William, and brother of the foregoing John, settled where he now lives, buying his farm fifty-three years ago of Mr. Clapp, who bought of Coburn, who bought of Sawyer, who had it of Archibald McAllister, the son of John, the first McAllister in New Boston. This William married, in 1823, Susannah Coggin, of Mont Vernon, and their children are Susannah, Eliza, Catherine, William, who lives with his father, Alfred, and Nancy A.

William Kelso, at the head of this sketch, died Jan. 19, 1823, aged 83; and his wife died April 7, 1825, aged 77. His brother Daniel lived on Leonard Merrill's farm, marrying Mary McAllister, daughter of John, having twelve children: Alexander, John, Ann, William, Daniel, Robert, Annanias, Elizabeth, Thomas, Mary, David, and Jonathan Gove.

Alexander was a physician, and was killed by the falling of a tree. Ann married Thomas White, son of Dea. Robert White, and lived in Vermont, he dying in Hopkinton, and she in Antrim.

William lived in New York, died there, and left children.

Daniel lived and died in Pennsylvania, and left children.

Robert lived and died in Rising Sun, Indiana, and had children.

Annanias has lived in Vermont, but now is in New Boston, and is the father of Jonathan Gove Kelso, of Charlestown, Mass.

Elizabeth was Mrs. Parkinson, mother of Rev. Royal Parkinson, of Randolph, Vt. Thomas died in Canterbury, on his way to Columbia, of spotted fever. Mary married Asa Dustin, and lived in Columbia, and died leaving one child, Daniel. David married Mary, daughter of Wm. Campbell, and for his second wife he married widow Andrews, daughter of Dea. Joseph Cochran. Jonathan Gove married Letitia, daughter of James Cochran.

Alexander, another brother of the first-named William, settled where Mrs. Achsah Dodge now lives, marrying Nancy Guinness, of Amherst; their children being Anna, Sally, and Catherine.

John Kelso, son of Daniel, was born July 14, 1771; by

trade he was a clothier, and carried on the business for many years in New Boston. He married Dorcas Cleaves, of Mont Vernon. Their children are: John, who was born Nov. 1, 1804, married Susan Bradford, of Fitchburg, Mass., and has three children, William, Marion, and John; he resides in Bennington, Vt., and is a manufacturer of woollen goods. Augusta, born July 13, 1808, became the wife of Micah Lawrence, of Ashby, Mass., Feb. 15, 1834. Mr. Lawrence, in company with Waterman Burr, when he was a young man commenced trade in the Upper Village, subsequently continued the same business in the Lower Village, and in retired life is enjoying the fruits of his successful enterprise. Their children are: Helen, who became the wife of Charles A. Wood, Esq., Sept. 27, 1863. Mr. Wood is a native of Hancock, N. H., and now a successful lawyer in Madison, Wisconsin; he served as Lieut. Col. over two years and was at the siege of Vicksburg; immediately after his marriage he sailed for a tour of Europe. Sarah became the wife of Charles H. Bixby Sept. 16, 1862. Mr. Bixby is son of Levi Bixby, formerly of Francestown, and late of Surinam, South America; he graduated at Williams College in 1858, and soon after went to Europe, and studied the modern languages in France and Germany; immediately after his marriage he, in company with his wife, sailed again for Europe, spending nearly two years in Germany, France, and Italy. George O., born July 27, 1841, became connected with the Naval Department of the West in Oct., 1862, and now holds an important position in the Medical Department. Eliza C. was born Nov. 15, 1843. John K. was born Nov. 13, 1847.

David, son of John Kelso, born Aug. 25, 1814, is a mason by trade, and resides in New Boston. Sarah was born Aug. 20, 1816, became the wife of Neil McLane, Esq., Aug. 14, 1849, resides in New Boston, and has one daughter, Marion A., born May 24, 1854. Adeline, born Jan. 20, 1819, became the wife of Joseph Warren in 1844, and resides in New Boston; her children are H. Frank, John K., and Emma; Frank enlisted in 1862, in the 13th Regt. N. H. V., and has proved a brave and valiant soldier, shrinking from no danger and complaining of no hardships.

JOHN McALLISTER. — He came from the North of Ireland, and settled where William Kelso now lives, about 1748. He married in Ireland, and had one son four years old, whom he left, and a daughter, named Mary, was born during the passage across the ocean, and married Daniel Kelso, whose son John was the father of the present David Kelso, Mrs. Micah Lawrence, Mrs. Neil, McLane, and others. She was an excellent woman, and a great help to those who early settled in the neighborhood of Joe English. She was witty, and loved to make all around her happy. The Rev. Mr. Moor when he first visited her, inquired of her if she were born in Ireland. "No, indade, I was not," was the reply. "Were you born in England?" inquired he. "No, indade, I was not, sir." "Then you must have been born in America?" "An' I was not born in America, neither, sir." "Then where upon 'arth were you born?" "An' indade, sir, I was not born on the 'arth at all, sir." As Mr. Moor was a man of great good nature, and loved a joke as well as any of his parishoners, the mystery was satisfactorily explained.

Mr. McAllister had three sons: Archibald, who was born in Ireland, Agnus and Daniel. Archibald lived on the homestead at first, then moved to Francestown, where he died. Agnus settled where James Dexter now lives, near the late Dea. Peter McNeil's; subsequently he moved to Pequawkett, an Indian name applied to a considerable tract of country now including Conway, N. H., Fryeburgh, Me., and some of the adjacent towns. Here he died some years since. Daniel settled near his father, and sold his farm to the father of the present Capt. John Lamson, and moved to New Brunswick on the Passamaquoddy Bay, where he died.

John McAllister was an early proprietor, and had a fine tract of land. He was a man of great energy of character, and was entrusted with various offices in the town, and took great interest in its settlement, and the permanent establishment of the institutions of religion. When an old man he removed, with his son Archibald, to Francestown, where he died in a good old age. It is related as a singular coincidence that his daughter Mary, who married Daniel Kelso, had twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, while Archibald, her brother, had twelve children, but nine of them were daughters and three were sons.

DEA. ROBERT WHITE. — He settled on the height of land now owned by Abram Wason. He was among the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Joe English, and took an active part in the settlement of Mr. Moor. His wife, Mary, is remembered as an excellent woman. Mr. White was one of the earliest elders in the Presbyterian Church, associated with Archibald McMillen, John Smith, Thomas Cochran, William Moor, James Ferson, and William McNeil, in the Session. His children were: Andrew, born Jan. 20, 1759; Jane, born May 2, 1761, who married a Mr. Willson; William; Robert, born Feb. 25, 1766; Thomas, born July 11, 1773, who married Ann, daughter of Daniel Kelso, and lived in Tunbridge, Vt.; Solomon, William, and John Craige. Dea. White sold his farm to John Lamson, and tended John McLaughlen's grain-mill for many years; subsequently he removed to Goffstown, tending a mill there, where he died in 1809. Dea. White was a good man, and highly esteemed by his contemporaries. Mr. Lamson, who bought his farm, carried on the business of a tanner and currier; he kept a store in a part of his house, also a tavern.

WILLSONS. — Three brothers, sons of Robert Willson, came from Londonderry, and settled on an elevated tract of land in the east part of the town now called Willson's Hill, but for a long time called Egypt, because during years of scarcity corn could always be had of the Willsons, whose lands were very productive, and they had more pecuniary means than most of the early settlers. Thomas Willson settled the farm just east of Almus Warren's, which is now owned by John B. Warren; James settled northeast of his brother Thomas's farm, where Robert Crombie lately lived; and Alexander settled near his brother James, on land now owned by Micah Lawrance; David was the son of Thomas, and lived where Almus Warren now lives, one of whose daughters became the wife of Rodney McCollom, and another of John B. Warren. James Willson, Esq., who lived where Peter Jones now resides, was another son of Thomas, marrying a daughter of Dea. Jesse Cristy; his other children were Elizabeth, Alexander, Robert, David, and Jane. The children of James (the first James) were Robert, James, David, Molly, John, Samuel, Hugh, Jane, and Margaret, who became the wife of William Batchelder Dodge, and

was the mother of Mrs. Solomon Dodge, and of the first wife of Jacob Richards, Esq., also of the wife of James Cristy, now living in New York ; Alexander (the first) had a son Alexander, also a son William, who graduated at Dartmouth College in the Class of 1797, studied law, and went to Ohio, where he was made Judge and elected a member of Congress, and died while returning home from Washington. He was a man of fine talents and great energy.

ROBERT WILLSON, who settled in the northeast part of the town, near the Plains, was a distinct branch of the Willsons, known as the "Black North Willsons," while the others were called "Curly Willsons."

DEA. WILLIAM MCNEIL. — He was born March 28, 1746, in the town of Bellemoony and County of Antrim, Ireland, being the son of Abraham and Jane. He came to this country with his parents in 1750, and settled at what was then called Derryfield, now Manchester. His father died in 1752, and he came to New Boston in 1765, accompanied by his mother and two sisters, and settled on a fifty-acre lot of wild land on the south side of Joe English. He married, Dec. 15, 1774, on her 22d birthday, Rachel Patterson, daughter of Peter Patterson, of Londonderry. Their children were: James, born June 1, 1776; Jane, May 26, 1778; Grissel, April 6, 1780; Abraham, July 24, 1782; Rachel, Oct. 26, 1784; Peter, Dec. 5, 1786; John, Nov. 14, 1788; Betsey, Sept. 26, 1790; Sally, Sept. 5, 1793; Jennette, Feb. 4, 1796. Three sons and three daughters grew up, and the remainder died young. Abraham lived in Antrim for many years, subsequently in Lowell, Mass., where he died; Peter lived with his parents on the homestead, and married Mary Stiles, of Amherst, Sept. 23, 1818, by whom he had eleven children, six daughters and five sons — Mary Jane, H. Elizabeth, William, C. Granville, John, James, Rachel Patterson, Abby Stiles, Peter Patterson, Harriet Newell, and Lydia Shaw; Mary Jane married N. Farnum, of Francestown, having had one child, Nahum Hardy, deceased; H. Elizabeth married Fuller R. Talbot, and lives in Lacy, Iowa, and has seven children — James F., Mary E., John, Hardy F., George, Abby J., Albert S.; William married Sarah Barnes, of Hillsborough, and lives in Clarence, Iowa, and has five children — Scott, Kate, Frank, Fred, Dora;

C. Granville married Martha A. Holt, of Andover, Mass., and lives in Tipton, Iowa, and has seven children — Charlotte E., Abby M., Sarah E., George Granville, Elbridge G., Claria Jane, and Peter Patterson; he holds the office of deacon, and is a man of much activity and usefulness in the church of Christ; John married Mary L. Pratt, of Chelsea, Mass., where he resides, having four children — Annie C., Mary Alice, Caleb H., and Hattie C.; James married Jane Willson, of Factoryville, Pa., and lives in Bates County, Mo., and has four children — Abby Jane, John, Willson, and Thomas S.; Rachel P. married Capt. James M. Tuttle, and lives in New Boston, having two children — James P. and Granville J.; Abby S. died at the age of 19; Peter Patterson married Sarah Elston, and lives in Elston, Missouri, having three children — Mary, Abby, Hattie N., and Arthur, who was chosen deacon in the Presbyterian Church in 1828, and died February 15, 1849, aged 62; John lived in the south part of Antrim, and died there; Jane married Abraham Smith, of Nottingham West (now Hudson), where she died, having had twelve children; Grissel died unmarried, aged 55; Betsey was married to John Burns, a jeweller, of Milford, Nov. 25, 1817, by whom she had no children, and was, after Mr. Burns's death, married to Piam Orne Oct. 31, 1822, and their children were: Joseph Milton, born Sept. 11, 1823, who married Climena Bartlett, and lives where his father died, July 30, 1843; William, born Oct. 8, 1825, who married Almeda Bartlett, and lives on the farm settled by Ninian Clark, Esq.; and Sarah Elizabeth, born Sept. 28, 1828, and died Oct. 14, 1846. Mrs. Orne yet lives, possessed of great activity both of body and mind, for one aged 73. Dea. William McNeill was a noble man, calm, dignified, yet genial and affectionate. As a christian he was exemplary and devout, cherishing large charity, and always ready for every good work. He sustained his pastor by all the influence he could exert, and sought to strengthen the things that remained. He successfully reared his family, and left his posterity an example which they can safely follow. When he died, devout men and women made great lamentation over him, because they had lost from the church a man of faith and prayer. His decease transpired Jan. 15, 1823, when in his 77th year. His widow survived

until April 20, 1837, attaining the good old age of 84, exerting a blessed influence while living, and in dying left assurance that a life full of good works and kindly endeavors shall end with the comforts of hope and glimpses of celestial light.

DEA. ROBERT PATTERSON. — He was born in Londonderry, being son of Peter Patterson, and brother of the wife of Dea. William McNeil. He settled where Allen Leach, his grandson, lives, marrying Susanna Miller, of Londonderry. Their children were seven, three sons and four daughters; the oldest son died young, and the oldest daughter, Mary, married Robert Crombie, afterwards deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and lived in the west part of the town; Rachel married Joseph Leach, and lived in the eastern part of New Boston; Gizzel married John Kelso, father of the present Robert Kelso; Jane married William Mackintosh, and lives in Bethel, Vt.; Samuel went into Pennsylvania, where he married, and has seven children; and John died unmarried. Dea. Patterson was an excellent man, being chosen deacon before Mr. Moore's death, and serving many years during the pastorate of Mr. Bradford. He was exact in his notions, and slow to conform to new customs, yet was a man in whom there was no guile. He died in 1828, greatly lamented.

DEA. ROBERT WASON. — He was born in Nottingham West, now Hudson, June 14, 1781, being the son of Thomas Wason; his mother was Mary Boyd, of Londonderry. He came to New Boston April, 1803, to live with Robert Boyd, his uncle, who settled on Lot No. 30, near Joe English, being then advanced in years. He was married Dec. 26, 1808, by Rev. Mr. Bruce, to Nancy, daughter of John Batchelder, of Mont Vernon, born Oct. 13, 1789; their children are Elbridge, Louisa, Hiram, Nancy, Mary, Robert Boyd, Adeline, Caroline, and George Austin. Elbridge married Mary Stickney, of Boston, April 24, 1851, who died Aug. 15, 1863, and he has his residence in Brookline, Mass., and is of the firm Wason, Pierce & Co., in Boston. Hiram graduated in 1838, at Amherst College, studied theology at New Haven, Ct., married, Oct., 1844, Betsey R. Abbot, daughter of Timothy Abbot, Esq., of Wilton, went to Indiana, in which State he still resides at West Creek, Lake County. Mary married Nathaniel Carr





J.H. Bufford's Lith.

*Elbridge Mason*